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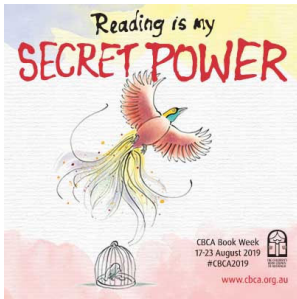
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2019 BOOK WEEK



Our Book Week enthusiasm again this year was amazing. It was wonderful to see our students and staff embrace the book character dress up and parade. Book week provides a special focus for the library, with the opportunity to showcase the best of children’s literature for 2019. A huge hoorah to our parents and extended community for their wholehearted support of this fun and exciting event. Thank you to our P&C for running a yummy coffee/tea and cake stall. Thank you to Lexi for the delicious Meal Deal. The butter chicken and beef and gravy rolls were enjoyed by all.

Michelle Lowry & Tash Macarthur



IMPORTANT TERM 3 DIARY DATES

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

| UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDAR | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Thursday, 5 September | Year 6 Careers Visit |
| Friday, 6 September | Zone Netball Gala Day |
| 9 Sept to 13 Sept | Year 2 Swim School all week |
| Monday, 16 September | P&C Meeting at The Recky at 7.00 pm. All welcome. |
| Friday, 20 September | Zone Touch Gala Day |
| Monday, 23 September | Year 3/Year 4 AdventureLand camp payments due |
| Thursday, 26 September | Assembly at 2.00 pm in the hall. All welcome. |



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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL



Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who travelled to Newcastle today to represent our school at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival. We cannot wait to hear how everyone performed.

Back Row: Lucy, Marissa, Aaris, Indie, Eve

Front Row: Ozzy, Lilly, Wendy, Darcy, Emma, Kirra, Isabella

Absent: Sione

PSSA Soccer Gala Day

Last Friday, our school sent two teams to the Manning PSSA Soccer Gala Day at Wingham. The teams were mixed ages with boys from Years 3 and 4 playing alongside boys from Years 5 and 6. Everyone played in the spirit of the day with plenty of passing and encouraging each other. Thank you to all the parents who were able to help with transporting the students. Also, a huge thank you to Trent Parmenter who stepped in and coached the White Team in Division 1.



Back Row: Zac, Bodhi, Vinnie, Liam, Charlie, Matt, Rohan, Gus, Joe, Darcy, Nate, Swain. Middle/Front Row: Callum, James, Noah, Lennox, Luke, Adam, Jaspa, Jett, Max, Reef, Darcy, Jye



Sarah Little from Homebase with

Kaylee, Lilly, Ava and Isabelle



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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

1/2S Science and Technology

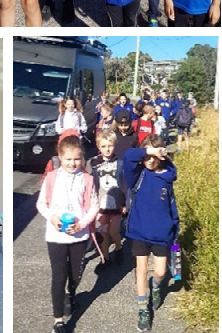
In science and technology, students in Stage 1 are learning about how sounds are produced and detected in our environment. They looked at sound waves which are caused by vibrations interacting with objects in our surroundings. They made tissue box guitars and experimented with the vibrations of the strings (elastics). They had so much fun! Mrs Newton



Walk to School Day – Wednesday 21 August



On Wednesday 21 August Pacific Palms Public School held our Walk Safely to School Day in beautiful sunny weather. On arrival students, teachers and parents enjoyed a healthy breakfast in the COLA. Walk Safely to School Day is not only fun but gives our students an opportunity to practise road safety, fitness and promote less use of cars in our environment. A big thank you to: all the wonderful school staff who supervised our students; to those assisting in the canteen for the breakfast; and to OOSH and our friendly school bus drivers for their enthusiastic and practical support. Thank you to everyone who donated a gold coin. We raised \$265 for a very worthy charity Head Space. Head Space is a national organisation providing a range of mental health support services to young people.





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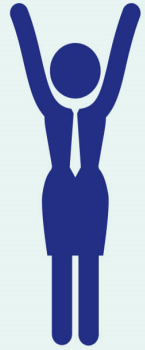


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How physical activity benefits mental health

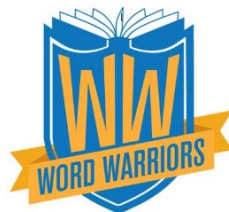
-  Enhance psychological wellbeing
-  Improve self-perception and self-esteem
-  Improve sleep quality
-  Improve mood
-  Reduce anxiety and fatigue



FROM LEARNING AND SUPPORT

In Word Warriors we are learning to use digraphs to improve our reading, writing and spelling

We do writing, reading and spelling using digraphs. We colour code in our books and Mrs Tavener helps us to learn and get smarter than before.



Conquering words to build our learning powers!

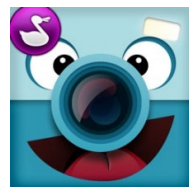
WRITERS AT WORK

We learn how to write digraphs properly to use in reading and writing. This helps us a lot with our sentences.

In Word Warriors we learn about sounds and we read too.



We use Chatterpix to make pictures talk. We write what our pictures say.



