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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL



2016 Support Team Announced

It was very exciting to announce the names of our 2016 Student Leadership team. Congratulations to Evie, Sage, Ruby Mae, Isabella, Lewis, Alex, Tomas and Oscar. The 2016 Student Leadership team presented their speeches on Friday, 20 November for the Captain and Vice-Captain roles. Students in Years 2 to 5 then voted on these leadership positions. These names will be announced at our Senior Celebration of Success night on Monday, 14 December 2015. We are very proud of all students who were prepared to try out for these roles. Voting was quite close so all children should feel very proud. Other leadership opportunities next year will include House Captains, Green Team, Class Captains and our Kinder Buddies program.

WELCOME TO TERM 4

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Wed, 9 Dec	Year 6 Graduation in the COLA @ 5.30 pm. Senior Disco (Yr 3 - Yr 6) @ 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the hall.
Thurs, 10 Dec	Kinder to Year 2 Disco @ 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm. Students wear school uniform.
Fri, 11 Dec	Junior Concert (Kinder to Year 2) @ 10.00 am in the hall. Family and friends please join us to celebrate the year.
Sun, 13 Dec	Toy Raffle at the Recky at 3.00 pm. Carols at Tiona from 6.00 pm.
Mon, 14 Dec	Kinder to Year 2 Fun Day @ 9.00 am to 11.30 am. Students may dress in Mufti but please remember sun protective clothing, covered shoes, a water bottle and hat.



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Mon, 14 December	Senior Celebration of Success (Year 3 to Year 6) @ 6.00 pm in the hall. Students please wear full school uniform.
Tues, 16 December	Reports sent home.
Wed, 17 December 	Last day for students. Whole school tabloid sports morning from 9.15 am. Talent Quest Grand Finale @ 11.30 am in the hall. Year 6 march out @ 2.30 pm in the hall - parents invited.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K - 2 Home Readers are now overdue - please return them to school as soon as possible• Please return all Library books to school for stocktake - Overdue notices have been sent home.	

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

NRL Rugby League and League Tag Gala Day

On Wednesday, 25 November our Boys Rugby League and Girls League Tag teams played in the NRL Gala Day in Taree.



In very hot conditions, the boys played four games, winning 3. It was an exceptional effort for a school with only 2 boys with Rugby League experience. We would like to thank Nick Montague for teaching us tackling techniques and coaching us on the day.

Lewis "Crusher" Koller

The girls faced some good opposition from Forster, Wingham and Nabitac but were too classy, winning all their games. We had lots of fun and all the girls played like there was no tomorrow! We would like to thank Mr Wilson (aka Mr Melon) for coaching us.

Gabby "Cabrielle" Edwards





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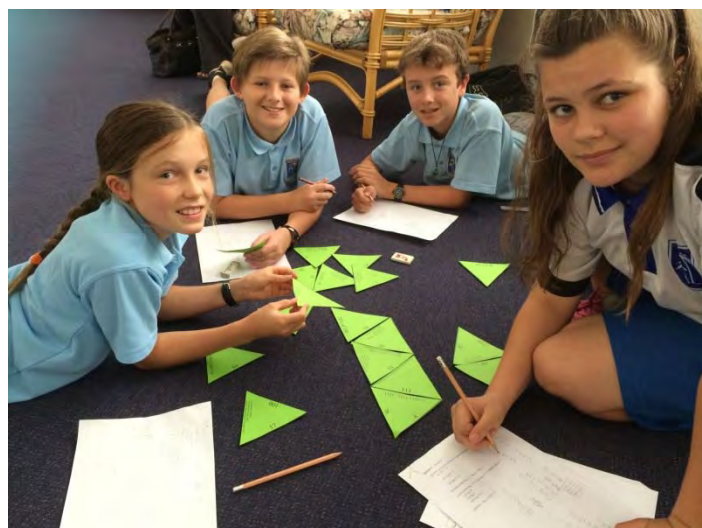
School Band

Our School Band had their final performance for the year this week at our assembly. Congratulations to all band members on their performance. We recently held try outs for the band in 2016. 23 students successfully tried out and we look forward to them joining the band in 2016. Band tutorials will start in Term 1, Week 3 and we will hold an information session for new member's parents in Week 2. Further information will be sent home at the start of Term 1.



