**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome to the start of our new year at Pacific Pines Primary School. My staff have worked hard to ensure a great start to the year for our students. Staff started back at school on Tuesday January 20 and attended professional development sessions during that week, covering areas such as Student Welfare, The Seven Steps of Writing and two full days at Biggera Waters State School on the Art and Science of Teaching. We were all privileged to have this delivered to us by the international presenter, Ms Jan Hoegh from the Marzano Institute in the USA. My staff will be learning about the elements of Marzano during this year and beyond and practising them in their classrooms.

**Staffing 2015**

My administration team for 2015 are:

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<td>Mr Ben Morris</td>
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This year we have introduced six Leaders of Learning. These staff are:

Mrs Bek Sheather  
Line Manager for Prep

Mrs Lenka Kubat  
Line Manager for Year 1

Mrs Pauline Stock  
Line Manager for Year 2

Ms Kirsten Barnard  
Line Manager for Year 3

Mr Josh Berry-Walker  
Line Manager for Year 4

Mrs Nadia Barratt  
Line Manager for Year 5

We are liaising with Pacific Pines High School to have high school staff work with some of our Year 6 students at various stages during the week.

New Staff

On behalf of our school and its community, I would like to extend a huge welcome to our new staff for 2015:

Miss Urissa Chinia  
Prep Purple. Urissa was a former student here

Mrs Melisa Stankovic  
Prep Aqua

Miss Michelle Wallace  
Year 3O

Miss Aleisha Burgess  
Year 4O

Mr Matthew Coleman  
Year 4P

Ms Kara Griggs  
Year 4R

Mrs Natalie Harris  
Year 4B

Mrs Karen Gordon  
Physical Education

Day 8

Yesterday was Day 8 for all Qld schools when student numbers are returned to Central Office. These numbers determine our staffing for the year. We have more than exceeded our enrolment predictions and have 38 classes this year so we do not have to change any classes at this stage.

Students

Our students are to be congratulated on their behaviour during the first two weeks of this year. I am very proud of the way that they show how self-managed they are. The Prep students especially need to be congratulated for an excellent start to their formal schooling. This school takes the behaviour of its students very seriously and our data for student behaviour is in the top range in the state for excellence. My Deputy Principals and I follow up every issue to ensure that there are resolutions to any concerns. This can sometimes take hours for us to do but
it is worth it for the welfare of our students. I look forward to the positive interactions that I have each year with my school community.

Parent Information Sessions

During the next two to three weeks, my Teaching Teams will be offering sessions to parents in all year levels. Please look out for flyers brought home by your child stating what day and times they are being held. Prep, Year 4 and Year 6 should arrive home today. If you cannot make these sessions due to work commitments, please contact your child’s teacher so information can be sent home to you. It is very important for me to keep school and home communications open at all times.

Regards

Kathy Edwards

FROM THE DEPUTY Prep to Yr 3

Junior Sector Leadership Team

Welcome back to 2015 and what I am sure will be a fantastic year at Pacific Pines Primary school.

The junior school leadership team has remained unchanged from Term 4 2014;

Deputy Principal – Mrs Rachael Jeffrey

Head of Curriculum – Mrs Fiona Keswell.

I look forward to getting to know all of you during the year as we work together to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for your child.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Meet the teacher sessions will take place across the school during weeks 3 and 4 of term one. Please be on the lookout for communication from your child’s teacher so that you don’t miss out on this valuable opportunity.

Prep -3 Assembly

P/1 – Week 3, 5, 7 and 9

2/3 – Week 2, 4, 6 and 8

There will be no junior assembly during week 10 due to the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Prep MyPad Program- Parent and Community Engagement (PACE) Sessions Term 1

When: Every Monday Afternoon

Time: 2:15pm – 2:45pm (after junior assembly)
Where: Broncos Boardroom (back room of the hall)

During these sessions we will be sharing ideas and showcasing the apps that students will be using in the classroom. If you have questions regarding the use of the iPad then feel to come along and we will do our best to assist you.

