



PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1 July 2022

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OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Assembly CARE Award Winners

Congratulations to our award recipients who were presented with their awards at our assembly last Thursday. A special mention to Kaitlyn 3/4A and Marlo 3/4A who were presented with the Super Awesome Award from Mrs Merchant – an amazing achievement!



2022 Athletics Champions

Congratulations to the following talented students who were announced as our 2022 Athletics Champions and were presented with their trophies at the assembly.



- Junior Boy: Kysna
- 11 yrs Boy: Ozzy
- Senior Boy: Benji
- Junior Girl: Ariel
- 11 yrs Girl: Emily
- Senior Girl: Malea

Left to Right: Benji, Emily, Ozzy, Kysna & Ariel.
Absent: Malea

2022 Winning Sports House

Boomerang sports house was announced as our 2022 Champion House for athletics with the highest point score tally at our recent athletics carnival. The trophy was accepted by **Boomerang** House Captain, Isabelle. Well done **Boomerang**!

Photo: Isabelle and Mrs Keckwick



IMPORTANT TERM 3 DIARY DATES

UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Tuesday 19 July	Students return – first school day of Term 3
Week 1 & Week 2	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 1 Aug to Fri 5 Aug	Education Week Celebrations
Tuesday 2 August	Education Week open day – more information on page 11
Wednesday 3 August	Academic Assembly for invited students
Friday 5 August	Zone Athletics Carnival for qualifying students
Monday 8 August	Taree Art Excursion – more information available in Term 3
Tuesday 9 August	Great Lakes College Forster – Yr 7 2023 Parent Information Night 6pm
Friday 12 August	Boys soccer gala day for selected students



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Premiers Spelling Bee Stage Finals

On Tuesday 14 June, we held the Pacific Palms Public School Premiers Spelling Challenge Stage Finals. The top two spellers from each class in Stage 2 and Stage 3 competed in their Stage Spelling Bee Final.

Stage 2

3/4A

Tom
Theodora

3/4K

Ned
Leilani

3/4P

Wilson
Bethany

Stage 3

5/6J

Darcy
Kodhi

5/6K

Floyd
Ozzy

5/6B

Jonah
Lucy



A special mention to

- Woody
- Jake
- Jaspa

who were selected to compete in the Stage 3 Spelling Bee final, however they were unable to attend on the day.



Well done to all our participants who did an amazing job competing in front of their peers, teachers and families. Congratulations to our Stage 2 winner, **Ned** and our Stage 3 winner, **Lucy**!

Ned and Lucy will represent Pacific Palms Public School at the Premiers Spelling Challenge regional finals. These will take place on-line in Term 3 (Week 7 or 8). The runner-up will act as a reserve should the winner be unable to attend a regional final. We wish Ned and Lucy the best of luck at the regional finals!



PBL Gold Ticket Reward

On Tuesday 28 June we held our afternoon of POP (popcorn, popper and pop art) for those lucky PBL raffle winners. Students painted their very own version of Pete Cromer's Lorikeet and we were amazed at how unique and beautiful the paintings turned out. Well done to all the participants and thank you for showing CARE.





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NAIDOC Assembly

On Tuesday 28 June Ms Punton, Kayne, Aaliyah and Beau represented our school at the Great Lakes College Forster Campus NAIDOC Assembly to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievements, history and culture. Thank you Kayne, Aaliyah and Beau for representing our school. We hope you enjoyed the kangaroo pie.



Hunter Regional Cross Country

On Friday, 17 June our talented cross country runners Jett, Ollie, Bodhi and Malea represented our school and the Manning Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country held at Tocal College, Paterson. Congratulations to Kysna who came 4th and is now off to State Cross Country at Eastern Creek in Sydney next term.

Left of Right: Kysna, Ollie, Bodhi, Malea



PSSA Boys Hunter Football (Soccer) Trials

On Tuesday, 14 June year six students Jett, Max and Jaspa travelled to Warners Bay to represent the Manning Zone at the Hunter Football (Soccer) Trials.

Congratulations Jett, Max and Jaspa we are very proud of you.



PSSA Soccer Knockout Competition

The state primary school knockout competitions for NSW public schools are run and managed by the NSW Primary School Sports Association. On Wednesday 15 June our boys soccer team travelled to Nelsons Bay to play against Shoal Bay Public School. Our boys played very well as a team and were successful in defeating Shoal Bay 4-3. Congratulations!! Thank you to Mr Wilson for coaching the team and to the parents that supported and transported the team on the day.



Boys Soccer Team

*Back Row: Jonah, Benji, Darcy, Max, Lennox, Eli, Jaspa, Jett
Front Row: Marlo, Rasta, Vaughan, Kysna, Bodhi, Tao*



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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Kindness Rock Garden

Students are invited to come along to clubs, in the library, each Tuesday with Ms Shoesmith. Our project is to create a 'Kindness Rock Garden' for the front library garden. Students enjoyed making rocks with inspirational quotes and wonderful drawings. These will be added to the garden for others to enjoy. A big thank you to Palms Landscaping Supplies for donating the river stones for us to decorate.



