OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

Athletics Carnival 2012

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2012 Athletics Champions. The winning house for the 2012 Athletics carnival is Shelleys.

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Welcome to the Days Ahead

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**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**Education Week 2012**

Education week will be held next week from Monday, 30 July through to Friday, 3 August. This is an opportunity to celebrate and be part of your child’s education.

A reminder that our Anti Bullying and Numeracy workshops will be held **NEXT TUESDAY, 31 July 2012** commencing at 3 pm and concluding at 4.45 pm. Ms Godfree will lead the Student Welfare session followed by Mr Tindall who will update parents on our Numeracy program and how you can help at home.

We will be having Open Classrooms **NEXT THURSDAY, 2 August 2012**. This is a great chance to visit your child’s classroom and see what they have been learning about recently. I do hope many parents and other family members can join us on Thursday from 9.30 am.

The P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch on Thursday so parents and family members can enjoy lunch with their children. Cost: $2 sausage sandwich and $3 egg and bacon roll. Any assistance with cooking and serving on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Please note: There will be no other lunch orders on this day.

Our timetable for the day will be:

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**CRAZY HAIR DAY – Friday, 29 July 2012**

A big thank you!

On the last day of term we had a wonderful fun day at school. Children were able to dress out of uniform, had a great peer support games session organised by Mr Wilson and had free pizzas for lunch!

I would like to thank parents, Mark and Adele Workum, from Hueys at Blueys for their support on this day. They managed to deliver over 40 pizzas which were hot and delicious and very much enjoyed by the children. Not only did they provide these at a greatly reduced cost, they also provided some adult versions for the staff!

On a more serious note the mufti-day was to support a very important charity, the Cystic Fibrosis Association. As we have children at our school affected by this it is particularly important to see. It was wonderful that just by children bringing along a gold coin we managed to raise $258.
INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS

NAIDOC Assembly - Friday, 27 July 2012
To acknowledge NAIDOC Week we will be holding a NAIDOC Assembly tomorrow at 2 pm. Children are encouraged to recognise the significance of this event by coming to school on Friday wearing one or more of the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow. We hope many parents will join us also.

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers and Woolworths Stickers
We are still collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers and Woolworths Stickers. The vouchers and stickers can be placed in boxes located in the front office. We have had a huge response and thank you for supporting our school.

Voluntary Contribution Fee
As we are already half way through the year we are taking this opportunity to remind parents about the School Voluntary Contribution Fee. The fee for the first child is $35 with additional children $10 per child. The Voluntary Contribution Fee is capped at $50.00. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

School Fete - Sunday, 16 September 2012
Our school fete will be held on Sunday, 16 September from 9 am to 1 pm at the school. If you would like to book a stall space, please contact Melanie on 0424 625 238 or drop your money into the office with name and contacts. Second hand stalls are $15; new products are $20 per space. If you would like to perform a dance, song, act on the day please contact Melanie too. The hall stage will be available so please come and show off your talent! We will also have a “books and discs” stall so feel free to donate your goods.

EFTPOS
For your convenience the front office will have EFTPOS facilities available for school payments commencing early August 2012.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teaching Position
As Ms Murphy has relinquished her position at our school we will shortly be advertising for a new teacher to join us from the beginning of next year. The position will be advertised state wide and then a panel, which includes school and P & C Representatives, will have the responsibility of interviewing interested applicants and making a decision as to who would be most suitable to join our teaching team.

Kerry Tulloch - Principal

EDUCATION WEEK PARENT WORKSHOPS

Pacific Palms Public School invites you to attend a special Education Week Parent Workshop to discuss two of our school’s key learning programs.

ACHIEVE – Amanda Godfrey will present an information session on our Anti-Bullying program – ACHIEVE. This program helps children build positive relationships and experience social and emotional well being at school. The goal of this session is to let parents know how we are supporting students and provide an opportunity to answer any questions that arise regarding Anti Bullying.

NUMERACY – Jason Tindall will present an information session on the Numeracy program currently running in our school and how, as a parent, you can support your child at home with their Numeracy learning.

Date: Tuesday July 31st     Time: 3:00pm – 4:15pm      Where: School library

I would like to attend this information workshop:

NAME (s)...........................................................................................................................

I require child care for .................children. Age(s).............................................................

(Children will be cared for by a child care professional in one of our classrooms.)

Please return this form to school by Friday July 27th

FORSTER/TUNCURRY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Registration for the new season commences Friday, 13th July and every Friday from 3.30 pm onwards.

A Coaching Clinic will be held on Friday, 27th July.

Regular Point Score Competition will commence from Friday, 3rd August onwards until Mid December.