Super Sleuth Competition

Today Mrs Perkins and 12 students from year 5 and year 6 have attended Great Lakes Senior College Campus to participate in a Super Sleuth Maths Challenge. The Super Sleuth Maths Challenge comprises over 100 students from seven primary schools in our area. Teams of four students are challenged throughout the day with a variety of fun and interesting problem solving situations. Our teams will be defending the title of Super Sleuth Champions they have retained for the past two years. Good luck!





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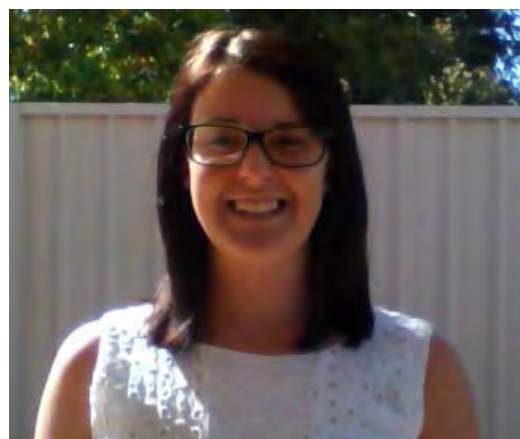
INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Introducing our new teacher Katrina Punton starting in 2016

After growing up in Newcastle I graduated from Newcastle University with Bachelor Arts/Bachelor of Teaching. Once graduating I wanted to see the world and experience different cultures first hand. I moved to England (Peterborough) and taught there for two years. This experience provided amazing support and learning opportunities within my first few years of teaching.

When I returned to Australia I moved to Wilcannia to work as a Learning and Support Teacher while I completed my Master in Special Education. This year I was moved from Learning and Support to the year 5/6 classroom teacher where I have gained experience working with a variety of learning needs.

I look forward to joining your amazing school team and community.



Talent Quest - Last day of Term 4

We are excited to announce our annual Talent Quest will be held again this year on the last day of Term 4. Finalists will receive a note congratulating them on making it into the Talent Quest Finale next week. The Talent Quest Finale will be held on our last school day - Wednesday, 16 December at 11.30 am. Parents are invited to come along and watch our talented students. Don't miss our special guest judges.

P & C NEWS

Thank you to our wonderful 2015 P&C Committee and 2015 Canteen Committee for all their hard work throughout the year and to everyone else who volunteered and helped out to make our school a better place. Many hands make light work and this is where Pacific Palms Public School all pull together and clearly demonstrate true community spirit.

We look forward to a fun and productive year ahead and welcome all ideas and suggestions. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dom Kunzli for all his hard work in the canteen and we wish him well with the next chapter in his life. We would also like to congratulate Jackie Medlock and welcome her to the Canteen Co-ordinator role. We, as your P&C, are excited and motivated to assist the children and our school in any way we can. Bring on 2016!



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P & C NEWS Cont.

Our 2016 P&C Committee and Canteen Sub-committee are as follows:

2016 P&C Committee

President: Mylee Cheers

1st Vice President: Jodie Dries

2nd Vice President: Jess Pike

Secretary: Georgina Woods

Treasurer: Rebecca Gleeson

Assistant Treasurer: Jason Woods

2016 Canteen Committee

Chairperson: Jill McSweeney

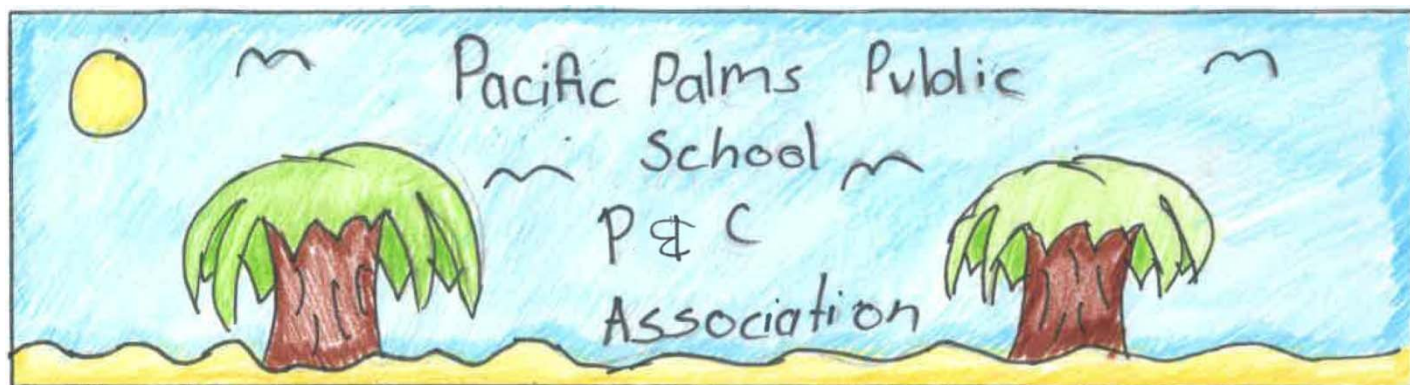
Canteen Manager: Jackie Medlock

Committee Members: Debbie Murray,
Wendy Natoli, Megan Cooke, Katrina Gray,
Kate McLean.

