



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13 May 2016

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Thank you to the members of our Pacific Palms Public School Support Team who represented their school with pride when attending the dawn service at the Pacific Palms Community Centre on Monday, 25 April 2016. Our Support Team laid a wreath on behalf of the school in remembrance of those men and women who fought for our country. Thank you to Sage McLean who read the poem, Flanders Field at this service. You were all a credit to our school and represented yourselves with respect and honour.



Anzac Day Assembly

Our school held its Anzac Day assembly on Friday, 29 April 2016. Thank you to our Support Team for leading the assembly and to Mr Jackson for the heartwarming PowerPoint presentation which included photos of our students family members with military service. It was a moving assembly to mark an important day in Australia's history. Thank you also to our guest Frank who attended our assembly. *Lest We Forget.*



WELCOME TO TERM 2

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Mon, 16 May	PSSA Netball Knockout for selected students @ 10am in Forster.
Mon, 16 May	P&C Meeting @ 7 pm at the Recky. All welcome.
16 to 20 May	Life Education Program - Healthy Harold will visit our school.
Wed, 18 May	PSSA Soccer Knockout for selected students @ 12.30 on the back oval.
Wed, 25 May	Ride to School Day + Breakfast program starts + National Story Day
Thur, 26 May	Buderas 7's Rugby League & Girls League Tag for selected students
Thur, 2 June	School Assembly @ 2 pm in the hall. All welcome.
Sat, 4 June	Youth Art Festival
10 - 12 June	Art Festival long weekend.



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Class Captains – Term 2

Congratulations to the following students on being selected by their peers to be the Term 2 Class Captain. As part of this role they will be responsible for representing their class and completing important jobs around the school. We wish them all the best in their important new roles.



KT	Aaleyah	Jett
KR	Jaspa	Alice
K/1C	Wiley	Amelie
1R	India	Ollie
1/2B	Luke	Olivia
2M	Zac	Ava
2/3W	Brooke	Jesse

3G	Mila	Gus
3/4P	Aaris	Elijah
4W	Logan	Lilly
4/5B	Charlie	Mia
5/6J	Charlotte	Marley
5/6W	Koby	Elizabeth



Winner – Myall Lakes Colouring Competition

On Wednesday, 20 April Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead MP, attended our morning assembly to present a winning prize to one of our students who had entered in the Myall Lakes Colouring In Competition. Congratulations to prize winner Evie Montague on her achievement. Mr Bromhead also kindly donated a \$100 book voucher to our school.



GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday, 11 May our Year 6 Support Team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference held at Club Forster. Many school leaders from across the Great Lakes area attended the conference. It was a day full of activities, sharing ideas and meeting other student leaders in primary schools. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year.



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PSSA Zone Touch Football Trials

On Wednesday, 4 May 2016 our boys and girls touch football teams travelled to Taree to trial for the PSSA Zone Touch Football team. Our boys and girls touch football teams played five games against many different schools during the day. After the round of games were completed, selectors choose players from all the schools present for a final "possible & probables" game. At the conclusion of this game students selected for the PSSA Zone Touch Football team were announced. Congratulations to Samantha, Charlize, Gabrielle and Lewis who will now travel with the Zone Touch Football teams to the PSSA Hunter Touch Football Trials at Newcastle on Friday, 20 May 2016.



Boys Touch Football Team:
*Jie, Aiden, Jake, Lachlan
Jake, Oscar, Preston, Lewis*



Girls Touch Football Team:
*Lexi, Amira, Evie
Charlize, Samantha, Gabrielle
Absent: Zoe*



*Congratulations: Samantha,
Lewis, Charlize and Gabrielle*

PSSA Zone Cross Country

On Friday, 6 May 2016 twenty-seven Pacific Palms students competed in the Zone Cross Country at Wingham with outstanding results in all age groups. As most races fielded 80+ runners, our school was punching well above its weight. The top six placegetters in each race progress through to the Hunter Regional Cross Country on Friday, 3 June at Cessnock. Congratulations to Rohan, Aiden, Jake, Sage, Charlize, Gabrielle and Lewis who finished in the top six and will progress through to the Regional event this year. A big thank you to all the parents and supporters who helped out on the day – such a fantastic effort.



