



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16 December 2021

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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Celebration of Success

On Monday 29 November we held our end of year "Celebration of Success" assembly to recognise students in our school who have worked hard this year and demonstrated a number of outstanding achievements. Congratulations to our 2022 Leadership team, Green Team and House Captains who were presented with their badges and also to our students who were presented with major awards, most improved awards, academic awards, teachers' choice awards and class awards. We are very proud of you all.



### 2021 Leadership Team

Back Row L-R: Darcy, Jett, Max and Jaspa  
Front Row L-R: Malea, Alice and Matilde



### 2021 Green Team

Back Row L-R:  
Hannah, Yasmin and Hamish  
Front Row L-R:  
Kaylee, Lucy and Alice

### 2021 Sports Captains

L-R: Leilani, Isabelle,  
Bodhi, Ben



## 2022 Term 1 Diary Dates

The following events are happening in the first few weeks of Term 1 2022:

2022 Events Calendar	
Friday, 28 January	Staff Development Day – Teachers and school staff only
Monday, 31 January	Staff Development Day – Teachers and school staff only
Tuesday, 1 February	First day of school for students returning to Year 1 through to Year 6
Tuesday, 1 February to Thursday 3 February	Best Start Assessment appointments for Kindergarten students.
Friday 4 February	First day of school for Kindergarten finishing at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 15 February	Swimming Carnival for students in Year 3 through to Year 6 (students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old in 2022 may attend if they would like to but must be able to competently swim 50 metres).





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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Celebration of Success Major Award Winners 2021



**Academic Awards**  
Vann and Amelie



**Sport Champion Awards**  
Sione and Lillian



**VIEW Club Award**  
Olivia



**Stan Trudgett Scholarship**  
Charli and Ryan



**Premiers Sporting Medal - Emily**



**Citizenship Award**  
Audrey and Ethan



**CARE Award-in memory of Luke Ballard - Sam**



**Great Lakes College Year 7 Scholarship**  
Lilly



**Boomerang Beach Surf Co – Personal Achievement Award – Luke**



**Grahame Blades Stage 2 Citizenship Award**  
Ozzy



**Anne Masters Jnr Citizenship Award**  
Coco

### Sponsors for Celebration of Success

We wish to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of our Celebration of Success Assembly.

**Grahame Blades**  
**VIEW Club**

**Anne Masters**  
**Great Lakes College Forster Campus**

**Boomerang Beach Surf Co – Andy and Nicole Reeve**  
**Club Forster**

**Wendy and Barry Ballard**





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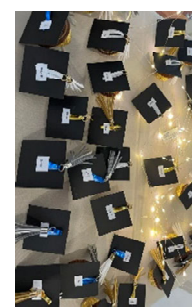


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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday 8 December our Year 6 students celebrated their time at Pacific Palms Public School by attending their Graduation dinner. Thank you to Ms Williams, Mr Smyth, Mrs Brisbane, Mrs Knight and Mrs O'Neill for a wonderful send off, it was really appreciated by the students and their parents. A special thank you to the Year 6 students, it has been a pleasure and we wish you the best of luck in high school. You will be missed! Thank you to Mobys for the delicious catering and supplying the venue and décor, and Matt and Mel Williams from M&M Signs for the graduation sign.







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### Junior Assembly and Performance

On Friday 10 December we acknowledged our 2021 Kindergarten students by giving them a special certificate at a cohort assembly. We also presented the Stage 1 Anne Masters Citizenship Award to Coco. We took individual photos of all children, which were sent home with school reports on Monday.

Additionally, each of the K-2 Classes rehearsed and performed a dance within the theme 'Under the Sea' which was then recorded for your viewing pleasure either through our school Facebook page or class Dojo. A big thank you to all of our amazing Kindergarten to Year 2 teachers for their hard work throughout the year. Well done to our talented students, they were wonderful performances and we are very proud of you all.







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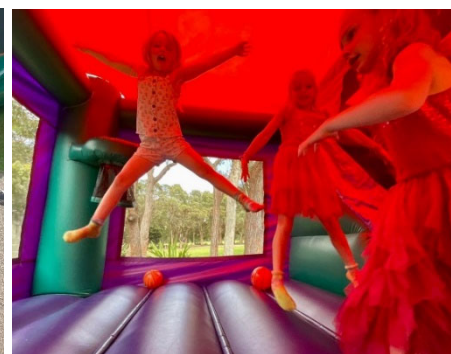
### Green Team – 'Take 3 for the Sea'

The 2021 Green Team have wrapped up the year with the release of these cool 'Take 3 For the Sea' clean up buckets. The ocean themed buckets will be hung in the playground, allowing students to help keep our paradise clean. Thank you Green Team! Thank you Mrs Shoosmith!



