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7th February 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2014 school year. A special welcome to those families who are new to Pacific Pines Primary. Our 1063 students have had a very smooth start to the school year which is thanks to the effort of staff, parents and of course students. The vibe in our school in the first two weeks has been very positive with the highlight being how quickly students have embraced their new classroom environments and seamlessly returned to learning.



Our staff is to be congratulated on their preparations for 2014. Teaching staff were involved in an intensive three day student free day program prior to the start of school. These days of professional development focussed strongly on knowing students as learners. The common theme throughout the days was centred on the very diverse range of children within our Pacific Pines community and developing an understanding of how we personalise our teaching and learning to suit the needs of all students.

We have an amazing depth of expertise and experience within our staff. This year we are fortunate enough to welcome to Pacific Pines Rachael Jeffery and Ben Morris as Heads of Curriculum Rachael and Ben will support teachers with curriculum planning and effective teaching strategies. We are pleased to also welcome to our team Ms Tanya Javelin (6B), Mr Shaun Bennett (3A), Naomi Williams (music), Davida Pokroy (Guidance Officer), Tony Paye (Instrumental music), Randal Scheerle (percussion) and Roberta Potter (Special Education).

The Minister for Education John-Paul Langbroek announced this week the *Great Results Guarantee* which will see \$131 million invested in Queensland state schools this year. This money has been provided under the Federal Government's *Students First – A fairer funding agreement for schools initiative*.

All state schools will receive a share of this funding to develop evidence-based programs that respond to the needs of their students with a focus on the early years. Pacific Pines Primary will receive \$226,000 to maximise the learning outcomes for our students. There will now need to be very careful consideration about how best to use this funding to improve our literacy and numeracy results.

There has also been great news for our school as we are one of the 70 schools in 2014 to receive additional teacher aide hours to support Queensland Prep students. This additional funding supports full time teacher aides in all Prep classes.

Congratulations to all students on such a wonderful start to the school year. Our school has much to celebrate but we also know there is plenty of work to do. We all look forward to the challenges of 2014 and encourage our parents and wider school community to be as involved with your school as you can be.

Looking forward to seeing many of you next week at the Meet the Teacher sessions.

Kind Regards

Shirley Hadwen

Acting Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome back to Pacific Pines Primary for 2014. I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break.

This year will bring some changes to Administration structure. With Mrs Cridland retiring and the arrival of Mrs Jeffrey and Mr Morris as our new Heads of Curriculum, I will now be the Deputy Principal for Years 3 to 6. If your child is in these grades pleased feel free to contact me any time if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed. My e-mail is sande104@eq.edu.au or you can make an appointment to see me at any time by seeing our Admin staff.

Meet the Teacher

Developing positive partnerships between staff and parents plays an important role in maximising student learning. To support these relationships, Pacific Pines Primary will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session for each year level next week. The Meet the Teacher session will allow parents and carers, as a group, to meet with their child's classroom teacher. Teachers will share information on classroom timetables and procedures, year level curriculum, homework, upcoming events, expectations and general school information. A time table for these sessions will be sent home on Friday 7th February. This information will also be available on the school website.

Attendance

Pacific Pines Primary supports the 'Everyday Counts' initiative of Education Queensland that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

All students in years 3-6 have set themselves an attendance goal of at least 95% attendance this term. Students that achieve this goal will receive an award at our final assembly this term.

You can assist your child to achieve this goal by avoiding keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:

- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor check-ups or care, such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- illness
- doing work experience
- competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

School Uniform

It has been wonderful to see so many students in school uniform over the past two weeks. Being in uniform promotes a sense of pride in our school and promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging. It has been very pleasing to see especially the effort students are making with wearing black shoes and white socks.

Please refer to our website for our school dress code and also our uniform shop hours and uniform prices.

Regards

Scott Anderson

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Mr Ben Morris

I am a born and bred product of the Gold Coast, father of two lively boys (Cooper and Emmitt) and husband to my beautiful wife Amanda. Prior to the opportunity of moving to Pacific Pines Primary I was teaching at Coomera Springs State School and before that Upper Coomera State School. I have a passion for the purposeful integration of technology into the classroom, with Mathematics being my favourite key learning area (if I was forced to choose).

It has been wonderful getting know all the staff and students over the first few weeks of term and I have been made feel extremely welcome by the Pacific Pines family. I look forward to being involved in the teaching and learning that occurs in each classroom across our school and becoming an integral part of the greater school community.

Here is Five Fun Facts about Mr Morris

Football Code and Team: Rugby League, Gold Coast Titans

Favourite Food: Lamb Massaman Curry

Hobbies: Surfing, Running, Touch Football

Fear/s: Trains and clowns

Pet/s: Hugo the Moodle

Regards

Ben Morris | Head of Curriculum

Mrs Rachael Jeffrey

I am originally from the small town of Oakey which is just west of Toowoomba on the Darling Downs. My husband, Jason, is a high school teacher and we have two children – Oliver and Jemima – who have started at Pacific Pines Primary this year in Prep and Year 4.

