



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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EDUCATION WEEK



Pacific Palms Public School students and staff enthusiastically celebrated Education Week this week. Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievement and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW schools. Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents, friends and community members that helped us celebrate Education Week. The theme of Education Week this year is “Every student, every voice”. It is a theme that underpins our ambition for every student in our schools to be known, valued and cared for. It is a celebration of student empowerment. Congratulations to all our wonderful students who received a special Education Award for showing respect and authentic participation – two of the key messages of Education Week 2019. It was also fabulous to watch our Yr 1/Yr 2 choir, Stage 2 recorder ensemble, Kindergarten and Stage 3 students perform on the day.



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday 21 August	Walk to School Day
Thursday 22 August	Book Week – Book Parade – “Reading is my Secret Power”
Friday, 23 August	PSSA Manning Zone Boys Soccer Gala Day
Monday 26 August	P&C Meeting at 1 pm in the Oosh room
Thursday 29 August	Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 29 August	Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Night
Friday 30 August	Hunter Athletics Carnival for qualifying students



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Education Week Award Winners

Congratulations to our Education Week award recipients who were presented with their awards at our open day assembly on Tuesday.

Education Week Respect and Participation Awards		
Class		
KC	Saxon	Beatrix
KM	Daisy	Jonah
1/2H	Grace	Chloe
1/2K	Kenzie	Leilani
1/2S	Ava	Harlo
2/3G	Yasmin	Rasta
3/4C	Lilly	Luke
3/4W	Audrey	Harper
4/5P	Luke	Pippa
5/6L	Emma	Charlie
5/6B	Jesse	Emily
5/6K	Noah	Eve





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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Great Lakes Learning Community (GLLC) Academic Assembly

On Wednesday 7 August, as part of Education Week celebrations, Great Lakes Learning Community held an Academic Assembly at Tuncurry Bowling Club to recognise high academic achievers in Year 3 through to Year 12. Students from Forster, Hallidays Point, Nahiack, Bungwahl and Tuncurry Public Schools and Great Lakes College Forster and Tuncurry Campuses and Great Lakes College Senior Campus were all in attendance. The following students from our school were presented with awards rewarding outstanding academic achievement across all aspects of learning. Congratulations to all our award recipients:

Alice	Year 3	Milla	Year 5
Hannah		Grace	
Joe		Emma	
Max		Noah	
Malea		Adam	
Ruben	Year 4	Mila	Year 6
Amelie		Nate	
Millie		Rohan	
Lillian		Sam	
Vann		Aaris	



Year 3 – Max, Joe, Alice, Hannah, Malea (absent)



Year 4 – Vann, Millie, Lillian, Amelie, Ruben (absent)



Year 5 – Emma, Milla, Noah, Grace, Adam (absent)



Year 6 – Sam, Aaris, Rohan, Nate, Mila (absent)



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Manning Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 2 August 40 of our talented athletes represented our school at the Manning 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 Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday, 30 August.



Back Row
(Left to Right)

- ★ Lucy
- ★ Marissa
- ★ Aaris
- ★ Indie
- ★ Eve

Front Row:
(Left to Right)

- ★ Ozzy
- ★ Lillian
- ★ Wendy
- ★ Darcy
- ★ Emma
- ★ Kirra
- ★ Isabella



Our 2019 Zone Athletics Team



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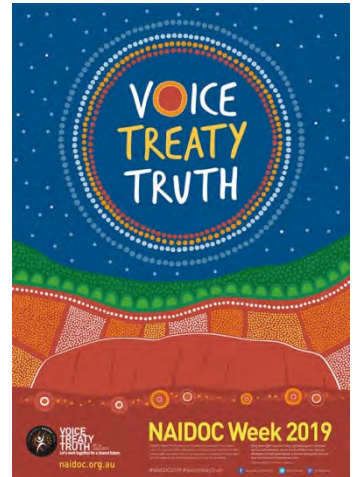


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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

NAIDOC Celebrations

Our NAIDOC celebrations were held on Wednesday 24 July and Thursday 25 July. NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Stephen Brereton hosted lessons for every class and students learnt Gathang and about the local history of the Worimi culture. Each stage designed and created special items that will be used to promote our Worimi culture around the school. Kindergarten created dot animals which are displayed in their classrooms. Year 1 and Year 2 created three mosaic dolphins which will be displayed around the school once completed. Year 3 and Year 4 created story books using a local Worimi dreamtime story. These books will be published for the school library and classrooms. Our Year 5 and Year 6 created signs that will be displayed around the school in Gathang. Students and staff loved the two days and are still using Gathang when greeting staff.





