



# PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

The NAIDOC theme "Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!" reflects and acknowledges the hidden history of this country and the significant acts and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the fight for their rights. Students learnt about traditional sand art, dot painting, rock painting, making clay echidnas and pipe cleaner snakes from dreaming stories.



# GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

**3-10 JULY 2022**

## EVENTS IN TERM 3

### UP AND COMING EVENTS CALENDER

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, 23 August     | Book Week Celebrations                |
| Thursday 25 August     | Kindergarten 2023 Orientation Meeting |
| Friday, 26 August      | Hunter Athletics Carnival             |
| Thursday, 1 September  | Father's Day Stall                    |
| Thursday, 22 September | Oakvale Farm Excursion K-2            |



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## EDUCATION WEEK

### Education Week – Creating Futures

Pacific Palms Public School students and staff celebrated Education Week last week. Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers, support staff and learning community. This year's theme is 'creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education. The date for our open day so families can come into the school to view our classrooms and join in the assembly is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



### Manning Regional Art Gallery Excursion Stage 3

Students in Year 5 & 6 attended the Manning Regional Art Gallery as part of the Home Program (Creative Art Making/Language with Community). The children toured the gallery looking at the Archibald artworks, attended art making and story telling and participated in an ecological talk presented by Matt Bell. The students had a fantastic day!







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### Winter Breakfast Program

Our happy, healthy, environmentally-friendly breakfast program, is coming to an end. Thank you to our Green Team and fabulous parent helpers for your continued support. It is also very pleasing to hear all the beautiful manners.



### Rural Gap Access (RAG Program)

The rural access gap (RAG) program is creating digital classrooms through upgrades to connectivity and learning spaces and leveraging cloud technology. In the last 2 week every classroom in our school has had a new interactive panel installed. Our students are enjoying them!







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## OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

### Manning Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 33 of our talented athletes represented our school at the Manning Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry Oval. Every student performed to their personal best. They displayed great sportsmanship and cheered on their fellow competitors. A fantastic day was had by everyone. A special thank you to all the parents/carers who were there to support our students.

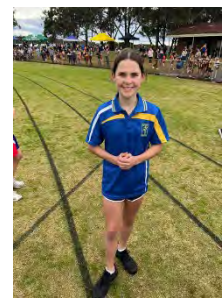
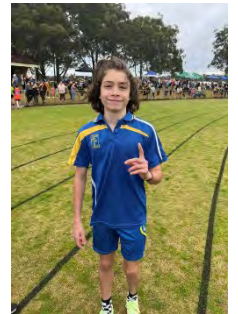


Congratulations to the following students who were successful in qualifying for the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival.



### Congratulations

- Imani
- Tasman
- Kysna
- Ariel
- Aria
- Benji
- Felix
- Bella





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### PSSA Knockout Soccer

The state primary school knockout competitions for NSW public schools are run and managed by the NSW Primary School Sports Association. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August our boys travelled to Gloucester to play Gloucester Public School. In a very even game the teams traded goal for goal until the last minutes! Gloucester taking the win 4-3. The boys all played very well. Thanks to Mr Wilson and our supporters.

#### Boys Soccer Team:

Back Row: Bodhi, Eli, Max, Lennox, Jett, Jonah, Kysna, Omar, Rasta  
Front Row: Marlo, Vaughn, Tao, Jaspera.



## INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

### Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment

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. More information is available on page 11.

### Year 6 Baby Photos



We are asking Year 6 students to send in a baby photo that can be used in our end of year graduation presentation. If possible we would like these photos handed in before the end of Term 3. Please bring the photo to school in an envelope or small snap lock bag with your child's name clearly labelled and handed to your class teacher.



**Learning from home options are available if you can't do face-to-face learning**



**COVID SAFETY**



Keep them home to rest and recover.

If they have cold and flu symptoms but are feeling well enough, there are a range of learning from home options available for short periods.

#### 2022 Digital Learning Packs

The packs are timetabled activities for Pre-K to Year 10 students. Parents and carers can work through them with their child and when instructed by their school.

[2022 digital learning packs \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.nsw.gov.au/2022-digital-learning-packs)





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## Kiss and Ride Zone

A reminder about parking at the front of the school, particularly the school Kiss and Ride Zone.

