



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11 May 2021

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## Pacific Palms Art Festival - THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 12 June – 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 13 June – 10 am to 4 pm

Come along and celebrate our local artists



## Our Students Excel

### GRIP Leadership Conference

On Thursday 13 May our Year 6 Leadership Team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference held at Club Forster. Many school leaders from across the Great Lakes area attended the conference. It was a day full of activities, sharing ideas and meeting other student leaders in primary schools. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year.



2021 Leadership Team  
Back Row: Ethan, Luke, Sione, Millie  
Front Row: Audrey, Amelie, Ryan



On Wednesday 12 May the Green Team had to postpone their beach clean-up due to wet weather but it didn't stop the Green Teams enthusiasm for learning about our local marine life. The team learnt how to use the 'Tangaroa Blue' Marine Debris Identification Manual, which is used in the sorting process after our beach clean ups. The students were touched after seeing incredible photos and footage of a turtle release, which was tangled in fishing line. This recent release was carried out by Kian Bates. Thanks Kian and Raw Edge Photography for the use of these awe-inspiring images.



## Term 2 Diary Dates

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Friday 11 June	Art Festival Opening Night - tickets on sale at <a href="http://www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au">www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au</a>
Wednesday 23 June	Semester 1 Reports sent home
Thursday 24 June	Assembly at 2 pm in the hall. 3/4C class item, athletic carnival ribbons and age champions. All welcome.
Friday 25 June	Last day of Term 2 – Mufti Day Football colours day



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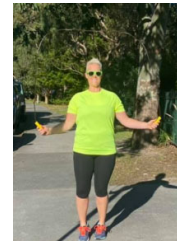
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## School Happenings



### Walk to School Safely Day

On Friday 14 May Pacific Palms Public School held our Walk Safely to School Day in beautiful sunny weather wearing our active wear! Walk Safely to School Day is not only fun but gives our students an opportunity to practise road safety, fitness and promote less use of cars in our environment. A big thank you to all the wonderful school staff who supervised our students, to Mrs D and Miss Godfree for organising the morning, and to OoSH and our friendly school bus drivers for their enthusiastic and practical support. Thank you to everyone who donated a gold coin. We raised \$270 to support our Breakfast Program.



### National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 21st successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum. This year our school held National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 20 May. At 11.00 am we all stopped to read the book “Give me some Space” written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. The book was read in space on board the International Space station by NASA astronaut Shannon Walker (PH.D)!







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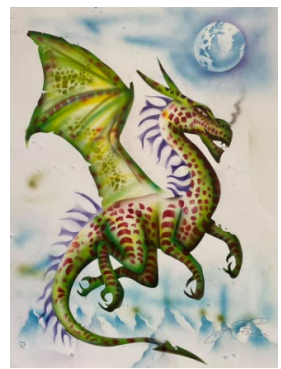
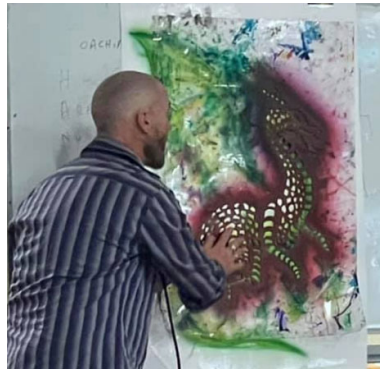


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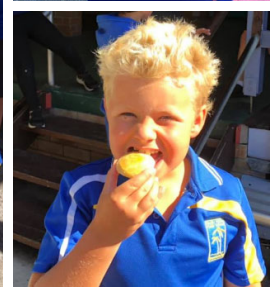
### Visiting Illustrator – Marc McBride

On Wednesday 19 May our Year 4 to Year 6 students were thrilled when illustrator Marc McBride visited our school. Marc McBride has worked with author, Emily Rodda. Marc painted many incredible creatures as he explained the process of creating artwork, beginning with imagination and where ideas come from. Our students sketched their own creations at the same time! This amazing visit was kindly funded by Art Festival (2019) donations.



### Indigenous Food

Stage 1 has been learning about and comparing traditional indigenous food with modern indigenous food. Stage 1 made Johnny Cakes and discussed what traditional foods may be eaten alongside them! We all decided they were delicious and would much prefer them with honey over kangaroo stew!







