FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Scott Anderson for being Principal at this school whilst I was on leave for the first 5 weeks of this term. Scott did a great job and ran the school to ensure that the teaching and learning as well as the behaviour of the students were exemplary at all times. Thanks also to Ben Morris for stepping up as Deputy Principal to replace Scott, to Josh Berry-Walker who performed the Head of Curriculum role in Ben’s place and to Brett Pamenter who replaced Josh as Leader of Learning in Year 4. It’s comforting to know that we have so many staff members who can step up to leadership positions. I thoroughly enjoyed my time off travelling to Roma to meet my brand new grandson Thomas, born on July 23.

Congratulations to Pacific Pines Primary School

Our school has had amazing results this term. We were announced as Regional Winners in the Showcase Excellence Awards in the category of Excellence in the Early and Primary Years for our program, “Unlocking the power of potential @ Pacific Pines Primary.” Our submission was based on the excellent teaching and learning which is occurring at this school and the outstanding results our students have been achieving. We have had visits from over 10 school leadership teams from schools on the Gold Coast and Brisbane and have shared our exemplary practices with these teams. The region consists of Gold Coast, Logan, Beaudesert, the Scenic Rim and east to Cleveland so this is a major achievement for us. When our school NAPLAN results were published,
we were told that we are in the top 20 schools on the Gold Coast, including private schools and that we were one of three schools with the most improvement. All of our school community should be extremely proud of our school’s accomplishments.

**Prep Enrolments**

Thanks to Mrs Jeffrey for organising the Open Morning for our future Preps earlier this term. Currently Rachel is holding interviews for 2016 Prep enrolments and has enrolled approximately 50 Prep students so far this term. Please contact the school office to make an enrolment interview with her. There will be opportunities for further visits for our future Prep students next term. We are expecting to have 5 Prep classes next year.

**Retirement**

It is with a touch of sadness but also excitement that I am announcing my retirement from Education Queensland at the end of this term. My final day here will be Friday September 18. I have been with this department for 47 years so it has been a long partnership. During this time I have been a classroom teacher for 21 years, a Deputy Principal and finally- the pinnacle of my achievements- Principal of this wonderful school for the past 14 years. I started on July 8 2001 at the high school across the road and was based there for 6 months whilst this school was being established. It has been a labour of love and I have led this school into what my supervisor calls, “a jewel in her crown”. All of my staff during this time have committed themselves to make this school the best that it can be and many colleagues who visit here, are envious of what we have created. Sometimes, I get frustrated with negative remarks which almost always are found to be untrue, but I keep looking at the great things that happen here every day and can truthfully look back and say that I would never have done anything differently. At the beginning of each year I tell my staffs that they are so lucky to be working here because our wonderful students allow them to teach and not behaviour manage each day they are in their classrooms. It is now time for me to move on into the next stage of my life. I have been offered a consultancy with Education Queensland but will take some time to smell the roses before I commit to future plans. I have returned for these 5 weeks in order for me to be on the panel to choose the school’s future principal which should be announced just before the next holidays in September. It has been an absolute pleasure working with my amazing staff and your wonderful children during my time here at Pac Pines.

**Regards**

Kathy Edwards

**YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP 2015**
Recently our Year 6 students and teachers travelled to the nation’s capital for Pacific Pines Primary’s annual Canberra trip.

We arrived in Canberra on a Sunday afternoon and very quickly realised why we needed to bring a supply of warm clothes. We settled into our rooms and spent our first night in the ACT.

With so many Pac Pines students interested in interactive activities Questacon and The Australian Institute of Sport proved to be very popular venues. All students were moved by the significance of the War Memorial, especially the Wall of Remembrance. We were invited to lay a wreath as part of the closing ceremony an honour which will be remembered by our students for a long time to come.

A highlight for both groups was our trip to Government House. Our learning around government was enhanced when we visited new Parliament House, students got to sit in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is an amazing building and really makes you feel that you are in the most important house in the country. Some of our groups also were able to meet our Federal Member for Fadden The Hon Stuart Robert MP.

The Australian Electoral Education Centre was very relevant to developing our understanding of democracy and the voting system in Australia. On Wednesday morning we were up early as this was the day everyone was most looking forward to. Around 75% of our year students and even a few staff members had never seen snow before. With a heavy fog in the air and rugged up in our snow gear we drove into Mt Kosciusko National Park. As we entered the park the fog lifted and an amazing blue sky set the scene for a perfect snow day – heaps of snow, no wind and blue skies gave us our warmest day during the trip. Photos, snow fights, snowmen and tobogganing made our day in the snow PERFECT.

There were so many venues, activities, funny moments and laughs that it is hard to put in words just how great the Canberra trip was. The 2015 trip was made even more special thanks to the wonderful behaviour and attitude of our students.

