8th September 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Griffith University Science Competition

Last Thursday night I was proud to attend the Griffith University Science Competition. I would like to extend a huge thanks to Mrs Barratt and Mrs Keswell for organising this event and to the many parents who supported their children’s entries.

This year we had 30 entries by 33 students in the Griffith University Gold Coast Science Competition. We had 10 place winners this year.

Nate 1B – Highly Commended – Scientific Investigations

Amelia 1B – Highly Commended – Communicating Science

Ava 1O – 1st – Environmental Action Project

Sophie 1O – 3rd – Classifying Collections

Sophie 1O – 2nd – Communicating Science
This year our school is going to be represented in the state competition for the first time ever. I’m sure the 14 students who are representing our school will do us proud!

**Prep Enrolments for 2015**

At present I have enrolled 70 Prep students for 2015. Anticipated enrolments are about 140 students. I would like all parents who are yet to make a time to enrol to do so as soon as possible so I can organise the pre-visits next term. Upon enrolment all Prep students for next year will receive their Reading Eggs user name and password. The P&C generously sponsor Reading Eggs and Mathletics for our school each year so it is great that our Pre-Prep students can take advantage of starting their reading journey much earlier. Contact the school office on 5502 5333 to make an enrolment appointment for your Prep student for 2015.

**Staff Collaborative Days**

During the next two weeks, my teaching staff are coming offline to work in their teams to discuss and action their class data and to finalise their curriculum priorities for next term. This could not happen without the school support team who release staff to make this happen. These sessions are very valuable ones and they give direction for staffing teams regarding teaching from their class data and catering for individual student needs.

**Dance Next Term**

Late last year I arranged for Footsteps Dance Company to visit the school next term to teach dance to our Years 4 to 7 students with the school budgeting to meet the costs of these lessons. This will ensure that no student will miss out on these lessons. Mrs Bebendorf has arranged lessons for the Prep to Year 3 students in dance. She will be utilising the skills of the high school students Dance Excellence class who will come over and teach our Prep students some dance moves. After these lessons, Mrs Bebendorf will then use these dance moves to teach the Years 1 to 3 students next term.

**End of Term**

School starts Spring Break from Monday September 22 and school resumes Tuesday October 7.

Regards

Kathy Edwards
In August 172 Year 6 and 7 students and teachers travelled to the nation’s capital for Pacific Pines Primary’s annual Canberra trip. This year we travelled down twice because it is the final year at Pac Pines for both our year 6’s and 7’s.

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 where we were able to meet the Governor General His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove. His Excellency spoke to our students and also had a photo taken with our groups.

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.

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 in to 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 2014 trip was made even more special thanks to the wonderful behaviour and attitude of our students.

The Year 6 & 7 students of 2014 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 Rayward, Mrs Edwards and Patricia Girling for organising and running the chocolate fundraiser. A very special thank you to our dedicated staff – Mr Kelly, Mr Slinger, Mr Morris, Mr Berry Walker, Miss O, Mrs Zsolti, Mr Kotoda, Mr Newman, Miss Hulands, Mrs Fernandez, Mr Robinson, Mrs Nugent, Mr Hammil, Ms Barnard, Mrs Javelin and Miss Wallis who gave up time with their own families to provide such an amazing opportunity to our Year 6’s and 7’s.
An amazing trip!!!

Mr Anderson

SOUTH COAST ATHLETICS

On the 2 September 5 students from Pacific Pines attended the South Coast Athletics Trials at the Giffith University Track. The students were fantastic with some achieving personal bests.

Stevie 9th Discus

The following students will now go to the State Championships!

