



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL



NSWPSSA State Athletics

Congratulations to Year 5 student Lucy who competed in the 8-10 years girls shot put at the NSW PSSA Primary School Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park on Wednesday. After some very tough competition Lucy finished in 37th position in the state with a massive throw of 6.67m. Wow what a great result! We are extremely proud of you Lucy. What a fantastic year you have had and we look forward to following your progress.



Green Team - Take 3 Bell

This week the Green Team launched the 'Take 3 Bell'. The Take 3 Bell will play at the end of lunch every Monday and Wednesday. As a whole school we will stop play, pick up 3 pieces of rubbish and bin it! This great initiative will help to keep our playground rubbish free and make a positive impact on our environment. Well done to the Green Team and all Pacific Palms students. We are showing CARE for our environment.



WELCOME TO TERM 4

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Wed, 7 November	Whizzy Water visits Kindergarten
Thurs, 8 November	Whole school assembly - Stage 3 speeches and choir - everyone welcome
Fri, 9 November	Crazy Hair and Sock Day - P&C fundraiser - Gold coin donation
Tuesday, 13 November	Kindergarten Woolworths Excursion
Fri, 16 November	Happy Start commences for our 2019 Kindergarten students
Wed, 21 November	K to 2 - Pet Visit
Wed, 21 November	Yr 6 Green Team and Library Expressions of Interest
Thurs, 22 November	Whole school assembly - Kinder speeches and choir - everyone welcome
Thurs, 22 November	Leadership Team voting
Fri, 23 November	Happy Start for our 2019 Kindergarten students



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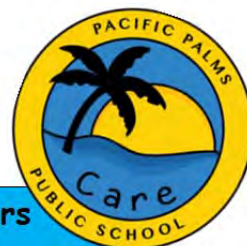
OUR STUDENTS EXCEL Cont.

Assembly Award Winners



Congratulations to our award recipients who were presented with their awards at our recent assembly. A special mention to Luke and Mrs Brislane who were presented with the Super Awesome Award from Mrs Wood. What an amazing achievement!

Photo: Luke and Mrs Brislane



Class	CARE Students	Merit Award Winners
KM	Thomas and Leilani	Otis and Sophie
K/1C	Lulu and Phoebe	Ariel and Tom
1/2H	Kayden and Lucy	Knox and Thomas
1/2M	Cianah, Floyd and Cody	Kysna, Charlotte and Ollie
1/2T	Ava and Chelsie	Marlo and Eli
1/2S	Eden and Malea	May Ann and Tristen
3G	Tilly and Ruben	Jefferson and Taj
3/4W	Luke and Will	Abbie and Zeb
3/4L	Noah and Oscar	Evie and Jesse
4/5P	Adam and Bonni	Grace and Tahlia
5/6B	Nate and Sam	Leila and Jessica
5/6L	Lucy and Swain	Shaneika and Jake
5/6S	Aaris and Jack	Vinnie and Corey



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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Students from Stage 3 recently visited our nation's capital, Canberra on an educational tour. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. They got a real taste of what our nation's capital has to offer.

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 contributed 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. We wanted to acknowledge this contribution as an important part of the trip.

Our students were excellent representatives of Pacific Palms Public School. They were well-mannered, interested and respectful at all venues. Well done everyone! **Thank you** to Mrs Brislane, Ms Williams Mr Bowkett and Dom Kunzli for giving up their family time to care for our students this week.





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Oakvale Farm

Year 1 and 2 headed off on an adventure to Oakvale Farm on Tuesday, 23 October. Students had a wonderful day led by informative guides, Amy and Angus. They patted and fed baby farm animals, enjoyed a reptile show and a koala show where they were given one on one meetings with the koala and a diamond python! Students wandered the pleasant grounds discovering birds ranging from a wedgetail eagle to a cassowary. The wildlife was fantastic and they saw camels, dingoes, ducks, wallabies and alligators to name a few. Their afternoon ended with a tractor ride and some free play on the fun kids' playground equipment. We were greatly satisfied with the awesome hands on experience and many children were talking about getting their families to visit the farm again one day.





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Great Lakes Learning Community Coding Camp

Great Lakes Learning Community Robotics Camp was held last week at Forster Campus. Students had a wonderful time collaborating with students from other schools to code three different types of robots. Here are some of their quotes from the day.

