



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Ye Ha Performance

WOW!! Thank you to our parents and community for supporting our amazing school musical Ye Ha! We hope you enjoyed the fantastic show. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a great success. A special mention to our teachers Linda Brislane and Bec Perkins for all their hard work. They have provided our students with a special opportunity



to be involved in such a professional production. All students thoroughly enjoyed being part of the production and it was wonderful to watch them on stage, working as a team and sharing the excitement of the experience together.



WELCOME TO THE DAYS AHEAD

The following events are happening over the coming days and weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Fri, 12 Sep	Whole school assembly @ 2 pm in the hall. All welcome.
Mon, 15 Sep	P & C Meeting @ 5.30 pm - Great Lakes College staff attending.
Wed, 17 Sep	Shine On rehearsal
Thur, 18 Sep	Shine On matinee and evening performance
Fri, 19 Sep	Last day Term 3
Tue, 7 Oct	First day Term 4
Tue, 7 Oct - Fri, 10 Oct	Year 5 & Year 6 students Canberra excursion



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Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who travelled to Newcastle on Friday, 29 August to represent the Manning Zone at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival. What an amazing achievement from our talented athletes.



Gabrielle 9 yrs 100 m, Levi high jump, Lewis Junior 800 m

NSW PSSA Hunter Touch Football Championships

Congratulations to Jade A and Alexandra E who both travelled to Wagga Wagga recently to represent our Hunter region at the three day NSW PSSA Girls Touch Football Championships on 19, 20 & 21 August. The Hunter girls team demonstrated their skill and talent to successfully reach the semi-finals finishing equal 3rd out of 13 regional teams across NSW. A special mention to Jade who was presented with the team football at the end of the tournament for "most valued player" as voted by the girls in the Hunter team.





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Both Jade and Alexandra thoroughly enjoyed the experience and embraced the opportunity to meet new friends, learn new skills and play in a competitive touch football tournament with talented girls from across NSW.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Fruit and Veg Month

Over the past two weeks we have been celebrating Fruit and Veg month at our school. The aim of Fruit & Veg Month is to encourage everyone to eat more fruit and vegetables and develop healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.



The Green Team have been preparing delicious fruit platters for each class. The canteen is selling lots of healthy fruit and vegetable snacks.



NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 were sent home last week. If you have any questions or queries about these results please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.



Stage 3 Canberra Overnight Excursion

We are very excited about the upcoming Year 5/6 Excursion. This excursion will involve travel to and from Canberra by coach on Tuesday 7th October to Friday 10th October. Please note that this excursion is following the October Long Weekend and will be in day light savings time. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Tuesday at 6am, we will meet in the COLA.



We are looking forward to an action packed four days of fun, learning and new experiences. The itinerary includes: AIS Guided Tour; Parliament House; Cockington Green; CSIRO Discovery Centre; Black Mountain Tower; National Dinosaur Museum; Australian War Memorial; Royal Australian Mint; Old Parliament House & Questacon and much more!

All notes in relation to the excursion have been given to students to help keep them (and you) organised and well prepared. All notes are also on the Skoolbag App, such as what to bring, acceptable use of electronic devices and the itinerary.

Stage 3

Teachers

Michael Wilson,
Linda Brislane,
Bec Perkins &
Mel Merchant





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"Shine On" - Thursday, 18 September 2014

"Shine On" is held every two years at Club Forster and involves all Great Lakes Learning Community Schools. Individual students, choirs, bands, recorder and percussion groups showcase the creative and performing talents within the Great Lakes area. Tickets for "Shine On" are available at the front office for both the matinee and evening performance at a cost of \$8 per adult and \$6 per student.

School Fete!!! - Friday, 24 October 2014

Our school fete is fast approaching and will be held on Friday 24 October from 3 pm to 7 pm. It is time to start thinking about booking a stall and items you might be able to donate to the Chocolate Wheel! For enquiries and bookings please contact **Melanie Ledgett** on **0424 625 238**.

Lost Property & Hats

With the warmer weather approaching there is currently a lot of lost property at school. Please ensure you label all hats and jumpers. It is very hard to return clothing that is not labelled. If your child has lost a jumper or hat you are welcome to come to the office to check lost property or visit your child's classroom to look for missing items.

INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

P & C Meeting - Monday, 15 September

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 15 September at 5.30 pm at school. The P&C invite all Year 6 parents to come along to this meeting as staff from Great Lakes College, Forster Campus will be attending the meeting for the Year 7 Transition. Principal, Judy Hall, Deputy Principal Stage 4, Mick Adams and Student Support Officer, Annette Whiting will provide information about the upcoming year and answer general questions about Great Lakes College, Forster Campus.

Stage 3 Student Focus Groups 2014

At this time of the year our school begins an important process of reflection on what we do well and how we can improve further. As part of this process, we will be conducting surveys with the staff, students, parents and wider community. We will also collect and analyse school wide assessment data and evidence. This practice will help us to create a three year school plan with main focus areas including three strategic directions.

This year we will also be asking some students to take part in student focus groups to help gain a more in-depth understanding about how our students learn best and to give our children a voice in how we plan for the future.

The process can lead to rich conversation and meaningful insights into issues. Focus groups allow us to explore and understand attitudes, opinions, feelings and behaviours of participants, as they address general or specific issues related to the school community.

We hope that this will be an interesting experience for all involved and we appreciate their input. Thank you to the nine Stage 3 students who took part in the first focus group on Wednesday. Ella, Jack, Haddi, Amber, Sam, Jake, Levi, Sam and Lucy were active participants in a very rich discussion. They answers displayed deep thinking and excellent reflections on the great things our school does and how we can improve even further. Very impressive indeed!





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LIBRARY LISTENINGS



Our Book Week enthusiasm again this year was amazing. It's so wonderful to see our students and staff embrace the book character dress up and parade. Family and

students were very supportive of the book fair which was another great success, earning our Library around \$1000 income from book sales.

Book week provides a special focus for the library, with the opportunity to showcase the best of children's literature for 2014, chosen by the Children's Book Council of Australia. Each year our Library orders all of the shortlisted books of the year and students focus on these texts throughout term 3.

A huge thank you goes to our parent and extended community for their wholehearted support with this fun and exciting event.

Thank you
Michelle Lowry &
Tash Macarthur



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How truly proud I am to have the privilege to work, learn and be part of this wonderful school community. At the Palms, all staff members are passionate about our school and the quality of education that we provide for our students. Our recent musical, 'Ye Ha' is a wonderful example of the quality of education students receive at our school. It demonstrated the high expectations that we have for each other and for the students. The quality of this production is a direct reflection of what occurs in our classrooms every day.

What I love most of all about our school is that we all work together to create a culture that is inclusive, dedicated, respectful and hardworking while fostering a safe, happy and friendly school environment.

You can imagine how proud I was of our school when I received the following email from Dave Willard, Acting Director, Public Schools NSW after he was an audience member during the Thursday evening performance of 'Ye Ha'.

"Good morning Mr Ryan

Please pass on my enthusiastic congratulations to all involved in your wonderful 'Ye Ha' performance last night. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the show and it was a great reminder for me of the importance of providing these fabulous life experiences for our children.

The two directors did a fabulous job and must be very proud of their achievement. Clearly you have a highly supportive staff and community. Last night's show was a great example of what can be achieved by many talented people all working in the same direction. I am well aware of the many hours of effort and coordination required to produce such an outstanding spectacle of entertainment. The ingenious sets, the well-controlled and high quality sound and lighting, the costumes and the fabulous script, the highly entertaining songs and dances and some pretty fine humorous acting all combined to make an event that will be long remembered.



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The children were the true beneficiaries of this effort. The growth of their confidence through this experience, even throughout the span of the show, was clearly evident and it is already obvious that many of these children have revealed a gift for entertainment and humour. And what a great way to build school pride! I'm sure the feeling at Pacific Palms this morning will be one of immense satisfaction.

I truly appreciate being invited to attend, Rod. I haven't laughed so hard for some time! I hope tonight's performance goes as well.

Best wishes,

David Willard

Acting Director, Public Schools NSW"

Swim School - Year 2

Swimming School was held this week and our students have been having a fantastic time improving their swimming skills ready for summer. They are upholding our high standards within the community, demonstrating outstanding manners and behaviour. Thank you Year 2 you made me extra proud.

EFTPOS Machine now available

Our new EFTPOS machine is now up and running in the office. For your convenience you can now pay for school excursions and school fees by using your credit, cheque or savings account. Credit card payments will also be accepted over the phone.

