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## ROBIN & THE SHERWOOD HOODIES

### Performance Ticket Sales



*Hear ye! Hear ye! Come one, come all!*

Tickets for our highly anticipated school musical performance, *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*, are on sale now!! Tickets can be purchased from the front office and will be sold in row order, so get in quick!

The performance dates are as follows:



**Dress Rehearsal: Monday, 5 September**

**10.00am**

*There will be no audience for this performance.*



**Performance for the Whole School: Tuesday, 6 September**

**10.00am**

*The audience for this performance will consist of all students from our school.*



**Matinee Performance: Wednesday, 7 September**

**10.00am**

*This performance is open to all. Our intention is to offer an opportunity for families with younger children to attend. We hope this structure will allow opportunities for everyone to see the performance.*

**Admission: \$7.00 per ticket**



**Evening Performance: Thursday, 8 September**

**7.00pm**

**Admission: \$15.00 per ticket**



**Evening Performance: Friday, 9 September**

**7.00pm**

**Admission: \$15.00 per ticket**



*Don't miss seeing our talented students perform in this medieval adventure!*



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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### ***Zone Athletics Carnival***

On Friday, 12 August our talented athletes represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry Oval. Every student performed to their personal best. They displayed great sportsmanship and cheered on their fellow competitors. A fantastic day was had by all! A special thank you to all the mums and dads who cheered on their children and helped out on the day. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday, 2 September in Newcastle.



*Aaris, Charlize, Samantha and Lewis*

### ***Manning PSSA Football (Soccer) Gala Day***

Pacific Palms were able to enter two teams into this year's gala day. Our first division team used the day as an opportunity to prepare for our next knockout game. They played five games in very hot conditions and completed the day without losing any matches. Players also experimented in different positions and formations.

Our second squad also played in five tough matches. The boys showed amazing teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Every game was very close and we were lucky enough to secure a win and draw in a couple of matches.



Overall, a great day was had by all with plenty of support between the two teams and from our sideline parents. A big thank you to Mark Workum for managing one of our teams all day.

### ***PSSA Knockout Football (Soccer)***

On Monday, the boys played at Speers Point against Hamilton South PS. The Palms played very well but, unfortunately, we lost 7-0. We didn't want to make excuses but their striker just came back from England and they got three penalty shots. Angus had a blinder saving 2 out of the 3.

The grass was synthetic which means fake grass. It was a great experience playing on it. At the end we were all proud of the boys. We trained very well and it is the best result the Palms have ever got. Some words from the Captain -Luke Bonshore, "The boys played outstanding!"



After the game we all went to the awesome playground next door. By Ruben and Lachlan



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## WELCOME TO TERM 3

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Wed, 31 Aug	Father's Day Stall -	
Fri, 2 Sept	Hunter Athletics Carnival for selected students	
Mon, 5 Sept	<i>Robin &amp; The Sherwood Hoodies Tickets on sale now!</i>	Dress Rehearsal
Tues, 6 Sept		Performance for the whole School
Wed, 7 Sept		Matinee - \$7 tickets
Thurs, 8 Sept		Evening Performance - \$15 tickets
Fri, 9 Sept		Evening Performance - \$15 tickets
Fri, 9 Sept	Zone Netball Gala Day	

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### P & C Father's Day Raffle

Thank you to the Hardy family who have kindly donated a fabulous Ziegler & Brown Portable Grill BBQ from their BBQ's Galore store in Forster and to Petra Richter for donating a BBQ cleaning kit as a prize for our Father's Day raffle. Congratulations to The Beavis family who are now the proud owners of this fantastic prize.



## LIBRARY LISTENINGS

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

Families and students were very supportive of the book fair which was another great success, earning our Library around \$1500.00 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 2016, 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. Special thanks goes to the very supportive parents who helped with the book fair and the catering on the day.

A huge hoorah for our parents and extended community for their wholehearted support with this fun and exciting event.

Thank you  
Michelle Lowry & Tash Macarthur





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## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### *CANTEEN NEWS - Fruit and Veg Month 2016*

During the last 3 weeks of Term 3 our school and canteen will be participating in Fruit and Veg Month. This years theme is "Vegetables are Funky". The program is run in conjunction with Healthy Kids Association and Sydney Markets - Fresh For Kids Campaign. It is designed to increase the student's willingness to try a variety of new fruit and vegetables and provide knowledge about the benefits of healthy eating habits and lifestyle that lasts a lifetime.

On canteen days students that buy or sample fruit or veg items will receive a sticker and be able to collect stickers to enter a state competition and also receive a free pencil/eraser. Over the counter items on offer will vary day to day and include veg crudité cups, corn wheels, broccoli pesto pasta cups, smoothies, fruit salad cups, green smoothie samplers, tomato, cucumber & feta skewers, celery boats, pineapple and watermelon wedges....The list goes on!!

Mel Shoesmith will also lead the Green Team to promote the healthy eating message especially to our younger classes during this time.

Any families that have a veg patch or fruit trees at home are encouraged to donate anything they can to the canteen at this busy time so we can keep up with the demand and offer students as much variety as possible!

Thank you - Jackie



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## **2017 Kindergarten Enrolments**

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. If you have any questions regarding enrolments for Kindergarten 2017, please contact the office.



## **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 by bus 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**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



The countdown is certainly on. As more notes are being handed out the excitement level for all students is increasing. Last week students received the *Essential Agreement for Electronic Devices* note. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their notes. Please keep returning these important notes. This week students will be receiving their "*what to bring*" note. This note will let you know what students need to pack for their trip to Canberra. Thank you to all families who have paid for the excursion in full or who are making regular payments.

## **K-2 Excursion to Billabong Zoo.**

On Friday, 21 October students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will travel to Billabong Zoo. Students must be at school by 7:45 am and will return at 4:00 pm. The cost per child for entry fee + bus is \$35, payable to the front office with permission slip by Friday 14th October. Parents and pre schoolers are welcome to come along on the day. We have been discussing this excursion in class and the children are really excited.



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## SUPPORT TEAM NEWSFLASH

### Exciting Events

By Oscar and Lewis

The following article covers the exciting events that have been happening within our school.

- Boys soccer GALA day
- School Play- Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies
- Book Fair

#### Soccer GALA day

Last Friday Years 4/5 and 6 boys travelled to Wingham Sporting Complex to compete in a GALA day for fun. Our school sent two teams, our division 1 team (which is our PSSA knockout team) and a division two team. Well done to our division 1 team who won 4 games and drew one. Also a huge congratulations to our division two team on playing their hearts out and **winning two games**. A big thank you to Mr Jackson and Mark Workum for displaying excellent coaching on the day..... THANKS!!

On a final note, the historic journey of our PSSA soccer knockout team came to an end on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August. We were defeated by Hamilton South PS who played outstanding football. Our boys played an awesome game and never gave up. After seeing the skills displayed by our Year 4 and 5 students at the GALA day we feel confident that next year the team can take it all the way.

#### Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies – School performance

Come and see the AMAZING acting that Years 5 and 6 students have put into our Medieval Adventure.

PURCHASE A TICKET TODAY! (from the front office)

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September-	Matinee performance- 10:00am	\$7
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September-	Evening Performance- 700pm	\$15
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September-	Evening Performance- 700pm	\$15

Thank you to Mrs Brislane and Mrs Perkins for all of your hard work so far. We hope to make you proud!

#### Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Lowry and Mrs Mac for creating a fun and enjoyable day. It was great seeing the range of costumes this year especially covering our 'Australian' theme. Students dressed up as Terri Irwin, Ned Kelly, the Gumnut Babies and we even had Dame Edna.

Thank you to all of the fabulous volunteers who helped with selling the books, helping with the meal deal and to all of our family and friends for supporting the school. A big thank you also to our Canteen manager Jackie.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There is a buzz in the air as Term 3 moves forward. So much is happening in our school, it's such an exciting place to be.

### ***Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly***

20 of our highest academic achievers from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 were recognised at the Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly held at the Tuncurry Bowling Club. Our students joined those from Forster, Hallidays Point, Nabic, Bungwahl and Tuncurry Public Schools and Great Lakes College Forster and Tuncurry Campus' and Great Lakes College Senior Campus to be presented with awards rewarding outstanding academic achievement across all aspect of learning. Congratulations to all our award recipients who represented our school so well, receiving their certificates of achievement on stage.

### ***Awarding 20 Years of Service - Linda Brislane***

At the assembly on Thursday we formally acknowledged the wonderful achievement of 20 years of service to the Department of Education by Linda Brislane. What makes this extra special is that she has worked for this entire time at Pacific Palms Public School! Linda is an incredible teacher and colleague. Our community is very grateful for her ongoing commitment to our students, school and broader school community. She is a caring and dedicated person and an outstanding contributor to our school and its students.

Mr Ken Perez came along on the day as her first Principal to present the award and share stories of her first days at Palms. Peter Riordan the Acting Secretary for the Department of Education also passes on his personal thanks.

### ***Book week***

A huge thank you to the time and effort families put in to making costumes for our Book Week Parade. Everyone looked great! Thank you to our amazing parent helpers who support us on the day volunteering their time in the canteen, tea/coffee/cake stall and book fair. We appreciate it!

### ***Kindergarten Information Night***

Last Tuesday evening we held an information session for parents and families of our 2017 Kindergarten students. This was an opportunity for families to find out about our fantastic transition program 'Happy Start' and to learn more about our school and preparing children for Big School! Welcome to our new families.

### ***Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies***

Our musical production will be performing soon, with a great mix of humour and drama in medieval times! - please support our school and come along to see it. This outstanding live theatre - tickets on sale at the front office!





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## ***The 'Tell Them From Me' Student Feedback Survey***

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

## ***The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey***

Early next term, our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers.

The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is ready to go now and we would really appreciate you taking the time to participate. It gives us vital information about how you think our school is going and an insight as to how we can continue to deliver quality education for your children into the future.

The unique address for our school is <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/pacificpalms>

***Mel Merchant (Rel) Principal***





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# Play Touch Football at Forster Tuncurry Touch

SUMMER  
COMPETITION  
DETAILS

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

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

For more information visit our website

[www.forstertuncurrytouch.sportingpulse.net](http://www.forstertuncurrytouch.sportingpulse.net)

Registrations are Now Open



[PLAYNRL.COM](http://PLAYNRL.COM)



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## Forster Tuncurry Little Athletics Centre 2016/17 season is here!!

**When:** Season commences on **Friday 2nd September at 4:30pm** and ends prior to Christmas. Friday sessions last for up to 2 hrs (with Tiny Tots approx 45- 60 min)

**Where:** South Street Oval, Tuncurry

**How:** Registration is ONLINE only at  
<https://memberdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=914>

**How Much:** Registration Fees are:  
\$100 first child.  
\$90 second child.  
\$80 third and subsequent child

**How old?** Children born before October 2013 may participate

**Who to contact:** Contact the Registrar (Jono) on 0448 800 846 or Club Secretary (Ally) on 0421 144 336 for more information

### ***Little Athletics NSW Mission Statement***

***"Little Athletics NSW aspires to provide the community with recreational athletics activities that contribute to the healthy development of our children. Such activities will promote: Fun...Fitness...The development of skills...The building of character and self esteem...The fostering of good sportsmanship...in a safe, positive, family-friendly and inclusive environment."***