Please limit your parking time to **2 minutes** and remain within 3 metres of your vehicle.

This helps avoid traffic congestion during busy times and ensures the safety of our students.



## Kids look to you to keep them safe...

### Know the signs. Know the rules.



Kiss and Ride Zones



No Parking Zones

At schools, all of these signs have the same rules:

Drivers may drop off or pick up children during the times shown, but note:

- the maximum stopping time is 2 minutes
- the driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Fines and loss of demerit points apply.

A road safety initiative from MidCoast Council 

## Street Library

A family project which started last term turned into reality last week when Pacific Palms Real Estate kindly allowed us to install a new Street Library on their wall in Blueys Beach village.

As a family we love reading and wanted to share our books with others in the community. We decided the best way to do that was through a Street Library.

Street Libraries are a home for books which everyone can use, no-one needs to check them in or out. People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library or pass them on to friends. If you have spare books you are happy to share with others then put them into the library so others can enjoy them as well.

*Take a Book, Give a Book, Share a Book*





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## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### Boys/Girls Group

Some students from Stage 3 have been participating in interest based social groups this term. These small group activities allow students to build connectedness to each other and experience positive relationships with their peers.

The 'Lego Legends' has been busily building construction models while engaging in open discussion on matters important to them: self-esteem, freedom, conflict independence and identity.

Members of the 'No Drama Llamas' have each chosen a topic to paint each week using different medias. So far, the girls have painted 'something from nature', 'my favourite animal' and a 'treasure from home'. Participants feel a sense of belonging and have given us feedback that it also creates a safe space to share ideas and talk openly.



## GREAT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS FROM PACIFIC PALMS



10 Years ago, in 2012, Harrison Edwards and Ellie Johnston were our Year 6 Sports Champions and now they have both made their NRL debut!







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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have had a wet and soggy start to this term. There has been a lot of illness in our community, and at school we are averaging 40 - 55 students away each day at the moment. Thank you to all of you for considerately keeping children at home when sick, we know it has been challenging.



We have also had significant impact with staff being away and no casual teachers being available. Please know that we are using every resource we can to keep our classes together, in their classrooms and to have a continuity of learning. Student safety and wellbeing is always a priority. Many schools and workplaces are being impacted by illness and staff shortages.

I have been reflecting lately on the detrimental effect Covid restrictions have had on our school community. While we are now able to invite visitors back into the school, we are remaining cautious about large gatherings of parents visiting classrooms and assemblies.

I'm sure you are feeling the same disconnect I am feeling; that is, we have lost that important aspect of the school being a community 'hub.' I'm hoping that by the end of this term we are able to welcome you in for some classroom visits to see and feel the amazing things happening every day in our world.

We are genuine in our desire to work with families to achieve optimum outcomes for all our students. Please talk to us if you are feeling the 'disconnect.' We are looking forward to our Open Day on September 6th and hoping to have that 'buzz' back in the school again.



### Playground Projects



We have more projects coming up in the coming months, watch this space!

### Kindergarten 2023

We are currently enrolling for Kindergarten 2023!

# Kindergarten





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Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. If you are a parent of a child beginning school in 2023, please apply to enrol. Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July 2023. You can enrol online NOW!

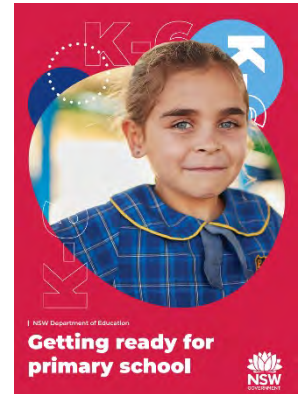
You can enrol online NOW!

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

You can also download the 'Getting ready for primary school' booklet

Getting ready for primary school

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/getting-ready-for-school.pdf>



Or check out the Department of Education website.

