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4 September 2020

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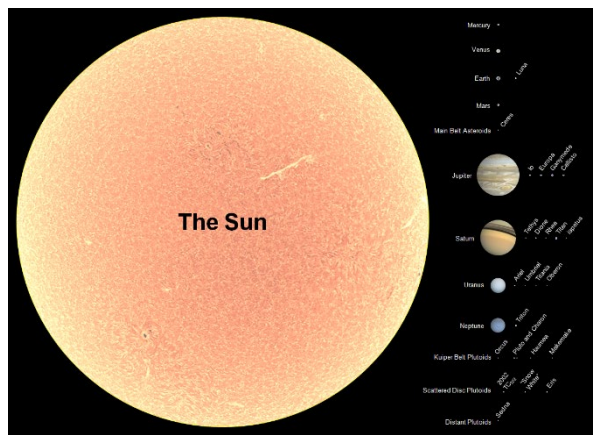
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NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Happy National Science Week

Thank you Ms Perkins for sharing your love of science with our students last week as we celebrated National Science Week. Our students have had the opportunity to experience many hands on science activities last week which are so powerful for learning. Students explored the relative size of Earth compared to the sun! Students did an amazing job of using scaled images to adjust their initial thinking to produce a scaled example of the sun's immense size compared to Earth!



IMPORTANT TERM 3 DIARY DATES

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, 15 September	School Photos – full school uniform please, including hair accessories in school colours, white socks and black shoes.
Wednesday, 23 September	2021 Leadership Team Announced
Friday, 25 September	Last day of Term 3 – Mufti Day



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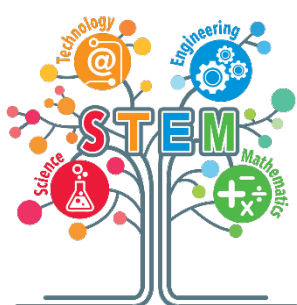
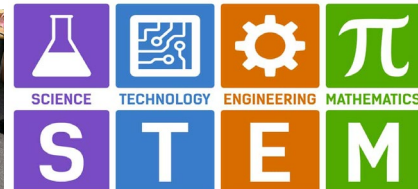


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Earlier this term students' STEM skills were put to the test! With strict specifications, they selected a range of appropriate materials for the specific purpose of building a boat that would stay afloat for 30 seconds holding 10 marbles! The students cooperated with their partners to design and construct an amazing range of boats. They conducted their testing very professionally, and while the results varied, lots of fun was had while gaining scientific knowledge on the properties of materials, namely waterproof ones! Thank you for your assistance Ms Shoesmith and Mr Hunt!



How will you science this National Science Week?



national science week

15–23 AUGUST 2020

scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek



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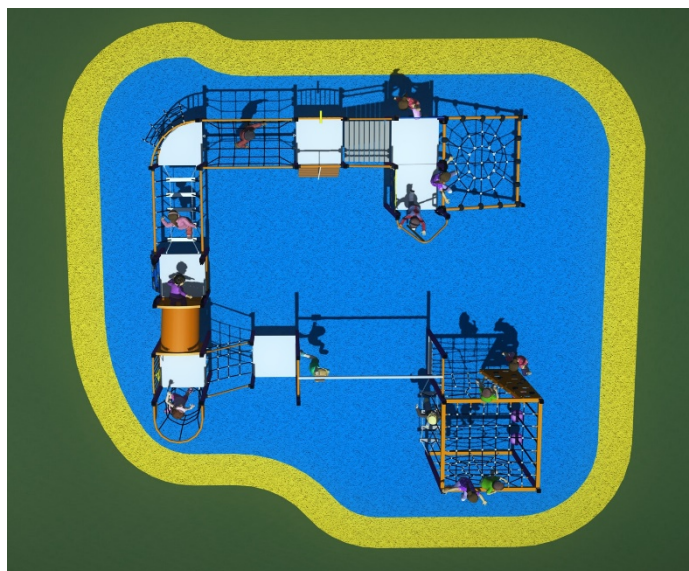
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MY COMMUNITY PROJECT

