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21st February 2014

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

Last week many parents took the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. These information sessions are an important part of developing the connection between parents and the classroom teacher, a relationship that will be vital throughout the school year. Thank you to all of the teachers who led these sessions and also to the parents who took the time to come along.

To further build on the importance of establishing positive relationships within the school and with the wider community we have planned a number of whole school assemblies throughout 2014. For term 1 these assembly will be held in the Hall at 2.15pm on Friday 21 February and Friday 21 March. Parents are welcome to join us to celebrate the many great things going on in our school.

### **SAFETY**

The theme of this week's whole school assembly is BEING SAFE. With the start of every school year comes the sharing of student expectations, the establishment of classroom rules and reviewing our school policies.

Every day at school students are encouraged and taught to be safe in a variety of settings.

This week we share with you the cybersafety help button which has been developed to help keep internet users safe. This federal government initiative is fully supported by the Department of Education.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/student services/behaviour/qsav/cybersafety-button.html>



The button provides users with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying concerns online and provides 24 hour access to cybersafety help, resources and information.

The floating desktop icon has been installed on almost 400,000 DETE computers, including school devices statewide. While the internet offers many benefits, there are also potential risks for children and teenagers such as cyberbullying, scams and fraud, offensive content and unwanted contact.

The cybersafety help button is a tool to provide information and support for all internet users.

School staff have been encouraged to explore the button and discuss its use with our students. Internet safety is a role for both school and home and parents are encouraged to work with their children to ensure the internet is a safe learning place for our students.

Every year we write in our school newsletter about car and road safety in and around our school zone. We again ask parents to be alert and patient when dropping off and collecting students. The staff car park is not a drop off zone or pick up zone and with over 1000 students moving around the school at the end of each day we ask that parents do not risk the safety of our students. Using the provided pathways to access our school will ensure safety for all.

Schools remain one of the safest places for your child to be each day, and parents are an integral part in maintaining that safety.

On Monday we welcome Kathy back to school, it has been a real pleasure to have had the opportunity to lead our school over the past four weeks. Kathy like all of us will be proud to see what a great start we have had to 2014. On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm the P and C will hold its Annual General Meeting, it would be great to see you there - to get your feedback on the start to the year and to hear your ideas on how we can continue to support the most important part of our school – our students.

Kind Regards

**Shirley Hadwen**

**Acting Principal**

## **HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS**

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Now that the term is in full swing, Mathletics at Pacific Pines Primary is all systems go. There are a number of ways you as parents and carers can assist Pacific Pines Primary students to optimise their use of and learning with Mathletics at home.

Firstly, students can complete '**activities**' set by classroom teachers which align with current classroom content focus. Students also have the ability to access the **problem solving** button located on the right hand menu. Students can implement a thinkboard organiser to SEE, PLAN, DO and CHECK their way through engaging and challenging problems.

If your child is a little rusty with their multiplication facts, click on 'Times Table Toons' for a fun and musical way to learn their tables.

Need some practise to improve the speed and recall of number facts? Mathletics Live is a game based approach to assist students with improving their speed and accuracy of recalling number facts. Remember to encourage your child to select a challenging level to improve their learning or lock outs for easier levels is also an option and can be managed from classroom teachers.

Perhaps you are completing some homework and get stuck on a mathematical concept... '**Concept search**' and '**rainforest maths**' is here to help to you locate information to assist you clear up any misunderstandings in a timely and efficient manner.

