



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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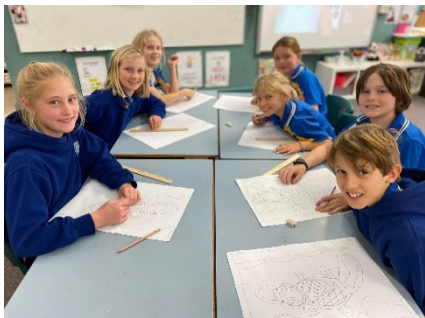
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## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate NAIDOC week our students had the opportunity to participate in a range of Aboriginal activities from cooking, learning about dreaming stories to art and craft that focused on teaching Aboriginal history and culture. We made over 120 lemon myrtle cookies, over 80 wild berry cupcakes and over 110 kangaroo pies. Students created dreaming stories about our local animals. We created amazing artwork that promoted the theme of 'Heal Country' and we shared our NAIDOC video during Education Week. What a fantastic week of NAIDOC celebrations our students had.



## EVENTS IN TERM 3

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Wednesday, 25 August	Book Week Celebrations – more info to come
Thursday 26 August	Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Meeting – see Facebook
Tuesday, 14 September	Hunter Athletics Carnival – (new date)
PSSA Information	Due to COVID restrictions all PSSA Gala Days have been cancelled for Term 3





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## EDUCATION WEEK

### Education Week – Lifelong Learners

Pacific Palms Public School students and staff celebrated Education Week last week a little differently to previous years due to COVID-19 restrictions. Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers, support staff and learning community. This year’s theme is “Lifelong learners” and celebrates education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood, learning a trade, entering tertiary education, or the workforce.



NSW Department of Education  
**Lifelong learners**  
Celebrate our schools this  
EdWeek 26-30 July 2021

[education.nsw.gov.au/edweek](http://education.nsw.gov.au/edweek)

### Education Week Award Winners

Congratulations to our Education Week “Lifelong Learners” award recipients who were presented with their awards last Wednesday.



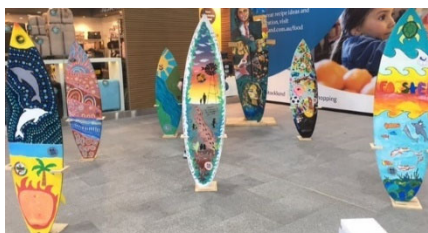
*Congratulations!*

### Education Week - “Lifelong Learners” Awards

KM	Cliff	1/2K	Jack	3/4C	Aaliyah	5/6S	Lilly
KD	Bronte	1/2S	Jaxson	3/4W	Sophie	5/6B	Malea
		1/2C	Lola	4/5P	Kysna	5/6L	Sam

### NBN Television – Education Week Interview

Last Thursday NBN Television interviewed Kalyee and a student from Forster Public School about the surfboard display for Education Week at Stockland Shopping Centre. Kaylee was a wonderful ambassador for our school and we loved watching you on the news.







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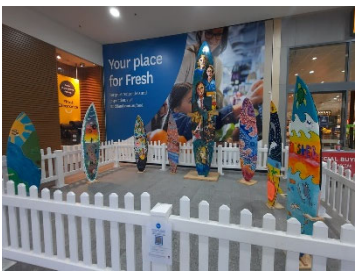
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## EDUCATION WEEK

To help celebrate Education Week all nine schools in the Great Lakes Learning Community have decorated a surfboard for their school. These were displayed at Stockland shopping centre last week with all local schools represented. Mr Smyth and our students worked together to create our board and it looks great.



Pacific Palms Public School's surfboard design was created by a group of eager students in Year 3-6. We started the process by putting our ideas on paper and discussing what would best represent our school and the Education Week theme of 'Lifelong Learners'. Our teacher, Mr Smyth helped guide our discussions and supervised the creative process. At the nose of the surfboard we mentioned our school's core value of CARE. We added some of the resources needed for academic progress and incorporated a beach scene and palm tree to represent our coastal lifestyle. We created a scene depicting learning and added some mathematical symbols and patterns. At the tail of our surfboard are our much loved and celebrated sports houses: Blueys, Boomerang, Lizzy and Shelly house. On the flip side we recognised our Worimi culture by adding the dolphin totem and we included our CARE mascot, Palmie. Hopefully one day someone will have the pleasure of riding this board again.

### NAIDOC Awards

Congratulations to our creative NAIDOC art award winners who were presented with beautiful drink bottles and coin pouches with indigenous artwork during our Education Week celebrations. Well done.