New Playground

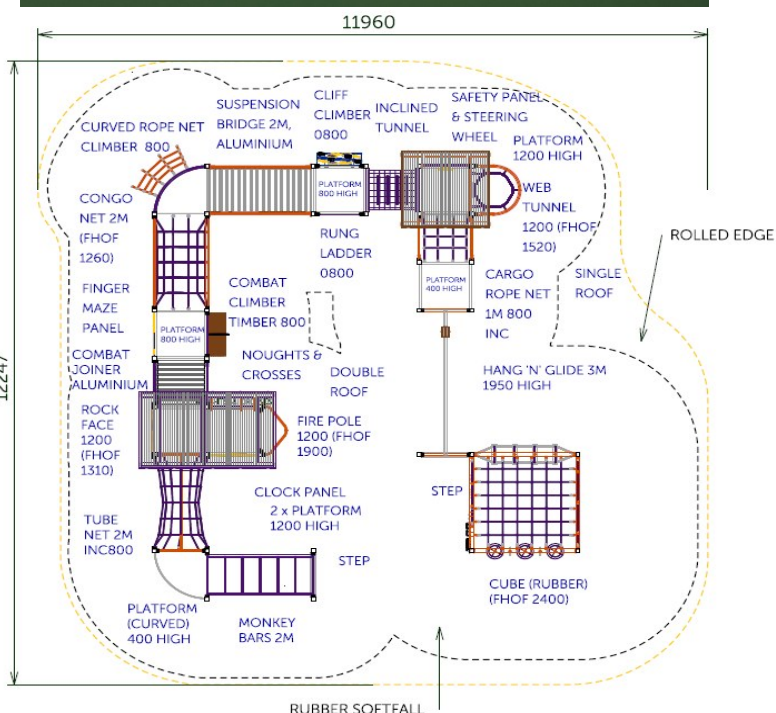
We are very excited to announce that we have an installation date for our new playground. Last year our P&C secured a place in the voting for the My Community Project. We were successful in winning a grant for \$79,500 and we have used saved school funds to contribute \$28,457 for a total project cost of \$107,957. During the first week of the holidays the current playground will be removed and the new one installed. During the second week, the rubber base will be completed. We now have 3D designs of how it will look. Very exciting!



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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Kindergarten 2021 Parent/Carer Information Night



Enrolment for Kindergarten 2021 is now open. Information has been distributed to local preschools and child care facilities. Our 2021 Kindergarten Parent/Carer Information Night will be held on **Thursday 22 October** from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm. If you have any questions regarding enrolments for Kindergarten 2021, please contact the office. Kindergarten enrolment packs are also available for collection at the office.

Canberra Excursion

The last few months have been challenging for many of us and filled with great uncertainty. The government is gradually lifting restrictions but when life will return to "normal" is still unclear. It is a particularly challenging time for our Year 6 students who are in their final year of primary school. Following recent Department advice all excursions are still on hold and it is unclear when travel will be permitted. So it is with great sadness and reluctance that we have made the decision to cancel the early Term 4 excursion to Canberra. Our number 1 priority is student safety and as always we need to adhere to Department guidelines. We hope that you understand that this decision was not made lightly. Any money that has been paid can be redirected to school fees or our Year 6 Graduation or for Year 5 students funds can be held over to 2021. Refunds via direct deposit can also be issued.



Voluntary Contribution Fee and Resource Levy

Thank you to those parents who have paid their 2020 Resource Levy and Voluntary Contribution fees. Updated statements were sent home again last week. Some parents will notice a \$50 credit for those who paid their child's Canberra deposit. Payments can be made at the front office or over the phone by EFTPOS. Payments can also be made on our school website by clicking the "Make a Payment" tab. Thank you for your ongoing support.



School Photos - MSP Photography – Tuesday 15 September 2020

Our school photo day will be held on Tuesday 15 September 2020. Individually printed school photo envelopes were sent home last week. Payment/ordering details are outlined on the photo envelope. Please return all envelopes to school prior to photo day. Photo envelopes not returned to the office before school photo day should be given directly to the photographer on the day. (Envelopes will not be received at the office on photo day.)

