



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

2018 Leadership Team

Yesterday our Leadership Team celebrated the year with their final morning tea with Mrs Merchant. Thank you to our wonderful 2018 Leadership Team who has done a fantastic job this year carrying out their leadership roles. We look forward to hearing all about their new adventures as they head into high school next year.



2018 Green Team

Our Green Team completed their final project last week as part of their commitment to Take 3 for the Sea. The newly painted bins and bin toppers look fantastic and the kids were so happy with the end result. I know the bins will be loved by the whole school and are such a fun, colourful way to share an important environmental message. Thank you for all your support in our endeavours.



2019 TERM 1 DIARY DATES

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

Tues, 29 January	Staff Development Day
Wed, 30 January	First day of school for students returning into Year 1 to Year 6
Wed, 30 January to Friday, 1 February	Best Start Assessment appointments for Kindergarten students.
Monday, 4 February	First day of school for Kindergarten.
Tuesday, 12 February	Swimming Carnival for students in Year 3 to Year 6 (students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old in 2019 may attend if they would like to).



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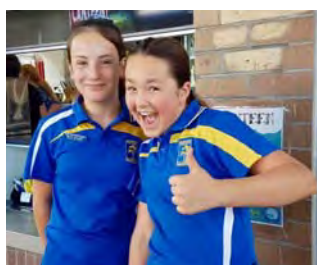
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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

High School Orientation

Year 6 students enjoyed an orientation day at Great Lakes College 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.



Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday 12 December our Year 6 students, joined by their parents and staff, celebrated their time at Pacific Palms Public School 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! Thank you also to Fran from Gate and Bee for catering and Alex from Martin & Ko for providing the lighting and décor.





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Kindergarten to Year 2 End of Year Celebration Concert

Thank you to the families and friends who joined us for our Kindergarten to Year 2 performance, "Music Through the Ages". A big thank you to all of our amazing Kindergarten to Year 2 teachers for their hard work. Well done to our talented students, it was a wonderful performance. Congratulations to Thomas who was presented with the Boomerang Beach Surf Co Award and Lucy who was presented with the Anne Masters Junior School Citizenship Award.

Thomas, Mrs Merchant and Lucy





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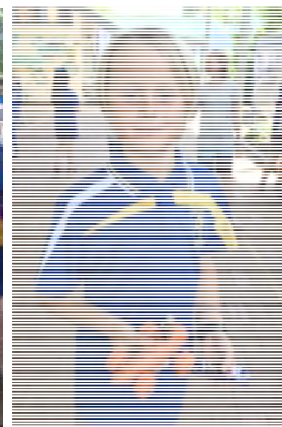
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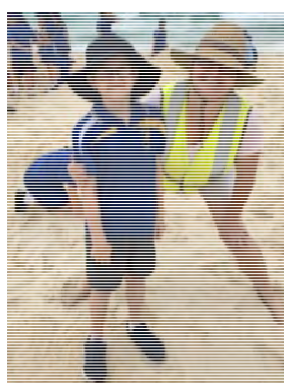
Carrot Car Race

On Monday 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 3 event and the overall longest distance. Emma took line honours in the Stage 2 section. Abbie now holds the title for having the most creative carrot car and won the "Teacher's Choice" award.



Beach Play Day

Yesterday our students from Kindergarten to Year 2 enjoyed a fun morning of beach activities on Boomerang Beach. How lucky are we to live in paradise. The students had a fantastic morning.





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS



Great Lakes Academy of Music

Thank you to Katherine from Great Lakes Academy of Music for providing our students with an opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Registrations are now open for Piano and Guitar lessons on Tuesdays at Pacific Palms Public School in 2019. For more information please contact Katherine at Great Lakes Academy of Music on 0411 140 627.



Playing Jingle Bells together at our last lesson.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a fabulous year we have had! So many wonderful achievements in academics, the arts, sport and STEM, both individually and as a team effort. Last Wednesday 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 'Music through the Ages' Concert and 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. This is a wonderful time of year.

2019 Classes

Based on the information that we have to date regarding continuing enrolments and new enrolments, we have begun the process of allocating students to class groups for 2019. 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 2018, there will be a number of composite classes and we anticipate 12 classes. On return to school, students will start in their current classes for the first three days.

Farewells

After 3 years at our school, **Mrs Beth Marchmont** is expecting a baby in March next year. **Beth** will be staying at home with her bundle of joy next year and we wish her and Robbie all the best. ❤️



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Ms Sue Cunich has been a valuable member of our staff for the last 2 years. Sue and her infectious laugh will be missed greatly and we wish her the very best with her return south to be closer to family. Ms Cunich will take up a new appointment as Assistant Principal at Temora West Public School in the New Year.

Mr Levi Worth has been a great addition to our staff, after he worked with us back in 2013. We will miss him, as next year he will be working at Forster Public School, where his own children attend.

Mr Sam Bowkett is returning north to be closer to family. Sam has contributed to our sporting teams since arriving and we will miss him. He will begin at Kingscliff Public School next year. Good luck Sam.

Ms Elana Knight will be joining our teaching team next year after a year of casual teaching across the school this year. We look forward to having her with us full time. Elana will be working in Stage 3 (5/6).

