



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Introducing our 2020 Student Leadership Team



*Eve, Milla, Grace, Emma, Mrs Merchant, Riley, Koby, Noah, Adam*

It was very exciting to announce our 2020 Student Leadership Team last Monday afternoon. Congratulations to Eve, Milla, Grace, Emma, Riley, Koby, Noah and Adam. The 2020 Student Leadership Team presented their speeches last 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, 16 December 2019. 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.

## END OF YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER	
Tuesday, 3 Dec	<b>Year 6 High School Orientation Day</b> @ Great Lakes College Forster Campus
Wednesday, 4 Dec to Friday, 6 Dec	<b>Adventureland Camp</b> – Year 3 and Year 4 students.
Friday, 6 Dec	Last <b>Happy Start</b> and Teddy Bears Picnic for 2020 Kindergarten
Wednesday, 11 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Junior Disco - Kinder to Year 2 Disco</b> @ 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Students wear school uniform.</li> <li>• <b>Year 6 Farewell Dinner</b> in the hall commences at 5.30 pm.</li> <li>• <b>Senior Dance (Year 3 – Year 6)</b> from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the hall.</li> </ul>
Friday, 13 Dec	<b>Junior Concert (Kinder to Year 2)</b> @ 10.00 am in the hall. Family and friends please join us to celebrate the year.



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## END OF YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL - EVENTS CALENDER

Monday, 16 Dec 	<b>Senior Celebration of Success (Year 3 to Year 6)</b> from 6.00 pm sharp in the hall. Students please wear full school uniform. Our choir and two other exciting performances will be entertaining us.
Tuesday, 17 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reports</b> sent home.</li> <li>• <b>Volunteer's Afternoon Tea</b> @ 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm in the Canteen/COLA</li> <li>• <b>'Fundraising for Wildlife' Mufti Day</b> supporting 'Koalas in Care' and 'FAWNA for Aust Wildlife Needing Aid'. Gold coin donation. Meal Deal and cake stall.</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 18 Dec	<b>Last day for students.</b> "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"> <li>• <b>K – 2 Home Readers are now overdue – please return them to school as soon as possible</b></li> <li>• <b>Please return all Library books to school for stocktake – Overdue notices have been sent home.</b></li> </ul>	

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### Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to our recent award recipients who were presented with their awards at our recent assembly. A special mention to Grace who was presented with the Super Awesome Award from Mrs Merchant. We also said "Thank You" to our local volunteers from Pacific Palms Rural Fire Brigade and they accepted our many cards, posters and messages from our students.



Congratulations Grace Super Awesome Award

Class	CARE Awards	White Merit Card Awards
<b>KC</b>	Kayla/Ashten/Kobi	Alianna/Jax
<b>KM</b>	Aurora/Violet/Kora	Hayden/Reko/Delilah
<b>1/2H</b>	Grace/Tom/Lauren	Emily/Sophia
<b>1/2K</b>	Zephyr/Aaliyah	Shevy/Lucy
<b>1/2S</b>	Saxon/Tao/Layla	Aurora/Tom
<b>2/3G</b>	Ozzy/Cooper/Hamish	Sasha/Reece/Isabelle
<b>3/4C</b>	Christian/Matilde	Lilly/Jett
<b>3/4W</b>	Kayne/Max	Sienna/Jaiden
<b>4/5P</b>	Teal/Joey	Pippa/India
<b>5/6L</b>	Emma/Isaac	Laila/Reef
<b>5/6B</b>	Keeva/Sunny	Hunter/Jacey
<b>5/6K</b>	Olivia/Milla	Lachlan/Jasper



Thank you to our volunteer fire brigade.





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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### Happy Start – Kindergarten 2020

Our 2020 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.



### “Get Outside” Gardening Group

Our Stage 1 and Stage 2 “Get Outside” Gardening Group has been creating a wonderful succulent garden from cuttings. The children’s next project will be observing and recording the growth of pumpkins that they will be planting.





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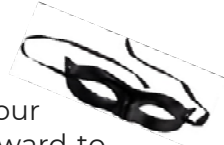
## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS



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

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students will finally be heading off to camp next week after the initial camp was postponed earlier in the term due to the recent bushfires. Our rescheduled camp dates are Wednesday, 4 December to Friday, 6 December 2019. All students are to arrive at school by 8.45 am on Wednesday, 4 December and assemble with their belongings in the hall

COLA. Students will arrive back at school on Friday, 6 December at 3.00 pm and should be collected from the hall COLA. Any medication should be given to Mr Wilson on the morning of departure. Please label all belongings. An Adventureland Camp Information sheet was sent home last week to all students. Please remember to return the new permission note. If you require any further information please contact the school.



### Year 6 Farewell Dinner – Wednesday, 11 December

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”. We are looking forward to sharing this special time with our Year 6 students and their families in celebrating their primary school years.

WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

### Volunteer’s Afternoon Tea – Tuesday, 17 December

We invite all our parent/carer volunteers to an afternoon tea to say “Thank You” for volunteering their time and supporting our school in 2019. The afternoon tea will be held on Tuesday, 17 December at 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm in the Canteen/COLA.