Boys Group

A wonderful end of term activity for boys group last Tuesday. The boys undertook the fun challenge of making sushi. I was really proud of their efforts and the way they encouraged each other. Sticky rice is hard to handle. Well done boys! Mrs Shoesmith



Year 1/2 Arcade Games

After weeks of planning and making, it was time for the Stage One Scientists to unveil their fabulous arcade games! Each game had to use a push or pull force and had to be appealing to our target audience - Kindergarten! The students worked very hard to bring their designs to life, and our Kindergarten visitors had a blast visiting the cardboard arcade.





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Breakfast Program

Our school community spirit goes from strength to strength when it comes to our Breakfast Program. Each week, we are inundated with donations and volunteers- parents, students and community members who take on the task of preparing and cleaning up after our yummy toast and warm milo for the masses!

Our Breakfast Program is proud to be waste-free in our efforts to care for the environment around us. Some of our Green Team members are arriving bright and early to be responsible for the washing and drying of over 300 re-usable cups. This is no small feat and our school community and beautiful environment thank them!

Baker's Delight has yet again contributed cost-price bread each week and Woolworths Forster donated gift vouchers and weekly boxes of 300 pieces of fresh fruit to share amongst our students too!

Thank you to all those who make this worthwhile program happen. 5 Tuesdays to go!



Thank you Woolies for donating 300 pieces of quality fruit every week and vouchers for milo and vegemite!



Big thank you to our dynamic volunteering crew each week!



Thank you for contributing every week of our Breakfast Program, Baker's Delight!





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INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

Kindergarten 2023 Parent/Carer Information Night

If you have a child or know a family who has a child eligible to start Kindergarten in 2023, who turns 5 years of age on or before 31 July 2023, then please make contact with the school so we can begin the transition to school process.



Our 2023 Kindergarten Parent/Carer Information Night will be held on Thursday 25 August 2022 from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. If you have any questions regarding enrolments for Kindergarten 2023, please contact the office.

Resource Levy and Voluntary Contribution Fee

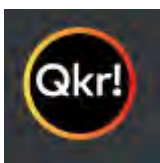
Thank you to those families who have finalised their school payments. Reminder statements were sent home recently. Payment can be made at the front office by cash or EFTPOS. Online POP payments can be made on the school website www.pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - Year 5 & Year 6

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be travelling 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 as there are a huge variety of rich learning experiences available over the four days. Our excursion to Canberra is only 19 weeks away. Thank you to those parents who are making regular payments. Final payments are due by 11 October 2022.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Please be reminded that while at school, students are expected to wear their Pacific Palms Public School uniform. Uniforms are so important - they promote a sense of belonging for students and create a positive identity for the school community.

As the weather becomes cooler, we are noticing an increase in students wearing out of uniform jackets and jumpers. We have provided several options for students to stay warm in winter - students may wear either the school hoodie or fleece and Palms sport hoodies on Fridays. If you need to place an order for a school jumper, this can be done using the Qkr App or call the office. If finances are a barrier, please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss some options. We would love to ensure that every child has access to a full school uniform.



**LOST
PROPERTY**

****We also have a LOT of school jumpers in lost property with no name tags. If you are missing a jumper without a name, please ask your child to look for it in their classroom or lost property in the office. Those items with name tags have been returned to their owners.****



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attending school on time every day

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. Further information can be found @ <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>



If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Over the last few years the number of children arriving late to school or being picked up early has increased. Your child's partial absences for Semester 1 can be located on this semester's report.

The importance of arriving on time at school:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just...	That equals....	Which is...	Over your child's school life that is....
10 mins per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per years	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years



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PRINCIPAL NEWS FROM MRS MERCHANT

Term 2 was incredible!

WOW, it has been a fun-filled, action-packed term! Our students have had wonderful learning experiences in classrooms and additional opportunities. Thank you to our students, families and staff for a terrific term.

Just some of the activities that have been going on at school for our students....

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANZAC Day assembly• Yr 2 Swim School• Boys/Girls soccer teams• Mother's Day Stall• Ethics classes• Youth Arts Festival• PP Art Exhibition• Breakfast Club• National Simultaneous Reading time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KinderGym• Athletic Carnival• PBL Reward days• NAPLAN online• CPR Stage 3• Assemblies• TTFM Survey• Stage 2 Camp• Evacuation Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GRIP Leadership• Stage 3 Artist in Residence• EDC data collection• Author visits• School photos• Garden Grooves• Zone Cross Country• Hunter Cross Country• Stage 1 Arcade games |
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Art Festival

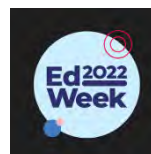
A huge success. This fabulous event is only possible with the incredible generosity of our volunteers. It was an outstanding success. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Cath Bennett, Juliet Miller, Xanthe Vicary and many more for the countless hours of work they put in to make this event so amazing. Thank you to Dan Morgan, Barry Jones and Justin Hobbs for setting up and packing up the hall and art stands. Thank you also to Kembali Catering for providing delicious food, Blueys Cellar and Deli and Nadine the Cake Queen for incredible sweet desserts. Such a privilege to share our space for such a creative event.