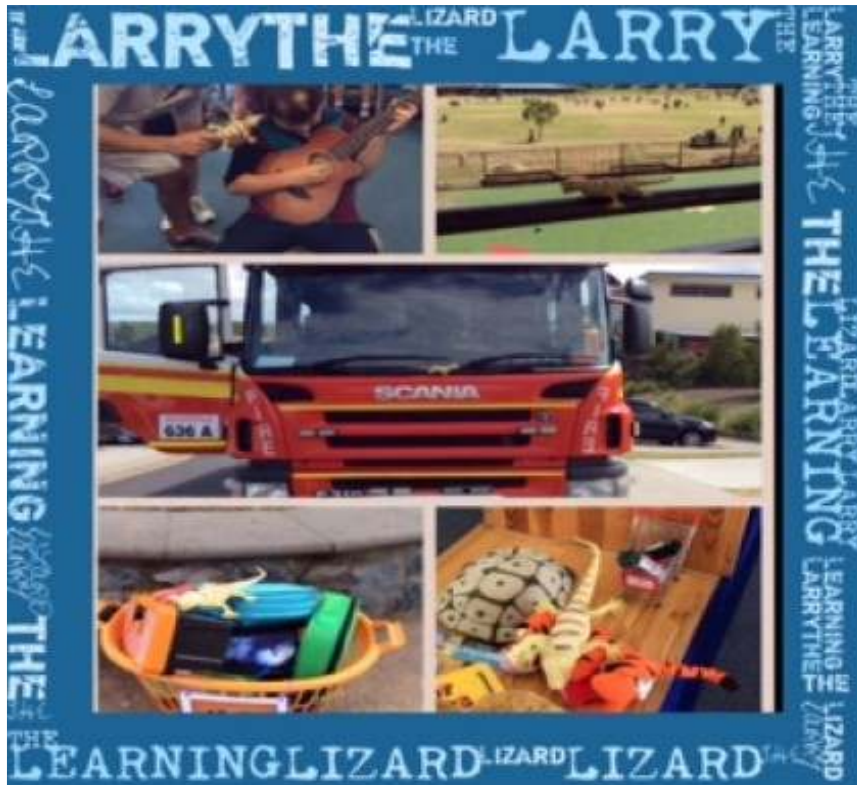
If you want your child to use Mathletics but the computer is on the blink or being used for work or by high schoolers Mathletics app for mobile devices is another platform that can be used to access Mathletics.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Pacific Pines P&C for funding such a wonderfully versatile digital learning environment. Stay tuned for a school wide celebration of students and classes who excel with Mathletics.

Regards

**Ben Morris**

**Introducing Larry the Lizard**



We would like to introduce the newest member of the Learning Team at Pacific Pines Primary – Larry the Learning Lizard. Each year level from Prep – 7 has their own ‘Larry’ who visits the classrooms on the lookout for amazing learning. Larry has quickly become a much loved member of the learning teams and is a great mascot for learning in our classrooms and around our school.

Regards

**Rachael Jeffrey**

## IMPORTANT - TRANSLINK ROUTE 715

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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](http://www.translink.com.au) and all school services are available on [www.surfside.com.au](http://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**

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### **Instrumental Music**

Strings rehearsals are in full swing and all lessons have started, and sound great already. If your child is a beginner strings student (year 3 generally) they will not have a before or after school rehearsal until next year, when they graduate to Banksia Strings.

Band rehearsals – Senior Band has begun well with the group playing nicely together on Monday mornings. Junior Band begins week 5 this Monday afternoon 3-4pm. Lessons continue as normal throughout the day Monday.

As soon as you have paid and the office stamped your Instrumental Hire form, please see Mrs Walters or your instrumental teacher to take home your instrument. Parents, please ensure your child looks after their instrument carefully at home.

CHOIR – both choirs have begun and sound great. An excellent attendance this year is exciting for us! Thank you for bringing your children on time.

## **MUSIC DEPT - FOR SALE**

**Bring Money MONDAY to your BAND lesson!**

**See Mrs Walters, Mr Paye, or the student below**

Cello Rosin – Good Quality! Oliver Wright in 6P - \$20 Negotiable

BASS GUITAR BOOK – Essential Elements 2000 - Oliver Wright in 6P - \$20

BASS GUITAR BOOK – Essential Elements 2000 - Kyle Leeves in 6P - \$20

CLARINET BOOKS – Essential Elements 2000 – Samantha Green in 6B - \$15

CLARINET BOOK – Essential Elements 2000 –Hannah Maitland in 6G - \$20

If you have anything you'd like to sell please let Mrs Walters know and bring it on Monday!

If you haven't purchased a book yet, please take advantage and help your friends so we're all ready for our lessons.