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

As you know, the recent bushfires have had a devastating effect on many species of animals that live in our local coastal areas. One of our CARE expectations is “Care for our Environment”. By way of a fundraiser, we would like to offer our support to our fantastic regional wildlife rescue centres and carers who have stepped up to save and provide medical help to these sick and injured animals. We will hold a mufti day on Tuesday 17 December with a gold coin donation collection. Students could even paint their face as a native animal for the day if they like. The money raised will be donated to two groups; ‘Koalas in Care’ and ‘FAWNA for Australian Wildlife Needing Aid’. A Cake Stall will also be held to help raise additional money and it would be fantastic if families could send in biscuits, slices or cake to sell on the day.



### 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>





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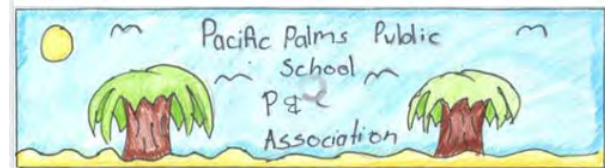
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## P & C NEWS

### P&C Meeting and AGM

Our P&C Meeting and AGM was held on Monday, 25 November and the Committee for 2020 was elected as follows:

- **President:** Jodie Dries
- **Vice President:** Anna O'Meara
- **Secretary:** Sarah Downs
- **Treasurer:** Henry Joyce



Thank you to these parents for their continuing support of our school. We are looking forward to working with them in 2020. Meeting dates for 2020 have already been set as follows:

- ✓ Term 1 - Monday, 24 February 2020
- ✓ Term 2 - Monday, 25 May 2020
- ✓ Term 3 - Monday, 17 August 2020
- ✓ Term 4 - Monday, 9 November 2020



## HOME READERS – THANK YOU

A very big **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful volunteers for covering our home readers. You have helped preserve the life of our home readers so they can be enjoyed by many students in the coming years. We appreciate your time and your support is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you!*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 is buzzing along quickly. There is so much happening in the final 13 school days!! Preparations are well underway for our end of year celebrations. We hope you have set aside the dates for the K- Yr 2 Concert, Year 6 Graduation and Yr 3 – Yr 6 Celebration of Success Presentation Assembly. So much to look forward to!

### 2020 School Structure/Staffing

It is that time of year again when our school starts planning for the 2020 school year. How we structure classes for 2020 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 11 class groups for 2020. 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.

### 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 December.



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### Black Uniform Bottoms

We currently have many students wearing a variety of shades of blue and royal blue, black, grey and anything in between! We have spent time this year discussing options and really aiming for a more cohesive look for all, being mindful of cost, shape and comfort. Over the past 2 years after consultation with the P&C, parents, students and staff we have made some slight changes to our school uniform to support greater consistency and practicality. Next year we are hoping to make a full transition to **black bottoms** for ALL students. This was originally voted on in June this year via Survey Monkey. The results of this survey and feedback from students and staff showed overwhelming support for a transition to black bottoms. Survey results indicated that 70% of people preferred black and only 30% for navy. All other parts of the uniform remain. We will send out a reminder of expectations with photos at the beginning of 2020.



### Planning Ahead

This year sees the end of the second year of our three year school plan, including working towards our 3 strategic directions. In our strategic plan, we reference the school year as a marker for improvement. We look for every student, every teacher, every leader and every school improving every year. And this year is rapidly coming to a close.

Our school leadership team are working through what improvement over the next few years should look like in the context of academic achievement, wellbeing, independence and learning and equity.

These conversations will be contextually different in every school. We have given the opportunity for community feedback in a variety of forms, the parent Tell Them from Me Survey, Year 6 Exit Survey, Kindergarten First Year survey and a variety of student and staff surveys. This work will reflect our shared commitment to focus our energy and resources to see improvement in every setting and for every young person in our care, across a full range of measures.

It will help us to think through what improvements we are striving for, and what we need to invest in, in terms of time, professional development and other resources in order to see the growth we think is important for the students we support.



Mel Merchant  
Principal

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





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# Fundraiser

## Bobin Public School

Let's Help Them Rebuild

**Live Music**

- Chop Chops
- Gina the Machina
- Mirage

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm The Recky  
Pacific Palms

- \$10 @ the Door
- Auctions + Raffles
- U 18's gold coin donations

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# FAMILY FUN DAY OUT

## Coomba Biggest Pumpkin & Country Fair

**11th April (Easter Saturday). 10am-2.00pm**  
*on the shores of beautiful Wallis Lake*

*Lots of fun events..... Not only pumpkins.... Join in the cake baking competition.... Cake decorating competition..... best dressed dog parade....Easter bonnet parade (bring your*



- BIGGEST PUMPKIN
- BEST DECORATED PUMPKIN
- BEST DRESSED PUMPKIN
- BEST CARVED PUMPKIN
- MOST UNUSUAL VEG/FRUIT
- EASTER EGG HUNT (EARLY 9am)
- KIDDIES WATER PLAY (bring cozzies)
- CAKE BAKING COMPETITION
- CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION
- DRESSED DOG PARADE
- TUG OF WAR
- EASTER HAT PARADE
- EGG PAINTING ON THE DAY
- FACE PAINTING ON THE DAY
- GREAT VIEWS !

### JUDGING AT NOON

- LIVE MUSIC
- Food
- Coffee

**A country fair the way it used : to be!**

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