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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

By now all Year 3, 5 and 7 students would have received their NAPLAN results from the tests that they did in May this year. I am very pleased with the improvements that my students achieved this year. There is a distinctive movement up in our results which now places us as one of the top achieving schools in the South Coast Region. This is due to the hard work and dedication of my staff in diagnosing previous results and addressing areas in their planning and teaching.

At present, my Year 2, 4 and 6 staff are working with school administrators to study this year's data, celebrate successes and address areas which can be further improved. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 staff will be also delving into the data to determine their teaching directions for the rest of this year.

LITERACY COACH

I would like to welcome our new Literacy Coach Mrs Louise Sherrington who will be working at our school fulltime for the next year. Louise will be working with our Year 2, 4 and 6 staff in the specific area of reading this term and will then work with Year 3, 5 and 7 staff Semester 1 in 2010. We are looking forward to having Louise's expertise in our school.

SPRING FAIR

Thanks to all those parents and staff who have volunteered to assist at our fair on Saturday October 31. It's going to be a great day and a handful of people have planned some fantastic activities for our community to enjoy. Come along and join in all the fun and support our school.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Our new Prep/Year 1 playground is well under way in planning. You can expect to see some action occurring in November and it should be completed before school resumes in January. It will be a great asset to our school.

CENTRELINK

The Australian Government Mobile Office will be visiting our community to provide information and assistance with Australian Government payments and services.

While their primary focus is to raise awareness of drought assistance for farmers and agriculture-related small businesses in rural and remote areas of Australia, they have recently expanded their services to include a broader range of payments and services for families, students and seniors.

The Mobile Servicing Unit is essentially a fully-functional mobile office, and is outfitted with next G technology satellite phones and internet connections, laptops and printers.

When travelling throughout Australia, they encourage farmers, irrigators, small businesses and the general public to visit them when they are in town to see how they may be able to help them. As part of their special visit to the Gold Coast region, they would like to invite our students to visit the Mobile Servicing Unit to learn about rural and remote regions of Australia.

They will be located in our area on:

Thursday, 19 November 2009 9am - 5pm
 Pacific Pines School Entry Road
 Santa Isobel Boulevard
 Pacific Pines

Kathy Edwards
Principal

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NATIONAL BANDANA DAY – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

The Student Council are once again taking part in National Bandana Day. Bandana Day helps us to raise money for CanTeen, an organisation that supports young people who have been diagnosed with cancer.

CanTeen helps these young people to find the kind of support they need. It is based on a peer-support system which helps young people living with cancer meet and interact with other young people living with cancer. Young people who have someone to talk to with a similar experience have less psychological distress as a result and are better able to cope with the uncertainties of their cancer diagnosis.

The Bandanas will be sold between Monday 26th October and Friday 30th October.

All Bandanas are \$3.00. They are available in a variety of colours and patterns and will be sold before school outside the office by the student council.

Please wear your Bandana on Friday 30th October.

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YEAR 7 GRADUATION

Each year we have a special Graduation Ceremony for our Year 7 students. This year, this event will be held on Tuesday 8th December at the Dreamworld Studios Amphitheatre followed by one hour of selected Dreamworld rides. Graduating students are free of charge with admission for all other guests being \$20.

Please note that younger brothers and sisters are not invited to this evening. It is for Graduates and adult family and friends only. This helps us to keep this night as a special night for the Year 7 students to share with their parents and adult family and friends. Complimentary tea, coffee and cake are provided on the night. Invitations will be sent home with students next week.

Leanne Cridland
Deputy Principal

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POSITION VACANT-TEACHER AIDE (SPECIAL ED. PROGRAM)

Applications are invited for the position of Teacher Aide (Special Ed. Program) at Pacific Pines Primary School (26.5 hrs per week.).

The position description and work profile are available from the administration office between 8am and 4pm. Alternatively they are available from the school's website www.pacificpinesss.eq.edu.au

All applications must address the key points of the position description and be forwarded to the Business Services Manager marked Private & Confidential. The closing date for receipt of applications is **4pm Monday 2 November.**

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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.