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### Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed in our recent athletics carnival. It was a fantastic day with lots of participation and standout performances. We were very lucky to have such beautiful weather. Thank you to Mr Hobbs who marked the oval. Thank you to all the parents who baked cakes and slices for our canteen and a very big thank you to all the parents who volunteered in the canteen. Good luck to all our students who have qualified to represent our school at the Manning Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry to be held next term.







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## Information for our Parents

### Voluntary Contribution Fee and Resource Levy

Statements were sent home earlier this term to all families. Payment can be made at the front office by cash or EFTPOS. Online POP payments can be made on the school website [www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) Thank you to those families who have finalised their payments.

### Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 3 and Year 4

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students will be visiting the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens from **Wednesday 6 October to Friday 8 October 2021**. The camp aims to provide students with an opportunity to interact with their friends outside of school, participate in team building activities, challenge themselves, develop self-confidence and have some fun! Some of the camp activities include; rock climbing, canoeing, fencing, flying fox, high ropes, archery, giant swing, raft building and so much more. The cost of the camp is \$303.00, which includes transport, meals and accommodation. Thank you to our families who are making regular payments.



### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - Year 5 & Year 6



Planning for our Year 5 and Year 6 overnight Canberra excursion is well underway. Our students will be travelling on a four day and three night adventure from **Tuesday 2 November to Friday 5 November** to Canberra. Students will be visiting Parliament House, Questacon, Australian Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, War Memorial and the Dinosaur Museum. This excursion is always a favourite with students as there are a huge variety of rich learning experiences available over the four days. Our excursion to Canberra is only 20 weeks away. Thank you to those parents who are making regular payments.

### Winter Breakfast Program

Our happy, healthy, environmentally-friendly breakfast program, which runs for 10 weeks each year, is held on Tuesday mornings before school. Thank you to our Green Team and fabulous parent helpers for your continued support. It is also very pleasing to hear all the beautiful manners.





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## Principal Message from Mrs Merchant

We are nearing the end of Term 2 and it is a good time to stop and reflect on the many activities and events that have occurred so far this term. We are so lucky to be part of such a wonderful school 😊

- We have had many students involved in sporting teams (soccer, netball, touch football, zone cross country) and individual success;
- School Photos;
- We kicked off our Breakfast Program, thank you Mrs Dorfling and our wonderful student and adult volunteers who helped serve breakfast;
- Illustrator visit, Marc McBride;
- Our Year 6 Leadership Team attended GRIP Leadership. They spent a day with other school leaders at Club Forster with Ms Shoemith;
- Aboriginal community BBQ, introducing Ms Thomas to our community and Ms Punton outlining our Aboriginal Education program;
- National Simultaneous Reading time;
- Athletics carnival;
- We have engaged our 'Artist in Residence' Emma Wreyford to provide art lessons and art therapy classes;
- Year 3 and Year 5 students completed NAPLAN online;
- Year 5/6 students CPR training;
- K-6 Assembly with KM performing;
- A sunny walk to school day;
- Establishment of a Junior PBL Team;
- Youth Arts Festival last weekend.



### Super Awesome

Congratulations to Year 6 student Indigo and staff member Claire Golding for being awarded the Principal's Award for being SUPER AWESOME!







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### Art Festival THIS WEEKEND!

Over the long weekend the 27th Pacific Palms Public School Arts Festival will be held. This fabulous event is only possible with the incredible generosity of our volunteers. This year, after a missed COVID year the committee embarked on this huge job with outstanding success. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Cath Bennett, Paula Young and Juliet Miller for the many hours of work they put into making this event so amazing. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for setting up and packing up the hall and art stands.



The 2019 winner was Marilyn Cranfield who has created this beautiful piece 'South Boomerang Beach' for the raffle this year. Drawn Monday 14 June 2021!

Thank you also to Kembali Cafe for serving up amazing tasting food, Blueys Cellar and Deli and Nadine the Cake Queen for incredible sweet desserts. Thank you to the many additional sponsors who have supported this event.

### Staff update

Christie King is now on maternity leave. Elana Knight has taken her place on 5/6B each Friday. We are very excited to congratulate Christie and Fletcher on the birth of their son William, born on 6 June 2021. Beth Marchmont is now on maternity leave. Jess Arnold is in her library role on Tuesdays with KM and KD. Elana Knight is in the library on Wednesday and Thursday with Stage 1. Lynelle Patterson will join our COVID Tutor Team in Term 3. We are very excited to welcome her back to the Palms.



