Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term Four. This is one of the busiest terms in the year, but also one of the most rewarding as we see the culmination of the students efforts throughout the year.

Classes for 2016

Earlier this week I sent home the class consideration form for 2016. Just to clarify, this form only needs to be completed by parents who have a particular concern regarding their child’s class placement for 2016. Generally speaking, there are only a small number of requests made each year.

Please also remember, parents and carers cannot request particular teachers for their children for next year. Thank you to those parents who have returned the forms in a sealed envelope as requested.

Students not returning in 2016

If your child will not be returning to Pacific Pines State School in 2016, can you please notify the school office. This allows us to finalise classes for next year. Thank you and good luck to those families moving on to new schools next year.

BYOD (iPad) Classes for 2016

Last week we ran parent information session and enrolment evenings for our MyPad classes for 2016. Our Prep MyPad classes are already full, however you may put your name on a waiting list if you have missed out on the opportunity to enrol last week. We are also running MyPad classes in Year 4 for 2016 and at this stage only have a few spaces left. If you would like your child to be in one of these Year 4 MyPad classes, please see Mr Morris to complete an application form.
A big thank you to Mrs Jeffery and Mr Morris for the exceptional job they have done in organising these classes for next year. PPPs is very lucky to have such committed 21st Century Leaders at our school.

Student Free Day

On Monday our staff were engaged in a variety of professional learning workshops where current pedagogy was shared amongst the staff. Each of these sessions affirmed for me that the quality of teaching and learning in this school is of a very high standard. It is no wonder our school results are so high, and, most importantly that our students, staff and parents are so happy. Well done, everyone!

Thank you!

Thank you again to the PPPs community for being so supportive over these first few weeks of term. The feedback regarding the regular email communication from the school is all very positive so we will endeavour to use this as our primary mode of relaying information to families quickly. That said, please make sure your email address remains current with the school office.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Kind regards

Susan Cowley

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Reading Eggs

Is your child taking full advantage of our Reading Eggs subscription that our P&C so generously fund? Just log on to take advantage of a long list of benefits of using Reading Eggs:

- This powerful educational program is based on the most up-to-date research on how children learn to read.
- The lessons use animation, activities and reward games to keep children motivated.
- The program is completely interactive to keep children on task.
- Children want to come back because they are having fun as they learn.
- When children start the program, they can complete a placement quiz to ensure they are starting at the correct reading level.
- This combination of high-quality learning activities, motivation and rewards makes Reading Eggs an unbeatable learning package.

Mathletics

Are you keen to see how your child is using Mathletics? Access the Mathletics Parent Portal and you can even get a weekly report sent to your inbox.
Booklists

We are currently finalising the booklists for 2016 and will be using the same supplier as previous years, Kookaburra. These lists will be uploaded onto the Kookaburra website and our school website in the coming weeks. We will notify you via email when these are ready to go.

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 2016.

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. This includes the brands of items. Our teachers have sourced particular brands due to their quality, longevity and durability. For example, the whiteboard markers that have been selected are ones that teachers have found to last the longest.

Please be reminded that there is a date nominated on the order form to guarantee delivery before the start of the school year.

Ben Morris and Fiona Keswell

Head of Curriculum
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

On Friday October 30, we are raising money for two charities, The Daniel Morcombe Foundation and Bandanna Day. Bandannas will be sold outside the office from Monday 25 October for $4 each and these may be worn any time after they have been bought for that week. The sale of bandannas raises money for children with cancer.

On the Friday you can combine your bandanna with a red shirt and bring along a gold coin to raise money for Daniel Morcombe Day to help bring awareness to everyone about how to keep kids safe.

YEAR FIVE STAR LORDS

As part of Year 5 Science, students had the opportunity to be a ‘citizen scientist’. Galaxy Explorer was an online citizen science project undertaken by ABC Science in conjunction with the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research, WA.

Year 5 students had to classify galaxies, some up to 4 million light years away from Earth, using a set of criteria. Congratulations to the Year 5 students who helped to classify 1617 galaxies!!

Classifying these images will help Australian astronomers with their research into how galaxies grow and evolve.

Brett Pamenter
Year 5 teacher.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MUSIC COUNT US IN

Congratulations to 30 Senior Choir members who have been chosen to represent the school for Music: Count Us In! 2015. These students will be travelling to Surfers Paradise next Thursday Oct 29th to participate in Australia’s biggest Music initiative. This event will be filmed from Surfers Paradise as well as other locations around Australia and can be streamed live from the website starting from 11:00AM that day. Simply go to https://musicaustralia.org.au/ and follow the links!

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE CONCERT: SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Performing Arts Showcase Concert will be held on the evening of TUESDAY DEC 1ST (Week 9) over at the high school in the hall. We will have many exciting performances from all of our musicians in choir, strings and band, as well as some dance and drama acts in between! We are also
taking the opportunity to do a fundraiser to raise money for teaching and learning resources for the entire Performing Arts Department for 2016 that evening. We need all the support we can get! More information on this to come.

DRAMA CLUB

This term we have started up a Drama Club on Tuesday’s during junior 2nd break for Preps – Year 2. Every Tuesday, prep to year 2 teachers, have two special passes that they will give out as a reward in their class. While in the Performing Arts room, students have the opportunity to have some free play time in our beautiful Role Play Centres. These centres have been recently upgraded with a lot of new resources and there is more improvements to come!

We hope that this Club will provide another safe place where students can gain important social and oral language skills by allowing more time throughout the whole year for role play.

