



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 April 2022

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Easter Hat Parade

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This afternoon children from Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in our Egg-cellent Easter Hat Parade wearing beautifully decorated Easter hats. The children were very excited when a surprise special guest arrived to lead the parade and even visited Mrs Merchant's office. Our special guest led our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students around the COLA so they could parade around in their fabulous Easter hats. Thank you to all the Kindergarten to Year 2 parents who came to watch the parade and our Year 6 students who cheered on their buddies. It was a lot of fun and thank you for the fabulous support we had for our P&C Easter raffle.



Term 2 Diary Dates

The following events are happening next term:

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Tuesday, 26 April	Staff Development Day – staff only
Wednesday, 27 April	First day of Term 2 – All students return
Thursday, 28 April	School ANZAC Day assembly
Monday 2 May to Friday 6 May	Year 2 Swim School for participating students
Thursday, 12 May	School Photos – more information to come next term
Friday, 27 May	Zone Cross Country for qualifying students at Wingham



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Our Students Excel



NSWPSSA Swimming Championships



A very special mention to Jasper who completed at the NSWPSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush earlier this week. Jasper came 5th in his heat and just missed the final but swam in the all age Hunter team which came third!

Photo: Congratulations Jasper!



School Cross Country

After several attempts our annual Cross Country was held on Tuesday. Congratulations to all of our students who ran the course and finished – what an achievement! Thank you also to all our parents, carers and grandparents who came along to cheer the children on as they completed the course from the designated spectator area on the back oval.

Congratulations to our place getters from each age group who will now represent our school at the Manning Zone Cross Country at Wingham on Friday 27 May 2022 (Term 2, Week 5).





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School Happenings

Great Lakes College ANZAC Day Assembly

Yesterday Mrs Merchant and two of our school leaders, Alice and Darcy, attended the Great Lakes College ANZAC Day assembly. Thank you to Great Lakes College for including our school in your ANZAC Day assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school learning community to share this important occasion with other students from different schools.



REMINDER: Our local **ANZAC Day Dawn Service** will be held at Pacific Palms Community Centre on **Monday, 25 April 2022 commencing at 6.00 am sharp.** Our Leadership Team will lay a wreath. Alice will read the poem, Flanders Field.

Ride to School Day

This year our riders' smiles shone through any overcast weather to participate in a fun-filled 'Ride to School' morning! Students met at the Elizabeth Beach Surf Club at 7.45 am for an 8 am start for the ride to school. Many of our staff and family members rode, ran and drove the course, while others were stationed along the way to cheer on our riders, and marvel at their safe riding skills and amazing behaviour. Well done, Palmies. Thank you to our wonderful school community for making this such a successful event!

We were also very lucky to have Senior Constable Dave Russell, our area's Youth Liaison Officer, on hand throughout the morning to lead out the ride and facilitate the Safe Cycle program. This is a practical course designed to teach students how to cycle safely and to help develop their skills and confidence through a range of fun, exciting and informative ways. Thank you Dave!





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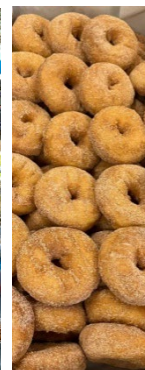
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Fiver for the Floods

On Wednesday 6 April we held our "Fiver for the Floods" fundraiser to show our support for those northern NSW communities affected by the heartbreaking flood disaster.

Many schools have been seriously damaged by the flooding and it will take many months to clean up and even longer to restore and rebuild. Students were asked to come to school dressed in mufti clothes and donate a "Fiver for the Floods" - \$5. We also asked students to contribute a yummy treat to our cake stall. We were overwhelmed with the huge response from our wonderful school community making and donating so many delicious cakes, slices, biscuits and more for our cake stall. Thank you also to Smiths Lake Bakery for their kind donation of donuts and slices. We are excited to announce our school has raised **\$2,058** and this money will be donated to the DoE's preferred charity GIVIT www.givit.org.au to help flood affected schools/areas of NSW to rebuild and help purchase books for libraries and school supplies. Thank you to our amazing school community for getting behind this fundraiser.

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Swim School

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students have had a great time at our intensive swim school program which caters for non-swimmers to advanced swimmers. It is wonderful to see the student's confidence in the water grow throughout the week, along with improvement in their swimming skills and technique.





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Information for our Parents

Voluntary Contribution Fee and Resource Levy

After consultation with the P & C, the following fees have been set for 2022. The school Voluntary Contribution Fee for 2022 has been set at \$40 per child, capped at \$80 per family. The Resource Levy has been set at \$50 per student. Statements to families were sent home earlier this term. 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 click on the **MAKE A PAYMENT** tab.