- "My favourite robot at coding camp was the EV-3 because it was cool and the coding was creative. We played soccer, relay racing and football."... Jett
- "My favourite robot was the EV3-3 because you could make it do lots of different things, like mazes and victory dances."... Nate
- "My favourite activity was probably the EV-3s because you could drive them and lift things up with the lifter. We did Olympics with the Spheros and avoided obstacles with the Dash Bots."...Charlie
- "My favourite part of the Robotics camp was the Sphero bots because they went fast and they could swim in the water. We got to play with other robots and code them."... Zac
- "Coding Camp was one of the most educational experiences of my primary school life so far and I would actually pay to do it again." ... Grace
- "I loved the Robotic camp because we played with super cool robots. My favourites were all of them because they were all AWESOME." ... Zeb
- "Coding camp was a good experience learning how to code in the different robot languages."...Emma
- "Coding camp was so inspiring and taught us about a world we never found....Technology!"...Mila
- "My favourite activity at coding camp was using the EV-3s because they could pick things up and drop objects and they were very fun. All together it was fantastic." ... Koby



Left to Right - Nate, Jett, Grace, Emma, Koby, Mila, Charlie, Sam, Zeb, Zac



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PSSA Netball Gala Day

On Friday 26 October, our Year 4 girls participated in the PSSA Netball Gala Day at Boronia Park. It was a beautiful sunny day with lots of teams ready to have a fun day. Our girls played exceptionally well and were great sports. Our team played 4 games and won all of them convincingly. They represented our school so well and I am so proud of them. A big thanks to Nick Montague for his help on the day. Well done superstar netballers!



INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments - Happy Start Program

Our Happy Start program for 2019 Kindergarten commences on Friday, 16 November. Happy Start will be held every Friday from 9.30 am to 12 noon over a four week period. Students may come to Happy Start dressed in casual clothes or their school uniform. Please wear enclosed shoes (Velcro if possible), no singlet tops and bring a hat. Parents will also need to pack some fruit and lunch for their child. If you have not returned your enrolment form please return this to the office as soon as possible.

Happy Start Dates:

- Friday, 16 November at 9:30 to 12 noon
- Friday, 23 November at 9:30 to 12 noon
- Friday, 30 November at 9:30 to 12 noon
- Friday, 7 December at 9:30 to 12 noon



2018 Year 6 Farewell Dinner

The Year 6 Graduation evening will be held on Wednesday, 12 December in our school hall from 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start. The cost for students and parents is \$20 a ticket. Please confirm your attendance and make final payment by Wednesday, 28 November. Invitations will be sent home next week.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There is so much happening in the coming weeks, it is an action-packed term and preparations are well underway for our end of year celebrations. We hope you have set aside the dates for the K-2 Concert, Year 6 Graduation and Yr 3 - Yr 6 Celebration of Success Presentation Assembly. So much to look forward to!



Maintenance and Improvements

By now many of you have seen the new signage around the school which looks fantastic. The removal of the existing rusted shade sail in the 5/6 area took place recently. A new shade sail will be installed in the coming weeks in the 5/6 area and above the sandpit. This purchase has been supported by Palms OOSH. We are also in the process of repairing significant rust damage to the external hall COLA structure. This area is fenced off during the work. Please be mindful of this space. We are also having the stairs outside 1/2T replaced and a number of doors replaced due to weather damage.



This week a new projector and screen was installed in the hall. We are looking forward to using this during lessons, assemblies and special events. Thank you to our P&C for their valuable contribution.



NSW Primary Principals Conference 2018

Over the last 3 days I attended the Primary Principal's Association conference in Sydney with 560 delegates. This afforded me valuable time with other principals, discussing the complexities, challenges and triumphs of our profession and providing support for each other. The theme this year was

Believe it, Own it, Make it happen! The keynote speakers were varied but all inspirational in their own way. One which resonated with me was the courageous and extraordinary story of Turia Pitt. She told us of her journey, her resilience and the need for all of us to show gratitude every day. She explained the importance of having motivation and consistency, and having goals, vision and dreams.





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2019 School Structure

It is that time of year again when our school starts planning for the school structure for the next year. How we structure classes for 2019 will depend on the total number of students enrolled for 2019, the staffing entitlement the Department of Education allocates and numbers in each grade. We currently have 38 Kindergarten enrolments and we are planning for 12 classes.