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS



Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Night

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. Information has been distributed to local preschools and child care facilities. Our 2020 Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday 29 August at 6.00 pm in the Kindergarten rooms. If you have any questions regarding enrolments for Kindergarten 2020, 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 9 September to Friday 13 September. Students will be picked up from school 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 \$33.00 payment to the front office as soon as possible.



Voluntary Contribution Fee and Resource Levy

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contribution and Resource Levy. Statements were sent home earlier this term. The Voluntary Contribution Fee for 2019 has been set at \$35 per child. The Voluntary Contribution fee is capped at \$70 per family and goes towards general school costs. The Resource Levy has been set at \$50 per student and covers such things as exercise books, pencils, art supplies and access to Reading Eggs. Payment can be made at the front office. EFTPOS facilities are available. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Adventureland Excursion – Year 3 and Year 4

Thank you to those parents who are making regular payments towards camp. There are only 6 weeks remaining until we require all payments to be finalised by Monday, 23 September. Our students are getting very excited and are looking forward to our Adventureland excursion in Term 4. The camp aims to provide our students with an opportunity to interact with their friends outside of school, participate in team building activities, challenge themselves, develop self-confidence and have some fun! Some of the camp activities include sailing, rock climbing, waterslides as well as a multitude of high ropes, tree top courses, giant swings and flying foxes and so much more. More information will be given out to students as the camp gets closer.





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LIBRARY LISTENINGS

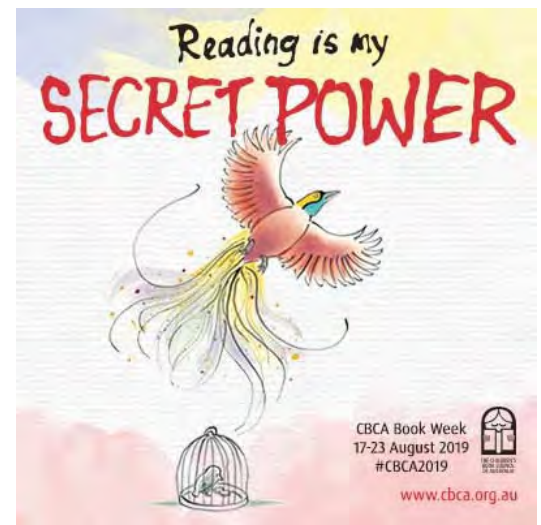
Book Week – Thursday, 22 August 2019

We invite family and friends to come along to share in our wonderful Book Week celebrations. This year’s theme is “Reading is my Secret Power”. We will start the day with family reading time. Books can be selected from students’ classrooms or the library to read together. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your children the value of reading.

- 10.00 am – 10.30 am Family reading time across the school and morning tea
- 10.30 am – 11.30 am Book Character Parade K-6
- 11.30 am – 12.20 pm Picnic Lunch – Meal Deal

A Book Week Meal Deal will be available for students to order either Butter Chicken or Roast Beef and Gravy Roll. Please return Meal Deal orders by Friday, 16 August

The Library Team



P & C NEWS

My Community Project - “New Playground for Children of Pacific Palms Public School”

Time is running out!!!! Please help our P&C by voting for our Community Project “New Playground for Children of Pacific Palms Public School”. Voting opened for the Myall Lakes electorate on 25 June 2019 and will close on 15 August 2019 – next week!!!!.

To vote visit <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>



FETE - Saturday 26 October from 10 am to 2 pm

We are seeking volunteers to help at the Fete. If you have some time available or have any questions about volunteering, please get in touch with Fran Gatenby via email at frangates2011@hotmail.com

Looking forward to hearing from you.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who joined us this week at our open day to celebrate Education Week. The students and staff love to see the community sharing in their achievements. I was very proud of the students' displays, classrooms and behaviour. The Year 1/Year 2 choir, Kindergarten and recorder were superb. Thank you also to the wonderful staff at Pacific Palms Public School that work as a team to support every student and each other. Congratulations to our Year 6 Leadership Team, who maturely and capably ran the assembly.



**Ed.
week**
Aug 5th - 9th
2019

I am incredibly proud of the innovative teaching and learning that occurs in our school to ensure that every student can perform to their full potential. We want every child in our schools to be known, valued and cared for. Education Week is a wonderful time to celebrate this. Congratulations to all our students this week that represented the school at the Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Excellence Assembly!

Kindergarten 2020 Information Night

On this night we will be showcasing what Pacific Palms Public School has to offer your child as they begin an exciting transition into "Big School".



