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Colour at Palms School

On Friday, 23 November Pacific Palms Public School held a Rainbow Run to raise money for new equipment and resources. A picnic lunch burger meal was enjoyed by all followed by an obstacle course run by teachers and volunteer parents. All children wore white t-shirts so the colour would show up better. There were lots of different obstacles including tyres, hanging pool noodles, stepping stones and much more. All of the kids loved the colour run.

"My favourite part was when I got colour on me. I wish we could have even more water to cool us down"
- Nash Kindergarten

The school would like to thank:

- Smith's Lake Butchery
- Coles
- Woolworths
- Aldi
- Bakers Delight
- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Jacqui from sweatSHED
- Kath and Les Cheers
- Mike Cheers
- Selena, Mylee and Sarah
- Helena, Simon, Shellee and Lynsey
- All of the other parent helpers

Written by Archie – 5/6L





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END OF YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Tues, 4 Dec	Year 6 High School Orientation Day @ Great Lakes College Forster Campus
Fri, 7 Dec	Last Happy Start and Teddy Bears Picnic for 2019 Kindergarten
Wed, 12 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Disco - Kinder to Year 2 Disco @ 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Students wear school uniform.• Year 6 Graduation in the hall commences at 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start.• Senior Dance (Year 3 – Year 6) from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the hall.
Fri, 14 Dec	Junior Concert (Kinder to Year 2) @ 10.00 am in the hall. Family and friends please join us to celebrate the year.

FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL - EVENTS CALENDER

Mon, 17 Dec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Challenge Day – students will get the chance to show their creative side by participating in a challenging activity.• Reports sent home.• Senior Celebration of Success (Year 3 to Year 6) from 6.00 pm sharp in the hall. Students please wear full school uniform. Our choir, percussion and Stage 2 recorder groups will be entertaining us.
Tues, 18 Dec	Beach/Water Play Day – all classes will enjoy a beach visit. More information to come.
Wed, 19 Dec	Last day for students. "Pacific Palms' Got Talent" Grand Finale @ 9.30 am in the hall. Year 6 shirt signing and Year 6 march out @ 2.15 pm in the hall - parents invited.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K – 2 Home Readers are now overdue – please return them to school as soon as possible• Please return all Library books to school for stocktake – Overdue notices have been sent home.	



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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

2019 Student Leadership Team Announced



Indie, Sophie, Mila, Aaris, Mrs Merchant, Lachlan, Gus, Rohan, Nate

It was very exciting to announce our 2019 Student Leadership team on Monday afternoon. Congratulations to Indie, Sophie, Mila, Aaris, Lachlan, Gus, Rohan and Nate. The 2019 Student Leadership team presented their speeches on Thursday and students in Year 2 to Year 5 were then given the opportunity to vote. Badges will be presented at our Senior Celebration of Success night on Monday, 17 December 2018. We are very proud of all students who were prepared to try out for these roles. Voting was quite close so all children should feel very proud. Other leadership opportunities for next year include Sport House Captains, Green Team, Library Monitors and our Kinder Buddies program.



AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS QUEENSLAND - AUSTRALIA



From Friday, 23 November to Sunday, 25 November our Futsal team participated in the Australasian Champion of Champions in Brisbane Queensland. After qualifying at the state championships our team faced the very best from across numerous states. Our Futsal team played 7 pool games across three days coming up against some highly skilled and well drilled teams. Our team was able to taste victory against Manning Valley Anglican College and drew against Camden Haven High School. Although other results did not go our way the team demonstrated a fighting spirit that challenged some of the top teams in the competition. A fantastic effort! A huge thank you to Pete Masterantonio for his generous time and expertise in coaching the side. A huge thank you must also be extended to all the parents and caregivers for transporting and accommodating the team. Lastly, to our gallant Futsal team you represented our school with outstanding sportsmanship, skill and camaraderie. Well done we are very proud of you all.





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Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to our assembly award recipients who were presented with their awards at our last two assemblies. A special mention to Lilly, Mrs Edwards, Shem and Peter Masterantonio who were presented with Super Awesome Awards from Mrs Merchant. What an amazing achievement!



