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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Class Captains - Term 3

Congratulations to the following students on being selected by their peers to be the Term 3 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	Cooper	Alice
KR	Lyle	Malea
K/1C	Phil	Ruby
1R	Shay	Braith
1/2B	Jefferson	Layla
2M	Josephine	Beau

2/3W	Zack	Grace
3G	Deanna	Hunter
3/4P	Cabe (<i>absent</i>)	Alex
4W	Rosie	Lewis
4/5B	Coco	Nate
5/6J	Cohen	Jessica
5/6W	Caden	Tamika



WELCOME TO TERM 3

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Thur, 11 August	Boys soccer knockout game - Round 5 at our oval at 11.00 am
Fri, 12 August	Zone Athletics Carnival for selected students at Tuncurry Oval.
Mon, 15 August	P & C Meeting 7 pm at the Recky - all welcome
Fri, 19 August	Zone Boys Soccer Gala Day for selected students
Tues, 23 August	2017 Kindergarten Parent Information Night 6pm in the Library
Wed, 24 August	Book Fair and Book Week Parade - Book Week theme: Australia - Story Country
Thur, 25 August	Whole School Assembly at 2 pm in the school hall.



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Great Lakes Learning Community (GLLC) Academic Assembly

On Wednesday 10 August, as part of Education Week celebrations, Great Lakes Learning Community will hold an Academic Assembly at Tuncurry Bowling Club to recognise high academic achievers in year three through to year twelve. Students from Forster, Hallidays Point, Nابیac, Bungwahl and Tuncurry Public Schools and Great Lakes College Forster & Tuncurry Campuses and Great Lakes College Senior Campus will be in attendance. The following students from our school will be presented with awards rewarding outstanding academic achievement across all aspects of learning. Congratulations to all our award recipients:



Year 3 – Rohan, Aaris, Mila, Nate, William (*absent*)



Year 4 – Shylah, Charlie, Fern, Rosie, Anya (*absent*)



Year 5 – Nate, Marley, Summer, William, Christin



Year 6 – Sage, Lewis, Kelton, Samantha, Tomas (*absent*)

2016 Athletics Champions

Congratulations to the following students who are talented athletes and are our 2016 Athletics Age Champions. These students were presented with their trophies at our Education Week assembly.



Jnr Girl: Aaris

Jnr Boy: Aiden

11 yrs Girl: Gabrielle

11 yrs Boy: Koby

Snr Girl: Charlize

Snr Boy: Lewis



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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Philip Green - Wild Man

On Wednesday 27 July students attended an interactive/hands on performance by Philip Green. Philip is a National Geographic photographer who has visited and lived with indigenous communities in North and Central America, New Zealand and Australia. His dynamic eco-science presentation gave students a visual and tactile experience of traditional technologies used by indigenous people across the varied environments of Australia. Philip's visit inspired and fired the imagination of our students who also thoroughly enjoyed being able to touch and explore a range of artefacts on display.





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Education Week - Tuesday, 2 August 2016

Pacific Palms Public School students and staff recently celebrated Education Week with an Open Day at the school. Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievement and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW schools.

The school's focus for this year was on the school value of "Care" which is the foundation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) approach. Students are being taught to Care for themselves, Care for others, Care for their learning and Care for the environment. Congratulations to our CARE logo design winner Sienna, with contribution from Bonny and Ava.

Parents and friends attended a workshop on PBL where they enthusiastically embraced the program and are following it through at home. Classes were then open for family and friends to view the work of students, followed by an assembly. Care awards were given out to students who have shown they understand and are implementing the Care message.

A barbecue lunch was enjoyed by all then, to end the day, students attended the NED assembly. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for "Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best". The assembly reinforced the culture of care, kindness and excellence at Pacific Palms Public School. The school is also now abuzz with a yo yo craze initiated by NED!





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LIBRARY LISTENINGS

Library Monitors

Congratulations to the following students who received their Library Monitor badges at yesterday's morning assembly.

Back Row: Luke, William, Jake, Flynn, Alex

Front Row: Emily, Matilda, Charlie, Audrey, Lilly

Absent: Abbie



Book Week – Wednesday, 24 August 2016

Our Book Fair and Book Week Parade will be held on Wednesday, 24 August. The National 2016 Book Week theme is Australia: Story Country. This year we are asking students to come to school dressed in outfits that reflect the Australian theme. Students will be bringing home a "wish list" of books soon.



Book Fair Information: Parent helpers are needed to help run the book stall between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. If you can help during this time, even just for an hour, please email or text Virginia Healey on 0411 151 259 or virginia.healey@det.nsw.edu.au.

