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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Spring Carnival

Thank you to the many families who supported our Spring Carnival on October 31st. It was a great day thanks to the fantastic organisational skills of our P&C President Kristi Walsh and our Vice President Karina Braidotti. Also I would like to extend my thanks to Kristi and Karina's families especially their husbands who worked from 5.30am on the day until 7pm that night ensuring that the day was a great success for our students and their families. This does not take into account all the many hours spent organising the event. It makes me proud to see so many staff, parents and community rallying around to assist in preparing and helping on the day. We look like making around \$18,000 profit which is fantastic and will go towards ensuring our new hall will have the best facilities for our school. The hall meetings have gotten under way. I have chaired two so far and the graphics of the hall from the architects look amazing. It is scheduled to start in March 2010 and completion will be around the end of October 2010. It will incorporate meeting rooms, a computer lab, kitchen, toilets, storerooms, changing rooms, indoor sporting facilities, mobile stage and rain water tanks.

Junior Playground

The new and improved junior playground will commence shortly with completion expected for the start of the new year. The effects that have been planned are outstanding and will be a showcase for our school. I have assisted in the design of a desert theme on the eastern side of the Prep buildings and a tropical theme at the back of the Wattle building. There will be artificial grass, facilities to develop fruit and vegetable gardens, interactive environmental facilities, climbing apparatus and many more innovative designs. Lucky students!

Thank You Miss O and Mr Gall

I am constantly told what a great staff I have here at Pac Pines and just to give an example, I would like to acknowledge the time and effort that Miss O and Mr Gall gave to our mixed Touch Team who performed in Brisbane last Saturday and Sunday. As well as giving up their afternoons to train these 12 students, they also spent long hours looking after the team last weekend. Thanks to Mrs Gooley who went to support the teachers and students. Feedback has told me that we should be very proud of our students as they were a credit to our school and performed brilliantly in their game and sportsmanship. I thank them on behalf of our school.

I would also like to acknowledge the excellent organisation that Miss O and Mrs Taylor has done with Pac Pines Has Talent. What a fantastic experience for our students. The finals are on this week and the confidence shown by our students is amazing. Thanks also to the Student Council for all of their hard work in assisting the teachers in making sure that it all ran smoothly. You are a credit to our school.

Students Leaving the School

If your child is leaving the school at the end of this year please let the office know so we can arrange our staffing for 2010.

Booklists

I have just finalised the booklists for 2010 and you can expect to receive these next week. Please be aware that the school will not be handling them and that Kookaburra is the only company who we will be dealing with. Orders can be made online or offline. We prefer online if you have those facilities. All orders are to be home delivered and you will be able to give your address when you order. You can expect delivery just before January 16 2010. You still have the option to get these items yourself. All orders are to be in by Monday December 7th.

Enrolments for 2010

If you need to enrol your Prep child for next year please do so ASAP as time is running out and my diary is getting very crowded.

Regards

Kathy Edwards

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PAYMENT WINDOW HOURS

The window will only be open on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday (8:15-10:00am)** from now on. Payments can be made at any time (prior to cut off dates) by direct deposit into the school's account (please see our website www.pacificpinesss.eq.edu.au for bank account details). We also accept credit card payments over the phone or by filling in a credit card payment slip and dropping it into the box at the office for processing on the above days.

We encourage you to make payments by the above methods to avoid queuing at the window and our handling of bulk cash amounts.

PAYMENT BY EFT

If you pay by EFT please ensure the payment is made by the cut off date. Due to bank transfer times it can take several days for payments to show on our account. Recently we have received many payments after the cut off date and in the case of the swimming carnival after the event! Any late transfers received will stand as a credit on the student's account.

Eileen Dixon
Business Services Manager
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DENTAL NEWS

The dental van has started examinations on some grade 1 and some grade 7 classes. Our priority is to complete the grade 7 students before they leave therefore if your grade 1 student is not examined this year we will do them first up in term one 2010. We will be working our way through these grades this year however will be staying at PPSS in 2010 to offer treatment to the rest of the school. This week we are issuing consent/medical history forms to the Grade 5 and 2 classes. We ARE NOT examining these students this year but need them returned ASAP to ensure all paperwork is done so examinations can begin in the first week of next year. If your child is in grades 1, 2, 5 or 7 and you have not received a form please collect one from the office or directly from the dental van.

