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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL



Pacific School Games - Ginger and Gabrielle

Last week two of our students had the experience of a life time representing NSW at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Ginger competed in the Track and Field program in the 12 years High Jump and placed an amazing 7th in Australia. Gabrielle was a member of the NSW U/12 Touch Football Team. After 5 days of competition the NSW girls played Queensland in the Grand Final finishing the game with a 6-1 deficit. The NSW girls were delighted to bring home a silver medal. To add to the amazing experience both girls not only competed in their chosen sport, they also had the opportunity to participate in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies as part of the NSW contingent. Congratulations girls we are very proud of you both.




The Pacific School Games provides opportunities for around 4000 school-aged students to participate in 11 different sports at the highest level. This includes basketball, diving, soccer, golf, hockey, netball, softball, swimming, touch football and track and field. It is the flagship event of School Sport Australia, which provides educational opportunities for Australian and international students. Students aged between 10 - 19 years from at least 15 countries, including every Australian State and Territory, competed over 7 days.



UP AND COMING EVENTS

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Fri, 15 December 	Last day for students. Talent Quest Grand Finale @ 9.15 am in the hall. Year 6 march out @ 2.15 pm in the COLA - parents invited. MUFTI DAY!! Please remember sun protective clothing and covered shoes.
Mon, 29 January	Staff Development Day - staff only. The Uniform Shop will be open in the Canteen all day
Tues, 30 Jan	Students in Year 1 to Year 6 return The Uniform Shop will be open in the Canteen all day
Wed, 31 Dec to Fri, Feb	Best Start Assessments for all 2018 Kindergarten students
Mon, 5 Feb	First day of school for Kindergarten
Tues, 6 Feb	Swimming Carnival - Yr 2 (students turning 8 in 2018 only) to Yr 6



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Hunter PSSA Awards Ceremony

On Wednesday 13 December Gabrielle attended the Hunter Primary School Sports Association Presentation in Newcastle and was presented with a "Sports Award" and "Citation" for recognition of outstanding sporting achievement, commitment and sportsmanship and representation for NSW at the Pacific School Games. Well done Gabrielle! What a fabulous achievement, we are so proud of you and we look forward to following your future success during your high school years.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

K-2 End of Year Celebration Concert

Thank you to the families and friends who joined us at our K-2 performance "A Celebration of Disney songs". A big thank you to all our amazing K-2 teachers for their hard work. Well done to our talented students, it was a wonderful performance.





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Yr 6 Graduation

On Wednesday 6 December our Year 6 students, joined by their parents and staff, celebrated their time at Pacific Palms by attending their Graduation dinner. Thank you to Ms Williams, Mr Bowkett and Mrs Brislane for a wonderful send off, it was really appreciated by the students and their parents. A special thank you to the Year 6 students, it has been a pleasure and we wish you the best of luck in high school. You will be missed!





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High School Orientation

Year 6 students enjoyed an orientation day at Great Lakes Forster Campus on Tuesday 5 December. 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 classrooms and teachers 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.



K-2 Fun Day

On Wednesday, students from K-2 went over to Boomerang Beach for a fun day of beach activities. How lucky are we to live in paradise. The students had a fantastic morning.





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Super Sleuth Competition

On Friday 8 December Ms Perkins, Mrs Brislane and students from Year 5 and Year 6 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 performed exceptionally well and won: 1st Place Team, 2nd Place Team, Overall School and \$100 Bunnings Voucher Prize. We also won all three individual prizes - congratulations Sam M, Kaiya E and Luke S. Well done!



Carrot Car Race

On Tuesday we held our Carrot Car Challenge, what a fantastic response, we had great participation and saw some awesome creations. Jasper again showed excellent engineering skills, taking out the Stage 2 event and the overall longest distance. William D took line honours in the Stage 3 section. Blane and Jack K now hold the titles for having the most creative carrot cars.





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

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. The Talent Quest Finale will be held on our last school day - Friday 15 December at 9.15 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 2017 P&C Committee and 2017 Canteen Committee for all their hard work throughout the year and to everyone else who volunteered and helped to make our school a better place. Many hands make light work and this is where Pacific Palms Public School all pulls together and clearly demonstrates true community spirit.

A special mention to Jackie Medlock for all her hard work. We wish you and your family all the best for your new adventure in Newcastle.

