FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Denise and Bruce Morcombe

Last week we were very fortunate to host a visit for Denise and Bruce Morcombe. Thanks to Mrs Rayward for arranging this special visit last year. Bruce and Denise are inspirational people who are making it a lifelong mission to ensure that our young people have strategies to use when they don't feel safe. They have addressed assemblies at over 400 schools across Australia. Their message to keep safe for students was to:

- Recognise
- React
- Report

Students are encouraged to draw around their hand and list five people they can talk to if they feel they need to report anything they feel uncomfortable about, such as a parent, grandparent, teacher, aunt/uncle, or a friend's parents. We thank Denise and Bruce for their visit.
Canberra

Our Year 6 students have the opportunity to travel to Canberra in August this year. Notes have been sent home this week so parents can pay the initial deposit for this trip if their child is going to participate in the excursion. The fundraising chocolates will be ordered shortly so students can begin to assist in paying for their trip. Hopefully these will arrive before Easter.

Assistant Regional Director Visit

This week I hosted a visit from my supervisor, Margaret Gurney and two of her colleagues. During this visit I went with her on classroom visits, discussed our student data, explicit teaching methods delivered by my staff and the role of our six Leaders of Learning. I passed on her congratulations to all staff for being so talented and dedicated. They are all totally on track to make a difference to each and every student here at Pac Pines. She wanted to also let our community know that what is happening here each and every day is outstanding. So thanks to all of my staff for making our school such a great place to be for our students and colleagues. I am very proud of our talented teams. We will now be hosting visits from other schools to share our practices.

Regards

Kathy Edwards

FROM THE DEPUTY Yrs 4 - 6

School Leaders

On Thursday the 5th March we were privileged to induct our school leaders for 2015. The role of our School Leaders is very important as they are both representatives of our school in the community and provide a student voice within the school environment. We are confident they will lead by example.

Congratulations to the following students:

SCHOOL LEADER– Andrew H

SCHOOL LEADER– Lachlan G

SCHOOL LEADER– Keeley B

SCHOOL LEADER– Telika M

MUSIC LEADER– Elizabeth S

MUSIC LEADER– Julia L
HACKETT HOUSE LEADER- Ethan M
HACKETT HOUSE LEADER- Amy S

NORMAN HOUSE LEADER- Kyle D
NORMAN HOUSE LEADER- Taryn B

RAFTER HOUSE LEADER- Kyle M
RAFTER HOUSE LEADER- Stevie M

FREEMAN HOUSE LEADER- Kobie M
FREEMAN HOUSE LEADER- Charlotte B

5A Class Representative – Joshua S
5B Class Representative – Ebbonie H
5G Class Representative – Chiu L
5P Class Representative – Rhani W
5O Class Representative – Slayter P
5R Class Representative – James W

6A Class Representative – Alex C
6B Class Representative – Ethan W
6G Class Representative – Taia H
6O Class Representative – Harry C
6Y Class Representative - Kelly F
6P Class Representative - Tayla S
Parent Teacher Interviews

During Week 9 and 10 of Term 1, parents of students in Year 1 – 6 are invited to have an individual meeting with their child’s teacher to discuss academic progress, behaviour and learning goals. Each interview will be of 20 minutes duration. For organising these interviews we are trialling a School On-Line Booking System (SOBS). Using this system means parents will be able to book the interview time that suits them best from any internet-connected computer. Full details on how to make bookings will be sent home with students next week. Parents without internet access can make an interview time through the class teacher.

As this is the first year that Prep students will receive a formal report card, interviews for Prep parents will be held at the end of Term 2 so that teachers can discuss both the report card format and student progress at the same time. All students will receive a written report in Week 10 of Term 2.

Scott Anderson

Deputy Principal yrs 4-6

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Seven Steps of Writing @PPP

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Sizzling Starts from across the school

**The Ride**

It dropped. It felt like someone was blow drying my face. My head was hitting the harness. I threw up. It went all over me. My heart was pounding and my legs were shaking like a rattling train. (Fletcher)

**The party where everything goes wrong!**

Bam, crack, Powl The worst party ever. I was hitting the pinnate when crack! There goes Dad with a hit to the head with the baseball bat. Then a few minutes later... Splat! The cake falls to the ground. The birthday girl will not be happy. The house was trashed! (Sandhya)

Changes to the Home Reading Process

Thank you to all our volunteers that give up their own valuable time to enable our home reading program to be such a great success.

Starting the 27\textsuperscript{th} of February there will be a change to the Home Reading process. Friday the 27\textsuperscript{th} will be the first Friday when books are scanned in and borrowed out. These books will be returned to the classroom and handed out for Home Reading on the following Monday. The change means that on Mondays there will be no borrowing out or scanning in, therefore no parent volunteers for borrowing are required on Mondays. The books that were borrowed out on the Friday will go home to be read the following Monday.

This change will come into effect from the end of next week, Friday 27th February:

Monday-Thursday 26th Feb – normal borrowing and returning by volunteers

Friday 27 Feb – volunteers needed to change over home readers (return and borrow out) ready for Monday Wk 6

Monday 2nd March (WK 6) – No volunteers, no borrowing
If you have any further questions regarding the changes, the process or in general please contact Fiona Keswell or Ben Morris.