Dental Van Staff
0407 574 808

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BEN'S DINNER WITH GOLD COAST UNITED TEAM – 2009

A few weeks ago I was asked if I would like to attend a dinner on Thursday 29th October at the Radisson Resort Gold Coast. The Radisson was announcing that they had become a major sponsor for Gold Coast United. 12 kids from around the Gold Coast were invited to dinner with the members of the team and my name was put forward from the President at Pacific Pines Soccer Club.

We were given the opportunity to have a kick around with the boys and then enjoy a meal back at the Radisson. Jason Culina, Joel Porter, Scott Higgins and all of the team were there. I took my hat along to get all the players signatures. It was a great night which I will remember for the rest of my life.

Ben
Year 6



Jason Culina & Ben





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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday – Wednesday - Friday
8.00am to 11.00am

Prep Opening Morning

Friday 4th December, 2009
8.00am – 12.30pm

Please note the uniform shop will be open on the following days:

Monday 7th Dec 2009
Wednesday 9th Dec 2009
7.30am – 3.00pm

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

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

Patricia Girling
Uniform Shop Convenor
Phone 55025332
Fax 55025321

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

Healthy New Food

In keeping with our new healthy menu we have added the following items to the tuckshop:

Fruit Smoothies: (Banana, Strawberry and Mango) available for breakfast and can be ordered for first and second break – small \$1.00 large \$2.00

Fruit Kebabs: filled with yummy seasonal fruit - \$1.00 per kebab

Popcorn Trail Mix: bags filled with healthy popcorn, sultanas, apple and apricot - \$0.50 per bag

If you have not received the new menu please make sure you request one next time your child orders from the tuckshop

Volunteers Needed

Over the past few months the tuckshop has introduced a lot of food that is being made fresh on a daily basis, and as a result the tuckshop is now busier than ever.

We are asking for volunteers to come and donate their time for a couple of hours from 11.30am till 1.30pm to assist with cooking.

Please come and see Helen or Allison in the tuckshop if you are able to help.

Heating Food Bought From Home

Please remember when packing your child's lunch that the tuckshop CAN NOT reheat food that is bought from home due to food and safety regulations

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians, please remember to advise the school if your child is absent from school for three days or more. You can do this by using the student absence phone number. If notification is not received your child's absence is recorded as "unexplained". Letters requesting an explanation will be sent to parents/guardians when a child is absent for 3 days or more.

Student Absence Phone Number (24hrs) 5502 5360

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PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS ATTENDING PPSHS 2010

Year 7 Students attending Pacific Pines State High School in 2010 are invited to visit the uniform shop to purchase/lay-by uniforms. Opening hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30am-11:00am and Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

Helen Denman
Uniform Shop Convenor
Pacific Pines State High School
Ph: 5502 5150

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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2/12/09	Prep-Santa's Round the World Show
4/12/09	Prep 2010 Open Morning 9:30am-11:00am
7/12/09	Awards Ceremony – Pacific Pines Community Centre
8/12/09	Year 7 Graduation - Dreamworld
9/12/09	Year 7 Wet'n'Wild excursion

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES

<i>Year Level</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Excursion/Activity</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Payment Due by</i>
Selected	12/11/09	Girls Rugby League	\$10	2/11/09
4	23/11/09-4/12/09	Swimming Lessons	\$50	13/11/09
3	24/11/09	Aboriginal Art & Cultural Workshop	\$6.50	13/11/09
Prep	2/12/09	Santa's Round the World Show	\$6.00	20/11/09
1,2,3 reward students only	8/12/09	Reading Cinemas excursion	\$16.00	27/11/09
7	8/12/09	Graduation - Dreamworld	\$20.00	4/12/09
7	9/12/09	Wet'n'Wild Excursion	\$20.50	27/11/09
Term 4 Chess payments due now \$25				

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