We have used Chatterpix to help us write sentences and we have fun with Chatterpix.

We've been using Chatterpix to make pictures talk and help us write better sentences.

We are using Chatterpix to help us write.

By: Teal, Ryan, Cody, Alex T., Chase



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YEAR 1 EARLY LITERACY INTERVENTION:

In Word Warriors with Mrs Dorfling, we read new books, we make interesting sentences and we challenge ourselves!

By: Clay, Sienna, Max, Layla and Tyler



When I go to Mrs D, I learn fun stuff. Reading books and writing stories is getting easier. I’m reading at home more too!

By: Connor



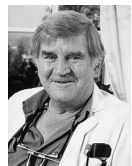
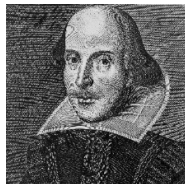
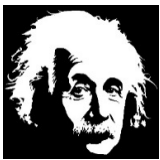
All children deserve to experience the magic and wonder that reading and writing can unlock

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

This term, seven of our Year 5 students have been given the fantastic opportunity to research a notable leader. At the end of the term we will be giving a presentation about them and why they are a notable. A notable leader is a person who has made a difference to the world or a place. Every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, our group begins by looking at the timeline Mrs Tavener has set us, then starts or completes whichever task is due that week.

In Week 10, we present our research at a “Night of the Notables”, members of the community are invited to come and view our presentations. The notable leaders that we have chosen are: Adam Goodes, Malala Yousafzai, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, JK Rowling, Fred Hollows, Adolf Hitler and Robert Goddard. All of whom have made a difference to our world. This will link with our leadership study in Term 4.

By: Milla, Emma, Charlie, Jake, Grace, Zeb, Noah and Adam



where

**Night of the Notables:
Wednesday, 25th September**

in the school hall. All welcome. Claim the date now! (Time to be confirmed) Come, meet and spend some time with our notable leaders. This will be a fun and informative night for all ages!





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS



Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. Information has been distributed to local preschools and child care facilities. Our 2020 Kindergarten Parent Information Night was 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 3 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. Medical notes and camp permission notes were sent home this week. 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.



Adventureland Forster



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P & C NEWS



Come along and join us for some family fun at the Pacific Palms Family Fair. The children will love the rides, face painting, craft activities and sweet treats. The adults will head down for the live music, food stalls to tantalise the taste buds, the live auction with fantastic prizes and the chance to bag a bargain. Free entry. Rides \$5 each or \$25 for an all-day pass! All funds raised will go towards supporting the children at Pacific Palms Public School. 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten 2020

Thank you to those families who attended the Kindergarten information evening on Thursday 29 August. If you were 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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School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week

Thank you to the incredible work of our support staff. Our school community recognises and acknowledges the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff undertake in school. SASS has vital roles in the success of our school community including our amazing ladies in the office, Mrs Salt, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Dickson. Our magnificent School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Jones, Mrs Healey, Mrs MacArthur, Mrs Read, Mrs Shoemsmith and Dom. Our wonderful General Assistant, Mr Wood  and Lexi in the canteen.

Thank you to all of you for everything you do to support students, staff and families at Pacific Palms PS.



Yours in learning

Melissa Merchant
Principal

I'm inspired by teachers. But it is not only their lessons that I find inspiring. It is their energy... their heart.. and their passion, that impress me. Our teachers make school a better place just by walking in the door.



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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 Tarbuck 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 Kemplab available for purchase.

In Support of:

Pacific Palms SLSC



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**Junior Writers Club
Presents**



AUSTRALIA'S

BIGGEST

Poetry Competition

For Kids

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.

Entries Close Friday 27th September 2019
Winners announced Friday 18th of October 2019

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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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.



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Located at Elizabeth Beach Pacific Palms



Come On Down and Join in the Water Fun

The club will commence Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate courses on Sunday 22nd September in the clubhouse at 11am.

Bronze Medallion Candidates are required to be 15 years of age before the end of December 2019, be a member of the club and have completed a 400m timed pool swim in under 9 minutes. Evidence is required.

Surf Rescue certificate Candidates are required to be 13 years of age before the end of December 2019; be club member (nipper or active) and have completed a 200m timed pool swim in under 5 minutes. Evidence is required.

These two awards are part of the pathway towards Certificate 11 Public Safety, Aquatic Rescue. They are the entry-level courses for paid lifeguards and all volunteer patrolling lifesavers. Including those wishing to support Nippers in the water on Sundays. Adults can do the SRC and still do water safety, you do not have to do the Bronze medallion to support nippers in the water and or do patrols.

If you are interested in gaining these awards and joining in the fun on the beach, patrols, supporting nippers, getting fit, competition and/or social events that the club holds.

Contact Janne at education@pacificpalmslsc.org.au



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Dear Parents and Carers

For the next 5 weeks our school will be taking part in *Partners in Learning* parent survey which is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual responses. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete. Parents with more than one child at the school may choose to complete the survey more than once, if they feel that their children’s experiences differ. Schools are provided with a unique URL which they provide to parents to log into the survey. If you do not have access to a computer at home we can organise for you to complete the survey at school.