The Year 6 students of 2015 acknowledge the Australian Government who recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education.

The Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution was made to all students and reduced the overall cost of the trip.

Thanks to our parents for again supporting our Canberra trip, a special mention to, Mrs Edwards and Patricia Girling for organising and running the chocolate fundraiser. A very special thank you to our dedicated staff – Mr Kelly, Mr Collie, Mr Morris, Mr Berry Walker, Mr Kotoda, Mrs Gordon, Miss Williams, Mrs Fernandez, Mrs Nugent, Mr Hammil, Mrs Javelin and Miss Wallis who gave up time with their own families to provide such an amazing opportunity to our Year 6’s.

Scott Anderson

Deputy Principal

PACIFIC PINES HIGH NEWS
Literacy and Numeracy
Year 6

Selected Year 6 students have been engaging with weekly literacy and numeracy lessons run by teachers from Pacific Pines State High School. These lessons aim to challenge students by promoting higher order thinking. Below is a snapshot of what students have been up to.

Numeracy – Ms Kelley Rogers

Year 6 Students have been completing modules of higher order maths. They have had opportunities to take a portion of normal maths (area/volume/space/statistics) experiment with it and solve it in a physical or kinaesthetic way. The tasks are fun, challenging and use lateral thinking as a means of solving everyday math problems. The students have used maths in ways they never thought possible and are improving their problem solving skills beyond measure.

Literacy – Mr Sam Pollack

This term we are focusing on the Media and how communication has changed since primitive people. We will be exploring the different audiences the media caters for and how they use specific textual and language features to persuade, inform and entertain. The students will be investigating different news articles that will develop their critical thinking skills. The students will be creating and performing their own news bulletin for a teenage audience.

Ms Rogers and Mr Pollock look forward to continuing the work with these students this term. If parents have any questions about this program or anything about Year 7 2016 at Pacific Pines SHS, please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Leivienne Warnar at lwarm16@eq.edu.au or (07) 5502 5176.

Enrolment Night – for 2016

Thursday 10th September

(Call office to book an afternoon/evening time)

Parent Tour –

Thursday 27th August, 9:15am – 10:30am. All prospective parents are welcome to come to a tour of the school followed by morning tea. Call office to book a place.

School Office number: (07) 5502 5111

Ms Leivienne Warnar
HOD – Junior Secondary
Pacific Pines State High School

2016 MYPAD INFORMATION SESSIONS
Attention 2016 Pacific Pines Primary Preppies

**What**  Information sessions for 2016 Prep MyPad Classes

**When**  Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October from 5:30PM—6:30PM

**Where**  Pacific Pines Primary School Hall

**Who**  All 2016 Prep Parents who are interested in enrolling their child in one of our MyPad classes for 2016

Please note:

Parents / Guardians must have attended an Enrolment Interview at the school prior to Monday 19th October to be eligible for entry to a Prep MyPad class in 2016.

MyPad class allocation is on a 'first in—best dressed' basis with only 50 places available— sign on for classes will be at each information session.

Attendance at an information session is compulsory if you would like your child to be placed in a Prep MyPad class.

Phone our school office on 5502 5333 to book your Enrolment interview so that you don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.
The P-1 and 2-3 sports days were held on Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday July 15. The students had a fantastic day thoroughly enjoying themselves. Many thanks to those parents who attended on this day to support their children. A big thank you to the Sports House Captains and School Leaders who helped run the novelty events and did a fantastic job.

**P-1 Finals Results 2015**

**Year 1 Girls 2008**
1. Charlise P  
2. Charlise T  
3. Indi M

**Year 1 Boys 2008**
1. Daniel P  
2. Alex K  
3. Rio Q  
3. Rylee M

**Year 1/Prep Girls 2009**
1. Jordan S  
2. Juliet G  
3. Dakoda F

**Year 1/Prep Boys 2009**
1. Bryce C  
2. James R  
3. Benjamin C

**Prep Girls 2010**
1. Louarna T  
2. Lauren B
3          Bella B

Prep Boys 2010
1          Caleb E
2          Kaelan W
3          Hudson JM

2-3 Finals Results 2015

Year 2 Girls 2008
1          Charlotte B
2          Evie P
3          Leah-Aroha G

Year 2 Boys 2008
1          Tayshaarn T
2          William C
3          Joshua W

Year 2/3 Girls 2007
1          Tanielle J
2          Madison R
3          Alexandra T

Year 2/3 Boys 2007
1          Kobe E
2          Ted W
3          Tayshaun M

Year 3 Girls 2006
1          Mhia MT
2          Jasmine A
On Thursday 16 July the Year 4-6 students walked across the road to the Pacific Pines High School to participate in the Pacific Pines Athletics Carnival. It was very pleasing to see so many students competing in the events and gaining valuable points for their houses. Once again the teachers did a great job running the events with the students having a fantastic day. A big thank you to the High School for allowing us to use their grounds and to the sports excellence students who helped with the events.