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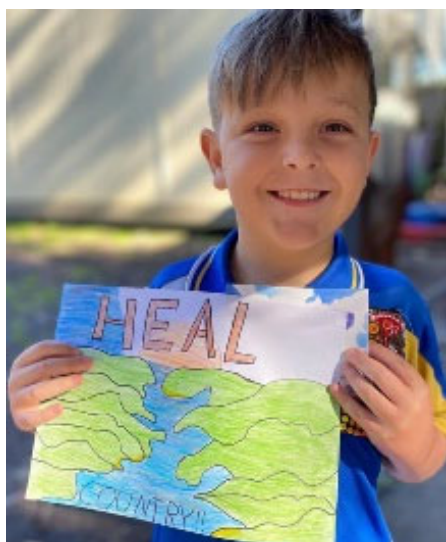
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## EDUCATION WEEK



## EDUCATION WEEK NAIDOC ART AWARD WINNERS

Class	Winners	Effort	Activity
KM	Harper	Rocky	Colouring in
KD	Seth	Lyric	Colouring in
1/2K	Georgie	Saxon	Boomerang dot painting
1/2S	Kiarni	Violet	Colouring in
1/2G	Ned	Lola	Colouring in
3/4C	Emily	Knox	Poster
3/4W	Caitlin	Harlo	Dream Story
4/5P	Kenzie	Will	Poster
5/6S	Wendy	Indigo	Lino Printing
5/6B	Harper	Matilde	Writing and illustrating poems
5/6L	Bodhi	Baylee	Dream Story







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### Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions the Great Lakes Learning Community was unable to hold the annual Education Week Academic Assembly at Tuncurry Bowling Club to recognise high academic achievers in Year 3 through to Year 12. Students from Forster, Hallidays Point, Nabiac, Bungwahl and Tuncurry Public Schools and Great Lakes College Forster and Tuncurry Campuses and Great Lakes College Senior Campus were all acknowledged. The following students from our school were recognised and presented with their awards at a school assembly rewarding their outstanding academic achievement across all aspects of learning. Congratulations to all our award recipients.



Leilani	Year 3	Max	Year 5
Tasman		Darcy	
Ruby		Hannah	
Caitlin		Lucy	
Grace			
Charlotte	Year 4	Vann	Year 6
Lachlan		Luke	
Byron		Lillian	
Marlo		Amelie	
Kenzie		Millie	



**Year 3** – Leilani, Ruby, Tasman, Grace, Caitlin



**Year 5** – Lucy, Hannah, Darcy, Max



**Year 6** – Amelie, Millie, Luke, Vann, Lillian (absent)



**Year 4** – Kenzie, Charlotte, Marlo, Byron, Lachlan





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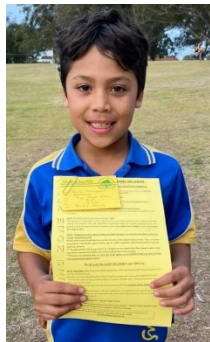
## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Manning Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 23 July 33 of our talented athletes represented our school at the Manning Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry Oval. Every student performed to their personal best. They displayed great sportsmanship and cheered on their fellow competitors. A fantastic day was had by everyone while still complying with safe COVID-19 guidelines. A special thank you to all the parents/carers who were there to support our students.

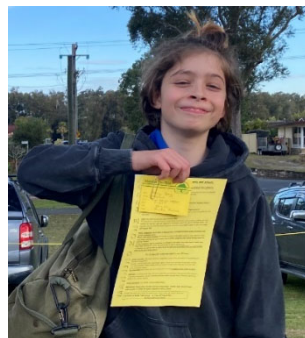
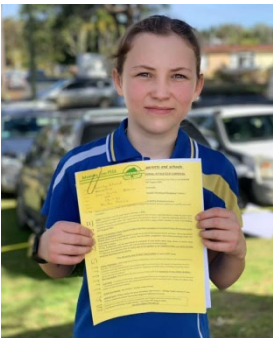


Congratulations to the following students who were successful in qualifying for the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival.



### Congratulations

- Imani
- Marlo
- Emily
- Ozzy
- Harley
- Vann
- Benji
- Malea
- Bodhi



## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### Kindergarten 2022 Enrolment

If you have a child or know a family who has a child eligible to start Kindergarten in 2022, who turns 5 years of age on or before 31 July 2022, then please make contact with the school so we can begin the transition to school process. More information is available on page 11.





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## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### Year 6 Baby Photos



We are asking Year 6 students to send in a baby photo that can be used in our end of year graduation presentation. If possible we would like these photos handed in before the end of Term 3. Please bring the photo to school in an envelope or small snap lock bag with your child's name clearly labelled and handed to your class teacher.