We look forward to a fun and productive year ahead and welcome all ideas and suggestions. We, as your P&C, are excited and motivated to assist the children and our school in any way we can. Bring on 2018!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Wednesday 6 December we farewelled our Year 6 students at the Year 6 Graduation. It was a lovely celebration and acknowledgement of completing their primary school years. Last Friday was the K-2 Concert and it was super cute and a big crowd favourite! On Monday we held our Celebration of Success Assembly. This was an opportunity for our school community to congratulate students on their wonderful achievements throughout the year. Thank you to the parents, carers, family, friends and special guests who attended and made these events special.

P & C 2018

President - Jodie Dries

Vice President - Kate Wrigley

Vice President - vacant

Treasurer - Bec Gleeson

Secretary - vacant

We have two vacancies for vice president and secretary. We will be asking for nominations and will vote at the first P & C Meeting in 2018. We would love to have you join our team, please come along.

2018 Classes

Based on the information we have to date regarding continuing enrolments and new enrolments, we have begun the process of allocating students to class groups for 2018. This is a complex and lengthy process and takes considerable time to ensure that students are placed in the most appropriate class grouping. As per 2017, there will be a number of composite classes and we anticipate 13 classes.



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Farewells

Mrs Liz Ryan has been a valuable member of our staff for many years. She is well known for her contribution to school life, school community and curriculum knowledge, supporting many staff over this time. Liz will be missed greatly and we wish her and the Ryan family the very best with their move. Mrs Ryan will take up a new appointment at Benora Point Public School in the new year.

Congratulations **Mrs Ebony Struwe** and Torge. We are delighted to announce the arrival of a gorgeous baby girl! Welcome to the world Livia May Struwe. **Ebony** will be staying at home with Livia next year and we wish her all the best. ❤️

Mrs Mylee Cheers has finished working in her role as CLO (Community Liaison Officer). She has been an integral part of our school community and has ensured that home-school communication is a priority. Thankfully Mylee will continue to work casually in our school in the front office- good news for us! Thank you.

Jackie Medlock will be finishing her work in the canteen this week. She has made a tremendous difference to 'Slinkies by the Sea' and the many volunteers, students and staff have appreciated the professionalism, hard work and delicious snacks. We wish her, Brian and Maya all the best for the move to Newcastle.

Staffing 2018

I am very pleased to announce that **Ms Helen Saville** has been appointed as a temporary teacher for 2018. She joins us from Grahamstown Public School. She will take up her appointment in January and work in the K-2 area. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming her to our school.

Mr Levi Worth will be joining our teaching team next year as he returns to the area with his family. You may remember Mr Worth when he worked with us back in 2013. Mr Worth will be working in Stage 2.

Mrs Lucy Cullimore will also join our team in 2018. Many of you know Lucy, who has been working in our school over the past 2 years. She will work in the library (RFF) and Kindergarten classes three days each week. Lucy comes to us from Hornsby Heights Public School.

Clare Edenhofner will be starting as our Canteen/Uniform Shop Manager on Monday 29 January. We are really excited she is joining us and we know she has a lot to offer our school.

School Plan 2018-2020

After consultation with all stakeholders, we will be finalising our school plan in Term 1.

Strategic Direction 1 - Innovative Learners

Strategic Direction 2 - Inspirational Educators

Strategic Direction 3 - Inclusive Environments



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Principal Position

As many of you know I have been relieving principal for the past 3 years. It has been an honour and a privilege to lead this wonderful school during this time, see the achievements and growth and get to work with so many wonderful families. Mrs Kerry Tulloch (substantive principal) will be retiring from full time work at the end of January. The permanent principal position will then be advertised through an open merit selection process in February/March 2018, with an appointment made soon after. This will ensure continuity for our school in the years to come. During Term 1 Katrina Punton will continue in her role of Relieving Assistant Principal.

As another year draws to an end and we celebrate a very successful year at Pacific Palms Public School, I would like to recognise and thank everyone for their tremendous contributions and for helping make our school the wonderful place that it is. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and healthy and prosperous 2018. Safe travels everyone!