Rachael Jeffrey  
Deputy Principal prep to yrs 3

FROM THE DEPUTY  Yrs 4 - 6

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our continuing families and a warm welcome to our new families for 2015. There are a few adjustments this year as we become used to the idea that we no longer have a Year 7 cohort and that we are operating a Prep to Year 6 primary school. 2015 promises to be a year full of learning and growth as we live up to our school vision of ‘United to Achieve Excellence.’

Year 4-6 Staffing Update

This year in years 4-6 we welcome some new staff members. Miss Kara Griggs, Mr Matthew Coleman, Miss Aleisha Burgess, Mr Kristian Robinson and Mrs Natalie Harris have all joined the outstanding teachers here at Pac Pines. We are sure that they will love our school and will have a massive impact on the learning of our students. Please make them feel welcome when you see them around our school.

Leaders of Learning

This Year, Years 4 and 5 will have a Leader of Learning attached to each year level. These teachers are experienced teachers who will work with teachers to further improve the students’ results in each year level by incorporating higher order thinking strategies and explicit teaching into the class rooms.

The Leaders of Learning in Year 4-6 are; Mr Josh Berry-Walker (year 4) and Mrs Nadia Barrett (Year 5).

Year 4-6 Assembly Time

Year 4-6 assembly will occur fortnightly in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of this term. They will be on Friday afternoons at 2:15pm in the school hall.

Self-Managed Students

Pacific Pines Primary prides itself on having exceptionally well behaved students and encourages students to be ‘self-managed’. The Year 4-6 students have displayed outstanding self-management. This is a term that your students will be able to discuss with you as all students in our school know what it looks like and feels like to be self-managed.
Seven Steps in Writing

It has been very exciting to read students early attempts at writing this term. Our teachers have received training in the ‘Seven Steps of Writing.’ This has resulted in improving our students’ level of writing in only a short time period. Students are currently focusing on ‘Sizzling Starts.’ This allows them to start their writing in an exciting way that will engage the reader and want them to read on further. Ask your students to bring home some examples of their sizzling starts and I’m sure you will be amazed at their level of writing.

Scott Anderson
Deputy Principal yrs 4-6

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Seven Steps of Writing @PPP

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Pacific Pines Primary students are learning to use Seven Steps that are designed to improve student writing and creativity. The Seven Steps is a unique system that chunks writing into seven main techniques.

The chunking concept is modelled on the way we learn sport.

1. CHUNK
We learn sport by breaking learning into chunks. E.g. tennis we learn forehand, backhand, serve or
volley. Yet in writing we often ask students to ‘write me a story’, in other words, play the whole tennis match.

2. EXPLAIN
It takes between 3-7 minutes to explain any of the Seven Steps. (Yes, that’s how quickly we do it in the teacher workshops!)
e.g. Step 2 Sizzling Starts: The key learning point is that every movie, novel, narrative, poem, persuasive piece – must grab attention. The job of the start is to hook the reader or viewer immediately.

3. REPEAT
Repetition is vital to put the skill into ‘muscle memory’. So students then practise in short 5-10 minute slots every day.
e.g. Students write five Sizzling Starts in five minutes every morning for a week.

4. EXPAND
Then students see how the techniques work in many other text types.
e.g. Students study the starts of movies (Skyfall, James Bond), speeches, novels, sitcoms, ads, magazine interviews, etc. This is especially great for boys, kids with learning difficulties or ESL students.

At this stage of the term students are exploring and expanding Sizzling Starts. We are looking forward to celebrating more student written Sizzling Starts during our assemblies and in subsequent newsletters. Please read below for some examples after just two weeks of implementing the program.

Well done to all students and teachers, you have done an amazing job tackling the first step!

“BANG! Glass from the window shattered everywhere. I got up grabbed a large wooden spoon and opened the door slowly. There right in front of me was a huge alien spaceship. A door opened and out popped a green leg.”

Aysha Year 3

“Bang! The disco ball fell from the ceiling and then Crack! The disco ball smashed to pieces. That was the end of the worse disco ever.”

