FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3

I will be taking leave from the beginning of next term for five weeks. Scott Anderson will be Acting Principal during this time. Ben Morris will be Acting Deputy Principal in Scott's place and Josh Berry-Walker will be Acting Head of Curriculum replacing Ben. Brett Pamenter will take over Josh’s place as the Leader of Learning in Year 4 and Natasha Callard will be teaching Brett's class. It's great to know that we have so much local talent and ability to have staff step up and accept higher responsibilities.

Report Cards

All report cards will be emailed home to parents/carers. There has been a state-wide glitch with generating these and hopefully they will be sent later this week. If there are any issues with emailing, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office.

End of Term

During the past week and this week, staff have been released from their classes in their teaching teams to plan and study their class data from this term. I would like to thank the Leaders of Learning and the Special Education staff for enabling this to happen. My staff have worked hard to improve their students’ learning outcomes and I am amazed at the improvement shown over the first six months of this year. You should be proud of the staff here at this school.

Showcasing Pacific Pines Primary School
The following article has been published in the June edition of the journal for Qld State School Principals’ Association and has been distributed all over the state. I am very proud of this school and its achievements.

“Unlocking the power of potential @ Pacific Pines Primary”.

Pacific Pines State School is unlocking the power of potential through the “Honeycomb Effect.” This school has undergone a process of innovation during the past two years. Education Queensland’s Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 lies at the centre of our school’s present and future direction. Change is not our goal. We are reaching our aspirations through the consistency of alignment of the line of sight from our strategic direction to what is happening in classrooms. Fortunately I lead a school where my staff thrive on challenges. The bigger the challenge, the more they stretch. The challenge for staff was to know where each and every student is at in their learning so “every child is achieving.” (State School’s Strategy, 2014-2018). We are achieving this through our school’s innovative “Honeycomb Effect.” At its centre is collaborative empowerment. The “Honeycomb Effect” ensures that there is a direct line of sight from the school’s strategic direction to the teaching and learning in every classroom. Our “Honeycomb” is based on the six elements of our state’s strategy.

Teaching Quality

Staff access ongoing professional development in The Art and Science of Teaching. Marzano (2007) sees the one factor that surfaced as the single most influential component of an effective school is the individuals within the school. At Pacific Pines we have developed our Explicit Teaching Model as well as the school’s Coaching and Mentoring Model. We use peer observation, feedback and differentiated coaching to improve teaching practices. The school has a culture of staff sharing successful teaching strategies.
Principal Leadership and Performance

As Principal, it is my responsibility to lead teaching and learning through my development of our future leaders. Duignan’s (2014) research shows that the most essential work of a leader is to create more leaders. This school’s leadership density model consists of the Principal, two Deputy Principals, two Heads of Curriculum, six Leaders of Learning and seven Team Leaders. The Leaders of Learning (LOLS) are each assigned from Prep to Year 5. They work with teachers in their classrooms through leading and modelling learning, observing and giving feedback. They also mentor beginning teachers as well as work with students in the upper two bands and potential students who could move to the upper two bands in explicit lessons in Reading and Numeracy.

School Performance

Our school’s biggest challenge has been for all teachers to know their data. We have achieved huge success in this domain through the development of the school’s “Honeycomb Data Model.” All students throughout the school are tracked through the seven colours of the Honeycomb from SEP students through to gifted students. Spread sheets have also been developed for each cohort. These contain students’ names who are possible movers to the next level of the Honeycomb. One Year 3 teacher moved his students from 21% in the top two bands in the pre-test in Numeracy to 77% of students in the top two bands in the post test. His strategy is simple. He works from the data from the pre-test to determine what his students need to know and do in order to improve in the post test.

Regional Support

Education Queensland and regional support scale-up success. Under the premise that a great state school has a great state school down the road, our school continues to share our innovative model with other school from the South East Region as well as Metro in Brisbane. This has enabled all participants to share effective practices across our sites and foster collaborative capacity within and across regions.

Local Decision Making

The school’s local decision making involves a culture of teams who drive the school improvement agenda. Teaching teams meet each week before/after school to discuss their core business of students learning. At the end of each term, teams are taken offline to work collaboratively in planning, resourcing, and discussion of data. Teachers share successful teaching practices that they have used to move students into higher areas of the Honeycomb.

Successful Learners

Successful learning is embedded at Pacific Pines through a culture of students setting SMART goals and receiving ongoing feedback. The school has developed Tickled Pink for Praise @ PPP and Green for Growth @ PPP. At the end of each term, each teaching cohort hold Culminating Days for our school community to come to the school to celebrate our learning.

Our Teaching and Learning Audit 2014 stated:
'The Pacific Pines Honeycomb Model for identifying student achievement needs and aligning the planning for explicit differentiation, individual learning goals and appropriate teacher pedagogy, is an outstanding process for continuous improvement' (Glenn McGowan, Chief Auditor, Teaching and Learning).

Have a wonderful break with your children.

Regards

Kathy Edwards

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

2015 Gold Coast Science Competition Information

Our school will be participating in the Griffith University Gold Coast Science Competition again this year. Last year several entries from our school went on to represent our school in the state competition and three entries went on to the national competition. Our school has participated in this competition for 10 years and we are proud to continue that tradition this year. Every year the standard of student work gets bigger, better and higher so we can’t wait to see the ideas your children come up with this year!

Before the end of the term we’ll be putting information out to students and will be asking for their Expressions of Interest by the end of the first week of next term. This will give students plenty of time to decide whether they’re going to enter the competition and also give those eager students a chance to get started over the holidays.