Yours in learning,

Melissa Merchant
Principal (Rel)

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SMILE
BECAUSE IT
HAPPENED.
- Dr. Seuss

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Pacific Palms Public School

Minutes of P & C Meeting
Date: Monday 27th November, 2017

1.0 Welcome, Attendance, Apologies

1.1 Meeting Opened: 6:30PM

Present: Mel Merchant, Mylee Cheers, Clare Edenhofner, Georgina Woods, Jackie Medlock, Susan Rodger, Juliet Miller, Cath Bennett, Sal Mullerworth, Mel Shoesmith, Bec Gleeson, Selina Brookes, Jess Pike, Katrina Gray, Kate Wrigley
Apologies: Tracey Morgan,

2.0 Agenda: Omissions/Alterations/Matters for General Business

- 2.1 Alteration to the Agenda – NIL
- 2.2 Matters for General Business:

President's Report – Mylee

Recent Activities

The fete – raised \$11,500 and was a hugely successful event. The executive committee has decided to allocate these funds in entirety to the school to be allocated towards K-2 Home readers, a projector in the hall and playground equipment. Thank you to EVERYONE involved, we could not have done it without such a fabulous community.

Upcoming Events

6th December – Year 6 graduation dinner. The P&C has donated bottles of water and soft drink. Thank you to Mike Cheers for donating the ice.

6th December – Junior disco. The P&C is donating nibbles and cordial.

There are numerous Recky Raffles scheduled over the Christmas break which is the time period in which we make a lot of money. Ideally, we would like to allocate this job to one person to coordinate throughout the year.

As most of you know, Jackie, our Canteen Manager Extraordinaire is moving on at the end of this year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her immensely for her tireless work over the last two years. She has not only developed our canteen, but has worked almost countless unpaid hours to ensure that our children have balanced, affordable lunches every day. I'd also like to thank her behind the scenes worker elf, Brian who has also worked so hard on these thankless tasks.

I'd also like to congratulate Clare Edenhofner who is our new Canteen Manager Extraordinaire and although you have big shoes to follow, we have absolute faith that you too, will be amazing.

Acceptance of the President's Report as Tabled

Moved: Selina Brookes Seconded: Jodie Dries

3.0 Minutes of Previous P & C Meeting

3.1 Business Arising - Nil.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the P & C Meeting held 16th October, 2017.

Moved: Mylee Cheers Seconded: Bec Gleeson

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 Inwards tabled – P&C Federation Newsletter (Term 4, Ed.3), P&C Federation Press Release "Parents Say NSW Public Schools Are Not Ready for NAPLAN Online", Parent & Citizen Magazine (Term 4, Vol.69), P&C Federation Press

Release "Robots Cannot Read NAPLAN Essays", P&C Federation Press Release "NSW Public Schools to Receive Extra Funding for Academic and Well-Being Needs", Letter from SETON Australia regarding defibrillator for the school, Recky Raffle Schedule for end of year/start of 2018, Resignation letter from Jackie Medlock (Canteen Manager)

4.2 Outwards Tabled – Various thank you letters for all those involved with the fete.

Acceptance of the correspondence inwards & outwards as tabled.

Moved: Bec Gleeson Seconded: Mylee Cheers

5.0 Finance Reports – see monthly report attachment.

Moved: Susan Rodger Seconded: Georgina Woods

6.0 Principals Report – Melissa Merchant – see tabled attachments.

Such a positive year! So many things to celebrate. We have had success as a school and many individual successes. We are very proud of our wonderful school.
Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the 2017 P & C Executive and members. This has been a highly successful year for fundraising and creating fantastic opportunities for our students. The Fete was a highlight and created such a brilliant evening and a great community spirit. We thank all of them for the voluntary hours they have put in and the outstanding commitment to our school! They are all such strong advocates for our school and go above and beyond what is required! In particular Mylee Cheers has been a tireless with her efforts to lead the team and be so hands-on and proactive in all she did. We have appreciated your efforts. Thank you.

SCHOOL PLAN 2018-2020

Every student is valued, cared for and is inspired to be an innovative learner. As passionate educators we provide quality, engaging and challenging learning experiences and nurture positive and respectful relationships. We foster collaborative community partnerships.

Strategic Direction 1: Innovative Learning

Creating a quality learning environment as evidenced by the Quality Teaching Framework and encouraging students to become lifelong learners who can adapt and flourish in a complex world.