As always teachers are in the best professional position to make the decision about where a child should be placed for the optimum possible benefit of a child's educational progress. We know that children grow and change as they progress through school. They change socially and their associations with other children change. Academically they may need support or face additional challenges. As always, it is important to remember that students are placed in classes to enhance their learning opportunities with sound teacher professional knowledge backed by assessment, work tasks and classroom teacher observations and expertise on the educational, social and emotional growth of a child. We do welcome your input in this process if you believe there are extenuating circumstances that need to be considered when placing your child in a class for 2019. If this is so you are welcome to make a phone call to discuss this matter. Remember this process is totally confidential. Please remember that all these requests will be taken into consideration but we cannot guarantee that it will be possible to fulfil these requests, as numbers, teachers available and professional educational judgement will determine the final outcome. Classes will be formed at the end of the year for 2019 but as always may not be set until the beginning of 2019 when numbers of students on seats become apparent.



Year 6, not long now!

It is a sad time of year when we all come to the realisation that our Year 6 students will be ending their primary school education and moving onto high school. Some of them have been with us since beginning Kindergarten. That is seven years in the same school with many of the same friends and teachers. Our thoughts are with them as they come to terms with leaving the comfortable confines of our supportive little school to join the throngs of the larger population of a high school campus with multiple teachers and classrooms for the different subjects they will be learning. A huge change lies ahead not only with the school change but with growing up as well. It is not easy being a young person between childhood and adolescence. Our thoughts and wishes are with you, Year 6. Make these last weeks of primary school the best you can! Leave us with fond memories of you.



Student Reports

Teachers are currently working hard on assessment tasks, discussing work samples and writing Semester 2 Reports. A copy of the written report will be sent home on Tuesday, 18 December.



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P&C Meeting and AGM – Monday, 26 November

The P & C Association AGM is being held on Monday, 26 November at 7:00 pm after the monthly P&C Meeting at 6:30pm at The Recky. All positions will be declared vacant. There are members of the current Exec that are moving on. This gives the opportunity for some new people to be on the P&C. To ensure the successful continuation of our P&C it is crucial that these roles are filled. Please join us, we look forward to seeing you.



Early this term our P&C presented the school with a \$3000 donation towards our new Hall Projector. The P&C also generously contributed \$1500 towards the production of our school musical "Ali Baba". Thank you to our P&C and our school community for the support of our wonderful school.

Staffing

We are currently finalising teaching and support staff for 2019. More information will be available in the next newsletter when we have positions confirmed.

Mel Merchant
Principal

"We rise by lifting others."
Robert G. Ingersoll

2018 SCHOOL CHAMPION

We are in the process of selecting our School Champion for 2018. If you have any suggestions please contact Melissa Merchant.

We are looking for ex-students doing great things!



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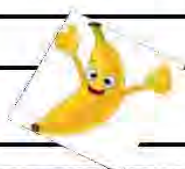
Slinky's Canteen Pacific Palms Public School Term 4 2018



Monday-Lunch Only, Tuesday- Closed, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday- Open for Lunch and Recess

Sandwiches/Toasties

Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham/Chicken & Cheese	\$3.50
Salad - lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, beetroot, cheese	\$4.00
Salad Sandwich with Ham or Chicken	\$4.50



Wraps

Salad Wrap (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, beetroot, cheese & mayo)	\$4.00
Salad Wrap with Ham or Chicken	\$4.50
Chicken Tender Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Crumbed chicken tender (sweet chilli/Plain) w/ salad, cheese, mayo & sweet chilli sauce	

Salads

Garden Salad - Aioli/Vinaigrette dressing	\$4.00
Garden Salad with Ham or Chicken	\$4.50
Crunchy Chicken Salad	\$5.00
Sliced chicken tender on garden salad with Aioli dressing	
Mini Salad- add to any lunch order	\$1.00



Hot Food

Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.20
Beef Pie	\$4.00
Crumbed Chicken Tender (GF avail)	\$1.80
Sweet Chilli or Plain	
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$3.60 9 for \$5.40
Mini Pizza (1/2 English Muffin)	\$1.70
Ham, Cheese and Pineapple	
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$3.00
Tomato or BBQ Sauce	30c



Lunch Specials

Wednesday- Fish & Chips	\$4.50
Tempura Battered Fish Pieces & Salad	

Thursday- Homemade Pizza	W \$5.00
Choice of toppings: ham, chicken, cheese, tomato, pineapple, olives	H \$3.00

Friday- Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Grilled Chicken, Salad & Mayo	

Snacks

Fresh Fruit	50c-\$1
Popcorn	20c
Vanilla Yoghurt & Fruit Sundae	\$1.00
Homemade Treats	30c-\$1
Fruit Juice Jelly Cups	60c
Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.50



Drinks

Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
Choc, Straw, V.Malt	
Juice	\$1.70
Apple, Orange, Punch, Apple & Blackcurrent	
Milo	\$1.20