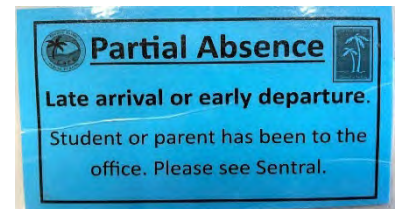
Going to a Public School

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school>

## Reminder



If your child is late to school after 9.00 am or is picked up early before 3.00 pm, please come via the front office to pick up a blue card. This ensures that your child is recorded in our online system, which helps us with safety and attendance data.



| STUDENT MESSAGE  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Student Name:    | _____ |
| Student's Class: | _____ |
| Date:            | _____ |
| Message:         | _____ |
|                  | _____ |
|                  | _____ |
|                  | _____ |

If you or a family member have an urgent/important message for your child/ren, please call the office **BEFORE 2:30 pm** and we will send the message using our orange note to the child in the class. As this is the busiest time for our front office staff, we ask that you do not use this system to arrange play dates or for personal messages please.

We thank you for your consideration.

## Bus Behaviour

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of students behaving in a disrespectful and unsafe manner on the buses to and from school. If your child catches a bus, please speak with them about travelling safely to school. We have had a number of reports from drivers about unsettled behaviours and unsafe actions. Several students have received a warning letter or a 2-week suspension. Behaviours that cause the most concern continue to be:





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- Not wearing seat belts
- Out of seat, changing seats, moving around the bus
- Throwing things around the bus
- Inappropriate language or offensive language
- Not showing respect eg. being rude to the driver and not following directions.



## Staff update

Earlier this term we said farewell to Josh Fergus, our music teacher. Josh and his partner have moved to Sydney for the birth of their first baby and we thank him for his time at our school and wish them both all the best.



We are very fortunate to have Julie Boughton take over the music role.. She has a wealth of music experience and has been working at our school all year. She started working with our K-2 classes this week, they love her guitar! She will be working on singing, body percussion and simple percussion instruments this term.



This week Mady Hunt finished work and started maternity leave! ❤️ We are super excited for her and Ryan and we wish her all the best and can't wait to meet 'Baby Sparkles' ❤️ Jessie Meehan will take KM for the remainder of the year, she is a great fit as she has been working with kindergarten already this year and is excited to join the K-2 team full time.



Yours in learning,  
Melissa Merchant  
Principal

"If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning." – Carol Dweck

Mel Merchant  
Principal





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## Kindergarten 2023 Information Night

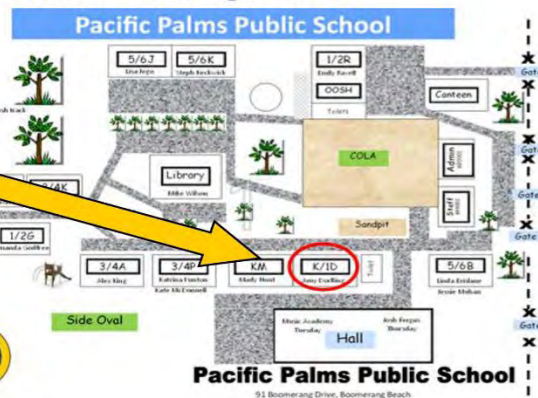
Pacific Palms Public School would like to invite you to attend our Kindergarten 2023 Parent Information Evening. Our teachers look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about your child starting kindergarten.

On this night we will be showcasing what Pacific Palms Public School has to offer your child as they begin an exciting transition into 'Big School'.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

5:30-7pm

Kindergarten Classrooms



This evening will provide you with the opportunity to:

- hear about our transition program, 'Happy Start' that takes place in November & 2023 Kindergarten learning programs
- meet members of our P & C, who will talk about uniforms and canteen
- take home an info pack and new school library bag for your child

Parents, carers, grandparents and children are all welcome. Child minding will be provided by Big Childcare, our onsite before and after school care provider.

Enrol online now via the NSW Department of Education enrolment website

For more information visit our Pacific Palms Public School website or phone our friendly school office staff on 65540249







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## Ed2022 Week

Tuesday 6 Sep Creating futures

# Pacific Palms Public School

Tuesday 6 Sep



Please join us for Open Day celebrations

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

Tuesday 6 Sep

Education changes lives  
#EdWeek22

[education.nsw.gov.au/edweek](http://education.nsw.gov.au/edweek)

## Ed2022 Week







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# Book Week 2022

**Come Dressed  
as Your  
Favourite  
Book  
Character  
(Parade at 9am)**

**Dreaming  
with eyes  
open...**

**Tuesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> August**



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NIPPERS

## REGISTRATION

OPEN Now

Registration for Nippers 2022/23 have begun! Registration is open to boys and girls who have turned five before 30 September 2022 up to 13 years of age. All welcome.