Prosper 1st Multi Event (Combination of 100m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put) 3rd 200m
MUSIC NOTES

The Choirs are staging a concert on Tuesday week 10 (16th Sept) in the HALL at 11:30am (start 11:45am). We would appreciate your attendance in support of your child in the choir! A copy of the note is below:

CHOIR PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Dear: Parents/Guardians

The choirs have been working very hard and they are excited for our next performance. This term, we would like to provide the Junior and Senior choir with an opportunity to showcase their singing to the school. The concert will be held in the school hall on Tuesday September, 16th (Week 10) at 11:30am. You are very welcome to attend to support our young musicians. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Music Team

Also, a kind thank you to the families who are continuing to bring their children to rehearsals on time! You’re wonderful, and our ensembles are sounding great.

Rosemary Walters rwarh3@eq.edu.au

INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Pacific Pines sent 6 teams to the tournament this term. Individual and team results are as follows.

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Team Finished 1st place out of 23 on 23 pts.

Team finished 3rd out of 25.

Teams finished 1st, 4th and 5th out of 24.
LOTE SPEAKING COMPETITION

LOTE Speaking Competition Results

Congratulations to our 15 amazing students who represented our school at the 2014 MLTAQ Languages Speech Contest at Griffith University on Sunday 17th of August.

A special congratulation to Chiu 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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Mr Atsi Kotoda

PACIFIC PINES HIGH SCHOOL

KEY DATES

Year 7 and 8 - 2015

Tour of the school
Tuesday 16th September
9.15am - 10.30am

Enrolment evening
Thursday 11th September
Transition days
Year 6 into 7 -
Fri 28th Nov & Mon 1st Dec
Year 7 into 8 -
Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd December

At Pacific Pines State High School we have been planning our Distinct Junior Secondary Identity for all Year 7 & 8 students in 2015.

Come along to a school tour or enrolment evening to hear how we SUPPORT EVERY student to BE THE BEST they can be.
HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands would like to make sure that we give the new families a helping hand for the New Year. In doing this we would like to offer our extended service as follows:

Before school care and after school care.

New children starting prep next year and attending before school care will be escorted to school by Helping Hands educators and signed into their class room,

Preps attending after school care will be picked up from their class room and signed out by Helping Hands educators and escorted to the Helping Hands service at the school hall.

Children attending year 1 will be dropped off at class and picked up from the meeting point at the bubblers. For the first week children will be picked up from class until the Helping Hands staff feel that the children are confident in getting themselves to the meeting point.

A delicious and healthy breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided each day, ranging from a variety of cereals and toast, a variety of sandwiches, freshly cooked warm food and special treats.

Enrolments can be filled in at the school office or at the Helping Hands service.

Visit our website www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au for more information or to enrol online.

If you would like to speak to the Helping Hands service coordinator Julie Reid please call: 0459 991 456

ORAL HEALTH CARE
Students in grades (7) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. **The Dental van will be arriving at the school on the 10.09.14.**

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and 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.

**SPELLATHON**

On Wednesday October 15th, the entire school will be participating in a "Thon".

- Preschool - Letterathon (26 letters)
- Year 1 - Soundathon (25 sounds)
- Year 2 - Wordathon (25 words)
- Year 3 - Spellathon (50 spelling words)
- Year 4-7 - Spellathon (100 spelling words)

- For each $30.00 raised students receive a raffle ticket into the draw for an Ipad (3 Ipads in total)
- The class that raises the most money wins a class pizza party
- The family who raises the most money receives a family pass for Dreamworld

Regards

**Pacific Pines P&C Association**

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment books are once again available from the school office. The cost is $55.00 per book with $11.00 going to the school.

**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

We will be implementing a new 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.

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 commitments we will lose some volunteers at the end of the 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

Friday 9am - 11.30am

If you are able to help out please contact Helen on 55025316 or come and see me at the tuckshop.

Regards

Helen Pitman

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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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

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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

Would $500 assist with your child’s school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition.

