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PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

WOW!! Thank you to our parents and community for supporting our amazing school musical and working with us to allow our students to perform to a live audience whilst still complying with the departments COVID-19 guidelines. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a great success. A special mention to our teachers Linda Brislane and Bec Perkins for all their hard work. They have provided our students with a special opportunity to be involved in such a professional production. All students thoroughly enjoyed being part of the production and it was wonderful to watch them on stage, working as a team and sharing the excitement of the experience together.





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END OF YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What an exciting time of the year for our students with so many events to look forward to. This year due to COVID-19 Guidelines some of these events may look a little different to previous years but we know our students will embrace each of these fabulous events.



**GRADUATION &
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Friday, 27 November	Happy Start for 2021 Kindergarten – 9.30 am to 12.00 noon
Friday, 27 November	Camp Elim Excursion for Year 6 students
Tuesday, 1 December	High School Orientation Day for Year 6 students attending Great Lakes College Forster Campus
Thursday, 3 December	Kinder to Year 2 Movie Event – viewing Cats & Dogs Paw 3 Unite at Great Lakes Cinema.
Friday, 4 December	Last Happy Start and Teddy Bears Picnic for 2021 Kindergarten
Monday, 7 December	Senior Celebration of Success (Year 3 to Year 6) This event is being held in two sessions at 9.30 am and 10.30 am in our hall. More information available soon. Filmed event.
Tuesday, 8 December	Big Buzz Excursion for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 students
Wednesday, 9 December	Year 6 Graduation in the hall commencing at 5.30 pm. More information to come. Filmed event.
Friday, 11 December	Junior Concert (Kinder to Year 2) @ 10.00 am in the hall. Filmed event.
Monday, 14 December	Creative Challenge Activity – students will get the chance to show their creative side by participating in a challenging activity – e.g. carrot cars or paper plans. End of Year Reports sent home today
Tuesday, 15 December	Fun Day/Mufti Day for all students. This will include beach visits, water play, class parties and movies.
Wednesday, 16 December	Last day for students Pacific Palms' Got Talent - Students will be entertained by the acts performing in Pacific Palms' Got Talent. Recorded for classrooms. Year 6 March Out – We will farewell our Year 6 students at 2.15 pm. We are planning something out the front of the school. More information to come.



- **K – 2 Home Readers are now overdue – please return them to school as soon as possible.**
- **Please return all Library books to school for stocktake – Overdue notices have been sent home.**



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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

NAIDOC Week

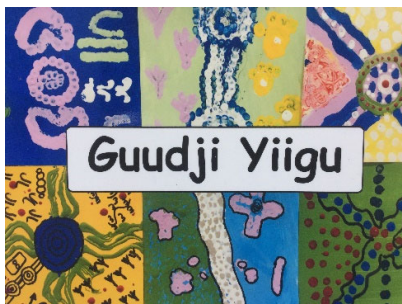
During Week 5 we celebrated NAIDOC Week with in class activities, a special assembly and a meal deal at the canteen. Students this year have participated in a range of cultural activities that focused on teaching them about Aboriginal history and culture. Thank you Lexi and our lovely canteen helpers for our yummy meal deal on Thursday. The sausage sandwich/BLT and cookies were a hit with the kids.

Congratulations to our NAIDOC Week award recipients who were presented with their awards in class while watching our online assembly. A special mention to Mrs Dorfling and Miss Murray who were presented with Super Awesome Awards from Mrs Merchant.



What an amazing achievement!

Class	NAIDOC Awards	CARE Awards	Merit Card
KM	Evie	Phoebe	Frankie & Ayleira
K/1D	Harper	Eden & Kiarni	Bodhi & Texas
1/2K	Saxon	Phoebe & Delilah	Kobi & Tao
1/2S	Beau	Benji & Duke	Ava & Coco
2/3G	Tasman	Max & Layla & Archie	Nash & Callum
3/4C	Lyle	Connor & Chase & Cianah	Neiva & Kysna
3/4W	Bella	Chelsie	Jonah & Knox
4/5P	Taj	Van & Alice	Leilani & Arthur
5/6L	Luke	Ethan & Jye	Zeb & Ruby
5/6B	Emma	Evie & Ruby	Wiley & Noah
5/6K	-	Billy & Grace	Lilly & Jake





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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Year 6 Athletics Day

Earlier this term our Year 6 students were given the opportunity to participate in their own athletics carnival and cross country. Students were given the option to nominate to participate in events such as 100 m sprints, 200 m sprints, shot put and high jump. Lots of fun was had by all.



Kindergarten 2021 – Happy Start

Last week our Kindergarten transition program ‘Happy Start’ began. We were thrilled we could invite them into our school to meet Miss Murray and Mrs Dorfling and spend time in the classrooms. Our ‘buddy’ program was also launched with our Year 5 students meeting their Kindergarten buddies. Their buddies will help them through the transition to ‘big’ school. I am so proud of our students for their kindness, their dedication and their willingness to give up their time to be a companion to our precious incoming students. We have a special Teddy Bears picnic for the final visit.





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS



Great Lakes College Forster Campus Orientation – Year 6

On Tuesday 1 December our Year 6 students are invited to travel by bus to Great Lakes College Forster Campus to attend the Year 7 Orientation Day. Students will be expected to be dressed in full school uniform. A BBQ lunch will be provided at no cost on the day. Students will need to bring their own recess or are able to purchase food from the high school canteen. Please return permission notes and \$8 to the front office.