Sanhya Year 5

“Ouch! I ran into a boy and accidently kissed him. The music stopped and everyone laughed. There is no way I am going to school tomorrow.”

Rhani Year 5
Mathletics

We are looking forward to a massive year of Mathletics in 2015. This year the Mathletics parent company, 3P Learning, are hosting the World Education Games. This world-wide event provides an exciting opportunity for our students to engage with and compete with others on a global scale. Stay tuned for more information.

All students now have their login details so they can start ‘training’ for the games by completing content activities and Mathletics live. This year student will still be acknowledged and celebrated for their achievements in Mathletics with our class awards and the sought after, Mathlete of the week trophy. We look forward to interacting with such a valuable learning tool which is provided.

Home Reading

Thank you to all parents that put aside some of their valuable time and attending the Volunteer session. We appreciate the time many parents put into the school and assisting with classroom activities, the PPP home reading program, our canteen and in the library.

Home reading begins Monday 9 February. If you would like to volunteer to help your class it's not too late. Please express your interest to your classroom teacher and they will be able to facilitate a day.

Ben Morris | Head of Curriculum

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome to 2015 from the Performing Arts Department!

Thank you to all of our continuing music students, you are the heart of music here at Pac Pines! We are also very happy to welcome musicians new to the school or students who are just deciding to get involved!

Our Performing Arts Department for 2015 is:

Naomi Williams – Senior Performing Arts – Senior Choir Conductor
Shannon Bebendorf – Junior Performing Arts – Junior Choir Conductor
David Sue Yek – Strings Teacher – Acacia and Banksia Strings Conductor
Adam Thomson – Percussion and Band Teacher

David is here every Tuesday and all Strings lessons and ensembles will be held on this day.
Adam is here every Friday and all Band/percussion lessons and ensembles will be held on this day.

Rehearsal times are as follows:
Tuesday – Strings – Acacia before school and Banksia after school
Wednesday – Senior Choir – Years 4-6 - before school
Thursday – Junior choir – Years 1-3 - after school
Friday – Band and Percussion (to be confirmed)
Please keep in touch with your teachers and ensure all notes and payments are returned promptly. We look forward to working with you.

Naomi Williams

ATTENDANCE

We were very pleased to award such a large amount of attendance awards at the end of 2014. Learning in all classrooms commences at 8:50am. Please ensure that your child arrives at school ready to learn at this time.
What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but........

| He/She is only missing just.... | That equals.... | Which is..... | and over 13 years of schooling that’s...
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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!!

School Starts at 8:50am!!

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!
10 February until 26 March 2015.

Chess club is on in the afternoons, starting 10 February. Lessons are open to all students. Depending on numbers sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursdays. If numbers are not sufficient then chess club will be **Thursday afternoons ONLY.** The lessons will start at 3:00pm in Mr Hamill’s classroom (6G 3rd demountable next to the back road) and finish at 4:00pm. The cost will be **$35, for seven lessons.**

By handing in the note below you are confirming your child’s place in chess club. If the note is handed in after Friday 6 February acceptance will depend upon places being available.

Payments must be received before the commencement of the **second** lesson.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Hamill before or after school or email at phami3@eq.edu.au.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION BOOKS**

Students that did not purchase a book pack from Kookaburra for 2015 are now able to purchase Religion books for Years 1 to 3 at the office.

- Y1 Beginning with God $5.00
- Y2 and 3 Infant Connect B1 $3.00

The Payment Window is open Mon, Wed and Friday 8:00am -10:00am

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Parents are not permitted to drive into the school grounds to drop off or collect students. Parents are endangering the lives of their children as well as other students entering and leaving the school grounds.

Pacific Pines State School is a smoke free and dog free zone. Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds they must remain outside the boundary fence regardless of size.

**EXCURSION NOTES AND REMINDERS**

We will be implementing a new process whereby all excursion notes are emailed home to parents/carers. A reminder will also be sent home via email as the closing date for excursions nears, if you have already paid for your child’s excursion then simply ignore the automated whole school reminder.

