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7th March 2014

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### **Staff Changes**

Thanks to Mrs Hadwen for doing such a great job as Acting Principal whilst I was on my leave. It's great to be back and to see what amazing things have been happening in our school. Last week Shirley Hadwen (DP) started her position as a School Improvement Officer at District Office at Robina. Shirley has been seconded for 12 months. During this time she will be working with schools in the South East Region on their Improvement Agendas. Karen Rayward is replacing Shirley during this time. Our two new Heads of Curriculum are Rachael Jeffrey and Ben Morris and on behalf of the school, I would like to welcome them to their new roles. Ben and Rachael have been very proactive already in setting up programs and expectations regarding our school's expectations in teaching and learning which are aligned to our School Improvement Agenda comprising Reading and Numeracy. Our HOSES, Gina Perkins is leaving our school to take up a position as HOSES at Warwick West SS. Gina plans on moving permanently to Warwick. Anne Hart from Gaven SS will be replacing Gina for the rest of this year.

### **Great Results Guarantee**

Congratulations to Shirley Hadwen and our admin team for all of the long hours spent preparing our application for the funding for Great Results/Great Schools Initiative. Our guarantee was sent in last week and we are

waiting for endorsement. Funding will be in the area of \$220 000 for this year and will be focused on the Prep to Year 2 areas of the school. I will outline more explicit areas in which the funding will be used after our plan is endorsed.

### **Year 6 and 7 Leadership**

We are currently going through the processes of electing our school leaders for sport, music and classrooms. The final process will culminate in the Leadership Presentation at a Year 4 to 7 assembly on Friday March 21 at 2.15pm.

### **Reading Eggs**

The P&C sponsor Mathletics each year for our students. This year they will be also adding Reading Eggs as another area of sponsorship. It will cost about the same as Mathletics and can be used throughout all classes in the school. The trial classes have reported only very positive feedback from this program. Thank you to our generous P&C.

Kind Regards

**Kathy Edwards**

## **FROM THE DEPUTY**

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### **Year 3 Moving to the Junior Sector**

As you will be aware, Mrs Hadwen has taken up another position for the remainder of this year. This has meant a reshuffle in our Admin structure. Mrs Rayward will be Acting Deputy Principal until Easter and has taken over the leadership of Prep to Year 3. I will now lead the Year 4 -7 sector of the school.

This realignment has resulted in some changes to Year 3 especially around assemblies. Year 3 will now join the Junior Assembly every second week on Friday mornings at 9:15am. Year 4 and 5 will have assembly every Friday at 2:15 pm and Year 6 and 7 will have assemblies every second Monday afternoon at 2:15 pm. These dates are available on our website.

### **Student Leadership**

The role of our School Leaders is very important as they are both representatives of our school in the community and provide a student voice within the school environment.

Over the past week Years 5, 6 and 7 have been busy electing House Captains, Class Representatives and Music Captains to join our School Captains on our Student Leadership Team. I would like to congratulate all students who ran for these positions and presented speeches to their peers and teachers. True leadership takes courage and all of the students displayed a huge amount of this by getting up and running for a position. All students did an amazing job and did themselves very proud.

We look forward to inducting and congratulating our School Leaders, and are confident they will lead by example. Successful Year 6 and 7 students will be informed this Monday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> March and our badge ceremony will be on 21<sup>st</sup> March in our school hall.

### **Canberra Meeting**

Parents of Year 6 and 7 students are invited to an information session on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm regarding our 2014 camp to Canberra. The session will be presented by Pam Walsh the Educator Coordinator. The following areas will be covered:

- Dates
- Cost
- Transport
- Tour coordinators and staff
- What to bring
- Accommodation
- Spending Money
- Proposed Itinerary
- Student Expectations
- Parent/student questions

### **Bike Safety**

At our whole school assembly students were given the message about 'Being Safe'. As a part of this message we discussed being safe on the way to and from school. As a part of this initiative all Year 4 students have the opportunity to participate in a Road and Bicycle Safety Course at Ashmore PCYC.

The 'Bike Centre' conducts **Road and Bicycle Safety Courses for Grade Four** students across the Gold Coast to help raise awareness of traffic and road conditions, safety techniques and safe bike handling skills. The students participate in a variety of practical and theory based activities that cover many different aspects of road and bicycle safety.

Our Year 4 classes will be attending the Bike Safety Centre on the following dates:

Year 4B – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 4Y – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4O – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4P – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4A - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### **Year 5 St Helena Island Excursion**

As part of our Year 5 Unit on Australian History, students are being given the opportunity to attend an excursion to St Helena Island. St Helena Island was a convict settlement in Brisbane during the 1800's and is now a site administered by the National Trust. We will be travelling by bus from Pacific Pines State School to Fort Lytton where we will board the M.V. Lady Brisbane for a trip across Moreton Bay to St Helena Island. The cost of this excursion is \$33.00.

