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11th November 2013

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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On Wednesday November 20, our school will be visited by the Camp Quality Puppets. All students will attend sessions in order to be aware of how some students can have their appearances altered due to illness. Presently one of our students is receiving treatment so Camp Quality have contacted me to present their message about supporting students living with cancer and other illnesses. Below is the information about these presentations:

Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

The McDonald's Camp Quality Puppets have been invited to perform at your child's school on:

### **Wednesday the 20th November 2013**

It is an educational program using life size puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses.

**There is no charge to the school or the children.**

The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and support others who may look, or be a little 'different', particularly because of physical problems, such as hair loss, because of cancer treatment.

Children frequently ask very thoughtful questions. We are able to answer most questions to satisfy their 'need to know' and concerns that they may have. We do not have the authority to answer complicated medical questions. If they occur, we will refer the child to make enquiries of a medical practitioner.

This program links well with Community Awareness and Personal Development in the school program, and is most certainly not limited to schools with ill children. The contents relate very much to our children's contribution to a more caring society.

Over 3,000,000 children have seen our puppets, and have been delighted as the characters come to life, relating very well, the information given to the children on their own level. Puppets have for many generations, been a fantastic communication tool. We trust that your children will benefit from the lessons they will learn through listening to our stories. If you need to know detail of the program, please do not hesitate to call **on 07 3216 0299**

## **Disco**

On Wednesday night many students enjoyed our last disco for the year. I would like to thank the Student Council, Miss O, Mr Slinger and Mr Kelly for their organization and assistance. It was great to see so many staff at each disco. We are lucky to have so many dedicated staff at our school.

## **High School School Leaders**

Our school has begun the process to select our four school leaders for 2014. We will appoint two Year 6 and two Year 7 students to these positions as this is the final year of primary school for our Year 6 students next year. In 2015 both Year 6 and Year 7 students will attend high school due to the government's Flying Start Program.

## **Final Payments for 2013**

Friday November 15 is the final day for payments for activities in this term except for Year 7 Graduation which will be November 29.

## **Foot Steps**

This week all year levels attended free sessions with the Foot Steps Dance Company. Staff reported that our students had a great time and were able to perform a dance routine after just 30 minutes. We will be organizing future opportunities for our students with this company next year.

*Regards*

Kathy Edwards

## EMAIL REMINDERS

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To help prevent missing cut off dates and to help us keep families up to date with short notice cancellations and changes, we will be commencing a new email reminder system. Email's will be sent to the parent email addresses that have been provided. To ensure you receive these emails, please ensure your email address is up to date with our school office.

## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2014

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If your child will **not** be returning to Pacific Pines State School in 2014, 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.

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Upcoming Performances**

The Music Department's Showcase Concert is being held at the High School PAC on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm. Students will receive a note about this shortly. All instrumental and choral students are expected to attend, so please ensure your diary is available for this very important concert.

Each Band/Ensemble/Choir will be performing at the appropriate Awards Day ceremonies on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. A note detailing which performers play at which ceremony will be sent home closer to the date. After this performance, all hired instruments will be returned to the music department.

### **Recruiting for 2014 – Band and Strings**

We have had a large response to students interested in learning a band (woodwind, brass, percussion) or string (violin, viola, cello, double bass) instrument for 2014! Currently we are still testing and going through the data making sure all the students that have returned their form have had a chance to try out on an instrument. If you did not receive/hand a form back to the office or classroom music teacher, and you would like your son/daughter to be considered for a position, please speak to a member of the music staff as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, there is only a small number of school instrument hire positions available for 2014. If your son/daughter did not receive a school instrument for 2014 and would still like to play an instrument, your son/daughter is more than welcome to play an instrument at school, but would have to provide their own instrument through a music store, hire, or private purchase. Please note, students that do get to hire an

instrument in 2014, will have to purchase an instrument the following year if they continue (with some exceptions for large expensive instruments such as tenor saxophone, trombone, cello and double bass).

A parent information session will be hosted in the final weeks of school for all parents new to the instrumental music program. Details of the information session will be available shortly.

#### **Instrumental Music (Band) Term 4**

Due to the missed days this term (Public Holiday, Student Free Day), students have now got back into routine with instrumental music. Can you please encourage your son/daughter to still be on time to band and lessons, we only have number of weeks to go, so it is important that we make the most of the final few rehearsals!

Your child has a number of performances left for the term so it is important that they are keeping up their practice routine at home. Your child should be trying to do at least 10 minutes of practice, 5 days a week.

