



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 June 2022

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## Pacific Palms Art Festival



### THIS WEEKEND – PACIFIC PALMS ART FESTIVAL

Exhibition: Saturday 11 June - 10 am to 4 pm

Exhibition: Sunday 12 June – 10 am to 4 pm



## Our Students Excel

### GRIP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday 25 May our Year 6 Leadership Team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference held at Club Forster. Many school leaders from across the Great Lakes area attended the conference. It was a day full of activities, sharing ideas and meeting other student leaders in primary schools. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year.



**2022**

### Leadership Team

Max, Jaspa, Darcy, Jett, Alice,  
Malea and Matilde



## Term 2 Diary Dates

The following events are happening over the coming weeks:

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

Tuesday 14 June	Breakfast Program from 8.30 am until 9.00 am
Tuesday 14 June	Premier's Spelling Bee Stage Finalists @ 2 pm
Wednesday 15 June	PSSA Soccer Knockout game at Nelsons Bay for selected students
Friday 17 June	Hunter Cross Country for qualifying students
Mon 20/6 to Wed 22/6	Stage 2 – Aussie Bush Camp for our Yr 3 and Yr 4 students
Monday 20 June	World of Maths Incursion
Thursday 23 June	Assembly at 2 pm in the hall. All welcome
Tuesday 21 June	Breakfast Program from 8.30 am until 9.00 am
Thursday 23 June	Assembly at 2 pm in the hall. All welcome.
Monday 27 June	Reports sent home
Tuesday 28 June	P&C Meeting at 6 pm
Friday 1 July	Last day of school for Term 2



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### PSSA Zone Cross Country

On Friday 27 May 2022, 32 Pacific Palms students competed in the Zone Cross Country at Wingham with outstanding results in all age groups. As most races fielded 80+ runners, our school was punching well above its weight. The top six placegetters in each race progress through to the Hunter Regional Cross Country on Friday, 17 June at Tocal College, Paterson. Congratulations to Ollie, Bodhi, Malea and Kysna who finished in the top six in their age race and will progress through to the Hunter Regional event this year. A big thank you to all the parents and supporters who helped out on the day – such a fantastic effort.



Good luck to Malea, Kysna, Bodhi and Ollie who will compete at the Hunter Regional Cross Country on Friday 17 June at Tocal College, Paterson.

*Left to right: Malea, Kysna, Bodhi, Ollie*



Aurora College is a NSW Department of Education virtual school offering Year 5 and Year 6 students "Opportunity Class" lessons in Mathematics, Science and Technology. Aurora shares students with more than 100 rural and remote government schools. Aurora students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

This term Aurora students completed a mini project titled 'The Jiggler Challenge'. They were tasked with inventing a device that was self-powered and able to jiggle a teabag without poor humans having to go to so much effort. The students had to define the problem and design a prototype model which underwent continuous modifications. Each student was supplied with a STEM kit to enable them to build their model.

Students seeking enrolment in Year 5 are considered for entry on the basis of academic merit, which is determined by the student's performance in the Opportunity Class Placement Test. More information about Aurora College is available at:

<https://aurora.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

*Aurora student: Lachlan*







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### PSSA Touch Football 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 7 June our boys Touch Football Knockout Team attended a Manning Zone Gala Day at Tuncurry. Fourteen schools from the Manning Zone participated in the gala day and our touch football team participated in the first three rounds. Our boys played very well against very competitive teams. They lost their first two games and won their last game 7-0. Thank you to Mrs Kekwick for coaching the team and to the parents that supported and transported the team on the day.



#### **Boys Touch Football Team**

*Left to right  
Rasta, Bodhi, Lennox, Max, Hunter,  
Jett, Lyle, Ben and Jaspa*

## School Happenings

### National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum. This year our school held National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 25 May. At 11.00 am we all stopped to read the book "A Family Tree" written by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh and read to the school by Mr Wilson.







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## School Happenings

### Artist in Residence - Stephen Michael King

On Monday 23 May our Stage 3 students were very lucky to share a fantastic morning with internationally renowned, award-winning author and illustrator Stephen Michael King.