**FYI here is the rehearsal schedule for the ensembles.**

Monday 7:45am	Senior Band	Mr Paye
Monday 3-4pm	Junior Band	Mr Paye
Tuesday 7:45am	Banksia Strings	Mrs Ramsay
Wednesday 8am	Senior Choir	Mrs Walters
Thursday 3-4pm	Junior Choir	Miss Williams
Friday 7:45am	Acacia Strings	Mrs Ramsay

Helene Ramsay : [hrams11@eq.edu.au](mailto:hrams11@eq.edu.au)

Tony Paye: [aapay0@eq.edu.au](mailto:aapay0@eq.edu.au)

Randal Scheerle: [rsche35@eq.edu.au](mailto:rsche35@eq.edu.au)

Rosemary Walters [rwarh3@eq.edu.au](mailto:rwarh3@eq.edu.au)

## SPORTS CARNIVAL DATES 2014

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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)

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

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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**

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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Prep - 2    Friday 9.15am odd weeks

Years 3-5    Friday 2.15pm every week

Years 6-7    2.15pm even weeks

## 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	27 & 28 Mar	School Photos		
Year 3	21 March	QLD Museum & Science Centre	\$31.00	14 March



ALL	27 & 28 March	School Photos		on the day
Year 1	25 March	Starlab Planetarium	\$9.50	14 March
Year 5	5O & 5Y Monday 17 Mar 5A & 5G Monday 24 Mar 5R & 5P Thursday 27 Mar	St Helena Island Convict Settlement	\$33.00	12 March
Year 5	22-24th April	Year 5 Camp	\$145.00 Payment Plan available	Deposit due by 28 February Payment 1 \$50 10 March Payment 2 \$50 24 March

## PAYMENT REMINDER

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**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

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### 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**

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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.

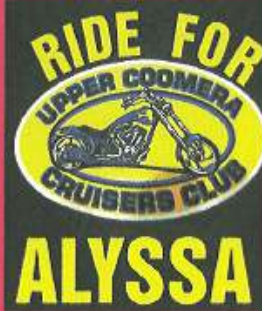
Payment Days are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY only 8.15am until 10.00am. We allow a minimum of 2 weeks for payments due and are unable to accept any late payments, we thank you for your understanding.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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**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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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 sponsors 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*





# **GOLD COAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION SIGN ON!**

**PIZZEY PARK, NEAR SWIMMING POOL.  
9AM - 12PM**

## **15TH & 22ND FEBRUARY**

**BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED  
SENIOR WOMEN AND MIXED JUNIORS**

**CONTACT:**

**EMAIL: GCSOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM**

**PH: PETER MOORE (REGISTRAR) 0402748625**



**LIKE GOLDCOAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK!**



The NRL are hosting a Play NRL Holiday Clinic at Coomera Cutters Junior Rugby League Football Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years are invited to participate in the Clinic. Our exciting Holiday Clinic allow participants to develop their Rugby League skills in a safe, modified and fun environment. All clinics

are delivered by qualified and experienced Rugby League Coaches and cater for all skill levels from beginner to junior league players. All participants receive an NRL Pack (Including Football, Water bottle, Boot bag, kicking Tee and NRL T-Shirt) in addition all participants will be provided with morning tea and lunch. To participate in our Coomera NRL holiday clinic all children must be registered, places are limited at all holiday clinics. For more information and to register please go to [www.segdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.segdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au) or call NRL Game Development Officer Matt Palin – 0400 345 547

Pacific Pines Netball Club is seeking a **senior intermediate coach** this year to cater for aged girls between 15-17 years. The club has been established since 2009 and we have grown from 11 teams last year to 16 teams with a 30% increase.

#### **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT COACHING?**

We have a wonderful incentive put in place **\$\$\$** (this incentive has been created so that our players can receive an enhanced coaching experience thus making them well prepared in 2014); However to qualify for this incentive the coach will need to **meet or exceed** the criteria set out below

#### **CRITERIA**

- Provide a full season of coaching in 2014 (Feb - Sept if required)
- Attend a relevant coaching course (foundation / development coaching courses if required)
- Provide at least 1 coaching session per week for your team
- Provide a coaching summary of your players to the committee (details to follow)
- Enter your team into the NGCNA Carnival (Junior/Nova dependant on age)
- Attend coaches meetings

To find out more please feel free to contact me on the number below.

Regards,

Cushla Manaia

President

Ph: 042 737 1705

Email: [info@pacificpinesnetball.com.au](mailto:info@pacificpinesnetball.com.au)

Web: [www.pacificpinesnetball.com.au](http://www.pacificpinesnetball.com.au)

### **Interested in playing netball?**

Runaway Bay Netball Club is looking for U/8 players (born 2006) for our 2014 team. If you are interested in playing netball please contact us for further information.

Email: [runawaybaynetball@gmail.com](mailto:runawaybaynetball@gmail.com)

ph: 0424 509100



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