The Year 5 classes will attend on the following dates:

5O & 5Y Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

5A & 5G Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

5R & 5P Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Please remember the departure time for this excursion is **8:00am**.

Regards

**Scott Anderson**

## **HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS**

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### **ICAS- International Competitions & Assessments for Schools**

Each year, the University of New South Wales, ([www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)) runs the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. These competitions cover various areas of the curriculum. Children from throughout Australia and the South Pacific region take part and receive certificates of Participation, Achievement, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction.

The first competition commences on the 20 May. The competitions will be **offered to interested** students on the following dates:

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Year level</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Competition date</b>

Computer skills	3 –7	\$8.80	Tuesday 20 May
Science	3-7	\$8.80	Wednesday 4 June
Writing	3-7	\$18.70	Monday 16 June
Spelling	3-7	\$12.10	Tuesday 17 June
English	3-7	\$8.80	Wednesday 29 July
Mathematics	3 -7	\$8.80	Tuesday 12 August

Parent information letters will be handed out by years 3-7 classroom teachers to students that are interested. If you would like an information letter please ask your classroom teacher or alternatively email Ben Morris ([bmorr133@eq.edu.au](mailto:bmorr133@eq.edu.au)) to have a letter emailed.

### **Life Education**

Healthy Harold is coming to Pacific Pines Primary!

Life Education lessons for all classes from P-7 begin on the Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March and will continue until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, with a special parent session being held in the van at 2:00pm Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Payments close for this wonderful opportunity on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, best be quick to ensure your child is able to attend the engaging and informative lessons.

### **Mathletics**

In Week 5 of Term One, Pacific Pines Primary introduced a number of exciting Mathletics awards to reward and celebrate the great work students do on a daily basis. Each week there will be a Mathlete of the week for P-3, 4-5 and 6-7 who receives a certificate and trophy (for the week) for earning the most points. There will also be a Mathletics Class of the Week award in each of the above year level junctures. The award will go to the class that earns the most certificates in week.

Our individual winner for week 5 was in 6-7 was Andrej S in 6B. Well done Andrej! The Mathlete of the Week for 4-5 was Aaron R in 5O, and P-3 went to both Lilly J in 2Y and Jacob S in 3R who both recorded massive scores.

Our junior P-3 class award in week 5 went to the 2O. I must mention the wonderful effort from all of our 2s, with the most points across the year level. Our 6-7 class award for week 5 went to 6P and the 4-5 class was 4A.

Keep working like little champions at home and in the classroom so we can get as many certificates as possible across the whole campus.

Regards

**Ben Morris**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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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

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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@pacificpinesss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@pacificpinesss.eq.edu.au) is an automated email address and replies are not monitored by administrative staff.

## 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

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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Prep - 3 Friday 9.15am odd weeks

Years 4-5 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	St Helena Island Convict Settlement	\$33.00	12 March



	5A & 5G Monday 24 Mar			
	5R & 5P Thursday 27 Mar			
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 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**

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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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**The Kokoda Barracks Family Association (KBFA) hosts a Kids Club on the first Friday of each month at Kokoda House, Canungra from 4.30-7.30pm. The first one of the year is this Friday 7th March.**

**It's a chance for Defence Force children of all ages to get together in a social environment and enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities. The cost is \$5 per child which includes dinner - all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you would like to come along, please call Rachel Mathers on 0412 967 258 to RSVP.**

**School Holiday Survivor Camp (8-13 year olds)**

15-17 April 2014

Location: Camp Lake Fire, Maroon Dam

Activities include: Fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, abseiling, boat tube rides, archery & open fire cooking.

Camp cost \$210. Bus transport available. Bus cost \$55 return.

All registrations are through the Events section at [www.sportstuition.com.au](http://www.sportstuition.com.au)

For further details, contact Steve Wilkes on 0403154510.

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.

## 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



## FREE HEARING TESTS

Free hearing test available through Community Health, clinics can be found around the Gold Coast including Southport, Robina, Upper Coomera and Helensvale. Please call 5519 2600 to make an appointment.

## **NERANG SOCCER CLUB**

***A number of vacancies exist  
in the Under 13 Div 2 team***

**If you are interested or would like  
more information, please contact  
Phillippa on 0422 035542**

# EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SAILING CAMP

14TH, 15TH, 16TH APRIL 2014  
AT SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

SAILING SQUADRON - 1 MARINA CRESCENT, HOLLYWELL

9AM TO 3PM MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! FILL OUT THE ENROLMENT FORM ONLINE

[WWW.SOUTHPORTYACHTCLUB.COM.AU](http://WWW.SOUTHPORTYACHTCLUB.COM.AU)

OR CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 07 5537 7030

Cost \$190 or (\$165 if you have your own boat)

Bring hat, sunscreen and a change of clothes

MORNING TEA, LUNCH AND LAUGHTER PROVIDED!



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