Eileen Dixon
Business Services Manager

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Please join the school in congratulating Aiden from 7A and Brayden from 7G. Both boys have been selected in the AFL Lions Future Stars program. This is a tremendous achievement considering the vast array of talent that trialled for the squad. Year 7 boys from all over the Gold Coast and Northern NSW, who had no or limited experience in AFL but had excelled in another sports, were given the opportunity to try out for the Lions Future Stars program. This is a unique opportunity for Aiden and Brayden to participate in a first class

sport and education experience facilitated by Brisbane Lions stars and AFL Queensland. The Phys Ed. Department at Pacific Pines will be keeping an eye on your sporting careers in the future. Well done Aiden and Bray!

Steve Newman
Physical Education

Veronica was a member of the U12 South Coast Girls Soccer Team. The Team finished second at the Queensland Championships with Veronica scoring 1 goal. Well done Veronica!



Our Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 11 November at the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre. See below for the program of events:

- 9.15AM YEAR 4-7 STUDENTS DEPART PACIFIC PINES FOR RUNAWAY BAY SWIM CTR
- 9.45AM CARNIVAL COMMENCES
- EVENTS 1-10 BOYS/GIRLS 25M FREESTYLE
- EVENTS 11-20 BOYS/GIRLS 50M FREESTYLE
- EVENTS 21-30 BOYS/GIRLS 25M BREASTROKE
- EVENTS 31-40 BOYS/GIRLS 50M BREASTROKE
- EVENTS 41-50 BOYS/GIRLS 25M BACKSTROKE
- EVENTS 51-60 BOYS/GIRLS 50M BACKSTROKE
- EVENTS 61-70 BOYS/GIRLS 25M BUTTERFLY
- EVENTS 71-80 BOYS/GIRLS 50M BUTTERFLY
- FREE SWIM
- EVENT 81 BOYS/GIRLS 8X50M RELAY
- 2.30PM YEAR 4-7 STUDENTS RETURN TO PACIFIC PINES.

* ALL STUDENTS IN 50M EVENTS WILL BE COMPETING FOR AGE CHAMPION AND HOUSE POINTS. 1st 15points, 2nd 10points, 3rd 5points

ALL STUDENTS IN 25M EVENTS WILL BE COMPETING FOR HOUSE POINTS ONLY. 1st 5 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 3 points.

*ALL STUDENTS COMPETING IN THE RELAY WILL COMPETE FOR HOUSE POINTS ONLY. NO RIBBONS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS IN THE RELAYS.

Josh Turpin
Physical Education Teacher

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BRIC-A-BRAC NEEDED

Don't forget to clean out your cupboards and bookshelves and send in any books or household goods you no longer need for the fete. No clothing thanks.

Please send BOOKS to 4F.

BRIC - A - BRAC to the Tuckshop.

Thanks
Leanne Faulkner

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YEAR 4 PARENTS – SOS!!!

We *desperately* need helpers for our Year 4 Bric-A- Brac and Book Stall at the fete. So far only two people have volunteered. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help for an hour or two. Remember, many hands make light work.

Thanks
Leanne Faulkner

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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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HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL 31 OCTOBER

Halloween Carnival 

11am-4pm Saturday 31st October 2009

Cakes

Lollies

Bric- a- Brac

Books

Dodgems

Giant Chairs

Giant Slide

Inflatable Worm

Merry- go- round

Animal Farm and more ...

Ride tickets

Pre-purchase your ride tickets for \$25 each
 \$20 each for 3 or more family members purchasing tickets
 Please note: Ticket prices on the day will be \$30
 Individual rides up to \$5 each
 Don't forget to ask your friends to come and join in the fun
 Ticket order forms are available from the Tuckshop or Office
 Please pay at the Tuckshop

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| 19 October | Student Free Day |
| 30 October | National Bandana Day |
| 31 October | School Fete |
| 11 November | 4-7 Swimming Carnival |
| 4 December | Prep 2010 Open Morning 9:30am-11:00am |
| 8 December | Year 7 Graduation - Dreamworld |

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES

| <i>Year Level</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Excursion/Activity</i> | <i>Cost</i> | <i>Payment Due by</i> |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 5/11/09 | Aboriginal Dancers | \$6.50 | 30/10/09 |
| 4-7 | 11/11/09 | Swimming Carnival | TBA | 6/11/09 |
| Selected | 12/11/09 | Girls Rugby League | \$10 | 2/11/09 |
| 4 | 23/11/09-4/12/09 | Swimming Lessons | \$50 | 6/11/09 |
| 3 | 24/11/09 | Aboriginal Art & Cultural Workshop | \$6 | 13/11/09 |
| Term 4 Chess payments due now \$25 | | | | |

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