



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL



Introducing our 2022 Student Leadership Teams

We are very proud of all our Year 5 students who tried out for leadership roles. It was very exciting to announce our 2022 Student Leadership Teams recently.

Congratulations to our **2022 Leadership Team**. Well done **Jett, Matilde, Darcy, Alice, Jaspa, Malea** and **Max**.

Badges will be presented at our Celebration of Success assembly on Monday, 29 November 2021.



Congratulations to our **2022 Green Team Leaders**. We are very excited to see what they achieve next year. They created very passionate and engaging applications to be part of this team.

Well done **Hamish, Alice, Lucy, Kaylee, Hannah** and **Yasmin**.



Congratulations to our **2022 House Captains**:

- **Leilani - Elizabeth House**
- **Isabelle - Boomerang House**
- **Bodhi - Blueys House**
- **Ben - Shelly House**

We look forward to watching you lead our sport houses next year, starting with our swimming carnival in Term 1.





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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



High School Orientation

Year 6 students enjoyed an orientation day at Great Lakes College Forster Campus on Tuesday. The students were placed in groups and experienced a day in the life of a high school student with timetabled lessons from a variety of faculties. This transition day is an excellent way to prepare the students for the world of many classrooms and teachers a day, in many different places. We are very proud of our Year 6 students and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



Happy Start – Kindergarten 2022

Our 2022 Kindergarten students have been eagerly attending our Happy Start program. It has been very exciting for the rest of the school to have our new Kindergarten students visiting and we look forward to getting to know them next year. Thank you to our Year 5 students for being so very friendly and helpful in looking after their new buddies. Our P&C held a uniform "show day" today which was very successful. Our final day of Happy Start will be Friday, 3 December and students are encouraged to bring in a teddy bear for our Teddy Bears Picnic.





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Year 6 Farewell Dinner – Wednesday, 8 December 2021

Our annual Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 8 December at Sips @ Mobys Beachside Retreat in the upstairs function room commencing at 6 pm and concluding at 7 pm. This will be a wonderful night with friends to celebrate the end of primary school. Please RSVP with your child's meal option and \$15 payment by Monday 29 November.



P & C NEWS

P&C AGM – Tuesday, 30 November

The P & C Association AGM is being held on Tuesday 30 November at 6:00 pm in the school library (please let us know if you would like a zoom link sent to you so you can attend). All positions will be declared vacant. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get involved to help create the school you want for your children. Please join us, we look forward to seeing you.



Flavour of the Palms

Just in time for Christmas! Back by popular demand, the 2nd edition of our beautiful school cookbook 'Flavour of the Palms' is now available for \$30.

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 for 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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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.'

Term 4 is buzzing along quickly. There is so much happening in the final 14 school days!! Preparations are well underway for our end of year celebrations. This year we will hold the same end of year events, however sadly many of these events will not involve parents due to the strict COVID guidelines. We have endeavoured to plan lots of fun events for our students and we will be filming and sharing many events too. As usual we will also share photos on our Facebook page, via email and in the newsletter.





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2022 School Structure/Staffing



We are working hard on the complex process of allocating students into 11 class groups for 2022. 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.

2022 School Dates

There are two Staff Development Days at the start of 2022. These pupil free days are on: **Friday, 28 January 2022 and Monday, 31 January 2022**



For students going into Year 1 through to Year 6 the first day of school in 2022 will be: **Tuesday, 1 February 2022**

Kindergarten parents will be advised when they will attend their Best Start meeting and parent enrolment meeting.



The first day of Kindergarten will be Friday, 4 February 2022

Kindergarten 2022 – Happy Start Transition Program

Our Kindergarten transition program 'Happy Start' is well underway. We were thrilled we could invite them into our school to meet Mrs Hunt and Mrs D and spend time in the classrooms. Our 'buddy' program was also launched with our Year 5 students meeting their Kindergarten buddies. Their buddy 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. The final visit next Friday will include a special Teddy Bears picnic.





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Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction

As part of the NSW DoE Literacy and Numeracy strategy, schools across the state will be receiving a permanent allocation of an Assistant Principal position to strengthen the teaching of literacy and numeracy in primary schools.

In 2022 we have been fortunate to have been allocated a full time position to commence next year and I am delighted to introduce you all to our new executive member—Mrs Lynelle Patterson.

We are thrilled to have her join our staff, she is a highly skilled practitioner with a broad range of experience in this area. This position involves working alongside teachers in classrooms to build targeted support in teaching strategies for literacy and numeracy driven by student need.



Mrs Lynelle Patterson

Farewell – It's time to say goodbye!



Lyn Wood – Assistant Principal

Lyn has worked at our school for the past 16 years as a Stage 2/3 teacher and assistant principal. She has

been instrumental in leading a number of initiatives across the school, is loved by all and will be dearly missed!

