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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Farewell

It is with regret that I say goodbye to the following staff and would like to congratulate them for the great work that they have done at Pacific Pines:

Mrs McNeilage has been Acting Deputy Principal this year and will be returning to Merrimac State School next year as Mrs Hadwen will be returning to her position here at our school. I would like to thank Chris for all that she has done here this year and value the time that she has given to our school. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish her all the best for her future career.

Mrs Thulkanam is retiring from Education Qld this year. Selvy has been at our school for the past seven years and we value her contributions.

Mrs Alexander has been successful in gaining a transfer to Sunnybank State School. She is looking forward to much less driving next year. Thank you Vivienne for your wonderful work here at Pac Pines.

Miss Griggs is going to Park Lake State School. Kara has done a great job teaching Year 3 here for the past two years.

Miss O'Keeffe is going to Clover Hill State School. Lisa has worked hard with her Prep classes and has seen them make fantastic progress.

Pauline Stock who has stepped in during the past two years to assist with classes and who is valued here as both a teacher and a parent.

Tim Gall who will be going to Coomera Springs as their PE teacher next year. Thank you Tim for your work here this year.

Re-banding of Pacific Pines Primary

At the beginning of this year, I was informed that this school had been re-banded from a Band 10 school to a Band 11 which meant that the school was to be advertised in Semester 2 this year. I have been through this process twice previously when I was appointed to Pac Pines and when it went to a Band 10 in 2006. I applied again for this position and was very pleased to be given the news last month that I won the position on merit. There are only about five schools in Queensland that are primary Band 11's and I believe that I am the only female principal in these schools so I am very pleased that I have been given the opportunity to lead Pacific Pines into its next exciting phase. Thank you to all of those people who supported me through this process.

Awards Day

It's wonderful to see all of those students who receive recognition for their work and behaviour. We have many excellent children at Pac Pines and they deserve to be rewarded for their efforts. I would like to thank Mrs Gooley for organising such a fantastic day. It went smoothly and I would like to congratulate our new school captains who I know will do a superb job in 2010. They are:

Boy School Captain	Lochlan
Girl School Captain	Chloe
Boy Vice Captain	Jon
Girl Vice Captain	Emma

Year 7 Graduation

Thanks to Mrs Cridland and the Year 7 team comprising of, Mr Slinger, Mr Kelly, Miss Ferguson, Mrs T, Mrs Groth, Miss Alexander and Mrs Richardson for the amazing effort that they put into the Year 7 Graduation on Tuesday night. It was a great success and I am sure that all parents and friends would agree that our Year 7 students did us proud. It was fantastic to see the DVD featuring from Preschool to Year 7 with our students. The main awards on the night went to:

Leadership	Erin
Citizenship	Marija
School Dux	Brooke and Joshua
Music	Breanna
LOTE	Kyle
Sportsman	Dakota and Brayden
Sportswoman	Kreyche

Thanks also to those staff including Mrs L who gave up their time to make this a memorable night.

Congratulations Emma and Demmi!

Emma and Demmi participated in the World Cup Cheer and Dance Asia Pacific Championships recently and achieved first, second and third places. Well done to both girls- stars of the future!



Demmi

2009

2009 has been another great year at Pacific Pines. We have achieved in many different areas throughout the school. We are coming to the end of our 8th year and say goodbye to those students who have completed all 8 years of their schooling at this school. What a special group! We are sending 170 Year 7 students onto their high schools next year with the majority of them attending Pacific Pines High School. May I congratulate all of my students at our wonderful school and wish you and your families all the best for a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I am looking forward to 2010 and all of the challenges and successes that it will bring- our new hall, the junior playground, the draft of the National Curriculum, preparing for our 10th birthday in 2011. Thank you to my staff, students and school community for making Pac Pines the best!

Regards

Kathy Edwards

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PAYMENTS BY EFT

Please note that payments by EFT must be made at least 3 days prior to the closing date of an excursion – to allow the transfer of the funds to the school account.

In 2010 if funds are not received in time and numbers have been finalised for an excursion/camp the funds will be credited to your students account for future excursions/camps.

Please remember the payment window is only open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Payments WILL NOT be processed on other days.

Eileen Dixon

Business Services Manager

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The final PPPS Music Concert for 2009 was held in the Community Centre last Wednesday night, 25 November.