### Lost Property

We have so many clothes (especially jumpers) with no name! Please label all clothing and school items so they can be easily returned. If you are looking for lost items please come to the office.



### Kiss and Ride Zone

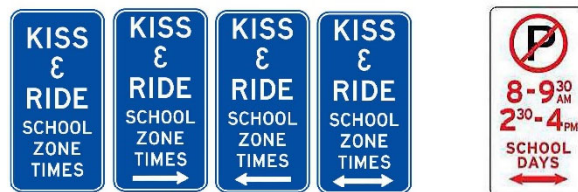
A reminder about parking at the front of the school, particularly the school Kiss and Ride Zone.

Please limit your parking time to **2 minutes** and remain within 3 metres of your vehicle.

This helps avoid traffic congestion during busy times and ensures the safety of our students.

## Kids look to you to keep them safe...

### Know the signs. Know the rules.



Kiss and Ride Zones

No Parking Zones



At schools, all of these signs have the same rules:

Drivers may drop off or pick up children during the times shown, but note:

- the maximum stopping time is 2 minutes
- the driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Fines and loss of demerit points apply.

A road safety initiative from MidCoast Council



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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



### CILSP Newsletter Blurb

The CILSP 'Jump Start' tutors have continued working with students during Semester 1, and are very excited to have Lynelle Patterson join the team for Terms 3 and 4. As per the DoE guidelines, the CILSP tutors work within the classroom to challenge and 'raise the bar' for our target students. These groups are flexible in nature, meaning that during the term some students may discontinue and others may come on board.

Term 2 saw Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) join the program with a numeracy whole number focus, and Stages 2/3 (Years 3-6) continue with a focus on reading comprehension. We would like to thank the hard-working students that make up our CILSP groups, and we look forward to supporting their further growth during Term 3!



## P&C NEWS



### Our Canteen is open!

Our canteen is open on **Monday, Thursday and Friday**. Check out the Qkr App to order. Thank you Bec and our volunteers, our students are so happy to be able to order their lunches again. We are following COVID safe guidelines and hygiene practices at all times.



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Education Week Celebrations

Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who watched our Education Week celebrations. The students and staff loved showing off to the community sharing in their achievements. We are all very proud of the students' displays, classrooms and behaviour, it was lovely to be able to record assemblies, present awards and participate in virtual classroom walk-throughs. We are hoping sometime, in the near future, we will be able to have more activities and parents back in face to face. In the meantime, thank you for supporting our community, staying safe and respecting our restrictions at school. We appreciate it.



**Thank You!!!**







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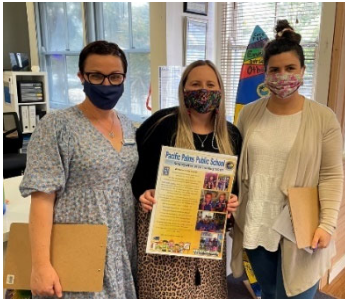
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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Kindergarten 2022

We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information – page 11.

# Kindergarten



If you are a parent of a child beginning school in 2022, please apply to enrol. Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July 2022.

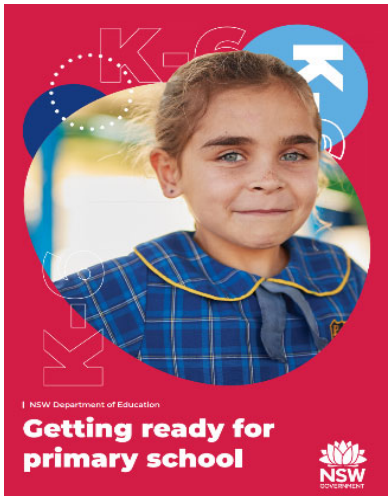
You can enrol online NOW!  
<https://pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

You can also download the 'Getting ready for primary school' booklet

Getting ready for primary school  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/getting-ready-for-school.pdf>

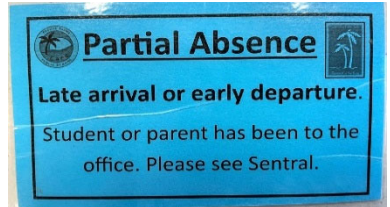
Or check out the Department of Education website.

Going to a Public School  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school>



### Reminder

If your child is late to school after 9.00 am or is picked up early before 3.00 pm, please come via the front office to pick up a blue card. This ensures that your child is recorded in our online system, which helps us with safety and attendance data.



STUDENT MESSAGE  
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Message: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you or a family member have an urgent/important message for your child/ren, please call the office **BEFORE 2:30 pm** and we will send the message using our orange note to the child in the class.