*Good luck to the following students who
will compete at the Hunter Regional Cross
Country: Rohan, Aiden, Jake, Sage,
Charlize, Gabrielle, Lewis*





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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Tour De Cure

Last week we were privileged to have a group of Tour De Cure riders visit our school. Tour de Cure is about riding to raise awareness and funds to cure cancer for all. This year marked their 10th anniversary.

The riders travelled from Brisbane to Sydney over 10 days. During their visit they promoted the message of, "be fit, be healthy and be happy." Children welcomed the riders by lining the footpath, listened to short presentation and enjoyed receiving a gift pack, which continued to promote the message of good health.

All of our students had the opportunity to design an image for a drink bottle. The winner was Billie Dries and she was lucky enough to win a brand new bike. Senior students also had the chance to design a new bike helmet. Jordan Duffy in 4/5B won this competition and her helmet will now go on display with other winning helmets.

Congratulations to all of our students who were engaged, responsive and well behaved during the Tour visit.





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Life Education

The Life Education van will be visiting our school next week. Life Education is a community based not for profit organisation educating children on healthy lifestyle choices. The cost for your child to attend the program is \$7 (full cost is \$10 - the school is subsidising each child \$3). Topics include peer pressure and coping strategies, environmental health issues, safety with medicines, friendship and resilience, effects of smoking, cyber safety and appropriate use of communication technology. Please return your child's permission slip and payment if you have not already done so to the office.



The class timetable for the week is as follows:

- Monday, 16 May: K/1C and 1R
- Tuesday, 17 May: 5/6J and KR
- Wednesday, 18 May: 4/5B, 4W, 2/3W and KT
- Thursday, 19 May: 3/4P 3G 2M
- Friday, 20 May: 5/6W 1/2W

Ride to School Day

Come join us for Ride to School Day on Wednesday, 25 May 2016 (Week 5). Those students who are confident riders, and would like to participate can meet at the Pacific Palms Surf Club at Elizabeth Beach at **7:45 am** with their bikes and helmets. There will be fun activities in the COLA for the non-riders, and all will be coming together to have a healthy breakfast after the ride. Constable Dave Russell will be joining us, and be taking workshops about bike safety throughout the morning for all students to participate in. Please email Amy Dorfling if you have any questions about the morning at: amy.dorfling@det.nsw.edu.au



Athletics Carnival – Tuesday, 21 June 2016

Our whole school athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday, 21 June on the back oval. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 may come to school dressed in their sport house colours. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend to encourage and support their children. We look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable day.

The P & C will provide a canteen on the day. Your donation of slices, cakes and biscuits would be appreciated. Please deliver them to the oval canteen on the morning of the carnival. Volunteers are also needed in the canteen on the day - even just 15 minutes of your time would be great.





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Pacific Palms Art Festival

The 24th annual Pacific Palms Art Festival will be held in the school hall over the June long weekend. Opening night tickets for Friday, 10 June 2016 at 7 pm are available for purchase at a cost of \$25 at the front office.

Youth Art Competition - This year the Youth Art Competition will be held on Saturday, 4 June from 2 pm to 4 pm after the Official Opening and presentation of awards. The Youth Art Competition will also be open on Sunday, 5 June from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry is open to children aged 5 to 15 years. Entry forms need to be returned to the office by Friday, 27 May.

Raffle tickets were sent home to all families and are available for purchase \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Prizes include artwork by 2015 winner Terry Johnstone. Tickets will be drawn Monday, 13 June 2016.

The Pacific Palms Art Festival is a major fundraiser for our school and your support is appreciated.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Our Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra is now only **21 weeks** away. Thank you to all of the parents who have paid their deposits and are making regular payments. A gentle reminder that this excursion must be paid in full by the last week of Term 3. If you have any questions regarding this excursion please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Winter School Uniform

With the colder weather here we remind parents our school winter uniform is:

Girls: School jacket and or school jumper, navy tracksuit pants or long navy school pants (not tights). Navy or black stockings under culottes are acceptable.

