FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is absolutely flying by with only four weeks remaining of the 2015 school year. With such a busy time ahead of us, it is very important that families read all emails sent out by the school over the next few weeks.

New start date for 2016 school year

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday. The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff. For a full list of the 2016 term dates and holidays in Queensland, visit the calendar page on the Education website.

Advancing Education and Coding

Education Queensland has released a new action plan for the future of education which I have attached for your perusal to this newsletter. Some of the key elements include: A confident start; Schools of the Future; Global schools; Valuing our teachers and educators; Investing in schools; Supporting student learning; Senior school pathways; and Coding for students. I attended a community forum about this plan at Stretton State College last week and there appeared wide support for the plan. It is a very exciting time for education in Qld
at the moment.

**Classes for 2016**

The period for submitting a “For Consideration’ form for 2016 has now closed. Thank you to those families who ensured their requests were made in the best interests of their child’s educational needs, not based on likeability. Teachers began class compositions last Monday, 9 November 2015, and will complete this process this week.

Class lists will be published on classroom windows on **Friday 22 January**.

**Raising Mighty Boys by Michael Grose**

*Understanding what makes boys tick is the key to teaching and raising them. Here are twelve essentials in order to connect with our sons and help raise well-adjusted boys.*

Raising and educating boys is a hot topic in Australia and other parts of the world. From my experience those adults who do best teaching and raising boys have a significant understanding of what makes boys tick.

Here are twelve key understandings that will help you regardless of your gender or family situation raise well-adjusted boys:

**# 1: You must like them**

Approval is at the heart of raising boys. Most will walk over hot coals for you if they know you like them. In a sense, this need for approval holds many boys back in school, as they can shut for a teacher who doesn’t like them. If you can feel comfortable with their boisterousness, live with their lack of organisational skills, and not be confronted by their in-your-face ways then the chances are that they’ll respond to you.

**# 2: Boys like to blend in**

Boys are group-oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured groups. Boys don’t want to stand out from the crowd. Don’t put them down in front of their friends and understand that they make poor friendship choices rather than be in a group of one. They’ll generally prefer the wrong friends rather than no friends at all.

**# 3: They are hierarchical by nature**

Boys need limits and boundaries as they make them feel safe and secure. They like to know someone is going to enforce those rules, so don’t be afraid to take the lead with them.

**# 4: Many boys hide behind a mask**

Some boys wear a mask to protect them from being hurt. The mask can take many guises including; ‘tough nut’, ‘cool dude’ and ‘class clown.’ Refuse to communicate with the mask. Make them feel comfortable, joke with them, even tickle them. Do whatever you can to get behind the mask.


# 5: Boys are just as sensitive as girls

Despite the fact that research shows that boys are more easily stressed and more fragile than girls parents will ask daughters how they feel more often than they ask sons. Also when daughters get hurt, parents tend to comfort them more than they comfort sons. Boys are sensitive you just need to use different language to get them to open up than you do with girls. For instance, a boy will more than likely tell you how he feels if you ask him how he thinks about something. Also, he generally needs more time to process his feelings so bedrooms can become their caves that they’ll retreat to when they need the space to work out what’s going in their hearts.

# 6: Boys are tactile by nature

Ever noticed how little boys are more likely than little girls to pop new objects in their mouths. That’s because taste and touch are two important ways that they take in the world. That tactile nature of boys needs to be nurtured, not ignored. One way is to hug them –lots! Boys need to be touched two to three times as much as girls to release the same amount of oxytocin (a feel-good chemical in the brain) that is released during a hug.

# 7: Boys learn from experience

Many parents know the extreme frustration that comes from imparting their wisdom on to their sons, only to see it completely ignored. If you have boys in your life then you need to get used to the fact that boys like to learn many of their life lessons for themselves. Experience, for better or worse, is a teacher than many boys can relate to.

# 8: Loyalty is a high-driver

Understand that a boy’s loyalty to his friends and family is a key driver and you’ll unlock the key to the male psyche. They are incredibly influenced by their peers, which can hold them back, stopping many from getting too far ahead of the pack. Loyalty also gets many boys into strife with authority. Call a boy’s sister or friend an insulting name and you’re asking for trouble!

# 9: Many boys’ mouths don’t work unless they are moving

If you want to have a serious or personal conversation with a boy then you are better off joining him on a walk. Face-to-face conversation can make them feel awkward, whereas shoulder-to-shoulder chats or conversations that happen during a game or activity seem to flow more naturally.

#10: Boys need social scripts

Most boys need some didactic teaching about how to act and what to say to others at some stage in their life. Don’t be afraid to tell boys of any age exactly what to say in new social situations as they can often struggle to find the words and the way to get their messages across.

#11: Boys need a purpose to learn

If you want to motivate a boy to learn then you need to offer him tangible, short-term goals. He'll learn to play a musical instrument if he wants to be in a band; but get him to practise a musical instrument without a purpose and you'll probably be locked in a continuous struggle.

# 12: A boy’s brain mature differently than a girl’s brain

The maturation rate and sequence is different for boys than girls. For instance, the brain developments in the first five years of life prepares girls for the rigours of school better than it does for boys. A girl’s brain in that period is busy developing fine motor skills, verbal acuity and social skills, which are highly valued by parents and teachers. A boy’s brain, on the other hand, is busy developing gross motor, spatial and visual skills, which are essential hunting skills. Unfortunately, there isn’t a great need for these traits in primary schools these days!!