Life Education

Janet and Healthy Harold from Life Education are coming to Pacific Pines Primary from the 13th March to 2nd of April. They will be delivering lessons to every class across the school for a very small fee. To ensure your child does not miss out please return your Life Education note, along with payment to school by no later than Friday 6th March 2015. All of the programs are design to promote a healthy lifestyle and strategies to stay safe, please preview the lessons below.

MODULE: ‘Harold’s Surprise’ – Prep

Harold and the class are invited to possum’s party in the park. On the way they become aware of and develop appreciation of their bodies, discuss the importance of healthy food choices and exercise, safety in the environment and identify how people grow and change.

MODULE: ‘CLUED UP’ – YEAR 1

The Children help Harold investigate the disappearance of his friend Cocky. Through being detectives and solving the mystery, they learn about friendship, healthy food choices, safe and unsafe living and cooperation.

MODULE: ‘Harold’s Heroes’ – YEAR 2

The children join Harold’s superhero team to make the world a safer, healthier place for everyone. Throughout the mission they discover the importance of clean air, safe use of medicine and safety in the environment.

MODULE: ‘all systems go’ – YEAR 3

Inside a futuristic machine “The Venture”, the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood they explore functions of various body parts and how magnificent the human body really is.

MODULE: ‘bCYBERWISE’ – YEAR 4

The Children explore ‘netiquette; (Internet etiquette) and Cybersafety issues through roleplay and interactive activities. They explore how to establish positive respectful relationships and to report negative experiences to a responsible adult that they trust.

MODULE: ‘THE BURNING ISSUE’ - YEAR 5

The class identify ways nicotine adversely influences physical and social development. Students also identify high risk situations and develop strategies to deal with the influences and pressures of smoking.

MODULE: ‘THINK TWICE’ – YEAR 6
The children learn about the effects of alcohol and the short and long term consequences associated with alcohol misuse.

Young Einsteins Science Club

Year 5 & 6 students come and get involved in this fantastic opportunity to explore aspects of Science that are not always possible within the constraints of a normal school timetable.

Where: Pacific Pines SHS Science Labs

When: Every second week starting Week 5 (Thursday 26th February)

From 3:30pm to 4:30pm

What to bring: Bring a pen and small notebook

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will undertake the 2015 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

For further information, parents should speak to their child’s Foundation teacher and / or view the NAPLAN website: www.naplan.edu.au

How to best support your child for NAPLAN

• Ensure your child has a good night sleep

• Give them a solid healthy breakfast – but don’t overload them
• Provide healthy snacks and lunch on test days and plenty of water;

• Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play outside

• Kids pick up cues from us – so keep it low key. The test will cover normal classroom/curriculum work learnt over a period of time. No extra tutoring or last minute studying is necessary;

• Encourage your child to do their best but don't put any pressure on them - emphasize that this is just one of many tests they will have during their schooling, and is to help them learn better;

Most of all – reassure them that you are proud of them … for who they are!

ICAS- International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

Each year, the University of New South Wales, (www.eea.unsw.edu.au) runs the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. These competitions cover various areas of the curriculum. Children from throughout Australia and the South Pacific region take part and receive certificates of Participation, Achievement, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction.

The first competition commences on the 19 May. The competitions will be offered to interested students on the following dates:

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Parent information letters have been handed out by year 3-7 classroom teacher and the closing date for payment is Friday 3rd April. If you would like an information letter please ask your classroom teacher or alternatively email Ben Morris (bmorr133@eq.edu.au) to have a letter emailed.
Ben Morris
Head of Curriculum

2015 SPORTS CARNIVAL DATES

28/04/15 P-3 Cross Country
29/04/15 4-7 Cross Country
25/06/15 4-7 High Jump Day (Pac Pines Oval)
14/07/15 P-1 Sports Day
15/07/15 2-3 Sports Day
16/07/15 4-7 Athletics Day (High School) Back up 23/07/15
10/11/15 4-7 Swimming Carnival (Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre)

Regards
Josh Turpin

STAFF CARPARK

Please be aware we close the gates to the staff car parks each morning and afternoon, in the afternoon the gates are locked and unmanned from 2.45pm to 3.15pm.

The car parks inside the school grounds are for staff parking only.

Parents are not permitted to drive into these areas as it is considered a safety risk for students.

If you have been given access to the staff car park by Kathy Edwards - Principal please ensure you have the letter with you.

Regards
Administration

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

In 2014 we implemented a 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@pacificpinesss.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
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Three: Play—Academic and Persistence Coaching
Four: Play—Social and Emotion Coaching
Five: The Art of Effective Praise and Encouragement
Six: Effective Ways to Praise & Using Tangible Rewards
Seven: Establishing Routines and Household Rules
Eight: Effective Limit Setting
Nine: Effective Limit Setting and Follow Through
Ten: Ignoring Children's Inappropriate Behaviour
Eleven: Time-Out to Calm Down
Twelve: Time-Out for Aggression and Noncompliance
Thirteen: Natural and Logical Consequences
Fourteen: Teaching Children to Problem Solve and Certification

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MUMS!
DADS!
GRANDPARENTS!

Need Time Out?

CAFEIQ
Tuesdays 10am – 4pm
Come for an hour or
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No art skill required.
Materials supplied.
We all share any skills
we have, if anyone is stuck.
$5 for casuals!
$70 annual membership!
Come along ..........
Check us out, all welcome.

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