For the past 13 years I have been at Pimpama State School in a number of teaching and leadership roles. During my career I have had the pleasure of teaching in all year levels in both straight and multi-age classes. I am passionate about Early Childhood Education, the use of iPads as a learning tool and the teaching of reading.

After coming from a smaller school I am very excited to have the opportunity to contribute to a larger team. I look forward to becoming part of this amazing school community and supporting the teachers and students in their individual learning journeys.

Here are Five Fun Facts about Mrs Jeffrey

Football Team: AFL: Gold Coast Suns or Carlton, NRL: Gold Coast Titans

Favourite Food: Cheesy Garlic Bread

Hobbies: Collecting bromeliads and shoe shopping

Fears: The dark and spiders

Pets: Guinea Pigs

Regards

Rachael Jeffrey | Head of Curriculum

IMPORTANT - TRANSLINK ROUTE 715

Please be advised of the services available to your students wishing to go to Helensvale Station and Pacific Pines Boulevard in the afternoon by bus:

To Helensvale Station:

- Translink route 715, collecting passengers at the bus stop on Archipelago street (corner of Penrhyn street) around 15:36 for Pacific Pines High.
- Translink route 715, collecting passengers at the bus stop on Santa Isobel Bvd (approaching Mussau street) around 15:37 for Pacific Pines State.

To Pacific Pines Boulevard:

- School Bus number 3014, collecting students at Pacific Pines State school at 15:05 (new service)

- School Bus number 3014, collecting students at Pacific Pines State school at 15:05 (service unchanged)

Could you please inform all affected students as these services will take place from this afternoon 29 January 2014.

All Translink urban timetables can be viewed on their web site www.translink.com.au and all school services are available on www.surfside.com.au

Your cooperation regarding this is appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if needed.

Kind Regards

Carole Fages

Network Planning - School Services Coordinator

Transit Australia Group

MUSIC NOTES

All rehearsals have begun by week 3. Well done to all committed students who have continued on their instruments, begun new instrumental lessons, and participate in the choir. We have had a huge response for the choral program this year, with over 70 students auditioning in each choir! Miss Naomi Williams and I are very excited about this year's choirs.

Strings students begun rehearsals and lessons in week 2 with Mrs Helane Ramsay, sounding great already. Most students have the required books as well as rosin and a shoulder rest. If you haven't yet got these items for your child please do so asap.

We would like to welcome Mr Tony Paye (multi-instrumental) and Mr Randal Scheerle (percussion) who are our band instructors this year. Mr Tony Paye is here all day Mondays and will rehearse both the Senior and Junior Band. Junior Band is starting in week 5. Mr Scheerle is at our school Tuesday afternoons and will teach the percussion students. Lessons will begin in week 3 when beginners can expect documents for instrument hire. Please ensure you have the correct tutor book (Essential Elements 2000) as well as the appropriate reeds, valve oil, pull-throughs etc.

Please ensure you have paid your instrumental levy and hire fee by week 4 to ensure your child's place in the program. If you have any concerns or questions about this, please contact your instrumental teacher

Helane Ramsay : hrams11@eq.edu.au

Tony Paye: aapay0@eq.edu.au

Randal Scheerle: rsche35@eq.edu.au

Rosemary Walters

SPORTS CARNIVAL DATES 2014

2/04/14 P-3 Cross Country

3/04/14 4-7 Cross Country

24/06/14 4-7 High Jump Day (Pac Pines Oval)

15/07/14 P-1 Sports Day

16/07/14 2-3 Sports Day

17/07/14 4-7 Athletics Day (High School) Back up 23/07/14

11/11/14 4-7 Swimming Carnival (Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre)

CHESS CLUB

Pacific Pines Chess Club Term 1 2014

13 February until 27 March 2014.

Chess club is on in the afternoons, starting 13 February. Lessons are open to all students. Sessions will be on **Thursday afternoons ONLY**. The lessons will start at 3:00pm in Mr Hamill's classroom (6P behind the tuckshop) and finish at 4:00pm. The cost will be **\$30, for seven lessons**.

Payments must be received before the commencement of the **second** lesson.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Hamill before or after school or email at phami3@eq.edu.au.

Please return completed form **to the office by Wednesday 12 February**.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Pacific Pines Primary School has a new website! The address for the new site is: www.pacificpinesss.eq.edu.au.

The website will provide parents and the community with up-to-date information, timely calendar reminders and access to school documents. It will also be a great place for families to see the great things that we do here at Pacific Pines Primary through our regular news stories.

For those of you that have smart phones there is also the option of connecting to the school website using the free QSchools app. When the school publishes content to the website, the smartphone app is automatically updated, meaning you remain up-to-date with the latest news, events and newsletters. The app also allows you to see tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times, contact details and the department's social media feeds. Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published via the app.

The QSchools app Version 2.0 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play. QSchools Version 1.2 for Windows 8 phone and tablet is available from the Windows Store. An update to the Windows app is coming soon.

A link to download the QSchools app appears on the website.