Book Fair Meal Deal: It would also be great if we could have volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal deal, and some slices and cakes for morning tea. Please advise Jackie in the canteen if you can help with either the meal deal or baking a cake or slice. Cakes and slices can be delivered to the canteen on either Monday, 22 August or Wednesday, 24 August by 9.00 am.

INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Paper Planes

Keen flight enthusiasts have been fine tuning their paper plane making and throwing skills in an attempt to qualify for the upcoming 2016 Young Scientists Paper Plane Challenge hosted at the University of Sydney on Saturday, 27 August 2016. If your child loves making paper planes and would like to have a go at qualifying for the challenge they are able to come along to the time and distance trials run by Ms Shoesmith at Monday lunch and recess. Students need to be able to construct their own paper plane and be able to throw their aircraft a minimum distance of 12 metres or have a flight time of 5 seconds. Thank you to parents and local businesses who have donated paper.





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2017 Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2017 is now open. Information has been distributed to local kindergarten and child care facilities. Enrolment forms are available at your child's preschool or our school office. Our 2017 Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, 23 August at 6.00 pm in the Library. If you have any questions regarding enrolments for Kindergarten 2017, please contact the office.



Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

As part of our Creative and Performing Arts curriculum Stage 3 students are participating in our school musical, "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies". If your child has a role in the performance it is very important that they are present for all the performances. Please let Mrs Brislane or Mrs Perkins know if you have any concerns.

Performance Dates:

- **Monday, 5 September** Dress Rehearsal in school time
- **Tuesday, 6 September** Performance for the school in school time
- **Wednesday, 7 September** Matinee Performance in school time
- **Thursday, 8 September** Evening Performance
- **Friday, 9 September** Evening Performance



Information about ticket sales will be available shortly.

Year 2 Swim School

As part of the Stage 1 curriculum Year 2 students have the opportunity to take part in the Swim School program. The intensive program runs for one week and caters for non-swimmers and advanced swimmers. The swim school program will be held from Monday, 12 September to Friday, 16 September. Students will be picked up from school at 11.15 am for a 12 pm start. Students will have two lessons each day with a break for a light snack in between. Students will return to school in time for the school buses. Please return the permission slip and \$35 payment to the front office as soon as possible.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

This week students in Stage 3 commence their Government unit in preparation for their excursion to Canberra. Only 23 medical notes still need to be returned. Thank you to all of the families who have already returned their notes. Last week payment slips were sent home. Payment slips will be sent home each Thursday to remind parents of what they still owe. All payments must be made (**in full**) by the end of this term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.





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SUPPORT TEAM NEWSFLASH – BY ALEX RYAN



Welcome back to school everyone, this is roving reporter Alex Ryan with the first of many exciting new columns written by members of the school support team.

Our own Crocodile Dundee 'Mr Jackson' was very excited on Wednesday Week 2 to see a fellow adventurer named 'Wild Man' visit our school and educate us on the beauty of being a Naturalist.



On Tuesday this week we loved seeing our families and school community coming together to celebrate Education, spending time in our classrooms and watching our CARE assembly. There was also an entertaining performance by The NED show, Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best. This show has sparked a YOYO craze, to say the least!!!!!!!



You might have noticed my Year 6 peers walking around in their new year 6 t-shirts, we can't believe there is only just over a term and a half before we head off to high school.



I wonder... what will the teachers wear to the 'Australia - Story Country' Book Week this year? Will Mrs Wood come dressed as 'Where is the green sheep?' Will Mr Wilson come as a kookaburra emoji? (Maybe Mr Happy will make an appearance?)... What if Mrs Merchant really does dress up as the wombat from Wombat Stew? What will you dress up as for Book Week in Week 6? We can't wait to hear from our support team members Oscar and Lewis who will be reporting back to us about such events in the next newsletter.

Then there is The Great Lakes Academic Assembly happening in Week 4, congratulations to those students representing Pacific Palms School (Psst ...any free tutoring happening this term?). In Week 7, don't forget it's the Father's Day stall and 'Hey Dad's you better pull up your socks if you want some good pressies this year!'

Ms Perkins and Mrs B are working tirelessly on the performance 'Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies'. All of Year 5 and 6 are putting 110% into their preparations for the event of the year! We look forward to Sage and Izzy covering this school event!



To end the term off and as the weather warms up, Year 2 will be heading to the pool to enjoy a week of swim school. Also Pacific Palms School will be represented at the local 'Shine On' concert by our choir and new school rock band.

I can't wait until our 5/6 school excursion to Canberra in Term 4. What are Ruby and Evie writing about next????? I wonder 'Where's the green sheep?'