The survey link will close on **Friday 27 September 2019**.

Please take the time to complete this survey as we value feedback from our parent community.

To complete the survey log on using this unique link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rnd5r> (link can be accessed via Facebook page)



Kind regards

Lyn Wood

Assistant Principal



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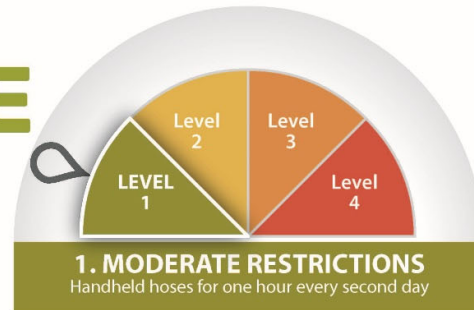


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INFORMATION GUIDE

Issued 2 September 2019

MODERATE RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE*



Residential

Handheld hoses can be used for up to one hour every second day*, between the hours of 4pm and 9am. Garden irrigation systems can be used for 15 minutes as part of the one hour allocation.

Examples of outdoor use include:

- Car or boat washing: by bucket with trigger hose rinse only.
- Boat motor flushing: on a lawn area if possible.
- Topping up of pools.
- Cleaning driveways, paved areas, windows, walls and roofs: buckets only.

How every second day works: If your house is an even number then you can water on the even days of the month (the 2nd, 4th, 6th etc). If your house is an odd number, then you can water on the odd days of the month, (the 1st, 3rd, 5th etc). There is no residential outside water use on the 31st of the month.

Public Areas

Parks, gardens and non-active playing surfaces:

A 30% reduction on regular use is required, with users to develop a water management plan to achieve this target.

Active playing areas: A 30% reduction on regular use is required, with users to develop a water management plan to achieve this target.

Bowling greens and golf courses: Irrigation systems and hand held hoses for one hour per day on greens only (MidCoast Council will work with operators to develop management plans for use).

Garden ponds: Topping up by hand held hoses only.

Fountains: Total ban.

Commercial and Industrial

Nurseries and market gardens: Sprinklers and fixed hoses can be used before 9am and after 4pm. Hand held hoses can be used at any time.

Motor dealer vehicle washing: The use of machine washers with recirculation is allowed as is hand washing with a bucket and trigger hose rinse.

Mobile water tankers: Only to be used for firefighting, construction, inside residential, or public health purposes.

Construction industry: Hoses used must be fitted with a hand-held trigger to shut off flow when released.

There are no restrictions on water required for commercial/industrial production, however outdoor use is restricted as per the residential guidelines.

* Water Restriction levels current on the date printed above. Please check the website below for updates to water restrictions.

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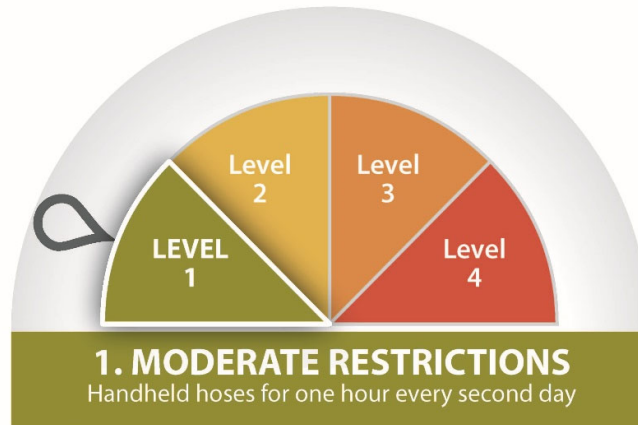
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
2 September 2019

MODERATE WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE*



Restrict outside water use

Hand-held hoses may be used for one hour every second day (between 4pm and 9am)

- If your house number is an even number, you can water on the even days of the month. Odd number houses, water on odd days of the month
- No watering on the 31st of the month

Garden irrigation systems can be used for 15 minutes as part of your one hour allocation

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We're bringing NSW Government services to communities with our Mobile Service Centres

Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc or follow us on Twitter to find out when we're next near you.





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To: Pacific Palms Public School

Service NSW is increasing access to NSW Government transactions and services in NSW through a new offering, Mobile Service Centres.

Mobile Service Centres launched earlier this year and provide access to transactions and services that are available at Service NSW Centres. They are custom-fitted buses with dedicated Service NSW staff on board to provide support to our customers across a broad range of services including:

- Renewing a driver licence or vehicle registration
- Processing of Medical and Mobility Parking Permits
- Processing of RSA and RCG cards
- Undertaking driver knowledge tests
- Applying for births, deaths and marriages certificates
- Applications and Renewals for Working with Children Checks
- Consulting with a Cost of Living specialist for help accessing more than 40 government rebates and savings.

Mobile Service Centres will accept cashless payments by credit and debit card or cheque.

The Mobile Service Centre will visit every eight weeks. Our next two visits are scheduled for 3rd September and 5th November 2019. Please check the website for the latest information on service locations and opening hours at service.nsw.gov.au/msc.

Yours sincerely

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