



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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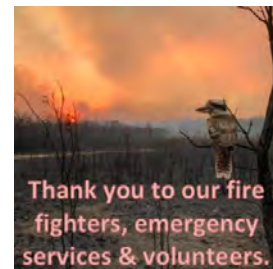
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Thank you to the Pacific Palms community for your support of our school during our non-operational time this week. The closure of over 600 schools on one day in NSW is unprecedented and an indication of the severity of conditions. Our priority is for the safety of our students, staff and parents. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who worked during this time to help call families, organise alternative programs, communicate with OOSH, buses, volunteers and those who worked at Forster PS to assist our colleagues. A huge shout out to all the volunteers, firefighters, SES, animal rescue and emergency services battling fires this week. Thank you for your bravery, energy, compassion and support!



In the coming months we will continue to be vigilant in our beautiful bushland home, with a hot dry summer forecast. Please monitor our Facebook Page for any updates, download the Skoolbag App and check your emails. It is crucial to update your mobile phone details in case we need to contact you. Our students are back at school and in good spirits, we are working on cards and letters for our volunteers and local fire fighters. We also have a lunch club making koala mittens from 100% cotton. These will be sent to the appropriate organisations that are currently helping care for our fire effected wildlife. Please update your fire plan and stay safe.

## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL



### NSWPSSA State Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 6 students Aaris and Lucy who competed at the NSW PSSA Primary School Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on Wednesday 6 November. Aaris competed in the Girls 12-13 year old 200 metres and Lucy competed in the Girls 11 year old Shot Put. After some very tough competition Aaris finished in 36<sup>th</sup> position in the state with a super-fast time of 30.48s and Lucy finished in 32<sup>nd</sup> position in the state with a massive throw of 8.22m. Wow what a great result! We are extremely proud of you Aaris and Lucy. What a fantastic year you have had and we look forward to following your progress.



## UP COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDAR	
Monday, 18 Nov	2020 Leadership Team announced
Tuesday, 19 Nov	2020 Green Team, Library Monitor and House Captain applications due.
Wednesday, 20 Nov	House Captain voting
Thursday, 21 Nov	Leadership Team speeches at 9.30 am and voting
Thursday, 21 Nov	Whole School Assembly in the hall at 2 pm. Kindergarten and Stage 1 speeches
Friday, 22 Nov	Happy Start for our 2020 Kindergarten from 9.30 am to 12 pm
Monday, 25 Nov	P&C AGM at The Recky @ 6.30 pm. Financial members come along to vote.
Tuesday, 26 Nov	Year 6 Parent Information Night at Great Lakes College Forster Campus @ 6.30pm
Friday, 29 Nov	Happy Start for our 2020 Kindergarten from 9.30 am to 12 pm



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### Film by Pebbly – "Mr Marvellous"

Congratulations to our fabulous Film Club who were awarded winner of the "Most Technical" film at the Film by Pebbly – Great Lakes Combined Film Festival on 23 October 2019. Thank you Ms Murray and Mrs Newtown for your movie making expertise.

Back row: Ms Murray, Eaden, Zack, Sunny, Jake, Mitchell, Mrs Newton and Mrs Merchant  
Front Row: Jake, Jett, Riley



### Assembly Award Winners

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



Class	CARE Awards	White Merit Card Awards
KC	Vaali/Kiarni	Archer/Angus
KM	Matthew/Duke/Stevie	Luca/Lola/Harper
1/2H	Yanni/Jackson	Sophia/Knox
1/2K	Chayce/Tasman	Civanti/Omar
1/2S	Alexis/Clay	Beau/Ariel
2/3G	Bella/Rasta	Eli
3/4C	Lennox/Kirra	Ivy/Phil
3/4W	May Ann/Jasper	Kayne/Jaiden
4/5P	Isabella/Sione	Wendy/Billy
5/6L	Nikki/Taj	Jembe/Adam
5/6B	Jordy/Grace	Layla/Corey
5/6K	Evie/Charlie	TJ/Jett



## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### Stage 3 Overnight Camp

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 attended an overnight camp on the school grounds on 31 October and 1 November. Students participated in a wide variety of activities which developed team building skills, self-confidence and cooperation. Activities included boxing with Helena, a cultural walk with Steve, art with Tara, sushi making, trivia, garden clean up, animal lolly making and a safety talk from Pacific Palms Surf Life Saving Club (Dan and Barry). Thank you to the staff, parents and community members who gave up their time to help out, we really appreciate it. A great time was had by all.







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### K-2 Excursion to Timbertown

Year 1 and Year 2 headed off to Timbertown on Thursday, 7 November. Students had a busy day led by their teachers and learning support officers. They participated in several activities, stepping back in time to the world of the past. Students experienced gold panning, horse and cart ride, watching the blacksmith at work and the very exciting steam train ride around the village. We made our exit with our beautifully behaved children through unusual circumstances to arrive safely home in the Palms. We were extremely proud of our students.







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## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### Stage 2 Adventureland Camp – Year 3 and Year 4

Due to the recent fire activity in our area and the unprecedented weather conditions our Stage 2 Adventureland Camp has been postponed until Week 8 – Wednesday, 4 December to Friday, 6 December. If you have any queries please contact the school.



### Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. Enrolment packs are available at school. We were very excited to meet our new Kindergarten students today who attended their first day of Happy Start. Happy Start gives our new Kindergarten students an opportunity to visit our school and become familiar with our school routines. Our Year 5 students are also very excited to meet their new Kindergarten buddies. 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>

### Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Our annual Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 11 December in our school hall from 5.30 pm. The theme will be "Masquerade". As this is a catered event please confirm your attendance and make final payments by Wednesday 27 November. The cost is \$20 for students and \$25 for parents. We are looking forward to sharing this special time with our Year 6 students and their families in celebrating their primary school years.



### Year 6 Baby Photos

As our Year 6 students primary school journey nears an end we are asking students to send in a baby photo that can be used in our end of year graduation power point. Please send in your photo in an envelope or small snap lock bag with your name clearly labelled.

### Voluntary Contribution Fee and Resource Levy

Thank you to those parents who have paid their 2019 Voluntary Contribution and Resource Levy. The Voluntary Contribution Fee for 2019 is \$35 per child.

The Voluntary Contribution fee is capped at \$70 per family and goes towards general school costs. The Resource Levy for 2019 is \$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 by EFTPOS or on the school website under the payment tab. Thank you for your ongoing support.





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## P & C NEWS

### Pacific Palms Public School P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 25 November at 6:30 pm** at The Recky. The PPPS P&C is a group of parents, staff and community members who are interested in developing the school community and helping to make Pacific Palms Public School a great place for students to learn. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings and we encourage those with new ideas to come along and get involved! Current financial members are able to vote. We will vote on the following positions - President - Vice Presidents x 2 – Secretary - Treasurer. We hope to see you there.



### Pacific Palms Family Fair – Thank You!!

Wow! What a day and what an event the Pacific Palms Family Fair was! We have so many thank yous to make we almost don't know where to begin. We set out to create a whole community event with something for everyone, and it was just wonderful to get so much support from so many people. The Fair, in the end, was for everyone, and put together by everyone! In the end, the monies raised for the children of Pacific Palms School are overwhelming. We are proud to announce that we raised (drum roll please) ..... nearly \$22,000! This is one of our, if not the biggest fundraisers our school has done so THANK YOU.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers – parents, friends, students and teachers, in both the lead up and on the day – on stalls, in the canteen, logistics, marketing, sourcing sponsorship, playing music etc.... we just couldn't have done without you.

Thank you to all the local businesses who donated, provided auction prizes, took a market stall, or provided other in-kind products and services for the event. Your support means so much.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How astounding to find ourselves in November, with Term 4 well underway and the end of the year less than two months away!! Of course, every year this time of year brings so much excitement and opportunities. We have the K-2 Concert, 3-6 Celebration of Success Presentation Assembly. Year 6 students are loving their final moments in primary school and looking ahead to high school and end of year celebrations that showcase public education. All are demanding and all make us collectively enormously proud. So much to look forward to!

### Principal Conference

On 31 October I attended the Primary Principals Association conference in Sydney with 620 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 Building Us! The keynote speakers were varied but all inspirational in their own way. One which resonated with me was the courageous and extraordinary stories told by Peter Baines OAM. Peter is a global speaker, charity founder, board director and business consultant. It was this unique path that provided his insights into leadership, investigating homicides, leading international teams into scenes of crisis and disaster, is not your normal path to global keynote speaker and business consultant.





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### 2020 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 2020 will depend on the total number of students enrolled for 2020, the staffing entitlement the Department of Education allocates and numbers in each grade. We currently have 27 Kindergarten enrolments. We are currently planning for 11 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 2020. 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 2020 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. Only four weeks to go for them. 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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019.







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### Staffing

We are currently finalising teaching and support staff for 2020. More information in the next newsletter when we have positions confirmed.

### Happy Start

Our newest students settled into school so well today. They had a busy morning meeting new friends, touring the school and meeting their Year 5 buddies. We look forward to seeing them all back again next Friday



Mel Merchant  
Principal

*"We rise by lifting others."*

**Robert G. Ingersoll**

## 2019 SCHOOL CHAMPION

***We are in the process of selecting our  
School Champion for 2019.***

***If you have any suggestions please contact  
Melissa Merchant.***

***We are looking for ex-students doing great things!***





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Mark Currie Family  
Manning Shoes  
Mobys Beachside Retreat  
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The Healthy Mummy  
The Natural Waffle Ice Cream Parlour  
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## CONTRIBUTORS

CBA  
Dashing Dogs  
Green Team @ Pacific Palms Public School  
JR Richards & Sons  
Fletcher 4x4 Mechanics, Forster  
Kembali Cafe  
Mark Currie Family  
Martin & Lee-Anne Bramble  
Pacific Palms Hair Design  
Priceline  
Seashells Child Care Centre  
Signs by Jake Zabby

## STALLHOLDERS

Bags by Lesley  
Boomers Acrylic Pouring  
Cinta Child  
Currie Family Gifts  
Haven & Palm  
Holly Newton Darlings of August  
Kate McLean Upcycled Clothing  
Indigo Attic  
Lohala Clothing  
Lloyd Pollard Gems and Fossils  
Miah Rocks  
Raschaka Nursery Prints  
Soulbed Harmony

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Gina Payne  
Izzie Hans  
Miradee Hans  
Sage McLean

## FAIR COMMITTEE

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Henry Joyce  
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