It was a most enjoyable evening, with a wide variety of high quality music, both sung and played by students from our School.

The Junior, Senior, Boys and Advanced Choirs, Junior and Senior Strings, Junior and Senior Bands all participated. The Junior Strings singing and playing about Pac Pines was a particular highlight.

We thank Miss Warhurst, Miss BB, Miss Larmor, Mr Stewart, for their dedication, talents and ability which allowed us to produce the results enjoyed by a large gathering of parents, family, friends and fellow students.

Of course, the behaviour of all students was up to the usual very high standard maintained by PPPS.

PPPS Rocks!

Joshua 7F
Music Captain
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CONGRATULATIONS BROC!

On Wednesday the 11 November we left to go to Canberra. It took us 14 hours, we drove all night. We were going for the Australian titles this time for the short track race. Once we arrive at Canberra it was very hot and the flies were very bad. On the Saturday I came first in the very first race, second in the second race and unfortunately I had a bad start in the third race so I was last to the first corner. There were 12 riders in front of me and on the last lap I shot through to first place. I won 1st overall.

We headed home and got lost. We went over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and saw the Opera House eventually making our way home. We had a sleep on Monday and I was back at school on Tuesday.

Broc
Year 4



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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Please join the Phys Ed department and the rest of the teaching staff at Pacific Pines in congratulating Brayden from 7G who was recently selected in the Gold Coast Academy Level 1 Squad for AFL. Brayden's selection in this elite squad has come about due to his standout performances at AFL's Future Stars Program. This is an outstanding achievement given the array of sporting talent that was invited to participate in the Future Stars Program this year.

Brayden now has the opportunity to go on to participate in a series of training sessions and camps throughout 2010 to further develop his AFL skills and knowledge of the game, as well as player education and personal development sessions.

Well done, Brayden! This is a fantastic accomplishment and we wish you the very best in your future sporting endeavours.

Steve Newman
Physical Education Teacher

DO WE HAVE THE NEXT SOCCER ROO AT PACIFIC PINES?

Well it certainly looks that way. Dakota in Year 7 was recently part of the South Coast Soccer Team who won the State Title. Dakota was a star during the competition and scored 2 goals in the final! Due to Dakota's obvious talent he was chosen for the Queensland Team which played in Adelaide. The Queensland team was victorious at the National Titles with Dakota setting up numerous goals as well as being the leading goal scorer for Queensland. This is an amazing feat in its self but is even more amazing considering Dakota plays in the Mid Field not Striker! We are very proud of your efforts here at Pacific Pines.



GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

On the 12 November 16 brave girls from Pacific Pines participated in the first ever Gold Coast Region Primary Girls Tackle Rugby League Gala Day. Pacific Pines was one of seven teams competing in the competition. The girls got through their 3 pool games before advancing to the semi-final where they met the unbeaten Broadbeach team. The girls defeated Broadbeach 3 tries to 1 and then played the undefeated Worongary team in the final.

In a thrilling last game the scores were deadlocked at 3 tries each at fulltime. The game then went to golden point extra time with Worongary scoring a try in the last few seconds of the game. The girls from Pacific Pines can be very proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. Their behaviour, sportsmanship and effort was outstanding. Thanks to all the parents who came and supported the girls, I am sure you would have enjoyed the day as much as I did.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 11 November students from year 4-7 attended the Pacific Pines Swimming Carnival at Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre. The weather was perfect with a large number of students participating in the 25m and 50m events. For the first time in Pacific Pines history Hackett won with 1250 points, Norman 1092, Rafter 1022 and Freeman 979. Congratulations to the Age Champions for 2009:

9 YEAR BOY
ADAM
9 YEAR GIRL
KEYRA
10 YEAR BOY
KYLE
10 YEAR GIRL
KAITLYN
11 YEAR GIRL
EMILY
11 YEAR BOY
DEAN
12 YEAR GIRL
DANIELLE
12 YEAR BOY
DREW
13 YEAR GIRL
13 YEAR BOY
BRADLEY/YARRAN



Josh Turpin
Physical Education Teacher

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Uniform Shop will be open in January 2010 on the following days:

Monday 18th Jan, 2010
Tuesday 19th Jan, 2010
8.30am – 12.00noon

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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11/12/2009	Last day of Term 4
27/1/2010	First day of Term 1

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