### Jumping Castle Fun!

On Tuesday 14 December our students enjoyed a day of jumping castle fun. We hired two jumping castles, one for Kinder to Year 2 students and one for Year 3 to Year 6 students. With safety first, all students enjoyed their time on the jumping castle in class groups. The students loved watching their teachers join in the fun too!







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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### Farewell – It's time to say goodbye!



**Natasha MacArthur –  
Learning Support  
Officer/Library SAO**

Natasha MacArthur has worked at our school for 12 years. She has worked for over 10 years supporting students in K-2 classrooms with literacy in small groups. Tash worked in our library each week and completing the complex stocktake each year. She has also worked in classrooms, with individual students and in the front office.



Tash has now completed her teaching degree and will start her teaching career at Coolongolook Public School in 2022. We are so excited for her and know that she will be a wonderful teacher!

### Welcome to Pacific Palms Public School



**Justin Hobbs -  
General Assistant**

Justin will be working over the holiday period and in Term 1 as General Assistant at our school.

You will see Justin working in our school grounds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you see Justin make sure to say hello.

We will advertise the General Assistant role permanently during Term 1 to be filled starting in Term 2.



## P&C NEWS

### Pacific Palms P & C Association Executive 2022

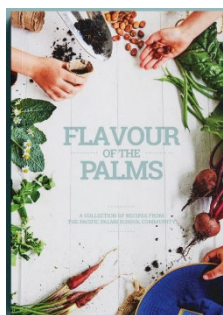
On Tuesday 30 November at our P&C AGM our new 2022 Executive team was elected as follows:



- President – Ali Joyce
- Vice President – Anna O'Meara
- Vice President – Juliet Miller
- Treasurer – Sara Denison
- Secretary – Rachel Walker

We are excited to start 2022 with a full team and a positive start to the new year. The next P&C meeting will be held in Term 2 please come along and join us, the more the merrier.

### Flavour of the Palms



Back by popular demand, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our beautiful school cookbook 'Flavour of the Palms' is now available - **\$30** each!

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT 2021

As we come to the end of another extraordinary year, it is the time to reflect and acknowledge the great school community we have here at Pacific Palms Public School. Even though we had a smooth start to the beginning of the year, things changed very quickly, requiring changes to be made almost overnight. We have all adapted to a new way of working and living with COVID-19 and coping with lockdowns and remote learning. Our priorities remained the same as yours, to keep our community safe. We are proud of how our school has adapted and continued to flourish. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Despite the challenges 2021 has thrown at us, we have continued to enjoy many wonderful student and staff achievements – across academic pursuits, on the sporting field, creative and performing arts, and through many other areas where our students have been able to demonstrate their talents and leadership skills. Although the health guidelines prevented our families from being inside the school, our students have continued to have a range of opportunities and experiences.

I take this opportunity to commend the families, teachers and students on the excellent outcomes that have been achieved in the most challenging of years. We have grown academically through our learning, both online, at home and in the classroom and created new ways to support social and emotional wellbeing for all. Thank you to our community, who have been outside our school gate most of the year. We have appreciated your support and commitment. Thank you to our staff who, this year more than ever, have gone above and beyond on every level. It is a privilege and a joy to work with our staff – watching them this year adapt and adjust to the unbelievable amount of change on every level was truly inspiring. To our students, you showed great determination, resilience and motivation during another year that COVID-19 impacted our world. We are so proud of you and all you have achieved.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding service of our P&C Association working tirelessly behind the scenes to support our school. 2021 was successful in many ways. Henry, Anna, Rachel and Juliet have continued to fundraise, support our school and work together on exciting future projects. This year was very successful in a number of 'different' ways, including zoom meetings! We also congratulate our P&C Treasurer Henry Joyce, who has completed his 3-year tenure and has accomplished so much! A huge shout out to him for the hours of volunteered time, he has been a crucial part of the continuing success of the P&C, streamlining processes and introducing new initiatives such as the Qkr App.







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We will miss him and thank him for his time. We are really looking forward to the garden and Worimi dolphin play sculpture being completed in 2022 and the P&C "Flavour of the Palms" cookbook reprint.

Finally, I want to mention the extraordinary executive staff I work with each and every day. They provided me with great support to navigate this unusual year. The way in which all of the executive worked together to support the teachers was incredible. I relied heavily on their skills and knowledge to help me navigate the way to best support our teachers and staff. The 'Learning At Home Hub' was key to the school being able to support our students and the executive were paramount to the success of this process. To Lyn, Katrina and Helen, thank you for all your support and guidance throughout this year. You are a truly gifted group of professionals and can take great pride in the school which you run. PPPS would not enjoy the excellent reputation it has in our community without your dedication and skills. Thank you.

We look forward to 2022 and the new beginnings. We have several new teachers joining us and can't wait for you to meet them. If this year has taught us anything, it is to live in the now. Be kind now. Put down the phone, talk to a friend, spend time with your family and enjoy life by being grateful for the small things – the sunshine on your face, the sand beneath your feet, the salt water on your skin and the company you have.