We are now able to have traditional class photos taken.

IMPORTANT – please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform on photo day. This includes hair accessories in our school colours, white socks and black shoes.





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Tell Them From Me

For the remainder of Term 3 (and early next term) you will have the opportunity to participate in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey which is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between our parents and our school.



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.

Please take the time to complete this survey as we value feedback from our parent community. Your responses will support us as we move into a new planning cycle.

To complete the survey log on using this unique link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6yx7k>

Head Lice

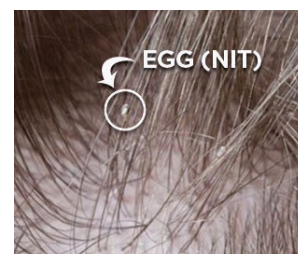
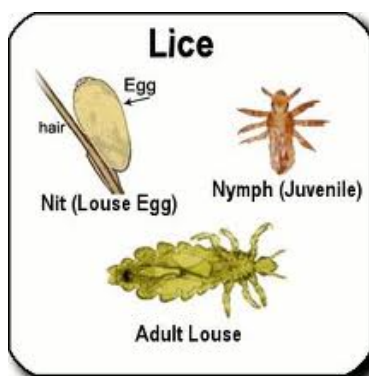
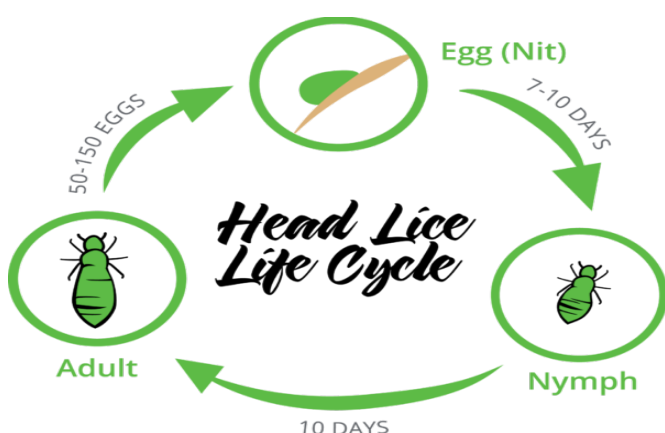
We ask that all children tie their hair back when they come to school please. Please check your child's hair tonight for nits/lice and if you find any nits or lice commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available in English on the NSW Health website at

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

or through the Department's website at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/health-and-safety/removing-head-lice-and-nits>





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Inclusive Education Statement for Students with Disability

The NSW Department of Education has released an *Inclusive Education Statement for Students with Disability*. This is the next step in the Department's Disability Strategy commitment to improve learning and wellbeing for students with disability in every public school. The Disability Strategy was released in February 2019, and sets out the Department's plan for providing children and young people with disability, their families and the broader community with an education system that meets their needs. The statement is about strengthening inclusive education for all students with disability in mainstream schools and their support classes, and schools for specific purposes.



Inclusive education

Inclusive education means all students can access and fully participate in learning, supported by reasonable adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs. Inclusion should be embedded in all aspects of school life, and is supported by culture, policies and everyday practices. All NSW public schools should champion inclusive education.

Have your say

The Department will listen and work with students, parents and educators over 2020 on what support is needed to strengthen inclusion of students with disability. This feedback will inform an Inclusive Education Policy and practice resources.

Support resources

The statement and materials to help understand this are available online at:

www.education.nsw.gov.au/inclusive-education.

This includes an Easy Read version of the statement. If you would like to find out more about this work or give feedback please email the team in the Department of Education working on this.

They can be contacted on disability.strategy@det.nsw.edu.au

P&C NEWS

P&C Recipe Book Fundraiser

At the last P&C Meeting there were a number of really great discussions about how we can continue to fundraise with the current restrictions in place. A number of options were discussed and we decided the best option for us this year would be a Palms School Community Cookbook.