Mylee Cheers - 2016 P&C President

P&C Letterhead Winner

It is with great pleasure we announce the winner of the letterhead competition. Congratulations to Jaxon Natoli on his winning entry. We look forward to using the new P&C letterhead next year.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal's Report

We are in the middle of a very busy and exciting time of year as we prepare our end of year functions and the year will be at an end before we know it. Our annual presentation assemblies, concerts and graduations are scheduled in the coming days. Please see the calendar for times and dates.

School Band

Our school Band performed at the final whole school assembly on Wednesday. They did an outstanding job in front of our esteemed community members. Simply awesome! Thank you to Mrs Ross for her hard work with the band in 2015 and to Mrs Healey who has supported and worked behind the scenes to coordinate logistics.



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Year 6 Transition

Year 6 students enjoyed an orientation day at Great Lakes Forster Campus. The students were placed in groups and experienced a day in the life of a high school student with timetabled lessons from a variety of faculties. This process is an excellent way to prepare the students for the world of many rooms a day, in many different places. We are very proud of our Year 6 students and wish them all the best for their future endeavours. The Graduation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 9 December in the school COLA.

Staff - Thank you

At this time of year, it is an opportunity to acknowledge and farewell two of our leaving staff.

- **Mary Yule** has worked at our school for over five years. In that time she has worked as a class teacher, with small support groups, alongside our Aboriginal students and working with reading recovery in K-2. She has been instrumental in organising the annual walk/ride to school days, breakfast program and the daily morning runs. I know we will miss her but wish her the very best and she embarks on a new venture - her own business. Good Luck Mary!
- **Dom Kunzli** will be finishing working in his role as canteen manager at the end of this year. He has been the smiling, welcoming presence in the canteen, who has made many amazing things happen with the shortest of notice. He has a huge heart and is a caring member of our school community. He has done an incredible job and we will be very sorry to see him go. Although I know he will continue to be actively involved with the school - good news for us! Thank you.

Principal's Award

- **Grace Ashford:** Outstanding contribution to our school community. Grace is a kind and caring class member, she is cooperative and friendly at all times. She is hardworking and always striving to do her best. Grace was an outstanding role model for her Kindergarten Buddy and an active participant in the school band.
- **Nick Montague:** Outstanding commitment to our school and contributing to school sport. Nick's involvement in our school community is to be commended. Nick is always actively engaged with students and volunteers his time regularly to support our programs. He is an invaluable asset, supporting and contributing to school fundraising.

Reports

Reports will go home to families on Tuesday, 8 December. I have enjoyed reading about your child's academic and social development this year. Thank you to the hard work teachers have put in to assessing, moderating and reporting to parents this semester.



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A reminder that the last day of school for all the students is Wednesday, 16 December and the first day back next year for students in Year 1 to Year 6 will be Thursday, 28 January 2016. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students on Wednesday, 3 February 2016. Thank you again for your ongoing support of our fantastic school. Safe travels and happy holidays.



Mel Merchant - Principal (Rel)

"Learning never exhausts the mind." Leonardo da Vinci

THE COOMBA CHORAL GROUP PRESENTS

HAPPY

CHRISTMAS

COOMBA



AT COOMBA COMMUNITY HALL

ON **SATURDAY, 12TH DECEMBER,**

7PM

ENTRY BY A GOLD COIN DONATION

**STAY AND SOCIALISE WITH A GLASS OF
CHRISTMAS CHEER AFTERWARDS**

FORSTER LIBRARY

Breese Parade FORSTER

Telephone: 6591 7256

Summer Reading Club

Registrations open

1st Dec

Read 10 books

for the chance to win some
awesome prizes. Enquire now.



School Holiday Activities

Paper Craft & Colouring

Workshop

Wednesday

13 January '16

10:30 ~ 12:00noon



Art Workshop

With Melanie Lee

Wednesday

20 January '16

10:30 ~ 12:00noon



All material supplied.
Bookings essential as
there are limited places.