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a great start to Term 3! On Staff Development Day, teachers and support staff spent time participating in mandatory training for CPR, anaphylaxis, as well as Positive Behaviour for Learning and curriculum planning. Collaborative professional development is vital to future planning. It allows us to maintain currency of practice and engage in meaningful dialogue around school priorities. As we end Education Week 2016, I want to acknowledge the wonderful work done by the committed staff at Pacific Palms Public School. Their dedication, enthusiasm, professionalism and resourcefulness cannot be underestimated. What a team! I was so glad to see the great attendance from parents, carers, friends and family on Open Day, to see first-hand the great things that are happening here. Be proud of what we, as a community, have created.

We have had eight new students join us this term and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome both them and their families to our fantastic school. All are in the process of settling in, learning routines and making friends.

Education Week Open Day

Thank you for joining us on Tuesday, supporting our school and valuing education, there was a great community atmosphere. There is much to celebrate in our school and we thank you for involving yourself in your children's education. Thank you to our generous volunteers who have given up their time to cook the BBQ lunch and to those who helped with tea, coffee and baking yummy treats. We really appreciate your efforts.

Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly

This assembly will take place on Wednesday, 10 August from 9:00 to 10:50am at the Tuncurry Bowling Club Auditorium. Congratulations to the following students who were selected on their outstanding academic progress and results during Semester 1 this year, we congratulate them on their achievements and are very proud of them.

Aaris	Year 3	Christin	Year 5
Rohan		Summer	
Nathaniel		William	
William		Nate	
Mila		Marley	
Fern	Year 4	Samantha	Year 6
Shylah		Lewis	
Anyia		Tomas	
Rosie		Kelton	
Charles		Sage	



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NED Show Yo Yo

On Tuesday the students were highly engaged in a visiting performance and amazing yo yo demonstration. It certainly caught the imagination of our students and there is now YO YO FEVER at the Palms! We will continue selling them at lunch time on Friday and Monday, they have been so popular that they are currently all sold out! We are taking orders and hope to have them delivered soon. It's been great to see the tricks and so many students using them for fun and being safe.



CARE Logo

The whole school team at Pacific Palms School is committed to our school value of CARE. Care for ourselves, others, our learning and our environment, underpinned by our core value Respect.

This is the draft of our CARE logo - designed by Sienna, with contribution from Bonny and Ava. The design will be polished by a professional graphic designer and ready for us to use on letter heads, newsletter etc. very soon! Thank you for all your entries and ideas.

Mel Merchant

(Rel) Principal

A message from NSW Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP.

A school sits at the heart of its local community. Schools equip young minds with the knowledge and skills needed to become productive citizens. At school, students grow lifelong friendships, and families forge links with the larger school community. Education Week places public schools in the spotlight. There is much to celebrate and we are reminded of the critical role schools play in our lives. This Education Week let's get behind our public schools, let's discuss the fantastic role our schools play in developing our children and let's reinforce our message of high expectations. I wish all students, staff, parents and school communities all the very best for your celebrations for the 2016 Education Week.



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YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS
BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Fri 5 AUG 6:30pm

TUNCURRY BEACH BOWLING CLUB

TIME: 6.30PM - 8PM

COST: \$5

AGES: PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS 3-6

PRIZES | FUN GAMES CANTEEN
GREAT MUSIC

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers



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FOR GIRLS

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Whether you are new to football or currently play, all skill levels are welcome.

AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls is Northern NSW Football's introductory football program for girls aged 5-11.

It uses short, game-based sessions to introduce the sport of football to newcomers in a fun and inclusive way and provides grassroots football participants with more playing options and opportunities to try the world game.

Our AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls program runs for 1 hour a week for 10 weeks during term 4 (week starting 10th October). Each session consists of a 30 minute skills session and a 30 minute game. The program is split into two stages with a session plan for girls aged 5-8 and one for girls aged 9-11.

Locations include Armidale, Coffs Harbour, Cooks Hill, Garden Suburb, Grafton, Lismore, Maitland, Port Macquarie, Smeaton Point, Tamworth, Tuncurry and Walsby. Visit the website to find the location nearest you.

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NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL



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Play Touch Football at Forster Tuncurry Touch

SUMMER
COMPETITION
DETAILS

Junior Boys and Girls Competitions start Tuesday 13th
September until December. Ages 6 to 14

Seniors Male, Female and Mixed Competitions start Monday
12th & Wednesday 14th September until March. Ages 13 & Over

For more information visit our website

www.forstertuncurrytouch.sportingpulse.net

Registrations are Now Open



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