Strategic Direction 2: Inspirational Educators

Delivering explicit and highly effective lessons, a culture of collaborative professional learning and high expectations to promote student growth demonstrated by quality evidence based research.

Strategic Direction 3: Inclusive Environments

Promoting nurturing relationships supported by the Wellbeing Framework to ensure high quality outcomes and strong connections for every student.

2017 Policies tabled.

Each year all NSW public schools are required to write a set of guidelines to support the DoE Policies. This year there were four. The guidelines give a local context to the state policy. We also upload evidence to support the guidelines in under three areas of implementation.

1. How is the policy being implemented to meet student, staff and community needs in your school context?
2. What is your evidence that the school has consistently observed and applied all policy requirements?



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3. What processes are in place to review the school's implementation in relation to this policy?

See attached the four required updates for this year.

- WMCC Guidelines
- Child Protection Guidelines
- Attendance Guidelines
- Discipline Guidelines

Acceptance of the Principal's Report as tabled.

Moved: Mylee Cheers Seconded: Selina Brookes

7.0 Canteen report – Jackie Medlock

My last canteen report as canteen manager, I'd like to wish Claire Edenhofner all the best in her new position as Canteen manager in 2018. The P&C, school staff and administration have been incredibly supportive during my time at the school and I have no doubt this will continue as Clare settles into the role.

Along with a workplace hand over, I will be handing over all information regarding rosters, volunteers, menus, suppliers etc to Clare.

Thank you to all the volunteers who find the time in their busy lives to help out. The canteen would simply not operate at all without their assistance and I hope we see a new wave of parents in the future lend a hand as it makes all the difference in the continued running and success. In appreciation an afternoon tea for all school volunteers will be held on Monday afternoon 4th at 2pm. Invites to be sent home.

New uniform shirts: Not due to arrive by end of last week of term. Families (especially Kindy families) are now encouraged to place a pre-order at the uniform shop or front office (no payment is necessary) and orders will hopefully be filled in WEEK 1.

The Uniform Shop will open for extended hours on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January from 9am to 3pm.

Update: ETA for shirts is now mid January. P&C/School execs have met to discuss implications and delay and Mel Merchant will update school with further information.

Acceptance of the Canteen Report as tabled.

Moved: Selina Brookes Seconded: Mylee Cheers

9.0 General Business

Defibrillators for the school. OOSH has approached the school with regards to going halves in a defibrillator for the school. It would be kept outside the hall for use by anyone who needs it. Some of the donated P&C funds may be used to purchase this.

Recky Raffles. Please see attached the Recky Raffle schedule for the holiday period. The P&C make a substantial amount of money during this time and would appreciate anyone volunteering for one of these if you're available.

10.0 Meeting Closed – 7:10PM

Next meeting – TBC at the Recky in 2018



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL P AND C ASSOCIATION 2016 AGM 27th November, 2017

1. Meeting Opened: 7.11 PM

Minute Taker: Selina Brookes

Attendance: Present: Mel Merchant, Mylee Cheers, Clare Edenhofner, Georgina Woods, Jackie Medlock, Susan Rodger, Juliet Miller, Cath Bennett, Sal Mullerworth, Mel Shoesmith, Bec Gleeson, Selina Brookes, Jess Pike, Katrina Gray, Kate Wrigley
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2. Handover to Mel Merchant to Chair the meeting.

All present contributed \$1 for voting rights for 2018- list of financial members as per attendees above.

3. Presidents Report

2017 has been an extremely busy year. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Rebecca as Treasurer, Jodie as vice president and Selina as secretary. You ladies have been amazing and together we really did wonderful things for Pacific Palms School. I am so proud of our achievements for this year with this being one of the best fundraising years ever.

Mel Merchant (as Relieving Principal) and I have met regularly throughout the year to discuss the positive direction that the school is moving in. I see the endless hours and the passion that Mel puts into our school to make it the best for our children. Thank you, Mel, for all the support you give the P&C, the parents, the staff and most of all the children.

One of the aspects I love about our school is the way the community come together. We see this with events such as Book Week, Education Open Day, School Discos, Fetes, the Musical Production and assemblies just to mention a few. None of these events would be possible without the parent volunteers & the support of the staff. Thank you to all who have been able to lend a helping hand throughout the year.