Mrs Edwards, Lilly and Mrs Merchant



Mrs Merchant and Shem



Pete Masterantonio and Mrs Merchant

Assembly Award winners – Week 4 and Week 6 Assemblies



Class	CARE Students Week 4	Merit Award Winners - Week 4	CARE Students Week 6	Merit Award Winners - Week 6
KM	Max/Sophia	Layla/Clay	Chloe/	Ziggy/Nash
K/1C	Chase/Sienna	Tom/Tao	Grace/Tasman	Saxon
1/2H	Jonah/Sasha	Harlo/Hunter	Isabelle/Joe/Addison	Kaylee/Jordan
1/2M	Kai/Yasmin	Lucy/Indi	Bella/Callum	Ozzy/Kodhi/Van
1/2T	Kenzie/Lennox	William/Matilde	Jett/Kayne	Sienna/Libby
1/2S	Aaliyah/Rhys/Emily	Angus/Alice	Alex/Archie/Omar	Rasta/Leilani/Lachlan
3G	Lila/Jaiden	Jye/India	Charli/Millie	Alex/Jeff
3/4W	Harper/Teal	Hunter/Sam	Olivia/Zack	Jayce/Indigo
3/4L	Beau/Sam	Zac/Audrey	Delaney/Emma/Beau	Noah/Lillian
4/5P	Emily/Jacey	Charlie/JD	Brodie/Darcy	Tarj/Grace
5/6B	Matt/Emma	Jarrad/Abbie	Daniel/Elijah	Peyton/Liam
5/6L	Cabe/Jett	Charlie/Freya	Rohan/Jayden	Cody/Olivia
5/6S	Ayden/Brooke	Joel/Jie	Kiesha/Mitchell	Xavier/Darci
Mrs D	Mechaella/Alex/May Ann/Aurora/Cooper			



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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Kinder Woolworths Excursion

Kindergarten and teachers travelled by bus to Tuncurry for their excursion on Tuesday, 13 November. We had a very informative guided tour of the fruit and vegetable section at Woolworths, with taste testing and even a 'guessing the hidden fruit game'. Students were able to see how fruit and vegetables are stored and also had a look at the bakery section. Next stop was the fish co-op where we viewed many sea creatures and even got to see some fishermen getting their nets and trawler ready to head out to sea to catch some fish. Lunch was at Lone Pine Park followed by a fun play on the equipment. It was a great day of learning and spending time together in the sunshine.

Students from both classes were asked what they liked best about the excursion:

"I loved the park"

"I liked everything"

"The bus was fun"

"Having lunch at the park"

"The green bags from Woolworths"

"The mango"





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Happy Start – Kindergarten 2019

Our 2019 Kindergarten students have been eagerly attending our Happy Start program. It has been very exciting for the rest of the school to have our new Kindergarten students visiting and we look forward to getting to know them next year. Thank you to our Year 5 students for being so very friendly and helpful in looking after their new buddies. Our final day of Happy Start will be Friday, 7 December. Students are encouraged to bring in a teddy bear for our Teddy Bears Picnic.



Pet Visit – Kinder to Year 2

Kindergarten to Year 2 students had a fantastic morning last Wednesday participating in the Responsible Pet Program. Students talked and role played different scenarios including how to approach a strange dog.

Students learnt to **STOP – ASK – SMELL – PAT**

Our students all loved getting to meet Stealer the Border Collie.





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS



2018 Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Our annual Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 12 December in our school hall from 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start. Please confirm your attendance ASAP and make final payments as this is a catered event. The cost for students and parents is \$20 a ticket. We are looking forward to sharing this special time with our Year 6 students and their families in celebrating their primary school years.

Carols by Candlelight at Tiona

Our school choir has been invited to sing a Christmas medley at Carols by Candlelight at Tiona on Sunday, 9 December commencing at 6.30 pm. Choir students performing at Carols by Candlelight should wear Christmas colours. We look forward to seeing you there.



P & C NEWS

Crazy Hair and Sock Day

Thank you to everyone that supported our P&C for Crazy Hair and Sock Day. We raised over \$300.





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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the BYOD information session and/or returned the Stage 2 survey note earlier in the year. We really value your contributions and feedback. We are continuing our work with community consultation and analysis of surveys about the implementation of BYOD at our school. Our teachers are still very supportive of the program and the aim is to use personal mobile devices at school to deepen learning, to enhance personalised and student-centred and meet the expectations of teachers, students, parents and caregivers.

In accordance with the department Student Bring Your Own Device Policy (BYOD) <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/student-bring-your-own-device-policy-byod> we will work through the consultative and guideline development processes in 2019.

Initial parent surveys for starting BYOD in 2019 (92 students in Year 3 & 4) included: 22 yes, 7 undecided, 10 No and 54 no response.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 is buzzing along quickly. There is so much happening in the final 14 school days!! 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 Years 3-6 Celebration of Success Presentation Assembly. So much to look forward to!