So far, the club has been a HUGE success and students are really enjoying themselves. We are a very lucky school to have this Junior Performing Arts room and we hope to continue to run the club during the 2016 school year.

If any parents enjoy making signs or props and would like to come to speak to me about helping to decorate this space even more we’d love the help J

Mrs. Shannon Bebendorf (a.k.a Mrs. Bebe)

P-2 Performing Arts Teacher (Tues-Thurs)
INSTRUMENTAL NEWS

In 2016 students in grades 2 and 3 have the opportunity to begin instrumental music lessons on stringed instruments. Expression of interest notes have been given to year 2 and year 3 students that are interested in beginning either the violin/viola/cello/double bass only in year 3 and 4. These need to returned to the music teacher (Naomi Williams) or office by the end of the October. Instrumental music lessons commence in Term 1, 2016 for beginners. There are a limited number of instrument available for hire. Students who are continuing to learn their musical instrument will also receive a continuation or statement of intent form next week so that we are able to reserve a place for them in the program in 2016.

Thanks,
David Sue Yek

CHESS STATE FINALS

Congratulations to the team on their effort to qualify for the State finals for the first time. Playing four games on Saturday and two on Sunday they acquitted themselves exceptionally well finishing 22\textsuperscript{nd} with 10.5 pts, 3\textsuperscript{rd} finished on 16.5.
Regards
Paul Hamill

PACIFIC PINES SHS - TRANSITION DAYS
**Pacific Pines SHS – Transition Days**

*Students enrolled for Year 7 2016* participate in a two day transition program at the school

**Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December**

Further details to come

Families intending to enrol please call the front office on (07) 5502 5111 for enrolment information.

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**DANCE CLUB**

Congratulations to the Pacific Pines Dance Club who performed in the opening ceremony of the Relay for Life hosted by Griffith University and Cancer Council Queensland. The event, held at the Gold Coast University campus, raised over $28,000 for cancer research. Members of the Dance Club from year 4-6 had the privilege of opening the event with their performance and lead the procession for the opening lap. Well done to all of the students who participated and thank you to Mrs Harris and Miss Williams for all their hard work with Dance Club.

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**STATE ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Kobie who recently competed at the Queensland School Sport State Track and Field Championships held in Townsville. Kobie was a standout performer in the...
hot conditions finishing 1st in the Discus and 4th in the Shot Put. He will now compete in the Australian Track and Field Championships to be held in Canberra on the 4th-7th of December.

Well done Kobie and good luck!

Josh Turpin

SURFSIDE BUS INFORMATION FOR 2016

Frequently asked questions

Can I get a bus pass?

There are a number of general criteria that apply to STAS. Where a student is eligible for STAS, there are two types of bus assistance available, distance based and Safety-Net travel. Visit www.translink.com.au/schooltransport for eligibility details and to print the relevant application form.

Where do I send the form to?

Applications for 2016 can be submitted now to

Surfside Buslines

PO Box 3036

Robina QLD 4230

Or

Email: gcschools@tagroup.net.au
Who needs to apply?

If this is the first time you are applying for assistance to travel or you are moving schools, changed address, repeating a grade or are moving from primary school to secondary school you need to apply now.

Existing bus pass holders

If your details will not be changing from 2015 to 2016 you do not have to reapply.

Students who hold a 2015 bus pass will be able to travel with that pass until 19 February 2016. This allows some time for the 2016 passes to be made.

If you lose your 2015 bus pass you will have to apply to Surfside Buslines for a replacement.

How do I get my bus pass?

Surfside will process applications over the Christmas school holidays so your pass will be sent to your school for you to collect.

What if my pass hasn’t arrived by 19 Feb 2016?

Without written confirmation from TMR stating your application has been approved you will need to pay the full cost of travel. These fares are not refundable.

What if I am not eligible for STAS?

The Queensland Government offers children and students a 50% concession fare by purchasing a TransLink go card. Passengers aged 5-14 years are eligible for a child concession fare.

Full time students 15 years or older are eligible for a Student Concession go card. To receive a concession fare, students must always carry an approved Queensland student photo identification card or wear an official Queensland school uniform.

Timetables

Use the TransLink journey planner to plan your travel to and from school. There are helpful tips on how to plan and how to catch a bus. Alternatively telephone 13 12 30.

Check out the new MyTransLink app. All bus, train, ferry and tram information is in the palm of your hand with customisable features so you will always get the updates that matter to you.

Further information

For more information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme, the Code of Conduct for School Children Travelling on Buses and Timetables visit: www.translink.com.au
REDGUM BOOK CLUB

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are using Redgum Book Club this term for our school book club. Redgum Book Club support Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to keep the Australian children's book industry strong. Every book order earns rewards and books for our school and includes a free gift for your child.

Your child will have brought a Redgum catalogue home. If you wish to place an order then you can so by visiting www.redgumbookclub.com.au. Payment can be made by credit card, with free delivery to the school.

The catalogue closes on Monday 2 November and the ordered books will be delivered to the school by Monday 23 November.

There are 335 titles in this catalogue, including 128 new releases, these include: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School - book 10, Alice Miranda in the Alps - book 12 and the New York Times bestselling author Rick Riordan’s, Percy Jackson and the Greek Heroes. Family favourites: Andy Griffith, Jackie French and the popular Australian Geographic titles.

There is a range of Christmas books starting from $5.00, plus fun games and activities the whole family will enjoy including: Charades, Quadrillion, 4-in-a-row, Chess and Helica Electronics.

As well as exciting new items in the term 4 catalogue, you can also order any other item from the website to be included in your school order.

If you have questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley Kelly at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au.

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@pacificpines.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.

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