I wish all you a safe and happy holiday and a healthy 2022. Students return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and Kindergarten students will start on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Yours in learning,  
Melissa Merchant  
Principal



DON'T CRY  
BECAUSE IT'S OVER,  
**SMILE**  
BECAUSE IT  
HAPPENED.

- Dr. Seuss

THE BEAUTIFUL PROJECT





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Education

Dear School Learning Community Champions

What a journey the last two years has been for all of us!  
Fires, Floods, Mouse plagues and COVID.

Yet this term has seen the return of smiles and celebrations as our schools welcomed back all students for Term 4, 2021. It represented the start of a new normal for schools and the return of face to face teaching after four months of learning from home for many of us across parts of Regional North and West School Performance Directorate.

### In a big shift, people pivot

There really was no rulebook for understanding how the last two years would play out. Some have suffered a number of natural disasters including the 2019-2020 bushfires and 2020-2021 floods with many families and communities still rebuilding their homes, businesses and lives. On top of all of this has been the more recent COVID-19 pandemic. The human, social and economic costs of this pandemic have been huge! And whilst many of our school communities have been heavily impacted there has always been a sense of hope and optimism in pulling together to get through. This spirit and unexpected strength has come from the courage, collegiality and resilience of students, parents, teachers and principals across the School Performance Directorate.

### Congratulating your School Learning Community

The enclosed award is presented to your School Learning Community to acknowledge this unwavering spirit and talks to your moral purpose and drive to support and enhance the life outcomes of your students who you have the honour and responsibility of educating. It is about a commitment to the right work based on real and authentic leadership and evidence-based practices to improve student outcomes - driving forward, regardless of the challenges faced.

This award recognises the highly valuable and exceptional contribution each member of the school community has made to 'making a difference' to empower our young people to be productive citizens, while providing opportunities for both continued learning, future employment and success in life. But most importantly for enabling each student to achieve their potential.

### Thank you

In Public Education there are no losers only winners, that's why instead of holding an award ceremony, the Directors, Educational Leadership and myself decided to recognise every one of the 270 schools and every person in the Regional North and West School Performance Directorate for their agility, clarity, enthusiasm, drive and absolute dedication. Please celebrate this award with all members of your school community knowing that your work is valued and your service to your students and community is appreciated.

I want to thank your school for overcoming the barriers, challenges and obstacles of the past two years to remain laser focused on the 'right work' in supporting your students.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Muir  
Executive Director, School Performance  
Regional North and West School Performance Directorate  
25 November 2021

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# School Canteen Tender!

## Pacific Palms PS Canteen Licence



Tenders are called for the licence of the PPPS canteen for the school year commencing February 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 for a term of 3 years, with an option to renew after 2 years. Annual enrolments are 280.

**General inquiries** and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to: Melissa Merchant – Principal

65540249 - [melissa.merchant2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melissa.merchant2@det.nsw.edu.au)

Tenders must be sent electronically and noted in the subject line "Commercial in Confidence – School Canteen Tender" and sent to [melissa.merchant2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melissa.merchant2@det.nsw.edu.au)

Tenders close 3pm on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Mandatory criteria: All employees must hold a current Working with Children Check.







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# Volunteers needed!

## 2022 will be the 29<sup>th</sup> Pacific Palms Annual Arts Festival.

We need some fresh faces to help Cath with the organisation and behind the scenes preparation! There are a range of jobs available, some very small!

Preparation time happens during Feb- March.

We also need help on the Junior Art weekend

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June and Art Festival on the long weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Please contact Cath if you can help

0434 678 381







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# Pacific Palms Art Festival

Each year the Pacific Palms Arts Festival donates funds raised to contribute to our Arts Programs at school.

This year they sponsored the Artist in Residence and next year they are helping to support a specialist music teacher.

Please support  
this great  
community  
event!



There are new  
sponsors on  
board in 2022!





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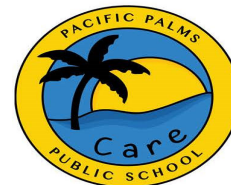
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## P&C Fundraiser FLAVOUR OF THE PALMS Cookbook



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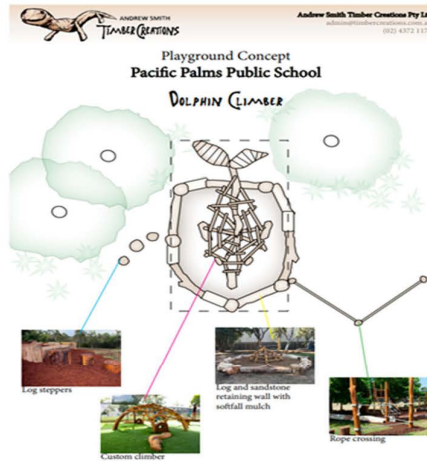
This cookbook is the perfect present for your family and friends, or to showcase on your coffee table or in your holiday home.