Students new to the program this year will be required to return their instruments in the final week of school this year. If your child would like to continue their instrument next year, an instrument will need to be purchased for them to continue (as outlined on the enrolment form at the start of the year). A parent information session will be held shortly that will explain all the details on where to buy or hire an instrument for 2014. You will be able to take home information from this session on what brands to buy or look out for, hire plans available at music stores on the Gold Coast and what to look for if buying a second hand instrument via the paper or internet. If you would like to speak to me earlier about this, please feel free to get in contact with me via email to discuss this.

This has been a fantastic year for instrumental music at Pacific Pines Primary, and I look forward to the final performances of the year!

#### **Choral Workshop**

We once again have the tremendous opportunity to work with Harley Mead – composer, conductor, educator in a workshop at Worongary State School on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The students will catch the bus at 8:30 that morning (instead of coming to choir) and will return around 3pm. Please ensure you've paid online and returned your permission form to Mrs Walters or the office.

#### **Music Count Us In**

Congratulations to all students who were part of the National Music Count Us In initiative to appreciate the value of music education. Over 200 000 students across the country sang together. I am a ver proud music teacher to have such wonderful budding musicians at this great school.



*Rosemary Walters*

## ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH COMPETITION 2013

After months of practise the All Schools touch competition was finally upon us. We gathered early on Saturday morning with butterflies fluttering furiously in our tummies. The sound of the hooter echoed across the field – it was time, our time to shine. We played 3 games on the first day and won each one convincingly. Sunday's competition would be a much greater challenge. Out of 45 mixed teams we had made it to the top 16! Now the competition got serious and we had to win to progress further. Before our first game on the Sunday we felt nervous but excited....we soon realised that our opponents were much more skilled. The first game was tough

but we won 3 – 1. Now we were in the top 8! Our knees were shaking and our hearts were racing – but we were ready. The second game was even harder than the previous one. When the final siren sounded, the game was drawn, meaning that we had a sudden death drop off. Luckily Jovahn received the ball with some space, he was able to step, dummy and score – another victory for us. We had made it to the top 4 – semi-final! We played hard and fought to the end but went down in a close one 3 -2. We had an amazing weekend and we couldn't have done it without the help of our coaches - a special thanks to Mr Hadwen, Miss O, Kyle and Emma.

## INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

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### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2013

**9.00AM** YEAR 4-7 STUDENTS DEPART PACIFIC PINES FOR RUNAWAY BAY SUPER SWIM CENTRE

**9.45AM** CARNIVAL COMMENCES

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>1-10</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 25M FREESTYLE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>11-20</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 50M FREESTYLE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>21-30</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 25M BREASTROKE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>31-40</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 50M BREASTROKE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>41-50</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 25M BACKSTROKE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>51-60</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 50M BACKSTROKE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>61-70</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 25M BUTTERFLY
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>71-80</b>	-	BOYS/GIRLS 50M BUTTERFLY

### FREE SWIM

**2.30PM** YEAR 4-7 STUDENTS RETURN TO PACIFIC PINES

\* ALL STUDENTS IN 50M EVENTS WILL BE COMPETING

FOR AGE CHAMPION AND HOUSE POINTS. 1<sup>st</sup> 15points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 5points

ALL STUDENTS IN 25M EVENTS WILL BE COMPETING FOR HOUSE POINTS ONLY. 1<sup>st</sup> 5points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 4points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 3points

## NETBALL

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On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> two teams of Pacific Pines Primary students competed in the Queensland Primary School Cup. Both teams played nine hard games over the two day carnival and faced some very hard competition from all over Queensland. Our Navy Blue team were very gracious in defeat and showed tremendous sportsmanship. Our Maroon team finished third in their pool so they just missed out on making the finals. Both teams did an amazing job and should be very proud of their team spirit and the exceptional way they represented our school. A big thank you to our amazing umpires Angela Coleman and Laura King, as well as, the students' parents who gave up their weekend.

A special mention to Ruby (Maroon) and Kaitlin (Navy Blue) who were both awarded Player of the Tournament. Jackson received the Most Improved Award and Bianca Broekhuizen was awarded Most Versatile Player.



Well done to everyone involved, it was a great weekend.

Pauline Stock and Amanda Wallis.

## QUEENSLAND SCIENCE COMPETITION

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The Queensland Science Contest is an annual event organised by the Science Teachers' Association of Queensland in conjunction with University Of Queensland. Congratulations to Sean. in Year 2 who recently entered a project in this prestigious competition and whose entry won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Scientific Investigation Category for Year 2 and 3. Sean's project which investigated different bouncy balls, demonstrated an outstanding level of investigation and analysis of data. Well done Sean, we are very proud of your achievement and your interest in science.



## ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Students in grades **(7,6,5,4,3,2,1,PREP)** have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. (Packs are being mailed out today).

**If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.**

**If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.**

## TUCKSHOP

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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. We are actually so busy we really need 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.



Wednesday 9am - 11.30am

Thursday 9am - 11.30am

Friday 9am - 11.30am

If you are able to assist for a couple of hours each week please contact Helen on 55025316 or come and see me at the tuckshop.

Regards

Helen Pitman

## LOST PROPERTY

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The lost property bin is located outside the school office everyday during school hours. Should your child be missing anything please have them check the bin. To avoid lost property please take the time to clearly label your child's belongings.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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Year Level	Date/s	Excursion/Activity	Cost	Payment Due by
All	31st Oct	Music Count Us In	\$11	CLOSED
Year 1	31st Oct & 14th Nov	Year 1 Dance	\$4	CLOSED
All	12th Nov	Swimming Carnival	\$10	CLOSED
	19th Nov	Rugby League Development	No Cost	N/A
Year 4	26 Nov to 29 Nov	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	\$45	CLOSED

	03 Dec to 06 Dec			
Year 6	28th Nov	Parliament House	\$15.50	15/11
RI Students	2nd Dec	Religious Instruction Concert - Hall	No Cost	N/A
Prep	5th Dec	Santa Around the World	\$6	CLOSED
Yr 4-7	11th Dec	Wet n Wild	\$21 \$5.50 for card holders	15/11
Music	3rd Dec	Harleymead Workshop	\$14	15/11
Yr 7	10th Dec	Graduation	\$30	29/11

## ASSEMBLY TIMES

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<i>Year Level</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
Prep – Yr2	Friday	2.30pm
Prep - Yr2	Friday 23rd August	9am in the Hall
3/4/5	Friday	9am
6/7	Monday	2.15pm

### Term 4 Assembly Schedule for Prep-Yr2

Week 2,4,6,8	Friday	2.30pm
Week 10	Wednesday	9am Hall Xmas Concert

### PAYMENT REMINDER

Payment days Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.15 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 8.00 – 11:00am

Wednesday 8.00 – 11:00am

Thursday 8.00 – 11:00am

**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

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**Is your child afraid of seeing blood or having an injection or other medical procedure?**

### GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

At Griffith University, we are conducting a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a one session intensive treatment for children and adolescents (7 to 18 years of age) who have Blood, Injury and Injection Phobias. We are providing this service at **no cost** to families. To find out more about this project, **please contact** Dr. Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 567 88317 or email [e.milliner@griffith.edu.au](mailto:e.milliner@griffith.edu.au)



The National Rugby League would like to invite your son/daughter to our "Coles Backyard League Centre" in conjunction with Pacific Pines State School and your local Junior Rugby League Club, the Helensvale Hornets.

The Coles Backyard League Centre provides a great introduction to Junior Rugby League. The session will consist of fun games and challenging activities that will provide an opportunity for your child to improve their coordination, spatial awareness, social skills and fitness. It is also a great way to make new friends!

The session will be taught by professional NRL Game Development officers.

The best thing about the Coles Backyard League Centre is that it is completely FREE, and your son/daughter will receive a show bag, and experience what Junior Rugby League is all about.

**Venue:** Pacific Pines State School

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 3pm – 4pm

Your son/daughter will receive a registration form that needs to be returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any questions please contact Kathryn Jones on 0447 440 068 or email at [kjones@nrl.com.au](mailto:kjones@nrl.com.au)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in Rugby League

**Kathryn Jones**

NRL Game Development Officer

## **HELENSVALE NETBALL CLUB**

**2014**

**NOVA COACHING CLINIC**

**For Girls Aged 5-10years**

**When: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Where: Netball Courts, Viney Park, Yaun St, Coomera**

**Time: 8:30am till 12pm**

**(Sausage Sizzle provided after)**

**Cost: \$25 per player**

**What to Bring: Water bottle, hat and sunscreen**

**RSVP: [secretary@helensvalenetball.org](mailto:secretary@helensvalenetball.org) or Erin 0423 355 514**

**Please provide name, age and club**

By Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## Ashmore BMX Club

Ashmore BMX Club is holding a Sign on Day on 24.11.13 from 11am to get information about the club and the sport of BMX. All ages welcome and we will be providing a free sausage sizzle on the day & we have our last day of racing for the year to watch.

Regards

**Angelo Lauro**

**Ashmore BMX Club- President**

**BMX South Qld- Committee Member**

Club P: (07)5597 1737 Location: *Currumburra Rd, Ashmore Ashmore, Qld, 4214*

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