School Photos - MSP Photography – Thursday 12 May 2022

Our school photo day will be held next term on Thursday 12 May. Individually printed school photo envelopes will be handed out to students early next term. Please return the envelopes to school prior to photo day. Photo envelopes not returned to the office should be given to the photographer directly on Photo Day.



IMPORTANT – please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform on photo day.

Local Service | Bigger Smiles

Stage 2 Outdoor Education Experience - Aussie Bush Camp – Years 3 & 4



Our students in Year 3 and Year 4 will have the opportunity to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens from **Monday 20 June to Wednesday 22 June 2022**. The Great Aussie Bush Camp has been running camps for over 20 years and is one of the leading providers of Outdoor Education in NSW. The camps aim to provide our 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, dual flying fox, high ropes, archery and so much more. The cost of the excursion is \$332. Thank you to those parents who have paid their deposit and are making regular payments. Final payments are due by Monday 5 May 2022.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - Years 5 & 6

We are very excited about our Year 5 and Year 6 overnight Canberra excursion which will take place in Term 4. Our students will have the opportunity to travel on a four day and three night adventure from **Tuesday 15 November to Friday 18 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 and we encourage everyone to join in as there will be a huge variety of rich learning experiences available over the four days. The total cost of the excursion will be \$525. Thank you to those parents who have returned the permission note and paid their deposit. Final payments are due by Tuesday 1 November. More information will be given out to students as the camp gets closer.





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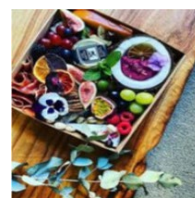
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P & C News

P&C Easter Raffle – Drawn today - Friday, 8 April

Thank you to everyone who supported our P&C Easter Eggstravaganza Raffle which was drawn at our Easter Hat Parade this afternoon.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners; the Kennedy Family, the Brookes Family, the Little Family and the Rands Family.



Garden Grooves – Saturday 14 May 2022

Join the friends and families of Pacific Palms Public School for an afternoon of live music, magic, face painting and fundraising fun! The Garden Grooves fundraising event will be on Saturday 14 May 2022 from 1 pm to 5 pm at Palms Pavilion, Tiona. Visit www.gardengrooves.com.au for more information, including ticket sales and silent auction. Tickets and grazing boxes can also be purchased on the QKR app.



FUNDRAISER EVENT 1-5PM

MAY 14 2022



PALMS PAVILION | TIONA
WWW.GARDENGROOVES.COM.AU



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BYO Picnic, visit the food van or pre order a Sea + Salt Grazing Co box with your ticket to enjoy on the day.

No BYO Alcohol permitted. Beer and Wine available from the Palms Pavilion Bar.

Silent auction available online including art, accommodation, festival tickets, photography and wellness packages.

Winners announced on the day and via live stream at:

@gardengrooves2022

Palms Pavilion
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ADULT TICKET: \$20
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Limited numbers of tickets and grazing boxes available. The event is weather permitting and may be postponed at short notice due to inclement weather. Proceeds will fund the Pacific Palms Public School Nature Play Space. Any excess funds will be directed to the general P&C funds for other school needs. Thank-you for your support.



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Art Festival News



Youth Art Exhibition – The Youth Art Exhibition will be held on Saturday 4 June (2 pm to 4 pm) and Sunday 5 June (10 am to 4 pm). The presentation of the Youth Art Awards will be held on Saturday 4 June at 2.30 pm. Entry is open to children aged 5 to 16 years. All entry forms must be returned by Friday 27 May 2022. (More info available on Page 11)



Pacific Palms Art Festival

The annual Pacific Palms Art Festival will be held in the school hall over the June long weekend – Saturday 11 June and Sunday 12 June 2022 from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Entry forms are available at www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au/pacific-palms-art-festival

Opening night tickets for Friday 10 June 2022 (7 pm to 10 pm) are available for purchase at a cost of \$45 (includes light supper and drinks) online at www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au

Raffle tickets will be going home to all families next term and will be available for purchase at \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. The prize has been donated by 2021 winner Christina Hall "Looking Out". Tickets will be drawn Monday 13 June 2022.

The Pacific Palms Art Festival is a major fundraiser for our school and your support is appreciated.

Principal Message from Mrs Merchant

LAST DAY
OF
TERM 1

WOW, what an amazing term! So many amazing opportunities for our students. THANK YOU parents and carers for your support and understanding during what has been another disrupted, term of teaching and learning. Again, we have witnessed the resilience and flexibility of our learners to cope with daily adjustments and disruptions. Many families have been impacted by COVID, isolation or illness.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of our office staff, working behind the scenes to coordinate RATS, masks and communications to families and the daily planning to support learning and the continuation of this in our settings.

Yet again, the Palms and wider community have stood together and displayed courage, resilience and true Australian mateship in the face of adversity. These are the qualities we want our children to see, hear and aspire to. We hope all our families and community members are safe and getting the support they need.