There is no doubt that entering this competition is a big commitment by both students and parents. But I can assure you the rewards are well worth it! To help you help your children, this year we’ll be running some parent information sessions. The first one will be on Monday 22 June at 2:15 in the school hall (straight after the junior assembly). At this session we’ll go through the handbook with you, the expectations, guide you around how much help is appropriate, give presentation ideas etc. We’ll repeat the session again early next term.

Dates to remember:

• Monday 22 June – parent information session in the hall at 2:15pm.
• Repeated parent information session early in Term 3 – date and time to be advised.
• Friday 17 July – your child has returned their Expression of Interest form to the office to indicate that they will be entering the competition.
• Monday 17 August 2015 - Competition entries are due to school. We absolutely must have entries by this date to allow us time to register the entries and make sure they meet the criteria etc.
• Thursday 20 August 2015 - Science ‘exhibition’ to celebrate all of our entrants and to have a look at their hard work. 3:00-4:00pm, location to be advised.
• Monday 24 August – we will deliver the entries to the competition.
• By the afternoon of Wednesday 26 August, we will be notified of any award winners.

• Thursday 27 August at 6:00pm – Awards ceremony at Queensland Academy of Health Sciences in Ashmore.

Looking forward to seeing you at the information sessions.

Program Achieve

Program Achieve is a Social Skills program which is taught in all Prep-Year 6 classrooms in our school. Your child will participate in a classroom lesson each week and there will be a presentation on the ‘skill of the fortnight’ at each junior and senior assembly. Across the year the 5 Keys to Success that are covered are: Getting Along, Confidence, Resilience, Persistence and Organisation.

Students are currently learning about Confidence.

Being confident impacts greatly on a child’s social and academic development. Having belief in oneself paves the way for students to have a go in their learning and to challenge themselves. It also leads to more positive interactions with others.

Home Reading

Each week we’ve been giving some hints and tips to help with Home Reading to ensure it’s effective, helpful and most importantly, STRESS FREE!! Try some of these questions when you’re reading with your child at home.

Questioning before, during and after reading are all valuable and worthwhile. When children are predicting they
are actively making links with a text and its meaning before they have read it. They are building success before they've even started!

Fiona Keswell

Head of Curriculum

SPORTS NEWS

Carnival Dates 2015

4-6 High Jump Day  Thursday 25/06/15  8:50am-2:55pm

Competing students will be notified a copy will also be on the notice board.

12yr Boys/Girls – 8:50am-10:00am

9yr Boys/Girls – 10:00am-10:50am

11yr Boys/Girls – 11:30am-12:50pm

10yr Boys/Girls – 2:10pm-2:55pm
Term 3 Week 1:

P-1 Sports Day  Tuesday  14/07/15  9:00am-12:50pm
2-3 Sports Day  Wednesday  15/07/14  9:00am-12:50pm
4-6 Athletics Day Thursday  16/07/14  8:50am-2:55pm

(Pacific Pines High School Oval)

Regards

Josh Turpin

PREP 2016 PARENT INFO MORNING
ITEM DONATIONS FOR PREP PLAYGROUND

Preppies are on the hunt for donations of items to use in our playground at lunch times. If you have any items such as old matchbox cars, trucks, dress ups (batman costumes etc), Duplo or lego, old train tracks or car racing sets, pots, pans, plastic guttering, pipes…Anything you may think would be safe and suitable for the preppies to use in the playground and sandpit we would LOVE your donations. Please drop any items off at the Prep classrooms.

Many thanks for your support.

FROM THE 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 other commitments we have lost three volunteers from last 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
Wednesday 9am - 11.30am
Thursday 9am - 11.30am

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

Helen Pitman
Tuckshop Convenor
Ph: 55025316

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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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 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, email or drop by my Facebook page to arrange.

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

After school program

The Pacific Pines Community Hub includes multi-purpose meeting spaces and is adjacent to Wajin Park. The program operates from the centre and utilises the park for a range of fun activities.

The **Pacific Pines Youth Program** commences at the beginning of Term 2 and will be held throughout the school term, during the following times:

- Tuesday: 2.30pm-5.30pm
- Friday: 2.30pm-5.30pm

Join us after school for plenty of fun activities, including:

- Youth activities for people aged between 12 and 17 years
- Sports equipment including basketball, soccer, netball and handball
- Preparation for learner driver test
- Help with resume writing and homework
- All activities are FREE!

This program is held at the Pacific Pines Community Hub,
Pacific Pines Boulevard (Adjacent to Wajin Park), Pacific Pines.

All activities are designed for young people 12-17 years and are free!
For more information on this program, email ladams@wmb.org.au
or phone/text: 0408 734 061

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Positives for Paul

Family Fun Day
Family Fun Day

Raising money for Paul Downham who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour

Saturday 27 June
11.30am - 3.00pm

Location - Coomera State School Oval, Dreamworld Parkway, Coomera

Sausage sizzle and drinks, muffins, slices, etc available
Coffee van on site
Cent Auction for donated prizes from sponsors

RSVP 12 June - for catering purposes
adrienne.english@dete.qld.gov.au
BYO chairs and rugs

2 Day Winter Dive Clinic
Come & Try Diving... It’s Fun !!!

Where: Gold Coast Aquatic Centre,
       Marine Parade,
       Southport

When: 29th & 30th June 2015

Times: "Divenastics" training in Dryland
       (indoor facility) 8am-10am $25

       Diving water component $10
       10.15am - 11am

       Club Membership & insurance coverage is $10 for non-members

Contact: Kevin Hall, Head Coach.
         0415 787 207
         kevvyhall1@gmail.com
         Bookings are preferred and confirmed via email only.

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