Boys: School jacket and or school jumper, navy tracksuit pants or long grey trousers.

Please ensure your child's name is written on all clothing. It is very hard to return clothing items when there is no name.

Voluntary Contribution Fee and Resource Levy

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contribution and Resource Levy. The Voluntary Contribution Fee for 2016 has been set at \$45 first child, \$65 for two children and \$75 for three children or more. The Voluntary Contribution Fee is capped at \$75 and goes towards general school costs. The Resource Levy has been set at \$50 per student and covers such things as exercise books, pencils, art supplies, access to Athletics and Reading Eggs. Payment can be made at the front office. EFTPOS facilities are available. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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LIBRARY JOTTINGS

Welcome Back

Term 2 has kicked off with library lessons back in the Library, now that the new classroom is functional. Students are happy to be back in our wonderful library surroundings and can now begin to borrow books for home reading. A library bag is needed to take books home but this can be any type of bag including shopping bags or pillow cases. We have a wonderful selection of new books which are also being borrowed for class reading.

Welcome Mrs G

With the increase in student numbers, we have welcomed Crystal Giardina to the Library team to teach the additional classes on Mondays.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is up and running again with K-2 having started reading from the listed books last term. This is a wonderful challenge to encourage reading of quality literature in the early years of school and to recognise participation with a certificate. We look forward to your support with another enthusiastic year of reading from our students.

Library Timetable

Monday - 5/6J, 4/5B, 2/3W

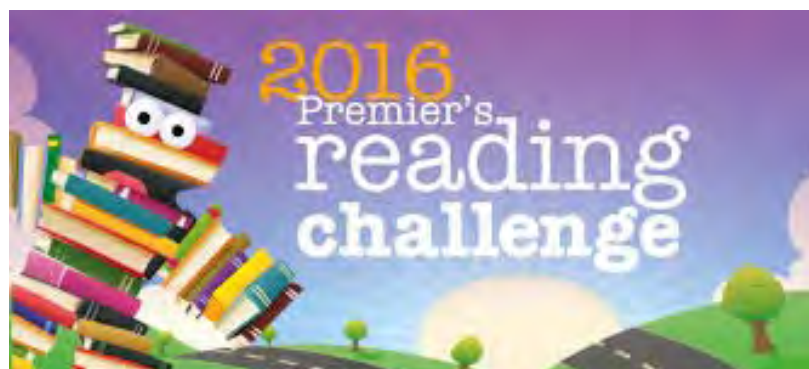
Tuesday - 3G, 3/4P, 1/2B, 2M

Wednesday - 5/6W, 1R, K/1C (year 1 only)

Thursday - 4M, KR, K/1C (Kinders only), KT

Happy reading

Michelle Lowry
Teacher Librarian





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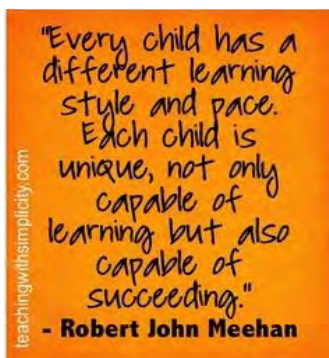
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy) tests this week. We want to congratulate all our students for their positive approach and their commitment to always doing their best. This is of course a very small part of assessment and reporting for students at our school. The scores we get from this test will only tell us how they did on that day - NAPLAN does not tell us everything! They don't tell us how unique and special our children are.



Robert Randall, chief executive of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority which oversees NAPLAN tests, said some children might feel anxious but it was up to adults to keep the tests in context. "NAPLAN does not test everything that happens in a classroom and is not intended to," he said. "But it does look at the critically important areas of literacy and numeracy - skills that a child will take with them to their adult life."

We were very proud of our students this week. Well done.

Teacher Professional Learning

On Saturday, 7 May our teaching staff were involved in an inspiring professional learning day with guest speaker Jenny Gore from the University of Newcastle. The focus for the day was on Quality Teaching and specifically looked at intellectual quality, quality learning environments and significance. This is part of a broader commitment to ongoing professional development across the school.