### School Uniform

We are seeking support for consistency in our uniform. A note will be sent out next week clarifying our uniform expectations. In addition, we have noticed an increase in the amount of soccer, netball, board riders, Zone, Hunter and rep jackets being worn to school. While we are very proud to support our community and student achievements, this is not part of our uniform. We would like to enforce that these jackets are worn on Friday only. This will assist us with a more consistent look Mon-Thurs.

### Semester 1 Written Reports

These are being finalised and will be given to children on Wednesday 23 June (Week 10). The report includes a written comment for all key learning areas – English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and its environment (History and Geography) HSIE, personal development, health and physical education (PD,H, PE) and creative arts, as well as an additional general comment and Common Grade Scale to describe performance over five levels (often referred to as A-E reporting).





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### OOSH Tender 2021 - 2024

The licence for Active OOSH to operate the OSHC at our school has expired. The tender closed last week and the panel has been working through the process. We will have confirmation of the outcome by the end of term.



### THANK YOU to our P&C and Community

We have lots to be thankful for, here a just a few.

- ♥ Mother's Day Stall.
- ♥ Cooking and baking cakes/slices for the athletic carnival.
- ♥ Canteen volunteers, new menu items and sushi. Thank you Bec, we are loving the new menu items.
- ♥ Youth Art Exhibition and Art Festival organising committee and volunteers.

### 2022 Kindergarten

We will soon be enrolling for Kindergarten 2022! There is a new online enrolment system that has been launched to make the enrolment process even easier and will be in place for the next Kindergarten cohort. We will start pre-school visits and promotion early next term. More soon....

### Congratulations Hugo!

The judging of this year's Harmony Day Poster Competition is now complete. I am thrilled to announce Hugo O'Connell in KD is a Regional Runner-Up in this year's Poster Competition! There were over 5000 entries from 400 schools, and every entrant will be receiving a Certificate of Participation in recognition of their efforts.

Hugo and his family have been invited to the prize giving ceremony at Parliament House on Thursday 24 June 2021.

<http://movingforwardtogether.org.au/>



Still to come in the last days of Term 2 - reports go home Wednesday 23 June, K-6 Assembly Thursday 24 June from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Mufti Day on the last day Friday 25 June 2021.

Have a safe and warm long weekend. We hope you come along to the Pacific Palms Art Festival.

Mel Merchant  
Principal

*'Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate'*





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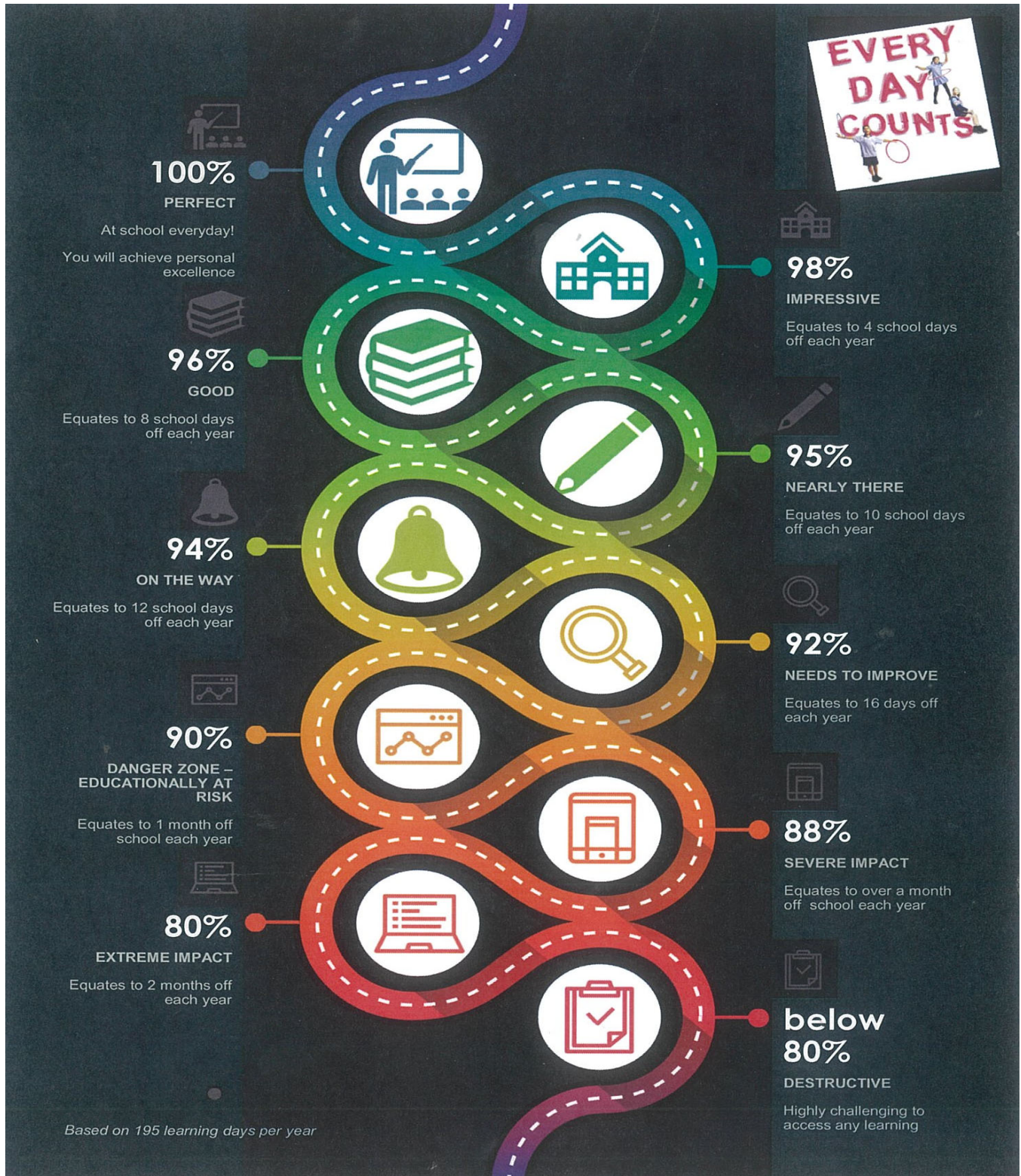
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Active OOSH Pacific Palms