You may be eligible if you:

- have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are 18 or over and
- have some paid income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Sylvia Constantin, your local Saver Plus Worker:

07 5644 9182 / 0431 076 011 or
sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Gold Coast North by The Benevolent Society.
Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Labrador Junior Touch is on again!!! Sign-on is 11th & 18th September 2014.
Round 1 Starts October 9th 2014.
Divisions: U8 – U16 Boys and Girls
Where: Cos Zantiotis Playing Fields, Jacobs Drive Labrador
When: Sign-on 11th & 18th September 2014 5pm-7pm

(www.labradorjuniortouch.com) 0405479021
Cost: $90 per child (Individual registration) or $900 per Team Nomination
All players receive a Playing shirt and play in the Grand Final

A new parenting support program is now available free of charge to every parent of a child with a disability aged 2 to 12 years in Queensland.

Stepping Stones Triple P is a specially tailored program for parents of children with special needs and is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, one of the world’s most effective parenting programs. Stepping Stones gives parents the skills to raise happy, confident children and build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities.

A Group Stepping Stones Triple P program will commence Thursday 9th October at Disability Services. For information, please contact Sarah Garrett or Rowena Woolley at Disability Services or to register, go to www.triplep-steppingstones.net
Precious Children, Priceless Smiles

Best Oral Health Care Starts at Age Zero Project
Gold Coast Oral Health Service, Gold Coast Health

This is an opportunity for all eligible* children aged 0-3yrs to be seen by the specialist paediatric dentist and receive dental care from a specialized dental team at the Gold Coast Oral Health Service.

We would like to invite children aged 0-3yrs old to participate in this community oral health initiative that aims to prevent the onset of dental caries and treat early caries lesions to stop progression.

Treatments and/or services provided will include:
- Dental examination and risk assessment of the children
- Customized oral health education
- Customized age-appropriate in-office preventive treatment
- Customized age-appropriate take-home oral health products
- Baby’s oral health record and resource handbook
- Comprehensive treatment if indicated

*To be eligible, parent / guardian has to be a concession / pension card holder.

For Enquiry or To Make An Appointment, Please Contact 1300 300 850
or Email GCOHS_pricelesssmiles@health.qld.gov.au.

Gold Coast Health

Outback Camping Crash Course

It’s In Tents!!
Come along on Monday the 29th September 9am to 3pm
(8:30am earliest drop off)
Learn How to: Pitch a tent, Start a camp fire and
Make a camp oven feast!! (Lunch)
There will be some awesome games, activities and
prizes available for the best camper!!!
All children 14yrs and under are welcome to participate.
It will be run in conjunction with Scouts Australia and
The Gold Coast Suns Horizon program
Please come dressed for the occasion: closed in shoes are a must
(with joggers preferable) getting-dirty clothes, hat, sunnies
and sunscreen too (sun safety first!)
So come along and have a TENTASTIC time!!!

Book Your Place NOW: call ph: 5529 8253
Where: STUDIO VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE 87 Village Way, Studio Village

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little lifecavers™
@ Tallebudgera Creek
Gold Coast
Program 1: Monday 29th September 2014 to Friday 3rd October 2014
(Everyday 8:00am to 10:00am)

Program 2: Monday 12th January 2015 to Friday 16th January 2015
(Everyday 8:00am to 10:00am)

Program 3: Monday 13th April 2015 to Friday 17th April 2015
(Everyday 8:00am to 10:00am)

$95.00 per participant which includes a Long Sleeved Rash Shirt

Enquire at: littlelifesavers@lifesaving.com.au

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS
St Hilda’s School, Southport
Week 1 - September 22nd – 26th
Week 2 - September 29th – 3rd

What parents said about Activ8:
- 100% said the camp was excellent
- 100% would book their child in again
- 100% said the coaches were excellent

FEATURES OF ACTIV8 SPORTS CAMPS
Don’t Just Dream It, Play Like The Stars!

FEATURING ACTIV8 PARTNERS:
MULTI-ACTIVE

CURRUMBIN VALLEY

SPRING FESTIVAL

14th SEP 2014: 9.30am - 2.00pm

LIVE MUSIC – BEER TENT

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