As this is the busiest time for our front office staff, we ask that you do not use this system to arrange play dates and for personal messages please.

We thank you for your consideration.





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### Staff update

As you know Tahlee Thomas has been working with us to support our Aboriginal students and engage all our students with indigenous culture. Tahlee also worked with 5/6S on Wednesdays. Tahlee has started maternity leave. We thank her for the incredible impact she has had in a short period of time and wish her and her family all the best for the newest addition to the family. She has worked closely with Katrina Punton and has been doing a wonderful job with this across the school. Kyle Baldwin will replace her working with 5/6S on Wednesdays.

### Buses

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of students behaving in a disrespectful and unsafe manner on the buses to and from school. If your child catches a bus, please speak with them about travelling safely to school. We have had a number of reports from drivers about unsettled behaviours and unsafe actions. Several students have received warning letters and 20 day bans. Behaviours that cause the most concern continue to be:



- ✗ Not wearing seat belts
- ✗ Out of seat, changing seats, moving around the bus
- ✗ Throwing things around the bus
- ✗ Inappropriate language or offensive language
- ✗ Not showing respect e.g. being rude to the driver and not following directions.



### A COVID reminder for all families

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

We have had a number of families from Sydney, who are currently living here, call to enrol temporarily at our school. These requests have been declined.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teaching, SLSO and SASS staff, for your ongoing support and commitment to the children and families of PPPS. You are amazing people who work tirelessly and selflessly to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. I personally appreciate all that you do very much. Thank you.



Yours in learning

Mel Merchant  
Principal

*"If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning." – Carol Dweck*





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# Pacific Palms Public School



## Kindergarten 2022 Enrolling NOW!

### Welcome to Big School!

Pacific Palms Public School would like to welcome you to our school.

We have lots planned to get to know you! Some of these have been impacted by COVID restrictions.

**Parent information session:** We have a wonderful information session planned and hope that we will be able to deliver this face to face. This is to showcase what Pacific Palms Public School has to offer your child as they begin an exciting transition into 'Big School.'

For now, the current COVID restrictions do not allow us to have parents on site in groups, however we are hoping to potentially run a session on one of these dates.

Date 1: August 26th or Date 2: October 14th

**Get started now:** You can visit our website [www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home](http://www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home)

- \* Click on the Kindergarten tab to find out more.
- \* Enrol online now (by 15th October please).
- \* You can also join our private Facebook page.

We will be delivering a Kinder information pack to all students at the pre-schools by 13th August.

Our 'Happy Start' transition program for students will begin in November and we can't wait.

If you have any further questions please contact the school on 6554 0249.



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# big CHILDCARE



## WE ARE YOUR NEW

# O.S.H.C

## PROVIDER!

A BIG hello to everyone at Pacific Palms Public School; we are excited to become part of your school community where you will see our commitment to offering a safe, fun and enriching environment for all children.

### MOBILE

0434 176 938

### EMAIL

[pacificpalms@bigchildcare.com](mailto:pacificpalms@bigchildcare.com)

### FEES & OPERATION HOURS

**Before Care - \$18**

6.30am to 9.00am

*\$2 casual booking fee applies for non-permanent bookings*

**After Care- \$24.50**

3.00pm to 6.30pm

**Holiday Care - \$55**

7.00am to 6.00pm

*+ activity fee for excursions*

**Staff Development Day Care - \$55**

7.00am to 6.00pm

## We are big on FUN!

[www.bigchildcare.com](http://www.bigchildcare.com)





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## Get Active with Scouts!

Scouts welcomes children and young people from Kindy to Year 12, offering a safe and supportive environment where your child can make new friends, learn life skills and embark on new adventures!

**Your local Scout Group is:**

**1st Forster - Tuncurry Scout Group**

To Find Out More... Contact Leanne Richardson on 0438 180 394

Or visit [joinscouts.com.au/Scouts/1st-forster-tuncurry-scout-group/](http://joinscouts.com.au/Scouts/1st-forster-tuncurry-scout-group/)



Scouts is an eligible provider of the NSW Government's Active Kids Program. Scan the QR code to claim your child's Active Kids voucher and SAVE \$100 on joining and membership fees!





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## COME AND LEARN TO DANCE AND EXPRESS AT PACIFIC PALM'S NEWEST DANCE SCHOOL!

Offering classes on Fridays and Saturdays for children and adults, PPA strives to enrich people's creative journeys while teaching them the value of self-expression, confidence, dedication and determination.

Send us an email today at [contact@palmsperformingarts.com](mailto:contact@palmsperformingarts.com), or visit our website at [www.palmsperformingarts.com](http://www.palmsperformingarts.com)