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Kids Christmas Party & Toy Raffle

Sunday December 13



Christmas Party with
Santa starts @ 2pm

Jumping castle, face
Painting, lots of fun!



Giant Toy Raffle

Tix on sale 4pm, draw from 4:45

Bistro open @ 5pm

Supporting our local schools!

Pacific Palms Recreation Club. Courtesy Bus available 6554-0207



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Carols by Candle Light!



December 13 --- 6 for 6.30pm

All Welcome!

In Front of Tiona Conference Centre

Bring a chair or rugSausage Sizzle

6 for 6.30pm start

Proceeds Great Lakes Marine Rescue

Coffee on the Go will be there too!

Featuring –

**PJ Willis, Pacific Palms Primary School 3-4 choir, Bell
Choir , Green Cathedral Community Choir
and you.....**

Donations to Great Lakes Marine Rescue-

Santa will arrive with treats for the kids!!

All enquiries call Wendy Ballard

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PACIFIC PALMS OOSH
DECEMBER 2015

"Come and find out what everyone is raving about!"



Thursday 17 th 	Cinema Exclusive! We have organised a pre-screening of Disney-Pixar's <i>The Good Dinosaur</i> . It's not officially out until Boxing Day! Come and see it before anyone else at Tuncurry Cinema ONLY with PACIFIC PALMS OOSH!!! Free give away's! Extra: \$10 Included: Popcorn, Water/Juice & Promo Gear Time: 10am
Friday 18 th 	TARGET SPORTS! Today is all about fun target games including: target golf, target soccer, nerf target shooting, basketball shootout, knock 'em' downs, paper plane target throwing and much more!! Heaps of prizes to give out over the day! Extra: \$0 Bring: Hat, water bottle, sensible shoes, food Time: All Day
Monday 21 st 	Summer FAIR Travel to Forster OOSH to take part in our Summer Fair! This day is guaranteed to wear out even the most energetic children! Giant Gauntlet, Disney Obstacle Course, Fun House Castle, Gladiator Duel, Horse Hoppers Race & Giant Sports Combo! ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR RASH SHIRTS FOR ALL WATER ACTIVITIES OTHERWISE WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE!! Extra: \$10 Bring: Hat, water bottle, RASHY, towel, food Time: 10am-3pm
Tuesday 22 nd 	Christmas shopping @ KMART Back by popular demand! This time we are buying a Christmas present for someone special! Bring \$10 and you can buy a present up to the value of \$20. Extra: \$10 Bring: Hat, water bottle, sensible shoes, food Time: Hourly
Wednesday 23 rd 	Transylvania 2 Movie, Christmas Craft & Cooking! Off to the cinemas for another movie treat before Christmas! Lots of Christmas cooking and craft when we get back. Make some tasty chocolate balls and an ornament for the Christmas Tree! Extra: \$10 Bring: hat, water bottle & food for the day Time: 10am
Thursday 24 th 	CLOSED TODAY We'll be back on Monday January 4 th 2016. Merry Xmas & Safe Holidays!

Call: Ross 0477 020 377

Pacific Palms Public School 7:00am — 6:00pm

JANUARY PROGRAM OUT FRIDAY!



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Drawing by the sea

A 2-day exploration of composition and colour in drawing at the Pacific Palms Surf Life Saving Club, Elizabeth Beach



Saturday 16 January - 9 - 4pm: Techniques for composition in drawing. Positive/negative relationships; using a viewfinder; value relationships; proportional interest; drawing with a limited colour range, using still life objects.

Sunday 17 January - 9 - 4pm: How to mix a wide range of colours from a limited palette; drawing with gouache and charcoal; applying primary and secondary colour as an independent language of feelings and ideas, using still life objects.

All materials supplied (drawing boards, paper, gouache paint, brushes, charcoal, viewfinders, some easels).

Bring your own aprons or old clothes, swimmers, lunch, teacup, cool drinks. A range of teas, with milk, sugar and honey provided.

Teacher Christine du Fresne has a BA Fine Arts, Post Graduate certificate in painting from UNSW Fine Arts, and has taught art at Western Sydney TAFE, high schools and privately run workshops. She has a painting practice, and exhibits.

Cost \$180 for 2 days, single day \$100

Bookings essential

Email cduf47@gmail.com or phone 0408154008

All levels of art experience welcome.