### Visiting Author - Nikki Greenberg

On Tuesday 24 May we were very excited for Nikki Greenberg to visit our Year 1 to Year 3 students. Our Year 4 to Year 6 students also had the privilege of meeting Nikki Greenberg on Thursday 26 May and listened to her describe her writing and drawing processes. Thank you Forster Library, it was amazing! <https://www.nickigreenberg.com/>







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**Artist in Residence – Andy Snelgar** On Tuesday 31 May our Stage 3 students participated in a zoom lesson with artist Andy Snelgar. Andy is an Aboriginal artist that creates sheild art on natural resources. Next term our students will visit Manning Art Gallery to see Andy's artwork up close. Thanks you PP Arts Festival for their kind donations to make this program possible.



### Winter Breakfast Program

Our happy, healthy, environmentally-friendly breakfast program, which runs for 10 weeks each year, is held on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 am until 9.00 am before school. Thank you to Mrs D, our Green Team and fabulous parent helpers for your continued support. It is also very pleasing to hear all the beautiful manners.



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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### Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed in our athletics carnival last Thursday. It was a fantastic day with lots of participation and standout performances. We were very lucky to have dry sunny weather. Thank you to Mr Hobbs who marked the oval. Thank you to all the parents who baked cakes and slices for our canteen and a very big thank you to all the parents who volunteered in the canteen and on the BBQ. Good luck to all our students who have qualified to represent our school at the Manning Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry to be held in Term 3.







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# WE ARE BUZZING TO ANNOUNCE...



### The PPPS 2022 Premier's Spelling Bee Stage Finalists!

Students will participate in their Stage Final Spelling Bee on Tuesday 14th June at 2pm, in front of all Stage 2 and 3 students and teachers.

All parents and community members are welcome to come and watch the Bee!

The winner of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Spelling Bee will represent PPPS at the regional finals.

#### Stage 2

Tom Miller  
Theodora Kater  
Ned Elliott  
Leilani Miller  
Wilson Kater  
Bethany Cannon

#### Stage 3

Jake Kell  
Kodhi Gray  
Floyd Smith  
Ozzy Giardina  
Woody Cruickshank  
Jaspa Smith



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



Our Year 3 and Year 4 students are very excited to be attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens from **Monday 20 June to Wednesday 22 June 2022. This is only 1 week away!** All medical forms should be returned to school and all payments should now be finalised. A note with "What to Bring" was sent home to students last week. Reminder: No electronic devices will be permitted at camp. Please return your signed COVID permission note acknowledging the latest DoE COVID guidelines and Aussie Bush Camp COVID Safety Plan. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### 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 visit Parliament House, Questacon, Australian Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, War Memorial and the Dinosaur Museum. 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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### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).



Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

## Principal Message from Mrs Merchant

**Winter has arrived!** It's so good to see the sun shining and although I'm not a lover of the wind, it is helping to dry out our sodden grounds. Children seem to be immune to the colder weather. They are keeping active, enjoying handball, soccer, basketball and running around. Please be mindful to label ALL their clothing – particularly jumpers and hoodies. Tis' the season to discard outer wear and forget where it was dropped! 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 so far.







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## Principal Message from Mrs Merchant

### 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.



If you have a child or know a family who has a child eligible to start Kindergarten in 2023, that turns 5 years of age on or before the 31st July, then please make contact with the school so we can begin the transition to school process with that child and the family. Kinder Information night will be held in August. Our preferred enrolment process is online through our website. You can log in now and get started!



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

### Pacific Palms Art Festival

We hope to see you at the Pacific Palms Art Festival over the long weekend. The festival has been a long-time supporter of our school and have regularly donated funds raised to support the arts at PPPS. Last year they helped fund the Art Therapy program and this year they are supporting our Artist in Residence visits for Stage 3 and the employment of Josh Fergus as a musical specialist each Thursday.



Meet our newest Palmy, Vince Tiernan (Vinny). Born 5 May 2022 weighing 9 pounds! Claire and Jono are happy and healthy and super thrilled. Congratulations.



Yours in learning



Melissa Merchant  
Principal

*'Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.'*







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Pay as low as **\$10**  
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CHILD CARE

## YOUR WINTER Wonderland EVENTS GUIDE



**WEEK 1: 04 JUL '22 – 08 JUL '22**



**MON 04 JUL | WINTER WARMERS \$55**

It's Winter time, so we're going to wrap up and pump up the heating. You can expect all your favourite warm drinks, soups and indoor games. It might be cold outside, but at Big Childcare we'll be bringing the heat!



**TUE 05 JUL | THE HANG OUT \$25 + \$55**

Jump, bounce, slide or climb, it's an action packed day as we go on an adventure to your local indoor play centre the hangout!