We continue to think about those families who have been impacted by the floods further north. Thank you for the many generous donations for our flood fundraiser.





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Principal Message from Mrs Merchant

Staffing Update

The Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I) recruitment process has now been concluded. Thank you to the panel for their work. I am excited to announce Kim Curran will be taking up the permanent APC&I position starting in Term 2. Kim has been working at Winmalee Public School in the Blue Mountains. She has been an Assistant Principal for the past decade and an instructional leader, and she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school.

Of course, we will all be very sad to see Lynelle finish her time with us. Lynelle has been working hard this term to support staff, analyse data, plan and deliver professional learning and has covered classes on many occasions to assist with staff shortages. She is always such a strong advocate for our school and we will miss her.

Lisa Jego, who has been selected by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to be part of the writing team developing the Geography Mandatory and Elective Draft Syllabus as a Life Skills writer. Lisa will be on leave for 11 days during this time. Mrs G will take the class.

Our General Assistant (GA) position will be advertised in the coming weeks to be filled next term. Permanent position to start 9 May 2022.



We have exciting baby news!

- Lauren Perkins is expecting a baby! A little boy is due in July.
- Mady Hunt is pregnant and expecting a baby girl in Spring.
- Ebony Struwe is expecting too, she will have a baby in September.
- Claire Golding is also having a baby, due in 5 weeks!



New Department Policies

This year, the Department of Education released a new Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools package that includes three new policies to help schools manage the diverse spectrum of student needs and to improve outcomes for all students. The new policies, framework and procedures aim to strengthen the engagement and participation of all students, including those with disability, complex and challenging behaviours and additional needs. They provide more support to teachers and also ensure all students, teachers and staff are safe in school. At a school level, we have been trialling processes to effectively implement the new strategy which is still undergoing consultation and feedback from all stakeholders. I am hopeful that early in Term 2, we are able to present our Behaviour Policy to parents/carers for your comment and feedback. Understanding how we manage misdemeanours and the process that we follow is an important part in maintaining a supportive and productive relationship with families.

"WHILE WE TRY TO TEACH
OUR CHILDREN ALL ABOUT
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TEACH US WHAT LIFE IS
ALL ABOUT."

– ANGELA SCHWINDT



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Holidays are wonderful!

While I know teaching and support staff are needing to rest and recharge, the same applies to our precious learners. They have been troopers and deserve time off for excellent behaviour! We really hope that all families get to have some quality time together and hope we can see more sunshine, and we can enjoy our beautiful paradise. See you back on Wednesday, 27 April.



Yours in learning,

Melissa Merchant
Principal

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At Pacific Palms Public School

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Open to all children age 5 - 16 years

Saturday 4th June ~ 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 5th June ~ 10am - 4pm

DOWNLOAD ARTIST ENTRY FORMS
AT PACIFIC PALMS ARTS INC WEBSITE

www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au/youth-art

Awards will be presented on Saturday 4th June at 2.30pm

Enquiries email: palmsartfestival@gmail.com
or contact Cath 0434 678 381

Exhibition Entry \$2 adult
children free



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NSW Department of Education

2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 28 February

**Challenge closes for
student entries**
Friday 19 August





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National Treasures Writing Competition 2022

The 2022 Poetry & Short Story Competition, 'National Treasures', is NOW OPEN!



Enter your best 16 line poem OR 500 word or less story to be in the running to WIN the great cash and prizes on offer! Closes 30 April 2022.

Entry is free and all poems and short stories will be considered for publishing in the 2022 Write4fun anthology book. Students of all ages can enter, and first prize is \$1000 (\$500 to you \$500 to your school) AND your choice of a Nintendo Switch Or a \$500 JB Hi-Fi gift card Or and \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card Or a \$500 Apple Gift Card.

If you are interested in entering, please collect an entry form from Mrs Patterson at school or enter online at www.write4fun.net



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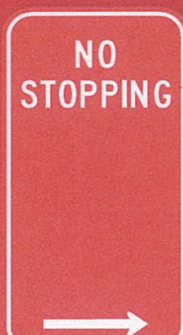
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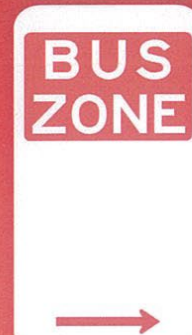
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High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023

Once you complete and submit your application you can change details, send and receive messages through your application dashboard.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application website opens:
Tuesday 26 April 2022

Application website closes:
5pm, Friday 13 May 2022
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Thursday 14 July 2022

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Thursday 28 July 2022

Placement outcome information
released overnight on:
Friday 7 October 2022

**Please read this document
carefully before applying.**

Parents* monitor the Department's website regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050>

Please Note:

*In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*Parent is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.