If you are unable to attend or know of any students who will be starting, please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/primary-school-enrolment>



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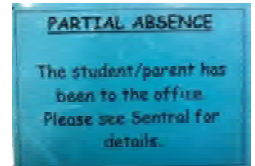


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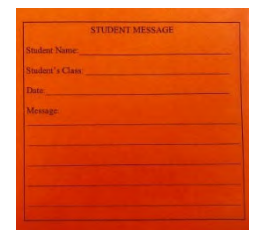
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Reminder

If your child is late to school after 9.00 am or is picked up early before 3pm, please come via the front office to pick up a blue card. This ensures that your child is recorded in our online system, which helps us with safety and attendance data.



If you or a family member have an urgent/important message for your child/ren, please call the office BEFORE 2:30 pm and we will send the message using our orange note to the child in the class. As this is the busiest time for our front office staff, we ask that you do not use this system to arrange play dates and personal messages please. We thank you for your consideration.

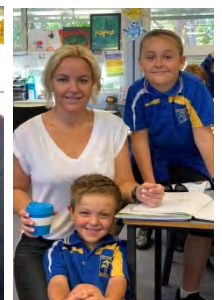


I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teaching, SLSO and SASS staff, for your ongoing support and commitment to the children and families of PPPS. You are amazing people who work tirelessly and selflessly to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. I personally appreciate all that you do very much. Thank you.

Yours in learning

Melissa Merchant
Principal

“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.” – Carol Dweck





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Please help us by voting for our Community Project



“NEW PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN OF PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL”



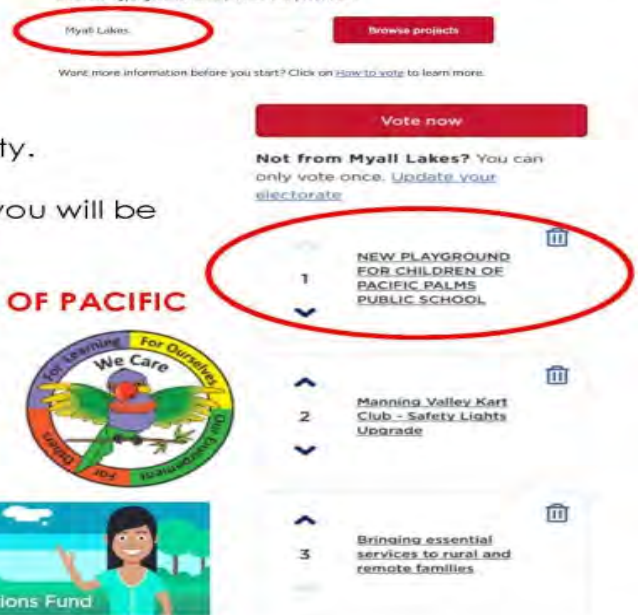
Visit mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au to view our school project and vote now!



Vote for your favourite projects

My Community Project funds projects in each NSW electorate to help improve the wellbeing of people and communities. Successful projects will be determined through a public vote and the projects that receive the most support will receive funding. Up to \$260,000 is available for each electorate. My Community Project is made possible by the NSW Generations Fund.

To get started, browse projects by selecting your electorate from the dropdown menu or type your address, suburb or postcode.



1. Select Myall Lakes Electorate
2. Zoom into the map to view the projects.
3. You will need to shortlist three projects.
4. You will also need to log into your ServiceNSW Account. Have your medicare card handy to verify your identity.
5. Once you have shortlisted three projects you will be able to vote.

Ensure “NEW PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN OF PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL” is in position 1.

6. You will then be able to submit your vote.





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Pacific Palms Public School



Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening



Thursday August 29th 2019

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Kindergarten Rooms

Pacific Palms Public School would like to invite you to attend our **Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening**. On this night we will be showcasing what Pacific Palms Public School has to offer your child as they begin an exciting transition into ‘Big School.’ The information night will provide you with an opportunity to meet our teachers.

Our friendly staff will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you might have about your child starting Kindergarten. You will also have an opportunity to hear about the learning programs that your child will have access to next year. Our P & C will be there to show school uniforms and talk about the canteen. There will be an information pack to take home in a school library bag for your child.

We will also be outlining the exciting transition to school program ‘Happy Start’ for your child, that will commence at the start of November.

Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are all welcome. Younger siblings can attend too, child minding will be provided by OOSH.

If you have any further questions please contact the school on 6554 0249 or visit our website www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home





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MOVIN&GROOVIN PROGRAMS ARE BACK FOR TERM 3!

Drama and Hip-Hop classes for ages 5-10

In Drama we incorporate activities and skits that teach some of the fundamentals of acting but assist with shyness, social speaking, and self-expression.

In Hip-Hop we learn different moves, come up with dances together, and shake out the long week. We start each class with a free dance which allows the children to explore their own moves in an encouraging and safe environment.