Happy holidays

Rodney Ryan

Relieving Principal



Get your tickets in advance and save!

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within same family



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\$20 1 ticket
\$15 2nd ticket



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Please pay at the school
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on the front and your
name, phone and types of
tickets required. THANKS!



Tickets on the day will be \$8 unlimited
access per ride per person

MORE INFO? Melanie 0424 625 238

FANCY DUNKING
YOUR FAVOURITE
TEACHER????

How much will you
pay???

Pool your cash with
your friends to raise
enough to drop Mr
Ryan in the water!

Pacific Palms Public School Fete Friday 24th Oct 2014 3-7pm



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NIPPERS REGISTRATION 2014-2015

The 2014 - 2015 season of Nippers will kick off on the beach on **Sunday 12 October, 2014**. Registration will be open to all children between the ages of 5 - 14. (Child must turn 5 before 30 September 2014)

learn beach safety - fun beach events - stand up paddle boarding - swimming - snorkelling - plus barbecues and much more!

Registration Dates

Registration days will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 18 September	PPPS school canteen	2 to 4pm
Friday 19 September	Blueys cellars, Boomerang Drive	3 to 5pm
Wednesday 8 October	PPPS school canteen	2 to 4pm

Registration costs

1 st child:	\$35.00
2 nd child:	\$30.00
3 rd child:	\$30.00
Parent/carer:	\$15.00 1 parent/carer per family to be registered

Please note there will be no registrations taken the morning of the 1st Nippers day. Children MUST be fully registered before they are allowed to participate in activities.

Parent Nipper registration

Parents can renew or register for the first time online at <https://www.lifesavingonline.com.au>. Click Parent nipper member option for \$15.

Clothing

Clothing will be available for purchase at registration times. There is a new range of swimming apparel for this season however rashies remain the same as last year.

Proficiency tests

Children who are entering the age groups of Under 8 (turning 7 before 30 September 2014) and above are required to undertake a swimming proficiency test. This test will be undertaken on the first day of nippers (Sun 12th October) so it is essential that all nippers attend on the first day from 10am to 11:30am.

For further information, please contact the Registrars:

| Melanie Ledgett 0424 625 238 | Tori Montague 0411 401 558 | Jona Mackenzie 0410 789 701 |

Pacific Palms Surf Club

is hosting a Formal Masquerade Ball

WHEN: Saturday 13 September

Where: Pacific Palms Surf Club

Time: From 5pm

3 Rules

1. Formal Dress (girls a chance to glamour up and boys dress to impress)
2. Wear a mask
3. Bring a plate to share (main or dessert style)

FREE ENTRY - 18+ event

Live local band - The Chop Chops (as seen at the Bowlo)

RSVP: frackandmask@hotmail.com

4th OCTOBER
Long weekend

THE HOT SPOT FAMILY FUN DAY

Raising funds for much needed fire fighting equipment
for Coomba Park Fire Brigade

At Coomba Foreshore Park

Drive right to the end of coomba road, you won't miss us

KICK OFF - 9AM ONWARDS

FIRE TRUCKS ON SHOW

LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY

Solo artists from 10am

Local bands from 2pm

LAMB ON SPIT

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COFFEE VAN

JUMPING CASTLE

GAMES & PRIZES

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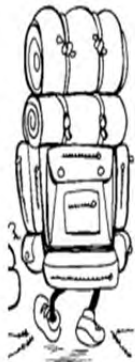
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- Meditation, it can be short and sweet
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- Find your inner power and keep it
- And lots more



Lost yourself on the journey of life.

Find out what you are carrying around in your back pack that may not be relevant to your life right now.



Pacific Palms Surf Club

Elizabeth Beach

Saturday 11 October, 9.30am – 4.00pm

Introductory fee \$75

Discover new tools to live your life fearlessly.

For more information and registration email:

sharon@bcbdesign.com.au

or call 0408 507 456

: Bookings essential



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Edible Garden Workshops @ Pacific Palms

What's on...

* Social Gardening Shin Dig
Every Monday
10.30am – 12.30pm

* National Organic Week
Garden Tour
Sunday 12th October

* School Holiday Gardening
Workshop
September 22nd & 26th
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