Frozen Treats

Quech Fruit Juice Tubes	80c
Mini Calippo	\$1.00
Vanilla Icecream Tub	\$1.00
with Milo	\$1.20
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00



General Information

Please write child's NAME and CLASS clearly on their order
If you do not provide a bag add 10c to the order
Please alert canteen staff of any allergies when ordering
Volunteers welcome & always required

Please contact Alexis in canteen or call/text 0405 004 125



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Fri 16 Nov 6:30pm

TUNCURRY BEACH BOWLING CLUB

TIME: 6.30PM - 8PM

COST: \$5

AGES: PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS 3-6

**PRIZES AVAILABLE | FUN GAMES
CANTEEN AVAILABLE**

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

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



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HAVE A GO!



LEARN TO PLAY CRICKET

- 1 FIND YOUR LOCAL CLUB AT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU
- 2 CALL TO FIND OUT MORE OR TRIAL YOUR FIRST SESSION
- 3 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

OR

SIGN UP TO THE WOOLWORTHS
CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM TO
RECEIVE YOUR BLASTERS PACK!



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE
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SEA SHELLS CHILDCARE CENTER

PRE-SCHOOL & SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

Enrol Now

2018/2019

Book an orientation

6554 – 4397

- 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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CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Parenting Program



WEDNESDAYS

31 October – 19 December 2018

Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting Program supports and strengthens secure parent-child relationships.

When: Every Wednesday for 8 weeks

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Location: Parkside Building - Fotheringham Park,
Victoria Street Taree

Morning tea provided

To register for the program please phone: 02 6551 1800

**A relationship
based program
promoting
secure
attachment
between parents
and children**

**Secure children
have better self-
esteem &
relationships
and are better
able to handle
difficult
emotions**



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Strengthening Communities*

Ph: 02 6551 1800

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Manning Support Services Unit

Funding for this program is provided by the Department of Family and Community Services



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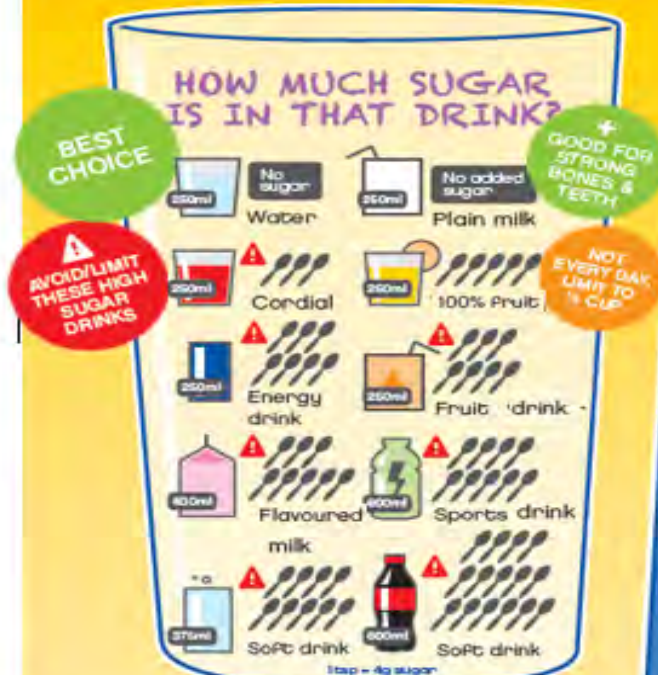
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Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar. Tap water is the best choice. In most areas, tap water contains fluoride, which helps children to develop strong teeth.



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FREE WILLS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Planning for the future—Making a Will and appointing someone to make decisions for you if you can't

None of us can predict the future, but one of the best things we can do for our family is to be prepared. You can plan for your future by making a Will, a Power of Attorney and an Appointment of Enduring Guardianship. See the back of the flyer for more details on what these mean.

WHERE?

Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service, 68a Macintosh
St Forster

WHEN?

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th November

- Wednesday 10am –11am: information session on Wills, Powers of Attorney and Appointments of Enduring Guardianship.
- After 11am you will make an appointment for that day to talk with a solicitor to prepare your Will and/or Power of Attorney and Appointment of Enduring Guardianship
- On Thursday 8th you will come back at your scheduled time to sign your documents for FREE.

Registration is essential, call:

Jane O'Dwyer at MVNS on 6553 5121 or
0497 832 079 OR

Stephanie Ping at Tobwabba AMS on
6555 6271



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*Eligibility: subject to a means test. If you are on a social security payment or low income and have less than \$20,000 in saving or assets (in addition to your home) we can help you for free.