**Points Athletics Houses 2015**

- **Hackett** 2087
- **Rafter** 2038
- **Norman** 1941
- **Freeman** 1910

**Athletics Age Champion – 2015**

- **9yr 2006**
  - Max W
  - Jasmine A

- **10yr 2005**
  - Lachlan W
  - Anika H

- **11yr 2004**
  - Kobie M
Eleven students from Pacific Pines Primary School competed at the Broadwater Athletics Trials at the Griffith University Athletics Track over two days August 18 & 19. With 25 schools sending students to the trials the competition was tough with all of the students from Pacific Pines performing incredibly well. Five Pacific Pines students qualifying for the South Coast Athletics Trials which will be held at the Griffith University Athletics Track on the 8 & 9 of September. Well done to all the students involved.

Results:

Kobie  1st  Shot Put  1st Discus
Wehi   1st  Discus  2nd Shot Put
Stevie 1st  Discus  1st 800m
Jacob  2nd  High Jump  3rd Long Jump
Miya   4th  200m

Regards

Josh Turpin

BPOINT PAYMENTS
2015 FUN RUN

Fun Run BBQ & Free Dress

Prep – Year 6

Wednesday 16th of September

Sausage & Popper $4

Parents/Carers are welcome

On The Day:

Lucky Dip - $1

Show Bags - $2

Zarraffas Coffee Available – Parents Only

Proudly Sponsored by

LOTE SPEAKING COMPETITION RESULTS
Congratulations to our 10 amazing students who represented our school at the 2015 MLTAQ Languages Speech Contest at Griffith University on Sunday 16th of August.

A special congratulation to Aaron and Keeley who were awarded medals on the day.

Our students had been preparing and rehearsing their Japanese speeches for some time and finally on the day, their commitment and dedication was rewarded. A big thank you to all the parents and families for your support!

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Atsuya Kotoda | Japanese Teacher

SCHOOL DISCO
When: Wednesday 9th September

Junior Disco: 4:30 to 6pm
Senior Disco: 6:15 to 8pm

Where: School Hall

Disco tickets will be on sale outside the office from 8:30am on Monday 31/7, Tuesday 1/8 and Wednesday 2/8 for $3.

Tickets can also be purchased for $5 on the night.

Hope to see you there.

BOOKWEEK 2015
“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”

This week the students at Pacific Pines Primary School have been actively involved in creating the library display for our 2015 Book Week celebrations.

They have been very busy decorating our ‘Reading Tents’ this week and the activities will continue throughout Bookweek, starting on 24th of August and until the end of Term 3.

All welcome to pop into the library for a peek at their progress..

..........................Its looking AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!

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BOOKWEEK 2015

“Books light up our World”

The whole school Dress-up Day will be on

Thursday 3rd September 2015

Prep, Years 1, 2 & 3 parade @ 9.15am in the Hall

Years 4, 5 & 6

are welcome to dress-up for in class activities.

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UNIFORM DONATIONS
Can you help?

We are after some second hand, small school uniforms that we can donate to our local Kindergartens for the children to use in their dramatic play areas of their room. We would love donations of shorts, shirts, skorts and hats. If you can please donate – drop them into the office or down to Bek Sheather in the Wattle Building.

THANKS AHEAD OF TIME 😊

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, tea sets, teddy bears, picnic blankets, dinosaurs, old train tracks or car racing sets…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.

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION
Gold Coast Health
Building a healthier community

Oral Health Services for Children and Adolescents
FREE DENTAL CARE ALL AGE GROUPS
Is your child eligible?

School Dental Clinics and Mobile Dental Clinics
All students in Prep through to Year 10
If your child is not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, they still receive dental care at no charge until they complete Year 10 at school.

Aged 2 - 17 years:
Bulk-billed to Medicare if eligible for Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Aged 0-3 years:
Dependants of adults who hold a current concession card, Health Card Card or Pension Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs.

For appointments phone:
1300 300 850

Community Dental Clinics
Students who have completed Year 10 at school:
Dependants of adults who hold a current concession card, Health Care Card or Pension Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs OR who have their own concession card.

For enquiries in your area phone:
1300 300 850

How do I know if my child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
Contact Medicare on 132 010 or look online at myGov
If you think your child might be eligible for CDBS and have not been notified by Medicare; contact Centrelink or Medicare to check accuracy of your information.

Queensland Government

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

Fortnightly assemblies will be held in the school hall
### 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, email or drop by my Facebook page to arrange.

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