Education Week - OPEN DAY TUESDAY - 2 August 2022

Please join us:

- 9:00 – 11:00 Parent workshop – reading and technology (more info soon)
- 10:00-10:45 Open classrooms
- 10:45 – 11:30 Whole school assembly
- 11:30 – 12:30 Meal Deal SOUP picnic Lunch



The Education Week Academic Assembly will be held on Wednesday 3 August at Tuncurry Bowling Club. Students invited to attend the Academic Assembly are to return their RSVP note by Friday 15 July 2022.



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Kindergarten Enrolments 2023

In Term 3, Pacific Palms Public School will be taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2023. Starting Kindergarten is a big step for children and their families. We want to ensure that our 2023 Kindergarten children have a positive start to school by supporting them to feel comfortable and develop a sense of belonging to the school community. We want your child to feel excited about starting school and motivated to learn.



Our **Kindergarten Information Night** will be held on
Thursday 25 August 2022
at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm



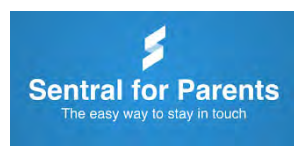
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<https://pacificpal-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Parent Communication – Sentral Parent Portal

We are currently updating our communication protocols/guidelines for parent communication at Pacific Palms Public School. It is important for our school to have strong partnerships with families and still be open, warm and friendly. We want to streamline how we share information and messaging and will be using Sentral for Parents. More information will be available next term about accessing the Sentral Parent Portal.



School Uniform

We are seeking support for consistency in our uniform. It has been great to see so many students in correct uniform and it makes us all feel proud to be part of Pacific Palms Public School. A reminder that soccer, netball, board riders, zone, Hunter and rep jumpers/jackets can be worn on Fridays and normal school uniform Monday to Thursday. While we are very proud to support our community and student achievements, this is not part of our uniform. This will assist us with a more consistent look Monday to Thursday. Please be aware that some of the shorts are very short and can't be seen under t-shirts at times, for everyone's comfort we ask students to wear appropriate length shorts to school. The P&C have a number of great options to choose from.





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Music Term 3

In Term 3 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have the opportunity to participate in music lessons each Thursday with Mr Fergus.



Maintenance Projects starting in the July holidays



- Old water tanks removed
- Boundary fence completed
- Garden project
- Library covered walkway
- Verandah covered walkway

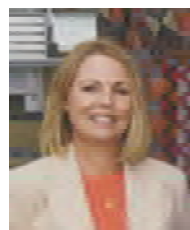


Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Update

Free and frequent rewards – Palms CARE tickets are given out to students for showing CARE. We are also continuing with the special gold palm ticket. Both will have raffle draws and prizes to reward expected behaviours. We also have a Junior PBL Team, consisting of students who will coordinate and run activities at recess and lunch for students to participate in. They will also give our CARE tickets and assist with the raffle draw and make announcements each Monday Morning.

Baby news – Congratulations Lauren

Great news, Lauren Perkins has had a beautiful baby boy! Levi Andrew Douglass, 3.05 kg on Monday 27 June 2022. Mummy and bub are doing well. Adam is a very proud dad and we know Ellie will be a great big sister!



In front office news, Angela Edwards has been successful though merit selection in gaining a promotional position as relieving Administration Officer - Great Lakes Network, based at DoE Forster Office. This is very exciting news and well deserved. We all know she is a crucial part of the front office team and we will miss her greatly during the 6 month post.

We wish all our families a wonderful, safe holiday. We are excited for Term 3 and will see students back on Tuesday 19 July 2022.

Yours in learning

Melissa Merchant
Principal

Morning Tea with our Leadership Team
Jaspa, Max, Jett, Matilde
Absent: Darcy, Malea, Alice





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Ed2022 Week

1-5 August Creating futures

Pacific Palms Public School

Please join us for Open Day celebrations

Wxhvgd | #5gg#Dxj#

9:00—10:00am Parent Workshop (library)

10:00—11:45am Open classrooms, all welcome to visit

10:45—11:30 Whole school assembly



- * Music item
- * 3/4P item
- * 5/6K item
- * Ed Week Awards

11:30—12:30 P&C/Kembali Soup meal deal picnic

OPEN DAY



Creating futures

1-5 August

Education changes lives
#EdWeek22

education.nsw.gov.au/edweek

Ed2022 Week





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Elevate Education

Elevate Education Parent Seminars are designed to empower parents by keeping them involved and informed.

Where: Forster Campus library
When: Thursday 4th August
Time: 6:00 -7:00pm

The Parent Seminar covers:

- Key points from the workshops that are delivered to our students at different times in the year.
- Strategies for how the skills can be reinforced at home
- 40-45 minutes of question/answer

Please contact Scott Keough, Careers Adviser at Great Lakes College Forster Campus for more information.



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Jeff Summers

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Soccer clinic

**FORSTER/
TUNCURRY**

Dates: Mon 4 July

Tue 5 July

Wed 6 July

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

**Venue: South Street Oval,
Tuncurry**

**Cost: \$150 per player
\$130 siblings**

Ages: 5 - 15 years



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