Lyn has made the difficult decision to leave our school at the end of the year and move to outback Queensland. Her daughter is due to have a baby, so she wants to spend time being a nanny and hopping in her van exploring the sights of Queensland.



Lani Williams – Teacher 5/6L

Lani has worked at our school across all stages since 2006. She then travelled to the UK where she taught for a number of years and then

returned home to the Palms to continue her love of teaching.

Lani has decided to spread her wings and move to the "big smoke" and has secured a 12-month temporary teaching position at Bourke Street Public School in Surry Hills. Lani's dedication to her craft, her willingness to support many school events, her wonderful energy and so much more will all be missed.





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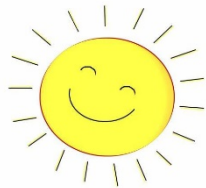


Grace Keating – Teacher 1/2K

Grace has brought sunshine and joy to us during her time at Pacific Palms Public School during the past 3 years. Sadly for us she has decided to

move back to her hometown to be closer to family and friends and will continue to pursue her love of teaching in the Newcastle area.

We have loved witnessing Grace's growth as a teacher, and we know that the school where she ends up working will be very lucky to have her.

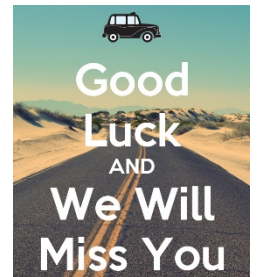


John Wood - General Assistant

John has been a valuable member of our staff for the past 12 years. He has worked tirelessly keeping our gardens maintained and fixing things around the school while honing his

handball skills and hanging out with his "working dogs" crew.

John is sadly ending his time at Pacific Palms Public School and is moving to Emerald, Queensland. He is going to enjoy being a poppy to his new granddaughter and exploring the great outdoors.



While we only have 3 learning weeks left of school for 2021, we have much more to do. Everyone is busy and happy and looking forward to enjoying these last few weeks with the children.

Stay connected. Stay Safe.

Mel Merchant
Principal





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End of Year Events

As we near the end of the school year we would like to take the opportunity to update you on our end of year events. This year due to current COVID-19 guidelines (Term 4 Road Map) some of these events may look a little different but we know that our children will embrace each of these fabulous events.

Celebration of Success (Years 3-6)-Monday 29 November

This assembly is for students in Years 3-6 and will be held in our COLA.

Students in Years 5-6 will be presented with their certificates at 9.15 am and students in Years 3-4 will be presented with their certificates at 10.15 am.

The leadership teams will be presented with their badges.

*This is a student and staff only event. **Filmed event***

PBL Reward (K-6)-Monday 6 December

PBL award winners K-6. In cohort groups. More info to come!



Year 6 Graduation-Wednesday 8 December

To be held from 6.00 pm-7.00 pm at Sips @ Mobys (in function room) for our Year 6 students. More information to come!

Kindergarten Assembly-Friday 10 December

Kindergarten children will receive their "Graduating Kindergarten" certificates and we will present the Stage 1 Ann Masters Citizenship Award. **Filmed event**

K-2 classes will view each 'Under the Sea' performance in class. **Filmed event**

Week 11 (final week)

- **Monday 13 December**

Reports sent home

- **Tuesday 14 December**

Mufti Day!

Fun Activities (K-2) More to come!

Water Play (3-4)

Beach visit (5/6)

- **Wednesday 15 December**

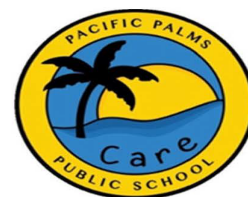
Class parties

- **Thursday 16 December**

Talent Quest viewing of final acts (prerecorded)

Last day for students

Farewell to our Year 6 students



Happy Holidays!



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Uniform Pre-Orders for 2022

There will be a pre-order window for uniform bottoms during Term 1 2022.

Pre-order cut off for uniforms will be Wednesday 15th Dec.

All orders can be made via QKR app.



Pick up from the canteen:

- 9:00-10:00 am on Friday 28 January 2022
- 9:00-10:00 am on Monday 31 January 2022
- Microfibre School Shorts \$10
- Drill School Shorts \$15
- Girls Knit School Skorts \$20
- Girls Woven School Skorts \$25

UNIFORM ORDER



STUDENTS NAME:

YEAR/CLASS:

POLO SHIRT \$25



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GIRLS KNIT SKORTS \$20



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GIRLS WOVEN SKORTS \$25



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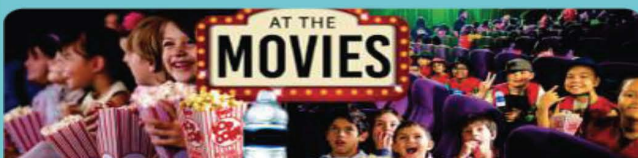
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YOUR Summer Holidays 2022 EVENTS GUIDE



WEEK 1 | 10 Jan 22 - 14 Jan 22



MON 10 JAN | MOVIES \$25 + \$55

Settle in the corns a poppin', the movies where the bus is stoppin'! The lights are dimmed, and the screen is set for a fun for all ages movie. Check with your centre manager to see what we'll be watching today!