Please contact Brenda Smith 6553 2428 for further information

Forster- Tuncurry Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides!

Monday 6 August 5 - 6.30pm (for 6-9 year olds)

Wednesday 15 August 5.30 - 7.30pm (for 10-13 year olds)

Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and camping

Forster- Tuncurry Guide Hall Lake st Forster

Please call Chris on 0418 894 277 to register for these free events.

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides.
PROGRAM FOR TERM 3

July 25th  We will be playing games, Poker, word games etc
Aug 3rd  We will be making paper planes to see whose will fly the furthest
Aug 8th Finish painting the ASHOW croquet set we made last year
Aug 15th Making popcorn with various flavours
Aug 22nd Craft. All sorts of things to make
Aug 29th Making Tacos (at Thomas’s request!)
Sept 5th We will be playing games, Poker, word games etc
Sept 12th Photography. Take photos and print
Sept 19th Balloon racing

For further information, please call Felicity on 0411 566 593

WOMEN’S SHED FUNDRAISING

We have a box located in the front foyer for collection of old mobile phones. This is a fundraising initiative of the Women’s Shed.

NIPPERS REGISTRATION

The 2012 – 2013 season of Nippers will kick off on the beach on Sunday 7 October, 2012.

Registration will be open to all children between the ages of 5 – 14. (Child must turn 5 before 30 September 2012.)

Registration Dates:
Registration days will be held at Pacific Palms Surf Club on the following dates:

- Sunday 1 September (10.00am – 12.00pm)
- Sunday 9 September (10.00am – 12.00pm)
- Sunday 16 September – School Fete

Clothing will be available for purchase at these registration days.

Registration costs:
- 1st child: $35.00
- 2nd child: $30.00 etc
- Parent: $15.00 (parent per family to be registered)

Please note there will be no registrations taken the morning of the 1st Nippers day. Your children MUST be fully registered before they are allowed to participate in activities.

Proficiency tests:
Children who are entering the age groups of Under 8 (turning 7 before 30 September 2012) and above are required to undertake a swimming proficiency test. A representative of Nippers will be available at the Great Lakes Aquatic Centre on Saturday 8 September (11.00 – 12.00pm) to grade this test. If you are unable to attend this time please ask for a testing certificate at time of registration which can be completed by the lifeguard on duty. This test MUST be undertaken and the completed certificate supplied before Nippers will be allowed to enter the water.

For further information please contact:
Liana Kieller (Secretary) 0418 217 759
Toni Montague (Registrar) 0411 401 358

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PLEASE NOTE: If you are on the internet let me know your email address.
My email address is domturiel@yahoo.com.au or alternatively phone 0402566853.
Thank you Dom
CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 3 2012

P&C Coordinator available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm
Lunch is at 11.30am if you are rostered on for lunch please be here by 9am.

CANTEEN CLOSED ALL DAY TUESDAY
If you are unable to make your allocated day please ring around to find a replacement.

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**6. President’s Report – Melanie Leggett (Vice President)**

- Stephen Church has resigned as president (with reluctance and for personal reasons).
- AGM to be held on Monday, 15th October 2012. A new president will be elected then.
- Child care for P&C meetings – it was suggested child care is offered to give more parents the opportunity to attend. VII to follow up.
- Virginia Healey will be the P&C Representative for the school until the president’s position is filled.

Acceptance of the President’s Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey Seconded: B. Jolley

**7. Principals Report – Kerry Tulluck**

- Dare to Lead Snapshot – took place last week. Students, staff and parents were interviewed. Findings will assist with where to go next for Aboriginal education. Step 1 will be to get an aboriginal education team together.
- Education Week Parent Workshops – next Tuesday, from 2:00 – 4:30pm. All sessions will be provided by the school.
- The Accelerated Literacy program was discussed.
- Feedback focus is on developing teacher’s skills in giving quality feedback to students.

Acceptance of the Principals Report as tabled.

Moved: V. Healey Seconded: B. Jolley

**8. General Business:**

- Canteen – will now be open 8-10am by volunteers on Monday and 10-2pm by volunteers on Wednesday to Friday. It was suggested that the P&C organise afternoon tea at the final assembly of each term. $2 for coffee and cake. This term will be Friday, 21st September.
- Education Week BBQ – the P&C will put on a BBQ lunch for parents and students on Education Week Open Day (Thursday, 21st August). There will be sausage sandwiches and kebabs and egg rolls for sale.
- Vote – find out if we can get a jumping castle and climbing wall through the same company.

**9. Meeting Closed – 5:15pm**

Next meeting will be held Monday, 29th August 2012.
It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday, being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!”

Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.