**WED 06 JUL | XMAS IN JULY \$55**

We can't wait till the end of the year until Xmas! So today we will be doing all things Xmas-y! Make and wrap presents, bake Christmas cookies and sing the carols to get us into the true Xmas spirit!



**THU 07 JUL | AT THE 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!



**FRI 08 JUL | MAD SCIENCE \$55**

Join us at the mad science laboratory for amazing, crazy and wild experiments! We'll be making things go fizz, whizz and bang that will make you turn into an officially Mad Scientist by the end of the day!

**WEEK 2: 11 JUL '22 – 15 JUL '22**



**MON 11 JUL | BILLABONG ZOO \$50 + \$55**

On this day out you can meet a whole range of animals from Dingos and Koalas to Eagles and Reptiles. Get up close with some of the most incredible creatures Australia has to offer, it's sure to be a roar-some day!



**TUE 12 JUL | THE BIG COOK! \$55**

Today is all about cooking! Our in house MasterChefs will be running an interactive cooking workshop where you get to learn, create and make delicious food... And guess what, you get to eat it too!



**WED 13 JUL | BOWLING \$25 + \$55**

Slip on the shoes and get ready to roll into our BIG bowling bananza! It's always a party when we take over the lanes, so boogie to the music or knock em' down for the win, it's going to be a pin exploding day of fun!



**THU 14 JUL | AT THE 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!



**FRI 15 JUL | DUDE PERFECT CHALLENGE \$55**

Trick shots, crazy sports and epic challenges to make your mates go WOW! Just like the dudes from Dude Perfect, we'll be having a nationwide challenge to see which centre can land the most perfect shot!





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## WINTER Wonderland

Mon 04 Jul '22 – Fri 15 Jul '22

7:00am to 6:00pm

No care provided on public holidays and weekends.

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School Address 91 Boomerang Dr, Boomerang Beach NSW 2428

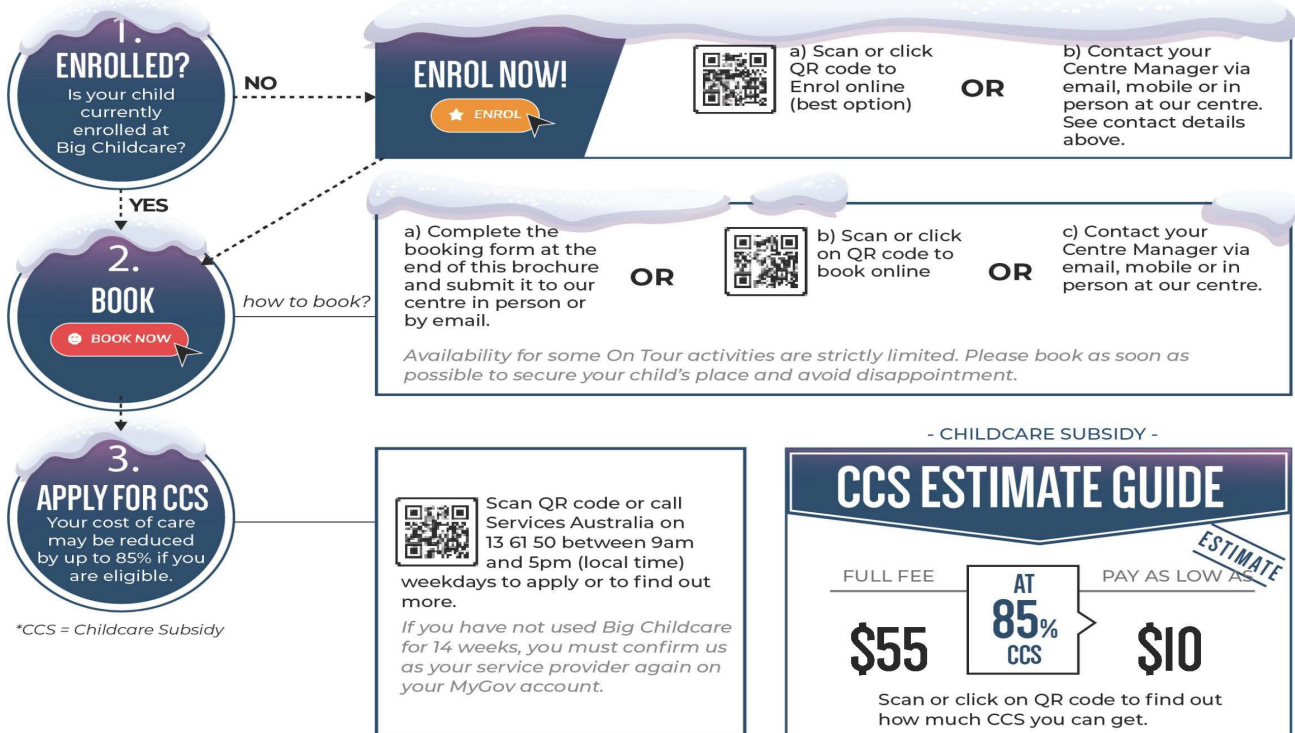
Centre Mobile 0434 176 938 Centre email [pacificpalms@bigchildcare.com](mailto:pacificpalms@bigchildcare.com)