2019 School Structure/Staffing

It is that time of year again when our school starts planning for the 2019 school year. How we structure classes for 2019 will depend on the total number of students enrolled, the staffing entitlement from the Department of Education and numbers in each grade. Based on the information that we have to date regarding continuing enrolments and new enrolments, we have begun the process of allocating students into 12 class groups for 2019. This is a lengthy process and takes considerable time to ensure that students are placed in the most appropriate class grouping. We anticipate that there will be a number of composite classes.

Cooler Classrooms Grant

We received news this week from Stephen Bromhead MP that we were successful in our application for air conditioning + solar panels + smart metre. We will find out more soon about how many classrooms will be fitted.

*"School Infrastructure NSW is pleased to advise that your Pacific Palms Public School's application for funding as part of the Cooler Classrooms Program has been **successful**. School Infrastructure NSW will be in contact to organise a date for the due diligence team to visit your school. We will provide another update on the Cooler Classrooms Program before the end of Term 4 this year. Congratulations on your successful application. We look forward to working with you to provide better learning environments to improve educational outcomes."*



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Rainbow Run

What an amazing day it was! The total profit from the fundraising, donations and BBQ was a profit of:

\$12,902

What an amazing effort from our community and a great day of colourful, active fun. Thank you to Miss Williams, Mr Hughes and Miss Murray, all our volunteers and the support of local businesses.



Emergency Defibrillator

Pacific Palms Real Estate has very generously donated funds for our school to purchase an Emergency Defibrillator which will be stored on the back wall of our hall. This is a community resource and is available to anyone to use during an emergency. We will be offering a training session to community groups in the area eg. cricket, soccer, surf club, dentist, Blueys businesses etc. We are very grateful for this resource in our area and hope we never have the need to use it.

*Mrs Merchant and Matt Healey
Sales Manager at Pacific Palms Real Estate*



P & C AGM

Congratulations to our 2019 P & C Executive Committee:

- President: Jodie Dries
- Vice President x2: Casual vacancy
- Secretary: Brenda Hall
- Treasurer: Henry Joyce

If you are interested in joining the committee please come along to the first P & C General Meeting next year. There will be a call for nominations for the vice president roles. Thank you to our outgoing committee members Kate Wrigley and Shara Smith. We thank them for the hard work and dedication throughout the year.

P & C Donations to our school Oct 2017 – Oct 2018

Thank you to the P & C and our families and community for helping raise valuable funds to support our school.

This is where your donations have been spent this year:

- \$15,000 Home Readers (K-2) and English Concepts rich literature texts and picture books (Yr 3-Yr 6)
- \$1,370 Blue Bots (robotics and coding in classrooms)
- \$1,500 Performance (costumes/staging)
- \$3,000 Hall Laser Projector and screen installed (total cost \$10,000)



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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 Monday, 17 December.



Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea

We are extremely fortunate within our community to have a wide array of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has helped us out over the past 12 months - many of whom were able to join us for afternoon tea today. Many thanks to Gate and Bee and the P&C Exec for their support with preparing for this function!



Mel Merchant
Principal

"We don't need schools that make kids memorise the names of planets. We need schools that inspire kids to find new planets." Trish Flanagan



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Carols by Candle Light!



December 9, 2018 ---6.30 for 7pm

All Welcome!

In Front of Tiona Conference Centre

Bring a chair, rug, a smile and a song....

Sausage Sizzle from 6.30 for 7pm

Coffee Van

Featuring PJ Willis, Pacific Palms School Choir, Nicolette Black, Jumping Fleas Ukelele Band, Bob Symington on Keyboard, Green Cathedral Community Choir, Santa & YOI

Donations to Marine Rescue





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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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Good for Kids good for life

INCREASING VEGETABLE INTAKE

Did you know?

Only 5% of children in NSW consume the recommended daily serves of vegetables? Kids aged 5-13 should be eating 4.5 to 5.5 serves of vegetables each day.

What is a serve?



Source: www.eatforhealth.gov.au

How can I get my kids to eat more vegetables?

- Involve your children in grocery shopping and meal preparation.
- Add easy to eat vegetables to the lunchbox.



- Make it fun! Try making vegetable skewers or create funny faces out of vegetables.
- Keep trying, serve vegetables in different ways to see how they like to eat them.
- Be a good role model and eat plenty of vegetables in front of your kids.



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