We need your help with your favourite family recipes to contribute. Please email your recipes and photos/drawings to Sarah by 11 September 2020 at pacificpalmspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

This is a great idea for purchasing for Christmas! More information soon.

Pacific Palms P & C Association





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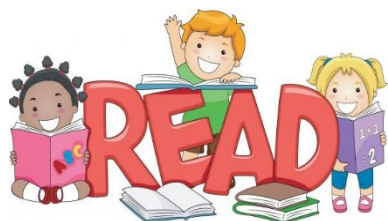
School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week

Thank you to our support staff for their incredible work. Our school community recognises and acknowledges the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff undertake in school. SASS have vital roles in the success of our school community including our amazing ladies in the office; Mrs Rowe, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Salt and Mrs Dickson. Our magnificent School Learning Support Officers; Ms Shoesmith, Mrs Jones, Mrs Healey, Mrs MacArthur, Ms Read, Carole 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 Public School.



Reading at home

Are you reading with your children at home? Are they reading to you? A few years ago, a decision was made by staff and parents to minimise the amount of homework we were expecting children to do. We looked at the amount of extra-curricular activities students were involved in – sport, dance, music – and reinforced the notion that these provided rich learning outcomes and a balanced lifestyle for students. (Research continues to reinforce the notion that homework in primary school has no positive impact on their learning outcomes.) We did however ask that parents encourage their children to read for 10 – 20 minutes each night. This was – and continues to be – the only mandatory homework we expect students to complete. During 'lock-down' in Term 2 it was evident that many students were reading for pleasure and statistics showed a pleasing increase in reading skill and confidence. Reading is the single most important skill to develop in children. Reading to and with your child daily is the greatest gift you can give your child. Keep up the great work!





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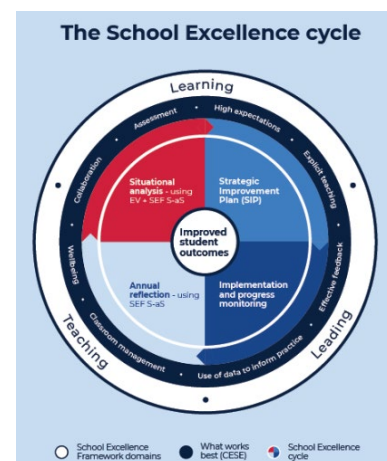
Planning for 2021-2024

The new School Excellence 4 year cycle begins in 2021. As part of our new School Improvement Planning cycle, we are currently undertaking a Situational Analysis. Over the coming weeks, school based focus groups consisting of teaching and non-teaching staff are looking at programs that have worked well at Pacific Palms Public School; programs that have been completed and offered positive results and programs/strategies that we might need to decommission.

It's about 'Looking Inward, Looking Outward and Looking Forward.' Reflection is a powerful tool when it is honest and used to improve our practice. Your feedback on our performance as a school is vital.

We invite you to have your say

We value your opinion and your voice. The 'Tell Them From Me' survey is available online for you to complete. It covers areas of school leadership, information exchange, school support services, safety, inclusion, behaviour and engagement. I urge you to participate – it only takes 10 minutes – as it will help to inform future directions in teaching and learning and ultimately impact on the educational outcomes of your children. Students and staff at Pacific Palms Public School will also take part in surveys to give us the most balanced view possible with which to work. When schools, families and the broader community work together to develop positive connections, students thrive.



To complete the survey log on using this unique link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6yx7k>

Kindergarten 2021

Due to the current COVID restrictions, we are postponing our Kindergarten transition activities until Term 4. The Kindergarten information evening is scheduled for Thursday 22 October 2020. You can also contact the office for an enrolment pack.