### BOOMERANG BEACH

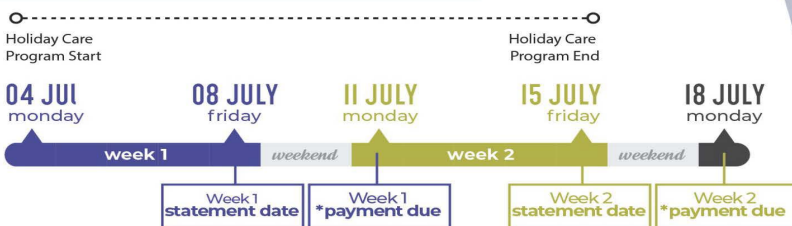
Suburb

Our school holiday programs are based on the children's interests. We predominantly travel by bus to our On Tour locations and do our best to meet all the needs of the children.

## HOW TO ATTEND?



## PROGRAM & PAYMENT DATES







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## HOLIDAY PROGRAM Preparation Guide



### ACTIVITIES



**ON-TOUR ACTIVITIES** will depart at approximately 8.30am unless otherwise specified.

#### What to wear?

Children are encouraged to wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing, with closed toe shoes. For water events, it's best to have children wear their bathers underneath their clothes

#### Safety attire

Every child is provided with a bright coloured Big Childcare vest with centre contact details attached. For water events, every child is provided with a Big Childcare rashie for protection and safety. A wristband will also be given to each child based on their water confidence level.

#### What to pack?

Backpack, lunch, morning and afternoon tea, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, change of clothes. For water events, bring bathers, towel, thongs/sandals, allergy-free sunscreen if required, plastic bag and change of clothes.

#### What NOT to pack?

We strongly encourage children to leave valuables at home as Big Childcare will not be responsible for any loss or damage. We kindly ask that you do not provide your children with spending money.

#### Disclaimer

Excursion locations may be subject to change. You will be notified via email or text when this happens.

### SUPER INCURSIONS AND HOME-BASED ACTIVITIES:

You can arrive at any time within our opening hours during a Home Base day, or before a Super Incursion activity begins. Super Incursions are hosted by an external group, or involve resources booked for a specific experience. Themes can range from Build a Bear, Petting Zoo, Mobile Arcade, Cooking Class, Colour Run etc.. You will be updated on any special items to bring on these days. Home Base days are hosted by the centre and include a variety of fun themes of current interest to children. There is no additional cost on a Home Base day.

## BOOKING CHANGES

### Changes

If making a change to your booking you will need to do this by **Friday 1 July 2022**.

### Cancellations

Cancellations are not permitted during school holiday program. Amendments to bookings will need to be made prior to the holiday program starting.

### Refunds

No cancellations or refunds are permitted during holiday care as staff, resources and/or venues and transportation have been secured based on your confirmed booking

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Medical Plan

If your child has a medical condition, you will need to provide medication(s) along with the relevant completed action plan before your child can attend. Medication must be in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the child's name. The packaging must also clearly state the dosage and be within the expiry date. Additionally, you must complete a medication consent form filled out at your centre. Please note that without clearly labelled medication and consent form, children will be unable to attend the holiday program. Please allow time to process this when enrolling and booking

### COVID-19 Safe

Our service follows the advice mandated by the Department of Health and Department of Education. Our COVID-19 Safe Plan is available to view at the service.



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### PACIFIC PALMS

Public School

Centre Contact: 0434 176 938

Address: 91 Boomerang Dr, Boomerang Beach  
NSW 2428

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



Please complete this booking form and submit it to our centre in person or by email.