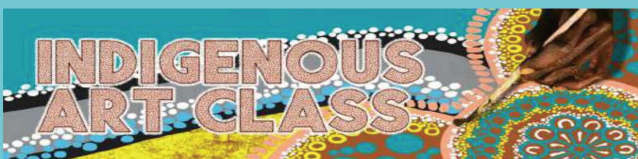
TUE 11 JAN | SUMMER PARTY \$55

It's summer time, so that can only mean one thing... PARTY TIME! You can expect all the fun party games, zany activities and party decoration arts and crafts. It's always a party at Big Childcare especially at the Summer Party!



WED 12 JAN | BILLABONG ZOO \$50 + \$55

On this day out you can meet a whole range of animals from Dingos and Koalas to Eagles and Reptiles. You have the chance to get up close with some of the most incredible creatures Australia has to offer!



THU 13 JAN | INDIGENOUS ART CLASS \$45 + \$55

Today we are lucky enough to take part in a local indigenous art class. Learn about one of the oldest forms of art on the planet straight from the original custodians of this land.



FRI 14 JAN | CRAZY DAY \$55

Things are going to get wild! Today all the kids are going to be designing their new hair do! From crazy colours to bonkers bunches, you're going to be picking up some crazy looking kids at the end of the day!

WEEK 2 | 17 Jan 22 - 21 Jan 22



MON 17 JAN | INFLATABLE WORLD \$30 + \$55

It's all blown up and ready to go. Take on the obstacle course, brave the slide or race a mate. Let's bounce on over to the world of inflatables where you're sure to be jumping for joy!



TUE 18 JAN | ART ATTACK \$55

We are getting out everything crafty! Get messy with paint or sculpt a sculpture, young creative minds are always what makes an Art attack day. We can't wait to see what masterpieces are made!



WED 19 JAN | BOUNCE & PUTT \$15 + \$55

Take a swing and putt for glory on this amazing golfing adventure! Anything can happen on this crazy course, and afterwards we'll take a jump into the trampoline park. What are you waiting for? Let's bounce!



THU 20 JAN | THE BIG SWIM \$15 + \$55

Pack your swimmers because we're off to splash and splash in the local pool! Try out the slides, challenge your mates to a swimming race and dive on in to the BIG swim!



FRI 21 JAN | ICE CREAM FACTORY \$55

I scream, you scream we all scream for ICE CREAM! Welcome to the Ice Cream factory where we show you how to make all the different flavours... and of course you can taste test the final product!



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WEEK 3 | 24 JAN - 27 JAN



MON 24 JAN | AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS \$55



Today we'll be learning about all the animals of the Australian bush. You can expect animal crafts, themed games and competitions where you can test your knowledge on all these crazy critters!



TUE 25 JAN | WET N' WILD \$55



Ready your water guns as we have our supervised BIG water fight. This is your chance to wet the educators as much as you can! We've got the water, you bring your bathers, towel, change of clothes and a hat. Let the games begin!



WED 26 JAN | PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Big Childcare is offline today due to the public holiday. We're going to recharge and we hope you get the chance to do the same with your family too, as 2022 is going to be a BIG year!



THU 27 JAN | UNDER THE SEA \$55



Take a dive and join us for an underwater adventure of learning and discovery! You can expect some fishy games and crafts or learn something new about our underwater friends. See you on the Seabed!



FRI 28 JAN | BACK TO SCHOOL



What a fun summer holiday it's been! Now it's time to impress everyone with your talents and hunger for knowledge at school. We can't wait to see you at before and after care and in the next spring holidays too!



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Forster Community Kitchen

Days of service:

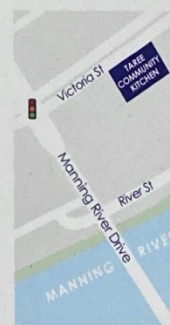
Every Monday to Thursday

Time: Doors are open from 12pm-1pm

Location: Catholic Church Hall, 33 Lake Street, Forster NSW 2428

P 6539 5900

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Taree Community Kitchen

Days of service:

Every Monday to Saturday

Time: Doors are open from 12pm-1pm

Location: 250 Victoria Street, (next to Fotheringham Park) Taree NSW 2430

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