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

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

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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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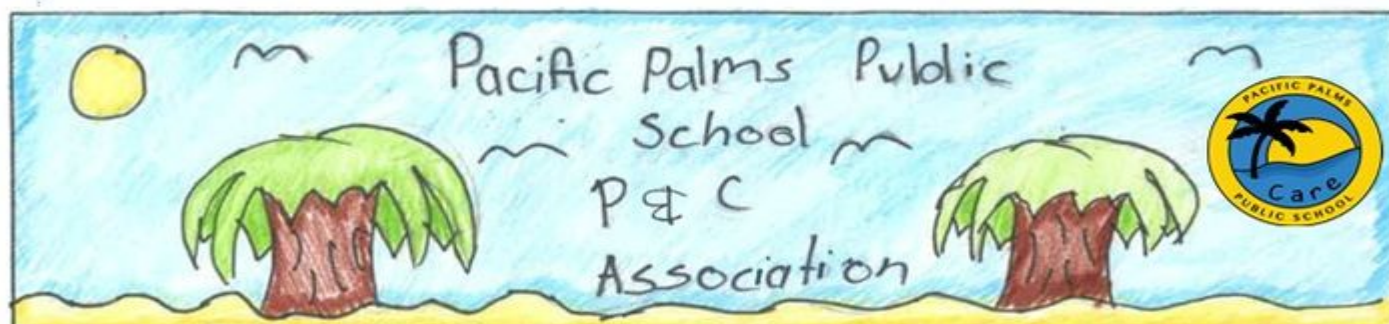
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CALLING ON ALL COOKS BIG AND SMALL!

The P&C are putting together a school community cookbook and we need your help! We are looking for favourite family recipes to feature in our book.



Recipes to be forwarded by the 11th September to:
pacificpalmspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



If your child would like to include a photo of their vegetable garden or a drawing of their favourite vegetable or meal we would also love these to include into our book. If you are unable to email these please leave at the office.



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Active OOSH 2020

Spring School Holiday Program

MONDAY SEPT 28
BIG BOX CITY

Unlimited boxes to make whatever you want! Today we will be using boxes of all shapes and sizes to make our very own box city. What masterpiece are you going to build?

TUESDAY SEPT 29
ADVENTURE SPORTS CAMP

Today we will be forming teams and then battling it out to see who can win the Adventure Sports Cup. Tug o' war, egg and spoon races and archery will be held just to name a few.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30
PIMP MY RIDE

Ride your wheels in for the ultimate makeover in the Active OOSH popup workshop. Want some cool accessories to make it stand out amongst the crowd? We can even make it sound like a motorbike.

THURSDAY OCT 1
SPRING COUNTRY FAIR

Roll up, roll up to the Spring County Fair. Grab your tickets at the start of the day, guess the jelly bean jar, then play some fun carnival style games and win some awesome prizes.

FRIDAY OCT 2
TRIPLE TREAT CINEMA

That's right! The cinemas are closed so we are having our very own movie marathon at OOSH on the big screen. Drink, popcorn and chocolate provided.

TUESDAY OCT 6
TEEN TITANS GO

Okay Super OOSHIES let's make some super gadgets like spy phones, invisible ink and exploding Kinder Surprise eggs to help you fight crime and save the day! We will have lots of super activities on offer.

WEDNESDAY OCT 7
TRICK, TREAT OR SLIME

Want to hear some skeleton puns? They're very humerus! Just like the range of scary and fun activities we have planned today. It's gonna be a great Halloween, I can feel it in my bones!

THURSDAY OCT 8
PIZZA, GELATO & SPORTS

Does it get much better than this? Today we will be ordering in pizza, eating ice cream and then playing some of our favourite sports at OOSH. Maybe not in that order.....

FRIDAY OCT 9
CLICK AND COLLECT

Today we are jumping online to order our very own toys to take home. They will then be delivered before your parents pick you up. What are you going to spend your \$10 on?

MONDAY OCT 5
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WE'RE COVID SAFE

To see all the fun filled activities on offer for each day visit activeoosh.com.au



Email: accounts@activeoosh.com.au

Please make sure you confirm your enrolment using MyGov to reduce your fees.



Bring your bike, scooter or skateboard to OOSH. Don't forget your helmet and other safety gear.