Our main goal with these programs is to teach something fun and new to the children in the area while instilling confidence, social skills and togetherness.

\$100 for the term *Discounts for families with 2 children attending or for students attending both programs



Drama Dates

Mondays 3 – 4 pm

29 July – 23 Sept

Hip-Hop Dates

Fridays 3 – 4 pm

2 Aug – 27 Sept

Mrs Dani meets students at the stage stairs (cola) and we walk over to class together

MOVIN&GROOVIN

FB: @MovinGroovinNSW
Save your spot by booking today!

Text or Call

Dani Carr
0455-488-962



COME AND JOIN LITTLE ATHLETICS START DATE: 9/09/19

FREE TRIAL DAYS: 26/08/19 & 2/09/18

TINY TOTS: 4-5 YEAR OLDS

LITTLE ATHLETES: 6-17 YEAR OLDS

MONDAY'S 4.30PM-6.00PM

≡≡≡ (TINY TOTS 45MIN) ≡≡≡

REGISTER ONLINE OR SEE FACEBOOK

FOR MORE DETAILS

@FORSTERTUNCURRYLITTLEATHLETICS



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Comedy for a Cause

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019


Doors: 6.30pm / Show: 8pm / 18+

Complimentary shuttle bus available btw 10:30-11:10pm for Tiona to Tarbuk Bay residents.

Featuring comedians from
**Sydney & Melbourne
International
Comedy Festivals**

**BOOK NOW!
\$30**

comedyforacause.net/PALMS

 **Pacific Palms
Surf Life Saving Club**
Lakeside Crescent
Elizabeth Beach, Pacific Palms



Dinner by Kempl available for purchase.

In Support of:

Pacific Palms SLSC



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Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Classes



Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes are beginning in Pacific Palms!

*"There is no losing in Jiu-Jitsu. You either win or you learn."
- Carlos Gracie Jr.*

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is so much more than just a sport, it's a lifestyle. We believe that the practice of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is seen as a means to individual development and personal growth. Strength, self-awareness, respect, discipline and responsibility are common core values. It is why its used within schools to help fight against bullying!

Come see for yourself why this sport is becoming one of the most sort out martial arts in the world.

Classes will begin **Monday July 29th:**

- Kids 4 - 8 yrs: 3.45pm - 4.30pm
- Kids 9 - 13 yrs: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Teenagers 14 - 17 yrs: 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Adults: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Your first class is FREE - so come and get a feel for it. Please make sure you advise us if your coming to class, so we have an idea on numbers! Students require a Jiu Jitsu GI to participate. For the first 2 weeks they don't need one, but if they wish to continue, it will be a requirement. Please talk to Sophie or Luis at class about where to get one!

For more information telephone Sophie on 0421 846 618 or Luis on 0481 717 545 to discuss anything further.

See you on the mats. OSS

FIRST CLASS IS FREE!

Kids: \$15
Adults: \$25

Please arrive 15 minutes before class, so you have enough time to prepare for practice.

Location: Pacific Palms Community Centre, Lakes Way, Pacific Palms

Mobile: 0421 846 618 or 0481 717 545

Coach Luis Roldan - Purple Belt

under Gustavo Pinto (Guga) Black Belt 4th Degree



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Fri 23 Aug 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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Junior Writers Club Presents



AUSTRALIA'S

BIGGEST

Poetry Competition

For Kids

Entries Close Friday 27th September 2019

Winners announced Friday 18th of October 2019

WHAT TO DO

- 1) Write a 4 to 12 line poem that has a positive and/or encouraging message of some kind.
- 2) Complete the online entry form.
- 3) Maybe WIN a cool prize.

FREE ENTRY

FOR 8 -12
YEAR OLDS

For **COMPETITION DETAILS** go to

www.juniorwritersclub.com.au

or Email: ian@ianmcintosh.com.au or call 0402 907 333



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TICKETS
ON SALE
NOW

Spring Ball

You are invited to the Forster Primary School

2019 SPRING BALL

Enjoy an evening of canapés, grazing boards
& entertainment

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Cape Hawke Surf Club - Palm Place, Forster

6.30pm until 11pm

\$75 per ticket

Join us for a fun filled evening of auctions, games and surprises.
All profits from the evening will contribute toward new fixed playground
equipment installations throughout the school.
Classes will be designing and painting artwork which will be displayed
prior to the ball and auctioned off on the night.

Dress: Semi Formal (Adults only event)

Tickets are for sale in the front office with cash or cheque,
or online using a credit card via link <https://www.trybooking.com/BEJIT>
To keep track of tickets, online people will need to contact the front office with
their receipt so that a paper ticket with ticket number can be arranged.

