FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Graduation

It was wonderful to see our Years 6 and 7 students graduate at Dreamworld on Tuesday night. The weather was really against us but we all persevered through the thunder, rain and lightning to put on two spectacular events for our students and parents. I hope that the students and parents appreciate the many hours that it took my staff to plan for these graduations, especially Mr Anderson who worked tirelessly to make sure that everything was organised to an amazing level of presentation for each event. What a special night for our students!

Awards Day

Last Monday was a special day when we had the opportunity to reward our students for their academic and behaviour achievements. We also had the opportunity to reward our students for sports and chess as well as The Young Writer’s Awards. I was very impressed to see so many students achieve a gold award for their behaviour. This is an indication of the many students here at our school who do the right thing all the time.

Congratulations to all students who achieved an award. We are all very proud of you!

School Captains for 2015

At our Year 4/5 Awards Ceremony, the four leaders for 2015 were announced. Congratulations to:

Telika M Keeley B Andrew H Lachlan G
I know that these four leaders of our school will do a great job next year.

**School Council**

We have finalised our Music and Sporting Leaders for 2015 and will elect our Class Representatives early next year. A complete list of our Student Council will be in one of our early newsletters in 2015. The School Leaders Badge Award Ceremony will occur also early in Term 1.

**Staff**

We have some staff leaving us for next year going on to new adventures in their careers. Goodbye to:

Bridgette O’Donnell has been transferred to the new school at Pimpama State Primary College. She has been here at our school since we opened in 2002 and has been an integral part of the establishment of our school culture. I would like to thank Miss O for all of the time she has spent looking after the Student Council and organising the many special events here for our students such as Pac Pines Got Talent, discos, fund raising for charities, training Touch Teams for regional competitions and so much more. We are going to miss you Miss O. Keep in touch.

Teena Sargent has been transferred to Biggera Waters State School. Teena has been here at Pac Pines for eight years and has been an amazing Prep teacher. She has made such a difference to our Prep students who have been taught by her. All the best Mrs Sargent. Your new school is lucky to get you as a teacher.

Andrew Coleman has been transferred to Norfolk Village State School. Andrew has been with us for the past nine years and has been a valued member of our school community. He will be missed by all of us here at Pac Pines.

Jeanne Sangster has been transferred to Benowa State School. Jeanne has also been with us for some time and has taught both in the junior school and the Special Education Unit. Jeanne has been an excellent teacher who has improved the educational outcomes of her students. Benowa are fortunate to gain her as a teacher.

Leticia Porche has been transferred to Coomera State School. Letitia has been with us for five years and has taught both in Year 6 and in Year 3 during this time. We thank her for the hard work that she has put in to make a difference to her students and wish her all the best at her new school.

Karen Hansen is leaving to start a career in the child care field. Karen has been a long term staff member who has been a great asset to our school. She has taught Year 1 and Prep since her arrival and her students have benefited from Karen’s love of teaching. Now it’s time for the next big adventure in her life and we wish her all the best. I know that whatever Karen does, it will be done to perfection.

Rosemary Walters is going on maternity leave with her new addition to the family due in February. The school wishes Rosemary and her husband all the best for a safe delivery and thank her for her dedication to our school’s Performing Arts Programs.
Steve Newman has been transferred to Ashmore State School. Steve will be missed by our school. He has been an integral part of our PE programs for the past six years. I would like to thank him on behalf of the school for all of the great work that he has done especially in Aussie Rules.

Daniel Edwards has been appointed in a permanent position as a teacher in Roma next year. Daniel has taught Year 4 and Year 5 this year and has learnt so much from the great practices at our school. He will be taking these excellent practices to Roma where he will be working in the Junior Secondary School.

There are new staff coming into our school who I will introduce early next year. On behalf of the school, thank you to all of those parents who support what we do here every single day. I would like to extend a special thank you to those parents who complimented us on the two graduations last Tuesday night. I have a team of staff who love kids and this is what makes us so special. I met with my supervisor on Thursday for feedback about the next four years for our school and she endorsed the many great things that we are and will be doing. She has also asked me to share these practices with my colleagues. I am excited about 2015 and the staff are as well. My teaching teams for next year have already planned Term 1 including the curriculum and assessment and what they have planned will be very engaging for your children.

All the best for the festive season. Enjoy your time with your children. Keep safe and we will see you all on the first day of school- Tuesday January 27.

Regards

Kathy Edwards

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Booklists

We have finalised the booklists for 2015 and will be using the same supplier as previous years, Kookaburra. These lists have been uploaded onto the Kookaburra website and our school website.

We have used Kookaburra again this year for the convenience of online ordering and having the book packs delivered to your door. The process has been streamlined over the past couple of years and is a very time and cost efficient way of ordering your child’s equipment for 2015. If you choose not to use our preferred supplier could you please ensure that you purchase all of the items on the booklist and send every item to school at the start of the school year.

Larry the Learning Lizard

You may have heard of ‘Larry the Learning Lizard’. He is a visible representation of learning within our school. In the junior school Larry is a regular visitor to classrooms where he takes photos and videos of children showing their learning. Larry then presents these in a movie on assembly each fortnight. He is a much loved and very popular member of our school community!
The intention behind Larry is:

- To provide a vehicle by which students are able to identify and discuss learning
- To make the intent of teaching and learning clearer for students
- To give students a tangible object that physically represents learning
- To provide students the opportunity to identify and value what they are learning rather than what they are doing
- To generate enthusiasm for learning within the classroom

Larry even has special ‘Learning Legend’ stickers with his photo on them which he gives out on his travels around our school!

MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC

Congratulations on a fantastic Showcase Concert on Tuesday 2nd December. You all made beautiful music, you were so well organised and displayed wonderful concert manners in the performances and in the audience. We were all very proud of you.