Operation Times: 7am - 6pm

TO MAKE A BOOKING CALL OR TEXT 0407 903 979



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FORSTER TUNCURRY TOUCH ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR TOUCH REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Team Registrations for the upcoming junior comp are now open at
<https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register>



For more information visit **Forster Tuncurry Touch Association** on Facebook

Taree Touch

2020 Junior Competition

Comp Start Date: Monday 7th Sept



**Boys & Girls
Under 9's, 11's & 13's
Plus Development
Sessions for 6-8yr olds**



**Have fun, be active, play Touch Football.
Active Kid Vouchers Accepted**

**Nomination day: Monday 24th August
4-6pm Taree Rec Centre Touch Shed
For more information head to our FB page
Contact: Graham Goodwin 0457 826 001 or
Email: tareetouch01@gmail.com**



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NIPPERS

DO YOU LOVE THE BEACH?!! JOIN NIPPERS WITH YOUR FRIENDS

HELD EVERY SUNDAY ON ELIZABETH BEACH FROM 9-11AM



KIDS

- HAVE FUN!!!
- LEARN WATER SAFETY
- PADDLE BOARDS & SHORT OCEAN SWIMS
- IRB FAMILIARITY TRAINING
- SNORKELLING
- SURFING
- SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS
- CHRISTMAS PARTY
- END OF SEASON PRESENTATION

PARENTS

- HAVE HEAPS OF FUN BEING IN THE WATER WITH THE KIDS AND ASSISTING WITH WATER SAFETY!
- EASILY ASSIST WITH RUNNING AGE GROUPS - MARKING ROLL & TAKING THEM FROM ACTIVITY TO ACTIVITY
- LEARN AND FAMILIARISE WITH YOUR SKILLS AROUND THE WATER

SWIMMERS, CAPS and RASHIES

- Kids are required to wear club swimmers and caps plus a PPSLSC rashie when doing water activities.
- See www.pacificpalmslsc.org.au for more information

From 5-14 years boys and girls can join our Nipper program and learn surf safety skills that may save their lives. Nippers have lots of fun and hang out with friends on Elizabeth Beach each Sunday from October to March each year. Nippers can compete in surf carnivals held locally and in other areas. The kids are encouraged and instructed in all facets of Nippers including flags, beach sprints, swimming and paddle boards. Our Nippers participate each year at the Branch Carnival. Our program is very relaxed with enjoyment being key to the participation. We cater for all levels of competency.

**NIPPERS: REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN'S INTEREST
COMPLETE & RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BY 5 SEPT 2020**

First Name	Surname	Age	Date of Birth	Proficiency Test Completed (Y/N)	Will Mum or Dad be assisting your group? WWWC Required.

Parent contact details: Name

Phone:

Email:

ALTERNATIVELY GO TO WWW.PACIFICPALMSLSC.ORG.AU/NIPPERS AND FILL OUT YOUR REGO ONLINE AND PAY EASILY

* Awards apply



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\$100
PER TERM
ALL CLASSES
NO CASUAL VISITS

WED 4:30-5:15PM
MODERN/JAZZ CLASS
AGES 5-8

WED 5:15-6:00PM
MODERN/JAZZ CLASS
AGES 9-14

WED 6:00 TO 7:00
OPEN CLASS
ADULTS

CLASSES AT PACIFIC PALMS COMMUNITY HALL

EMAIL: LEISA.BEAVIS@GMAIL.COM PHONE: 0414 323 083

BANKING DETAILS: BSB 812170 ACC NO. 11668

Palms Dance Academy is a Creative Kids provider



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A CLEVER & EASY WAY TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

BUY A FRIEND A GIFT THEY CAN
USE ALL OVER THE REGION

EFTPOS GIFT CARD

USE YOUR CARD FROM HAWKS NEST TO HARRINGTON,
FROM FORSTER TO BARRINGTON AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN

WHO IS USING IT

#shopmidcoast
#whyleave town

HOW DO I GET IT

Local participating
stores or online

HOW DO I USE IT

Like an eftpos card
at your fav places



Buy a gift card and #shopmidcoast www.whyleave town.com/midcoast