Kinder to Year 2 Excursion

Our Kinder to Year 2 students will have the opportunity to visit the movies in Tuncurry to watch Cats and Dogs Paws 3 Unite followed by lunch in the park at One Mile Beach on Thursday 3 December. Students will need to wear full school uniform, school hat, sensible walking shoes and bring school bag or backpack with packed lunch, fruit, drink bottle and sunscreen.



Big Buzz Excursion

Students in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be attending the Big Buzz Fun Park on Tuesday 8 December. At Big Buzz students will have the opportunity to participate in water slides, mini golf, laser tag and the toboggan run. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue. Students will leave school at 9.15 am and return at 2.45 pm. Students can wear casual clothing but must wear enclosed shoes and covered shoulders. Students will need to bring swimmers and rash shirt, towel, sunscreen, hat, lunch and recess, water bottle, hand sanitiser.



Happy Start – Last day Friday 4 December

To make the last day of Happy Start on Friday 4 December a special day for our pre-schoolers, we are asking each child to please bring along their favourite teddy bear or soft toy. The teddy bears will be joining us during fruit break time and when we have lunch with our buddies.

Thank you to Boomerang Bags Forster for donating 35 Boomerang Bags for our 2021 Kindergarten students. We appreciate your support.





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P & C NEWS



The **Flavour of the Palms** cookbook is now available for Pre-Sale for \$30 or 10 for \$250.

Buy your copy on the Qkr App or www.flavourofthepalms.com.au for pick-up end of November. A perfect Christmas gift, with all proceeds going to the school and canteen garden.

You'll get a taste of The Palms in this extraordinary 200 page cookbook, including 'tried and tested' recipes, gorgeous photography by Cath Muscat and Claudia Gabriel Lim and input from our local businesses and food producers.

We can't wait to share it with you. We will also be at the Palms Markets on Sunday 13 December with a stall. Come and see us there. Palms P & C.

Congratulations Lexi

Congratulations! Our school canteen is meeting the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy! Well done Lexi and the P & C Association.




CONGRATULATIONS

Pacific Palms Public School

This certificate verifies that your canteen is meeting the requirements of **The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy**

Date issued: 20 November 2020 Valid until: 20 November 2022





Note: This certificate is valid for two years from the date of issue. To re-new your certificate please review your menu against the Food and Drink Criteria of the Strategy and re-submit a Menu Application Form to the Menu Check Service.

Good for Kids good for life

'GREAT CHOICE' HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN

We are excited to share that our school canteen continues to be a leader in providing a healthy food service to our students and staff. Our menu has completed a 2 year review and is again recognised as a **"Great Choice Healthy School Canteen"** meaning that it meets the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

A big thanks goes to our Canteen Manager/ P&C Committee/ Canteen Committee for all your hard work in reviewing our school canteen menu. Please support our canteen by ordering lunch and/or recess or volunteering in the canteen.

Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After a year of uncertainty, of social distancing and major adjustments to our usual school programs, things are s-l-o-w-l-y getting back to a semblance of ‘normal.’ Last week we were able to invite a small number of parents in to see our 5/6 musical ‘Pirates of the Curry Bean’. They LOVED it! To hear the laughter and squeals of delight as they performed was pure joy. Thank you to Mrs Brislane, Ms Perkins, Miss Williams, Mrs Knight, Mrs Wood, Mr Wilson and Jamie Brislane and Shawn Jolley for their extraordinary work to get the show happening this year with all that has happened and the many challenges. This was an extraordinary effort and our students were outstanding!



Term 4 is buzzing along quickly. There is so much happening in the final 15 school days!! Preparations are well underway for our end of year celebrations. This year we will hold the same end of year events and additional excursions for all year groups, however sadly many of these events will not involve parents due to the strict COVID guidelines around numbers. We have endeavoured to include some parents on-site where possible and we will be filming and sharing many events too. As usual we will also share photos on our Facebook page and in the newsletter.

2020 School Structure/Staffing

We are working hard on the complex process of allocating students into 11 class groups for 2021. 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. 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. 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.

Planning Ahead

As all schools are now in the process of planning their strategic improvement plans for the next four years, I feel supported by our forward thinking, innovative executive and by the hard working staff here at Pacific Palms Public School. Shortly we will be providing you – our families and school community – with our vision for the coming years. Where do we want to be in four years? What improvements do we need to make? What resources do we need to ensure we are the best we can be? It’s an exciting time. Thank you for your ongoing feedback and input. Our partnership is vital in ensuring we continue to move forward and provide our students with the life skills they need to thrive in our rapidly changing world.





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| NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

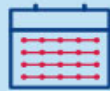
When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
M ~~X~~ W T F
M T W T F

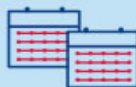
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
M ~~X~~ W T F
M T W ~~X~~ F

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



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| What works best

Students learn best when schools:

- 1 Have high expectations
- 2 Use explicit teaching
- 3 Provide effective feedback
- 4 Use student data to guide next steps
- 5 Use high quality assessments
- 6 Manage their classrooms well
- 7 Support wellbeing
- 8 Enable teacher collaboration