Winter 2021

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**MONDAY 28TH JUNE - MONDAY 12TH JULY**

If your child is already enrolled with us you can book by text on 0407 903 979 or email [admin@activeoosh.com.au](mailto:admin@activeoosh.com.au)

For new enrolments visit [www.activeoosh.com.au/enrol-now](http://www.activeoosh.com.au/enrol-now)





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Fri 2nd

## INFLATABLE WORLD EXCURSION

Bounce on over with us to Inflatables World Taree.

Fri 9th

## EXTREME INFLATABLES

We head to Active OOSH Forster for a carnival themed inflatable day with jumping castles, inflatable soccer & snow cones!

Thur 1st

## JURASSIC WORLD

RAAAWWR! We dig for fossils at Active OOSH Forster, & if you're brave put a life size baby T-Rex!

Thur 8th

## CINEMA EXCURSION

Come with us to see the movie 'Spirit Untamed'. Popcorn & drink included!

Wed 30th

## GAMES DAY & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Minute to Win It, Doughnut Chew, Marshmallow Toss, Board Games, Running Races & Sausages!

Wed 7th

## WINTER WONDERLAND

Join us to make gingerbread houses, foam snowmen & snowflake craft. Snuggle up with a warm milk!

Tues 29th

## MIND FREAK

We visit Active OOSH Forster to see The Masked Magician for a magic show & hands on workshop.

Tues 6th

## RAINBOW DAY

Get crafty and a little bit messy with all the colours of the rainbow. Bring a change of white clothes to get colourful.

Mon 28th

## TEN PIN & LASER TAG EXCURSION

Strike or Spare! Can you knock down all ten pins? Battle it out in the laser tag arena.

Mon 5th

## YEE HA!

We join Active OOSH Forster for Old Macdonald's Travelling Farm to see some baby farm animals to get up close to.

Mon 12th

## LEGO MASTERS

Challenge your engineering skills! See who can build the biggest tower & take part in building races.

### PRICES:

In Service Days

\$12.51 per day with a CCS of 85%\*

\*\$65 per day full fee

Excursion Days

\$15.21 per day with a CCS of 85%\*\*

(includes bus fare)

\*\*\$79 per day full fee

What to bring:

\* DRINK BOTTLE & HAT

\* LUNCH & SNACKS

Open 7am - 6pm



Please ensure you confirm your CCS enrolment in your Centrelink app to reduce your fees



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**MIDCOAST**  
council

## Libraries



Bring the kids along to MidCoast libraries this July holidays to enjoy a range of fun and entertaining activities. From movie screenings, drama workshops, kids bingo, art & craft workshops, storytelling and more - there's something for everyone!

Bookings essential.  
See our full program and book at  
[www.midcoastlibraries.com.au](http://www.midcoastlibraries.com.au)

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