Scott Anderson

Deputy Principal

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. 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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Prep - 2 Friday 9.15am odd weeks

Years 3-5 Friday 2.15pm every week

Years 6-7 2.15pm even weeks

LOST PROPERTY

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

Year Level	Date/s	Excursion/Activity	Cost	Payment Due by
ALL	27 & 28 Mar	School Photos		
Year 5	22-24th April	Year 5 camp		

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 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

Pacific Pines Power Junior AFL Club - SIGN ON FOR SEASON 2014

Club Sign On Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February at Pacific Pines JAFC for season 2014.

Come down to the club between 9am-2pm

We are located at McCauley Parade Pacific Pines

We cater for 5-16 year old **Boys AND Girls (girls only comp - U15 and U18 teams)**

and we want YOU to come and play with the Power.

Our NAB AFL Auskick will commence on Friday 14th February from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

If you need further information please call Gavin Dunn

0422321362 (club contact).

NERANG SOCCER CLUB

Junior Sign On & Gala Day

Boys & girls 5 - 18 years
Small Sided Football games
Face Painting & Sausage Sizzle
Competition ages 7-a-side games

Sat 8th Feb 10:00am – 12:30pm
 Glennon Park, Recreation Drive, Nerang

Phone: Phillippa 0422 035 542
 Email: nerangsoccerclub@bigpond.com.au
 Web: www.nerangsoccerclub.com.au



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NERANG BMX CLUB

ON

SUNDAY, 9 FEB

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

SPONSORS

- Daytona Powersports Nerang.
- Advancetown Hotel.
- DV8 Leather Sydney.
- Shark Leather Helensvale.
- Snap Fitness Pacific Pines.
- Qld Parking Solutions Pty Ltd.
- Mint Hair & Nails Oxenford.
- Access All Area Carpet Cleaning.
- Wells Smash Repairs Arundel.
- Wild Helensvale.
- Reflections Detailing Mobile.
- Gloria Jeans Coffee Helensvale.
- Bunyip Towing Slacks Creek.
- Midcoast Towing Helensvale.
- Masters Upper Coomera
- NMT Personal Training Coomera.
- Namro Services Pty Ltd.
- Riviera Yacht Club.
- Sala Falanga- (Aust Rugby).
- Samantha Roberts.
- Jan Chaliker.
- Super Butcher Oxenford.
- Border Towing Service.
- Picture Warehouse Arundel.



SATURDAY 1st March 2014

SPONSORS

- Gold Coast Harley Southport.
- Gasoline Alley Aust Pty Ltd.
- Positive Psych Solutions.
- Hydro Dog Gaven.
- Fhab Cosmetics Harbour Town.
- Jace Peter Pacific Pines.
- Adrian & Melissa.
- The Richardson Family.
- Hahn Autos Coomera.
- Harveys Mech & Welding.
- Passion Parties N.S.W.
- Java Gourmet Helensvale.
- Suriside Clotheslines G/Coast.
- McDonalds Cafe Pacific Pines.
- Oxenford Service Centre.
- Saville Meats.
- K B's Face Painting.
- Billy Derbyshire.
- Bunnings Oxenford
- Abrakidazzel.
- Canungra RSL.
- Lea- Beauty Pamper Room.
- Teresa Sheppard.
- Super Castles Queensland.
- Phresh Ink Tattoos Oxenford.
- Total Bike Care Helensvale.
- Gold Coast Quads Helensvale.
- SIGNSONLINE Ashmore

RIDE LOCATION : Meet @ Coomera Lodge 160 Maudsland Road Upper Coomera, Qld.
TIME : 9.00am at the Lodge for a 10.00am departure.
DETAILS : Going for Approx 2 Hr Ride with first stop being Canungra RSL for refreshments then onto Advancetown Hotel 402 Nerang/Murwillumbah Road for Sausage Sizzle, Raffles & Auctions.
DONATION: Of \$20.00 per Vehicle on the ride which will be donated to Alyssa the fee will cover your sausage sizzle and one raffle ticket for an end of ride raffle.
BEVERAGES : All beverages will be available from the Advancetown Hotels Bar.
IF NOT RIDING : Meet at Advancetown Hotel anytime around 12 noon.
ENTERTAINMENT: Live Band: Hellfire Pass. There will also be Entertainment for Children.

STORY OF ALYSSA HODKINSON

The Coomera Cruisers Club are holding a ride for little Alyssa Hodkinson she is a 8 year old local Gold Coast girl who was diagnosed with Cancer in September 2013 the cancer is in the right side of Alyssa's face causing blindness to her right eye she is undergoing Chemo at the moment her parents Leif and Nikki have to travel from Gold Coast to Brisbane severa l times a week for treatment they have had to give up their full time employment to care for Alyssa with the government not helping in anyway, we are doing this ride to raise money to Help Alyssa and her family for ongoing medical expenses, treatment and equipment needed at home to help her our sponserers have given us items to raffle and auction off for Alyssa. We would like to thank every one in advance for your help and kindness in Alyssa's and her family's time of need. Please every body is more then welcome to come along, please do

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Robert. 0404254504.

Thank you for your Support



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