Bus

Forster Buslines have made some changes to the Smiths Lake and Rocket bus routes this week. Please contact them if you have any queries. The bus routes can also be found on their website.



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School Uniform

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your ongoing support of the wearing of our uniform every day. The students not only look fabulous, but are well protected from the sun when at play. This is a great example of what can be achieved when our community works together to achieve a common goal. In the next newsletter we will be publishing some photos of our uniform and a guide to our expectations. Thanks everyone.

As always, please contact the Assistant Principals; Lyn Wood, Rod Ryan, Lani Williams to clarify any issue of concern to you. The whole school team at Pacific Palms School is committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

As always, have a great week!

Co-Principals

Kerry Tulloch and Mel Merchant

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere" Chinese Proverb

COMING SOON!



Pacific Palms Musical Production ***Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies!***

This adventure will be performed in **Week 8 of Term 3 (Monday 5th September through to and including Friday 9th September)**. Performances will include a full dress rehearsal, a matinee and two evening performances.

Rebecca Perkins & Linda Brisbane



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Fri 13 May 6:30pm

TUNCURRY BEACH BOWLING CLUB

TIME: 6.30PM - 8PM

COST: \$5

AGES: PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS 3-6

**PRIZES | FUN GAMES CANTEEN
MUSIC WITH LUI FROM MAX FM**

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

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Gloucester/Great Lakes/Taree & Manning
CDAT
We're stronger together

FREE EVENT

Presents
THE OTHER TALK
With Geoff Munroe

When & Where

Gloucester
Gloucester Bowling Club
Park St, Gloucester
Wednesday, 8 June from 6.30pm–8.30pm
Bookings—www.stickytickets.com.au/38326

Taree
Manning Uniting Church
29 Albert Street
Thursday, 9 June from 12.30pm–2.30pm
Bookings—www.stickytickets.com.au/383254

Great Lakes
Cape Hawke Surf Life Saving Club
Palmgrove Pl, Forster
Thursday, 9 June from 6.30pm–8.30pm
Bookings—www.stickytickets.com.au/38325

SHOULD PARENTS INTRODUCE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ALCOHOL?

WHY SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE AVOID ALCOHOL?

DOES CANNABIS CAUSE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS?



At some point we have all sat down with our parents for 'the talk'. It's not always easy, but learning about sex is an important conversation that every parent and child should have.

The Other Talk is about Australian families talking openly about alcohol and other drugs and is an important step when preparing your child for a teenage party. However, you could start talking to your child as early as eight years to make sure they have the right information and attitudes when they reach high school.



Starting the conversation early also means you create an understanding that when it comes to alcohol and other drugs, no question is too silly and no topic is off limits. These topics could include related issues such as peer pressure, health, and safety.

The [Australian Drug Foundation](http://www.adf.org.au) (ADF) is encouraging parents to have The Other Talk because research shows that young people consider parents to be credible sources of information about alcohol and drugs*. However, many parents fear The Other Talk because it may raise questions that they feel ill-equipped to answer or explain appropriately.



About Geoff

Geoff Munro is National Policy Manager at the Australian Drug Foundation. He has worked in the alcohol and other drug field for three decades with roles in training, education and community development for government and non-government services.

Since 1991 he has been employed by the Australian Drug Foundation in a variety of positions encompassing education, research and advocacy. His current role involves leading policy development and disseminating the ADF's views.

He has led numerous projects in community and education settings, taught in tertiary education, represented the ADF at forums, drug summits and parliamentary inquiries, and convened international conferences in Australia and New Zealand.

He co-edited *Drug Education in Schools: Searching for the silver bullet*, and contributed a chapter on 'Primary Prevention' in the latest edition of *Drug Use in Australian Society* (2013). His publications include over 20 peer reviewed papers on policy and prevention, the latest of which is 'Adult drinking in Australian schools' published in the *ANZ Journal of Public Health* in June 2014.





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Wednesday

during school term

3.00pm ~5.00pm

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