There’s no doubt that raising boys tends to be more of a challenge for parents than raising girls. Understanding and appreciating the differences is a great start. However I think parents who really connect well with boys somehow develop the wisdom to step as well as speak up at the right time, and the smarts to know when to stand back and allow their sons to work things out for themselves.

Kind regards

Susan Cowley

FROM THE DEPUTY

Year 6 Graduation

It is only 4 weeks until our Year 6 students begin the next chapter of their lives in high school. The graduation committee have been working hard to ensure that this is a special night for our graduating students. This Year’s Year 6 Graduation will be held on Monday the 7th December in our school hall commencing at 6pm. Students will then head to the Pacific Pines State High School Performing Arts Centre for a disco, photo booth, food and fun. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work to make sure this night is a memorable one.

Awards Days

This Year’s Awards Days will be held in our School Hall on Monday 7th December. These are an opportunity to recognise the significant academic, cultural and behavioural achievements of our students for 2015. Parents and friends are welcome to attend these awards days and they are always very exciting. Please find below the timetable for Awards Day.

Prep - Year 1- 9:00am-10:30am
Year 2 & 3 – 10:45 – 12:15
Year 4 & 5 – 12:30 0 1:45

*** Please note that all Year 6 awards will be given out at the Year 6 graduation ceremony on the evening of 7th December.

Wet N Wild

Every year at Pacific Pines Primary we reward students from Year 4-6 who have shown exemplary behaviour and excellent attendance throughout the year with a day at Wet n Wild. This year students will attend Wet N Wild on Tuesday 8th December.

To participate students need to have met the following behaviour and attendance standards:

- Demonstrated acceptable behaviour over the year not requiring administration intervention.
- No internal or external suspensions (throughout the year).
- No more than 3 RTR's for the term
- 95% attendance rate for the term or no unexplained absences (unexplained absences can be explained by providing details to the front office).

Students who are not eligible to attend be supervised at school.

Student Leadership

This week I spoke with Year 5 students about School Leadership positions for 2016. At Pacific Pines Primary we have a very strong student leadership program and I know that this will continue next year. In 2016 our school will have 4 School Leaders, 8 Sports Leaders, 2 Music Leaders and Class Representatives from Years 4-6. We wish the best of luck to all students who nominate.

Below are the timelines for student leadership selection.

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| FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER | • Mr Anderson explains structure and process for 2016 leadership positions  
                      • Students who have nominated for a leadership position do not write a speech at this stage |
| TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER| • Nominations close at 9.00 am                                           
                      • Year 5 nomination forms given to class teachers                  |
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<td>• Shortlisted students attend a speech help session with Mr Anderson. <strong>This session is compulsory</strong></td>
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<td>• Speeches are shown to class teacher for feedback</td>
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| **MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER**  | • Year 4 and 5 classes will meet in the Hall to listen to speeches (from 9:30am)  
• Speeches will be presented in alphabetical order of surnames  
• All 4/5 students will be invited to complete a voting form in their classroom  
• Sealed envelopes are then sent to the office |
| **TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER**  | • Year 4 and 5 will join their sporting teams to listen to speeches  
• Music speeches will be presented in the music room during lunch break. Students involved in the music programs will vote |
| **MONDAY 7 DECEMBER**   | • Announcement of successful applicants for school leadership positions at Awards Day Monday 7th December  
• Badges presented in 2016 at official badge ceremony |

Scott Anderson  
Deputy Principal

**QLD ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH CHAMPIONS**  
Pacific Pines Primary are Queensland All Schools Touch Champions!
A big congratulations to our mixed touch team who finished the carnival as undefeated Queensland All School Touch Champions ahead of 49 other teams! We faced some very tough competition throughout the two day tournament. After six hard games we qualified for the grand final against Blackwater Primary School. Our team ended up defeating Black Water Primary School 5-4 in what was a very tough game.

The students all played so well and did an amazing job supporting each other as a team. I am so proud of the way the team conducted themselves and the sportsmanship they showed.

Queensland Championship team:

Back row: Zavier, Mason, Wehi, Tyler, Ethan, Slayter
Second row: Tayla, Maddison, Jayde, Milly, Aaliyah

Front row: Ebony, Mali Robinson

Miss Wallis

Touch Coach

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

On Tuesday 10 November students from Year 4-6 competed in the Pacific Pines Primary Swimming Carnival at the Runaway Bay Super Swim Centre. With beautiful weather and a fantastic venue the students had a great day participating in 50m and 25m events.

Thanks to all the parents who came to support their children and to the staff at Pacific Pines who did a great job running the Carnival.

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Freeman 550
Hackett 536
Rafter 467
Norman 407

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Regards
Josh Turpin

PACIFIC PINES SHS - TRANSITION DAYS

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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.

## UNIFORM PRICE LIST & BACK TO SCHOOL

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- LIBRARY BAG      $12.00
- VELCRO CAP       $12.00
- BUCKET HAT       $12.00
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY 7.30AM – 11.00AM

WEDNESDAY 7.30AM – 11.00AM

THURSDAY 7.30AM – 11.00AM

Phone 0755 025 332

Fax 0755 025 300

EFTPOS facilities available

BACK TO SCHOOL 2016 OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 19th January 2016.

Wednesday 20th January 2016.

Thursday 21st January 2016.

7.00am-12:30pm

*After these dates please refer to normal uniform shop hours above.

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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