Help us to continue to raise funds towards a school kitchen garden and proposed natural play space for our children. We are hoping to raise sufficient funds for building work to start in January. We are gratefully accepting any additional donations to this exciting project. If you are in a position to do so, there is the option to do this on the Qkr App.

Cookbook pre-orders for mid-December delivery can be made via Qkr or [www.flavourofthepalms.com.au](http://www.flavourofthepalms.com.au)

Only 300 copies so get in quick! Spread the word and thanks for your support.

PPPS P & C Association :)



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**WHEN:**  
Fridays 9.30am  
Sips@Mobys  
Function Room  
4 Red Gum Rd  
Boomerang  
Beach



For enquiries and bookings  
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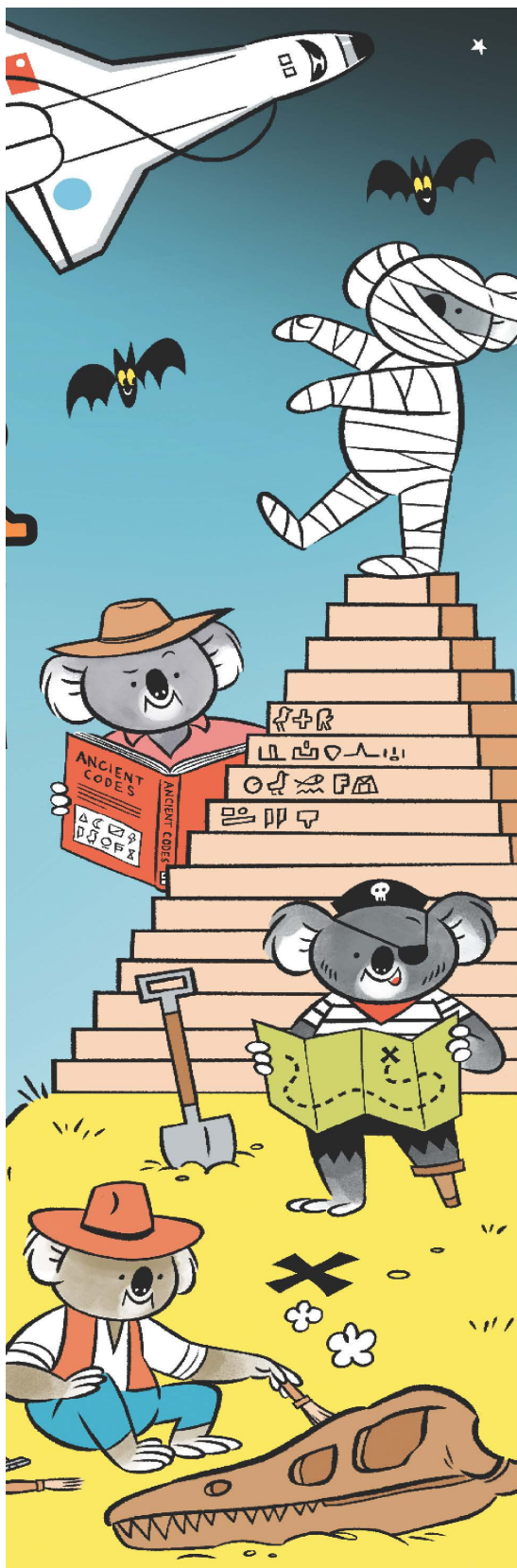




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# SUMMER READING CLUB

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Step 1:** Register for the Summer Reading Club at [www.midcoastlibraries.com.au](http://www.midcoastlibraries.com.au)
- Step 2:** Pick up your Summer Reading Club (SRC) pack from your library and start reading!
- Step 3:** Get your SRC challenge card stamped each time you complete a challenge. On the 5<sup>th</sup> stamp you will go into the draw for amazing prizes.
- Step 4:** For Challenge #3 on the SRC challenge card, pick a challenge from the sheet provided and email a photo to [library.events@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library.events@midcoast.nsw.gov.au). Bring your drawing, story, book review, poem or photograph to your library to get your Challenge Card stamped.
- Step 5:** Record the books you read in your reading log.
- Step 6:** Complete your reading log and return it to your library by 15<sup>th</sup> January to receive an entry into the prize draw. You can complete as many logs as you like!
- Step 7:** Complete your colouring-in page and return to your library for an additional entry into the prize draw.
- Step 8:** Receive your invitation to the exclusive Summer Reading Club Party.

The Summer Reading Club is brought to you by MidCoast Libraries and the State Library of Queensland and sponsored by Mission Australia and MidCoast 4 Kids.