### 1. ENROLMENT STATUS - Does your child attend a Big Childcare Service? Please tick the appropriate box.

Yes

Proceed to section 2

No



### 2. CHILD/REN ATTENDING

	First Name	Last Name
CHILD #1		
CHILD #2		
CHILD #3		
CHILD #4		

### 3. DAY(S) ATTENDING – Please tick the corresponding checkbox for each child attending

CHILD #1	CHILD #2	CHILD #3	CHILD #4	WEEK 1			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday 4 July 2022	<b>Winter Warmers</b> <i>Pacific Palms Public School</i>		\$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 5 July 2022	<b>The Hang out</b> 3 Boona St, Forster NSW 2428		\$25 \$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 6 July 2022	<b>Xmas in July</b> <i>Pacific Palms Public School</i>		\$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 7 July 2022	<b>At The Movies</b> 108 Manning Street, Tuncurry NSW		\$25 \$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 8 July 2022	<b>Mad Science</b> <i>Pacific Palms Public School</i>		\$55
				WEEK 2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday 11 July 2022	<b>Billabong Zoo</b> 61 Billabong Drive, Port Macquarie NSW		\$50 \$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 12 July 2022	<b>The BIG Cook</b> <i>Pacific Palms Public School</i>		\$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 13 July 2022	<b>Bowling</b> Townsend Street, Forster NSW 2428		\$25 \$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 14 July 2022	<b>At The Movies</b> 108 Manning Street, Tuncurry NSW		\$25 \$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 15 July 2022	<b>Dude Perfect Challenge</b> <i>Pacific Palms Public School</i>		\$55

Note: Please review the water park's website for restrictions (e.g. height requirements for rides).  
Excursion locations may be subject to change. You will be notified via email or text when this happens.

\* Activity fee covers admission charges and transport costs.







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Address: 91 Boomerang Dr, Boomerang Beach  
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Centre Email: [pacificpalms@bigchildcare.com](mailto:pacificpalms@bigchildcare.com)



#### 4. PARENT CONTACT

First name:

Surname:

Best contact number:

personal  home  work

Secondary contact number:

personal  home  work

Enrolment Email Address:

*If you have not enrolled, please enter the email that you will be using to enrol. Your booking confirmation and statements will be sent to this email.*

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understood the following terms & conditions:**

- I have a current / I have attached a copy of the Big Childcare enrolment form (in addition to the holiday booking form) and understand that my child cannot attend, unless all the details in this form have been completed.
- I acknowledge that if my child is prescribed with any medication to be administered at the service, that it is provided to staff before attendance, along with medical action plan, medication consent form and the risk minimisation and communication plans; completed in consultation with the centre manger.
- I understand that full payment on statements emailed to me upon the conclusion of each week's Holiday Program will be payable in arrears the following Monday.
- I understand there will be no refunds once my booking has been accepted and confirmed.
- I am aware that 'On Tour' and 'Super Incursions' will be an additional cost to the Home Base Price, as outlined in the brochure.
- I give permission for my child/ren to be taken outside of the education and care service for all 'On Tour' activities I have authorised them to attend. Big Childcare determines means of travel; this predominantly is bus travel, unless otherwise stated on the event description.
- I acknowledge the ratio of 1 educator to 15 children. I understand approximately 30 children attending the excursions there will be a minimum of 2 educators.
- I understand my child/ren will be required to wear seat belts and child restraints during travel.
- Proposed time away from the service will vary and is approximately between the hours of 8.30am to 3pm. Exact excursion departure and return times will be communicated closer to the excursion date.
- Risk assessments have been prepared in accordance with regulation 101 and I am aware they are available to view at the service.
- I understand that further information regarding the description of the proposed destinations and/or activities to be undertaken are available in the holiday program brochure. I understand that risk assessments including but limited to "On Tour" venues can be found on the parent table at the centre.
- I am aware that children are not allowed to make any purchases whilst on any excursion. I will not provide my child/ren with extra money to spend unless specified by management.
- I understand my contact details may be provided to 'On Tour' venues in accordance with contact tracing, Services Victoria sign into venues and the Department of Health.
- I am aware that extra bookings can be made during the school holiday program, subject to availability.
- I have read and agreed to further terms and conditions outlined in [bigchildcare.com/terms-conditions](http://bigchildcare.com/terms-conditions)
- I am aware that excursion locations and/ proposed activities may be subject to change, and I will be notified via email/text when this happens.

Parent / authorised guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer:** In order for bookings to be confirmed, you **MUST**

1. be enrolled with Big Childcare,
2. have completed this booking form in full, and
3. received booking confirmation from the centre manager

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_