We banked over $300 with our sausage sizzle, and thank you kindly to Mr John Slinger, Mr Barry Kelly, Helen Pitman, Karen Rayward and Natasha Wise for your help, as well as everyone who supported the event. We have our new choir stands and I was so happy for the choir parents to be able to see their children’s faces when they performed! A huge thank you to Perry and the High School groundsmen for putting them together in such haste to have them ready for the night.

Farewell and Next Year
I would like to say thank you to such a wonderful group of musicians I’ve worked with throughout my years here at Pacific Pines, and a lovely parent body supporting them. Thank you so much for your commitment to our programs.

As you know I’m not returning next year, and Miss Naomi Williams will be in my role. Mrs Shannon Bebendorf is still working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Unfortunately we have yet another change in our Instrumental Band teachers. Mr Tony Paye is no longer going to be working at our school. We have all enjoyed your time this year, and improved our standards significantly. Thank you for your work at our school, we will all miss you. Also Mr Randal Scheerle has been an asset to the music department this year, with great success in the percussion program, and won’t be returning next year. We wish you all the best in your new schools, and we will miss you.

Mr David Sue Yek will stay with us as our Strings specialist, thankfully!

Once again, I will miss the students and my colleagues, but I’m looking forward to the new chapter in our lives, and hoping for a baby who sleeps!

Enjoy next year, PRACTISE a lot and come to rehearsals on time to make the most of our great programs!

Rosemary Walters

SURFSIDE BUS - SCHOOL SERVICE CHANGE

Afternoon Bus 3014

Please be advised of following:

Effective from Monday 1 December 2014, afternoon school service 3014 will no longer service Pacific Pines Primary school and will no longer operate to Helensvale Station.

New bus number 3178 will collect at Pacific Pines Primary School (at the bus stop on Santa Isobel Bvd) at 3:07pm, at Pacific Pines Pines High School at 3:15pm and will operate through Pacific Pines Boulevard arriving at Helensvale Station at 3:25pm.

For all other students catching afternoon service 3014, please note that from Monday 1 December this service will run early: depart Pacific Pines High School at 3:07pm, Helensvale High at 3:22pm and Oxenford Primary at 3:30pm, the bus route will remain the same.

Thank you. Network Planning Department

Detailed timetable for this service will be available on our web site from 27 November 2014.

www.surfside.com.au
Morning Bus 3037

Please be advised of following:

Effective from Monday 1 December 2014, morning school service 3037 will be deviated to Gaven Primary after collecting students along Gaven Arterial Rd. The bus will arrive at Gaven State Primary at 8:04am and will resume to its current route after. As a result this service will be slightly delayed arriving at Park Lake Primary at 8:11am, Pacific Pines High at 8:22am, Pacific Primary at 8:24am and back to Park Lake Primary at 8:32am.

Thank you. Network Planning Department

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SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS - 2014

9yr  2005
Isaiah M
Emily S

10yr  2004
Kobie M
Amy S

11yr  2003
Harrison R
Haidee L

12yr  2002
Teagan A

13yr  2001
Liam K
Rachel F
NETBALL NEWS

A big congratulations to our open netball team! They did a fantastic job representing our school at the Queensland Primary School Netball Cup. The girls won 4 out of their 9 games and finished up around 50\textsuperscript{th} from 105 teams. They had a very close last game which we just won by one goal. Best of all they all had a lot of fun and showed great sportsmanship. Parents, umpires and coaches from other teams commented on the girls’ excellent behaviour and the effort they put into every game. Thank you to our wonderful umpire Laura King and to the girls’ parents for their time and support over the weekend. A special mention to Jemma M who was voted Most Valuable Player by other teams.

Amanda Wallis and Pauline Stock

S.E.P. NEWS

Dear Families,

Our sincere thanks for your support in our fundraising efforts this year. To date we have raised a whopping $4000 to go towards our SEP playground for 2015. Most recently your support was appreciated in the sausage sizzle and we must give special thanks to Stocklands Riverstone Crossing for providing us with a Community Grant of $1000 to also add towards our total.

Once again our sincere and many thanks to the families, teachers and children who have supported us. Wishing you all a relaxing and safe holiday break and we look forward to working together next year.

Kind regards

Anne Hart and the SEP team
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
Friday 9.15am  Prep - 1  odd weeks
Friday 9.15am  Years 2-3  even weeks
Friday 2.15pm  Years 4-5  even weeks
Monday 2.15pm  Year 6-7  even weeks

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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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.
2015 Early Sign: Saturday, 6 December 2014, 12:00pm – 3:00pm at Parkwood Sharks, 180 Musgrave Ave, Labrador.

Early Sign On Discounted Prices: Under 6s $ 155.00 (save $20) & Under 7s to 17s $230.00 (save $20).

Sausage sizzle from 12 to 3pm

2015 Club shorts and socks will be included in the early sign on, if fees are paid in full on the day.
Gold Coast Basketball Camp

Gold Coast Basketball Holiday Camp

When: 12, 13, 14 January 2015

Where: Hillcrest Christian College, Bridgman Drive, Keedy Creek

Time: 9.00am—3.00pm

Cost: $100 for 3 days or $50 per day

Family discounts apply

Who: 5-17yrs

Head Coach: Pero Cameron

What to Bring: Basketball, Lunch, Drinkbottle

What to wear: Trainers, shorts, reversible singlet

Register now for the Gold Coast Basketball Camp, be put through your paces with Head Coach Pero Cameron (assistant coach NZ National Men’s Team) in this 3 day basketball camp.

Day 1: Guard Skills
Day 2: Forward Skills
Day 3: GAME DAY

Limited spots available

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