As you may know, Jackie who is our canteen manager is moving on next year. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for what you brought to the canteen and the school community. You have really done an amazing job in this role and have gone above and beyond. With your confidence, your skills and your dedication, this has all lead to another successful year. To Bryan, who is always working behind the scenes, under the raider and alongside of you, we thank you. We want to wish you and your family all the best in the next exciting chapter of your lives. This leads me to congratulate Clare Edenhofner who will be the canteen/uniform manager starting in 2018. I know you will be amazing and wish you all the best for this role. Clare has volunteered in our school canteen, at school functions and



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helped out most recently at the fete. You have my full support and I'm very excited at what's to come.

We were lucky enough to offer the School Banking program again with the help of three lovely ladies leading this. Selina Brookes, Cath Bennett & Nadine Cavenagh, without your dedication and commitment every Tuesday this would not be possible.

We have had the best year ever for fundraising. Our recent fete raised about \$11,575.00. We were so fortunate to have about \$3000.00 in business sponsorships to assist with the costs of our fete as well as about \$2000.00 in vouchers for our raffle and chocolate wheel prizes. We have had an Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and fete Raffle. All of these had fabulous prizes donated by local businesses. The support has been over whelming. The Rec Club Raffles have continued throughout the year and will do into 2018. The Melbourne Cup raffle raised \$523.00 profit.

We have also been able to fund 2 people to go to the Generation Next conference, purchased Library bags for all the new Kindergarten students, donations were made from the students to the Men's Shed & the Women's Shelter. We purchased new supplies for our veggie garden and had the generous donations and help from Bunnings Forster and Yates supplies in order to create our new garden outside the canteen. This was guided by myself and Mel Shoesmith.

The Green Team who do so many amazing projects throughout the school, care for this garden in partnership with OOSH. We received grant to help with recycling and educating our children about the importance of waste management and sustainability. This will be implemented in 2018. Term 3 P&C gave a \$5000.00 cheque to the school.

I'm happy to say that we also wrote a cheque for \$15100.00 so that is a total of more than \$20K for the year. This money will go towards K-2 readers, Outdoor playground equipment, hall projector and sensory packs for each class. I am confident to say that none of this would have been possible without the generosity of the parents and community digging deep to support our school.

Thank you to everyone who attends our P&C meetings. This is a very important part of the P&C and is where we can all brainstorm ideas and have an input with school policies. It is a great way to know firsthand what is happening in our school. I will not be standing for a role in the P&C this time. I want to thank you for the opportunity to allow and trust me to be P&C president and represent Pacific Palms Public School for the last 2 years. This role I am passionate about and has been extremely satisfying in so many ways. I wish the 2018 committee all the best and look forward to a great year ahead.

Moved: Mylee Cheers

Seconded: Selina Brookes

Minutes From last AGM made available.

Accepted: Jodie Dries

Seconded: Mylee Cheers

4. Treasurers Report: Rebecca Gleeson.

Please see attached report as tabled.

Moved: Selina Brookes

Seconded: Mylee Cheers

8. Nominations

- Mel Merchant (returning officer) declare all positions vacant and calls for nominations.

Treasurer P&C:

Georgina Woods nominates Bec Gleeson, seconded Selina Brookes

Accepted by Bec Gleeson

Mel Merchant declares treasurer for 2018:

Bec Gleeson.

For President:

Mylee Cheers nominates Jodie Dries, seconded Selina Brookes

Accepted by Jodie Dries

Mel Merchant declares president for 2018:

Jodie Dries.

For 2 x Vice president:

Susan Rodger nominates Kate Wrigley, seconded Jess Pike

Accepted by Kate Wrigley.

Mel Merchant declares new vice president for 2018:

Kate Wrigley

Position of second Vice president remains open and will be discussed at next meeting.

Secretary

Unfilled position which will be casually filled and discussed at the next meeting.

9. Auditor

Rebecca Gleeson has organised Phil Nash as auditor for 2017. A third party in Forster will be appointed for 2018 which will be discussed and decided at the first meeting in 2018.

10. General Business

Mel Merchant thanked the members of the outgoing committee for their work. Special thank you to Mylee Cheers for her tireless efforts over the years.

11. Meeting closed 7.52pm



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Carols by CANDLELIGHT!

Sunday 17th from 5.30pm for 6pm start.

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