Learn surf, first aid and beach skills whilst making friends and having fun. Fun games working on skills development.

Register online at [www.pacificpalmslsc.org.au](http://www.pacificpalmslsc.org.au)

Contact Deloris registrar@pacificpalmslsc.org.au or Jeanette Allen 0438540235 for more information.

Help with registrations will be on the following dates with our registrar.

18<sup>th</sup> September Surf Club Open Day.

21<sup>st</sup> September Registrations at Pacific Palms Primary School 2:30-3:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> October Grading Day @ the YMCA Forster 3:30 – 5pm

16<sup>th</sup> October First day of Nippers

23<sup>rd</sup> October: Nipper Proficiencies @ Bullring Forster

30<sup>th</sup> October Nippers @ Lizzy Beach

Registrations Open

now!

18<sup>th</sup> September @

Surf Club

21<sup>st</sup> September @

Palms School

14<sup>th</sup> October Grading

Day @ the Y

16<sup>th</sup> October @ Surf

Club

APPAREL ALSO  
AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE

FREE SWIMFIT  
CLASSES FOR  
REGISTERED  
MEMBERS



[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Website](#)

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians across all the lands on which we live, work and patrol, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging*





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## junior cricket



### 8-10 year olds – we need you!

Pacific Palms Cricket Club is looking for 8–10-year-old boys and girls to enter an U10s mixed local team in the upcoming junior cricket season, beginning in T4.

Gone are the days where junior cricket takes up the whole weekend! **You can expect shortened match lengths** with high levels of action & involvement.

No experience necessary – training once a week.



### Contact

To register your interest or for any questions please contact Nathan Jones on 0400 142 620



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| PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL |  |                                      |   |                          |   |  |         |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|---------|
| CALENDAR TERM 3 2022        |  |                                      |   |                          |   |  |         |
| Month                       | Week   | Monday                               | Tuesday   | Wednesday                | Thursday  | Friday   | Sat/Sun |
| Aug                         | 5  | 15                                   | 16<br>Breakfast Club<br>Year 1 Phonics Screening<br>P&C Meeting | 17<br>ICAS - English     | 18  | 19<br>Meal Deal                                      | 20/21   |
| Aug                         | 6  | 22<br>Stage 3 Artist                 | 23<br>BOOK WEEK Parade & Assembly                               | 24<br>ICAS - Science     | 25<br>ICAS - Spelling<br>Kinder Info Night 5.30 - 7 | 26<br>Hunter Athletics<br>Meal Deal                  | 27/28   |
| Aug/Sept                    | 7  | 29<br>Spelling Bee<br>Stage 3 Artist | 30<br>Rsystem Engagement Day                                    | 31<br>ICAS - Maths       | 1<br>Father's Day Stall                             | 2<br>Zone Boys Soccer Gala Day<br>Meal Deal          | 3/4     |
| Sept                        | 8  | 5<br>Year 6 Checks in Assessments    | 6<br>PPPS Open Day<br>Meal Deal                                 | 7<br>Zone Touch Gala Day | 8<br>Academic Assembly Turuncury                    | 9<br>Meal Deal                                       | 10/11   |
| Sept                        | 9  | 12                                   | 13<br>P&C Meeting   | 14                       | 15  | 16<br>Zone Netball Gala Day<br>Assembly<br>Meal Deal | 17/18   |
| Sept                        | 10   | 19                                   | 20  | 21<br>Stage 2/3 Concert  | 22<br>K-2 Oatvale Wildlife Park                     | 23<br>Crazy Hair/Socks Day<br>Meal Deal              | 24/25   |
| Term 4 Dates                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 3 - Canberra Excursion - 15 November to 18 November 2022</li> <li>• Happy Start for 2022 Kindergarten - 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> November &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> December</li> <li>• Celebration of Success - Monday 5 December 2022</li> <li>• Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 7 December 2022</li> <li>• K-2 Concert - Friday 9 December 2022</li> <li>• Fun Day/Yr 6 March Out/Talent Quest December 2022</li> </ul> |                                      |   |                          |   |  |         |