Please ensure the school has your current email address to avoid missing out on upcoming excursion notes and reminders.
Please do not reply to the emails as info@pacificpines.eq.edu.au is an automated email address and replies are not monitored by administrative staff.

TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop prides itself in making fresh and healthy lunches for your children on a daily basis and we are busier than ever. We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all those parents who donate their time every week to help prepare and serve the food. Due to commitments we will lose some volunteers at the end of the term and are desperate for some more generous people to help out wherever possible.

Duties involve preparing and packing lunches for first break and serving students on first break.

Below are the days and times where help is urgently needed.

Tuesday 9am - 11.30am

Friday 9am - 11.30am

If you are able to help out please contact Helen on 55025316 or come and see me at the tuckshop.

Regards

Helen Pitman

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Fortnightly assemblies will be held in the school hall

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PAYMENT REMINDER

Payment days Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.00 to 10.00am only.

Please be advised that no payments will be received on non payment days as money is not permitted to be kept on the premises. Any monies sent on non payment days will be sent home with the student.

No payments will be accepted after the date specified on the activity/excursion letter, this includes all online payments that must be made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the cut off date for payments.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Hours:

- Tuesday 7.30 – 11:30am
- Wednesday 7.30– 11:30am
- Thursday 7.30 – 11:30am

Please note phone orders are taken, simply call 5502 5332 during the hours listed above (credit card payments available but no amex)

after payment is processed the uniforms will be taken to the child's classroom

Patricia Girling
Uniform Shop Convenor
Ph: 5502 5332
Fax: 5502 5321

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please note that Pacific Pines State School prefers payments made by INTERNET BANKING or EFTPOS transactions to help minimise fees charged by the bank when processing cheques and cash.

Please note: Payment by EFT must be made 48 hours prior to the cut off date!

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING: Direct Payment into School Bank Account
School’s Bank Account Name: Pacific Pines State School General A/C

BSB Number: 064 474 (CBA Branch Helensvale)

Account Number: 10097379

Reference/Details: Please record child’s name (not parents name), class and reference code in the reference/details section so that your payment can be traced. If no reference code number is supplied, payments will be applied to the oldest debt for that Family/Customer ID.

Payment Days are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY only 8.15am until 10.00am. We allow a minimum of 2 weeks for payments due and are unable to accept any late payments, we thank you for your understanding.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Slightly Wonky Creations

Sick of constantly replacing school hats and jackets even though your child's name is written inside? Lost properly is a frustration and time waster for parents and the school alike so I would like to offer you an alternative. For as little as $5-$6 per item, with discounts available for large families, you can have your child's full name or just first initial and surname machine embroidered on their hats and jackets. You may have seen some around school already. It makes it very easy easy to identify what belongs to which child and a lot harder to pick up someone else's by mistake. If you are interested in getting your child's uniform embroidered please give me a call, emial or drop by my Facebook page to arrange.

Kit Deverell 0435 417 799 leftofcenter@tpg.com.au  www.facebook.com/SlightlyWonkyCreations

Nerang Soccer Club

Junior Sign On Day

U6’s – U18’s – Boys & Girls

Saturday 7th February 2015

9.00am to 12.00 noon

All enquiries to Phillippa Mengel - 0422 035 542
BECOME THE NEXT NRL GOLD COAST TITAN!

GOLD COAST DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON CARNIVAL

SIGN UP TO PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE IN 2015!

SAT 7 FEB, 2015 9AM - 2PM
CBUS SUPER STADIUM

TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION:
- Junior rugby league clubs and schools can enter
- Available age groups - under 10 & 12
- Maximum 12 players per team
- $30 registration per team • Prizes for winning teams

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
- NRL coaching clinic • Dressing shed tours • Meet Titans players
- Titans Inflatable • Face Painting • Pass the ball challenges
- Colouring-in and design your own jersey competition

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TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM EMAIL THROUGH:
Team Name I Age Group (under 10 & 12) I Contact Name I Phone Number I Email Address
TO - GARY@GOLDCOASTJUNIORRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 30 JAN 2015

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO GOLDCOASTJUNIORRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU