



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18 December 2019

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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### PBL Reward

On Thursday, 12 December our PBL Golden Ticket reward winners enjoyed a trampoline and mini-golf session donated by Forster-Tuncurry Lions Club. The Recky also sponsored this event by providing transport to and from the venue. Thank you to Forster-Tuncurry Lions Club and The Recky for supporting our school.



### 2019 Green Team

Megan Cooke, from Sustainable Schools NSW, helped the Green Team launch an action plan to address single use plastic use at our school. A rubbish audit was conducted to look at areas for improvement and reduction. The Green Team then made beeswax wraps with Ms Shoesmith, as our first initiative for the Green Leaders Project. We look forward to rolling out the action plan further in 2020 with our new upcoming Green Team.



## 2020 Term 1 Diary Dates

The following events are happening in the first few weeks of Term 1 2020:

### 2020 Events Calendar

Tues, 28 January	Staff Development Day
Wed, 29 January	First day of school for students returning into Year 1 to Year 6
Wed, 29 January to Fri, 31 January	Best Start Assessment appointments for Kindergarten students.
Monday, 3 February	First day of school for Kindergarten
Tues, 11 February	Swimming Carnival for students in Year 3 to Year 6 (students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old in 2020 may attend if they would like to).



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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



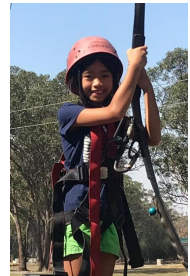
### High School Orientation

Year 6 students enjoyed an orientation day at Great Lakes College Forster Campus on Tuesday 3 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.



### Stage 2 Adventure Land – Year 3 and Year 4

In Week 8, students in Years 3 and 4 attended camp at Forster Adventure Land. Students arrived in the morning, were placed with their room buddies and unpacked their belongings. We packed a number of activities into 3 days and the kids returned to school very tired on Friday afternoon. They participated in a range of exciting and challenging day time activities including high ropes, water slides, fencing, zorb balls, a giant swing and the flying fox. Night time activities were lots of fun with the evenings finishing with a story, a campfire and a lovely soothing supper. Students also ran a county fair where they ran stalls which did nail painting, hair dressing, bungee run, face painting, clowns, mechanical surfboard and duck fishing. It was wonderful to see students work together to overcome any fears they had. Everyone had an amazing experience which will provide them with wonderful memories of their primary school years.





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### Happy Start – Kindergarten 2020

On Friday, 6 December we held our final Happy Start with our new Kindergarten children. We have loved having them at our school. We cannot wait until they join us next year.



### Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday, 11 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, Mrs Knight 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 The Kingfisher Café for catering, Foodworks for drinks and ice creams 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 “Jungle” theme end of year concert. A big thank you to all of our amazing Kindergarten to Year 2 teachers for their hard work throughout the year. Well done to our talented students, it was a wonderful performance and we are very proud of you all. Congratulations to Kenzie who was presented with the Anne Masters Junior School Citizenship Award.



### Kindergarten to Year 2 Boomerang Beach Visit

On Monday our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students enjoyed a wonderful morning of play on Boomerang Beach. They had a pod of dolphins drop in to say hello! How lucky are we to live in paradise.





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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.



### Fundraising for Wildlife – Mufti Day – Tuesday, 17 December

Pacific Palms Public School's wildlife fundraiser was a huge success. The vibe in the school was amazing. We managed to raise \$1611.95 for our local wildlife groups FAWNA and Koalas in Care. Every cent will go to aid for wildlife.



This would not have been possible without the overwhelming generosity of our wonderful community! So a big thank you to parents of our students for sending in donations, baking beautiful goodies for our cake stall which caused a frenzy under the COLA and helping paint faces in the morning. I know some parents stepped in at the last minute because we needed all hands on deck to be able to paint everyone's faces. Thank you to the businesses who supported our fundraiser by placing donation boxes at their counters. Thank you to the P & C who donated \$1.00 from each meal deal sold. Lastly, thank you to all the staff at PPS for their ongoing support of this fundraiser.

Thank you for caring for our beautiful Australian wildlife which is really struggling at the moment with the bush fires and drought.





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## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### Aboriginal Shirts

Our beautiful Aboriginal shirts arrived last week and they look fabulous. These shirts may be worn to school. We ordered extra stock and these can be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$50 adult sizes and \$45 student sizes.



### Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. Enrolment packs are available at front office school. If you have any questions please contact the school.

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Principal Message

2019 has been another fabulous and busy year. During the year, we have enjoyed many wonderful student and staff achievements across academic pursuits, on the sporting field, creative and performing arts and performances, and through many other areas where our students have been able to demonstrate their talents and leadership skills. SO much to be proud of.

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 Concert and the jungle theme 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. On Tuesday we saw so much school spirit when our school community raised \$1,611.95 for Koala Care and FAWNA NSW! Ms Godfree lead a great day of events, including mufti day, cake stall, face painting, meal deal and COLA donation count!





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### 2020 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 2020. 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 2019, there will be several composite classes and anticipate 11 classes. Our first draft is complete, which we will review on our return in late January. As we regularly have families moving into the area during the holidays, students will start in their current classes for the first three days.

### Farewells and New Staff

**Mrs Carmel Rigby** has been a valuable member of our staff since 2011. She is well known for her contribution to school life, school community and curriculum knowledge, supporting many staff over this time. Carmel has taken on many important roles at our school such as Learning and Support Coordinator, Assistant Principal and of course Ukele extraordinaire! Carmel and her wonderful talents will be missed and we wish her the very best with her retirement. We wish her and Matt safe travels and lots of great adventures.



After 3 years at our school, **Mr Jamie Hughes** is moving to Sydney and will take up a position at Camdenville Public School in 2020. Mr Hughes has been a fantastic role model for our younger students and we will miss all his help and participation in our school community events. We wish Mr Hughes all the best in the big smoke!



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 2020. Safe travels everyone!

Yours in learning  
Melissa Merchant  
Principal - “BOSS OF EVERYTHING”

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

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## Active OOSH

# S U M M E R

Pacific Palms OOSH will run from Forster OOSH December 2019

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

### YMCA Excursion

Welcome to the first day of Vacation Care! We are kicking off the holidays with a splash! Pack your swimmers and a towel as we are off to the YMCA for some pool fun!



Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

### Gingerbread House Making



Construct and decorate your very own gingerbread house to take home! Prizes to be won in the Christmas scavenger hunt!



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

### FORSTER OOSH

#### Xmas Party



One of our most popular destinations. Bowling, putt putt & laser tag await us!



It's time to get into the Christmas spirit at OOSH. Today we will be making our own Christmas decorations, Reindeer food, Christmas treats, gifts and loads more!!

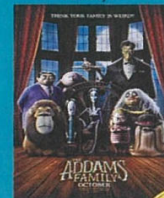


Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

### FORSTER OOSH

#### Great Lakes Cinema 3

Finish off the school term with an exciting excursion to the movies! We're off to see Addams Family!



Pacific Palms OOSH will run from Forster OOSH January 2020

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

### FORSTER OOSH

#### Hip Hop Workshop DISCO DOMINATION



Special guest all the way from Disney USA - Petra Flower is coming to OOSH to teach our kids how to Hip Hop! Then show off your new moves in a dance-off disco!!



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

### FORSTER OOSH

#### Go Kart Workshop



Ready! Set! Go-Kart! Join our pit crew in building Go-Karts! Once built grab a team mate and race these around our speed track.



#### Netball Workshop

We have special guest Stacey Bradshaw coming to teach us some netball skills



## Booking Information

**Location:** Forster & Pacific Palms Public Schools

**Operating Hours:** 7am-6pm

**Phone/Text:** 0407 903 979

**Email:**

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## Active OOSH SUMMER

### Pacific Palms January Week One

<p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Great Lakes Cinema 3</p>  <p>Sit back and relax! We're over the bridge to Great Lakes Cinema 3 to watch the newest blockbuster!</p> <p><b>GOLD DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>BIG BUZZ</b></p> <p>Who is ready for a day of water fun?? Today we are heading to Big Buzz for a day of water slides!! Don't forget your swimmers and rash shirt!</p>  <p><b>GOLD DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Minute To Win It</p>  <p>Come show off your skills, we have a wide variety of games for you to try!! With many prizes to be won!!</p> <p><b>BRONZE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Dino Day</p>  <p>Come and meet REXY the 6ft baby T-rex, pat a baby triceratops, dig for real fossils and gems, paint a plaster paris dino to take home. We have a day full of Jurassic fun!</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Aqua Golf</p>  <p>We are heading over to Tuncurry to practice our golf. Can you hit the target at aqua golf? Or can you get a hole in one at putt putt?</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>
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### Pacific Palms January Week Two

<p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Lego Day</b></p> <p>Come join us for a day full of Lego building! Who can become Active OOSH Pacific Palms' Lego Master??</p>  <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Bike and Scooter Day</b></p>  <p>Bring your choice of wheels along today and challenge yourself on our course and show off your best skills!</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Crazy Hair Day</b></p>  <p>Mohawks, crazy colours, glitter, whatever you want. Get it here at OOSH today! You'll be leaving with a crazy do!!</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>FORSTER ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE</p>  <p>Bowling, putt putt and laser tag! What more do you need? Prizes to be won for highest bowling score and laser tag winner!</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Great Lakes Cinema 3</p>  <p>Sit back and relax! We're over the bridge to Great Lakes Cinema 3 to watch the newest blockbuster!</p> <p><b>GOLD DAY</b></p>
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## Active OOSH SUMMER

### Pacific Palms January Week Three

<p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>9D Cinema</b></p>  <p>New to OOSH! We are bringing in a 9D action cinema that has the latest technology in dynamic, multi-dimensional movie entertainment. Feel the movement, air and water of the film!</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Zorb Balls &amp; Jeff Summers Soccer Academy</p>  <p>World Class Soccer coach Jeff Summers will be visiting today to share some of his skills with us.</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Inflatable World</b></p>  <p>Come and join us today for a trip to Inflatable World Taree! We will have a fun filled day of jumping, sliding and much more!</p>  <p><b>GOLD DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Fizzics Science Show</b></p>  <p>We have an explosive science show joining us all the way from Sydney for our kids today! Liquid nitrogen, explosions, chemical reactions - this show has it all. Science activities for the afternoon!</p> <p><b>SILVER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Great Lakes Cinema 3</b></p>  <p>Sit back and relax! We're over the bridge to Great Lakes Cinema 3 to watch the newest blockbuster!</p> <p><b>GOLD DAY</b></p>
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### Pacific Palms January Week Four

<p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>CLOSED TODAY</b></p> 	<p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Planet X</b></p>  <p>Today we will be travelling to Port Macquarie with Forster OOSH for a huge day of roller skating fun!!</p> <p><b>DIAMOND DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b></p> 
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## Active OOSH

# SUMMER

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

Vacation Care days are charged at Bronze, Silver or Gold.

BRONZE = \$56 (\$10.78 with full CCS rebate)

SILVER = \$65 (\$12.51 with full CCS rebate)

GOLD = \$75 (\$14.44 with full CCS rebate)

DIAMOND = \$85 (\$16.36 with full CCS rebate)

### 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: Forster/Pacific Palms Public School

Opening Hours: 7am – 6pm, Weekdays

Co-ordinator – Brittanie Gutherson

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