P & C 2019

Our 2019 P&C Committee are as follows:

- President – Jodie Dries
- Vice President – vacant
- Vice President – vacant
- Treasurer – Henry
- Secretary – Brenda

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 2019. We would love to have you join our team, please come along.

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 2019. Safe travels everyone!

Yours in learning,

Mel Merchant
Principal

DON'T CRY
BECAUSE IT'S OVER,
SMILE
BECAUSE IT
HAPPENED.
- Dr. Seuss





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SEA SHELLS CHILDCARE CENTER

PRE-SCHOOL & SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

Enrol Now

2018/2019

Book an orientation

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- Comprehensive school readiness & Preschool Program
- Our curriculum Promote creativity, life and problem-solving skills.
- Monthly excursions & Incursions
- A cake on Child's birthday
- Community celebration Days
- Fabulous nature outdoor area



We Play with a purpose



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Active OOSH



SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Thursday 20th Dec Christmas Party Disco

BRONZE
DAY

Show off your moves as you jive to some Christmas jingles at our disco!

And find your sweet tooth because we're having a party with Christmas cookies and treats



Friday 21st Dec

SILVER
DAY

Movie Day!
Grab your FREE popcorn and drink and join us to watch
THE GRINCH



Monday 24th Dec

Sorry! WE'RE
CLOSED



PUPIL FREE DAY 2019

SILVER
DAY

Tuesday 29th Jan
Forster Entertainment
Centre

We're off to Forster Entertainment Centre!
Prizes for highest tenpin score and Laser tag winner.





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Vacation Care is for 5-12-year-old children attending primary school. Children are to be signed in and out by a parent/guardian. PG rated movies and G rated video games may be shown at centre.
Prescription medication can only be administered by staff once the required medical form provided by Active OOSH Vacation Care has been completed by the parents/guardians.

What to bring to Vacation Care

Enclosed Shoes (No sandals, thongs or slip on shoes please), Hat, Water Bottle, Morning Tea, Lunch and a spare change of clothes. Please ensure that children come in clothes that can get messy!

Pricing

Bronze Day - \$55 per day (In most cases after the full Child Care Subsidy is applied there will be a gap to be paid of **ONLY \$10.59**)

Silver Day - \$65 per day (In most cases after the full Child Care Subsidy is applied there will be a gap to be paid of **ONLY \$12.51**)

Gold Day - \$75 per day (In most cases after the full Child Care Subsidy is applied there will be a gap to be paid of **ONLY \$14.44**)



Water Safety

Water Safety is a major aspect with the delivery of Vacation Care Programs. Some of our activities have water elements and with this we take every safety precaution possible. All excursions have risk assessments and staff are qualified with First Aid. Supervision maps are made for educators to minimize all risks.

Excursions & Incursions

All Incursions and Excursions have risk assessments completed on the proposed activity. Active OOSH strives to ensure complete safety when dealing with our children. Staff Meetings are completed daily in relation to the advised activity, mapping out the entire excursion so all staff are aware of the day's proceedings. Supervision maps are drawn for the educators, all excursions adhere to the National Regulations. Any queries about excursions and details please see the nominated Supervisor.

Bus Transport

Excursions that require bus services are outlined on the Vacation Care Program. For large groups, we use a registered bus service and all buses are equipped with seatbelts. Outlines of the transporting system will be displayed for families day by day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Location: Pacific Palms Public School

Opening Hours: 7am – 6pm, Weekdays

Co-ordinator – Brittanie Gutherson

Contact: Mb - 0477 020 377 | Email - pacificpalms@activeoosh.com.au



Find us on Facebook @ Active OOSH Pacific Palms for more information involving our holiday program



Please make sure you confirm your enrolment using MyGov to reduce your fees.



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Week 3

Monday 14th



Come along as we attempt to break some of the silliest Official Guinness World Records!



Tuesday 15th



Come along and get some glitter nails and other jewels!



Then come Tie Dye your very own OOSH shirt



Wednesday 16th



Practice your putting game or go big and try and win prizes at Tuncurry Aqua Golf!



Thursday 17th



INFLATABLE WORLD!
Jump on the bus as we have a day excursion to Inflatable World



Friday 18th



Movie Day!
Grab your FREE popcorn and drink and join us to watch the latest blockbuster!

MOVIE TBA



Week 4

Monday 21st



Clip in that helmet and burn some rubber! Try your skills on our obstacle courses for Bike & Scooter day!



Tuesday 22nd



Strap on those roller blades. We're going on an excursion to Port Macquarie's Planet X Roller Skate Rink.



Wednesday 23rd



Come along and build your own go-kart! Then race them to win the Mario Kart Cup!



Thursday 24th



Slip, Slop, Slap and throw on your swimmers as we head out to Big Buzz Fun Park for a day of fun in the sun



Friday 25th



Movie Day!
Grab your FREE popcorn and drink and join us to watch the latest blockbuster!

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**\$100
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**WEDNESDAY 4-4:45PM
MODERN/JAZZ CLASS
AGES 5-8**

**WEDNESDAY 4:45-5.30PM
MODERN/JAZZ CLASS
AGES 9-12**

CLASSES AT PACIFIC PALMS COMMUNITY HALL

**EMAIL: LEISA.BEAVIS@GMAIL.COM
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