

Term 4 | Week 8 | Friday 2 December 2022



A message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are in December and that I am writing the last newsletter of the year.

Over the next few weeks there are many exciting activities and celebrations planned for students and we look forward to having families onsite to share in many of these. If you haven't already purchased tickets for our Community Carols, I encourage you to do so – it promises to be a great night.

On Wednesday students had an absolute ball at the Year 6 Mini Fete, visiting the haunted house, having their faces decorated and participating in lucky dips, guessing competitions, goal kicking and doughnut eating competitions and a range of other great activities. Thank you to our Year 6 students and Mrs Bridgman for an amazing day.



Last Monday saw our last P&C meeting for the year and I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank our P&C for the tremendous job they do in coordinating activities and raising funds to support our school.

During this meeting we shared the school's new logo. This logo is the first step in the school's new uniform journey. I would like to reassure parents that this will be an extended process throughout 2023 with full

community consultation. It is anticipated that the new school uniform will be available from 2024 with a 3-year transition period.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their Principal Awards this week:

Harry S (KT) for his fantastic work in maths. Freddie and Joseph (5/6B) for being Ripper Readers.

Ethan M (4/5P) for his impressive perspective drawing, Gigi, Benji, Abigail and Duke (KT) for their fabulous writing about their train trip to the North Pole and Ella's work with time and clockfaces.

Mrs Lewis



Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Farewell	Monday 12 December
Presentation Day	Wednesday 14 December
Reports home	Thursday 15 December
Pretty Beach Community Carols	Thursday 15 December
Last day for students & Year 6 Tunnel	Friday 16 December

Award Recipients

Congratulations and well done to all our Merit Award nominees who received their award at our last assembly:

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KT	Archer, Thea, Taylor, Benji
K1G	Reuben, Fern, Goldie, Boh
12K	Taia, Benji, Fox, Ellie
34R	Anna, Keanu, Mae, Hattie
45P	Eben, Ethan, Violette, Maya



Congratulations and well done to all our Personal Best nominees who received their award at our last assembly:

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KT	Abigail, Gigi
K1G	Indigo, Huon
12K	Josie, Harry
34R	Sullivan, Georgette
45P	Jack, Zoe



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KT	Dom, Rose, Maisie, Havana
K1G	Cedar, George, Ella, Taj
12K	Dallas, Soul, Leo, Alfie, Charlie, Archie, Lenny
34R	Lola, Angus, Sullivan, Jack
45P	Jonah, Emily, Amelia, Ella

Personal Best Awards
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KT	Hudson
K1G	Mila, Max
12K	Jock, Jagger
34R	Luke, Euan
45P	Jamie, Hudson

Student Leavers

Any families or students who may not be returning to Pretty Beach PS in 2023, please contact the office to let us know, so that we can plan accordingly.

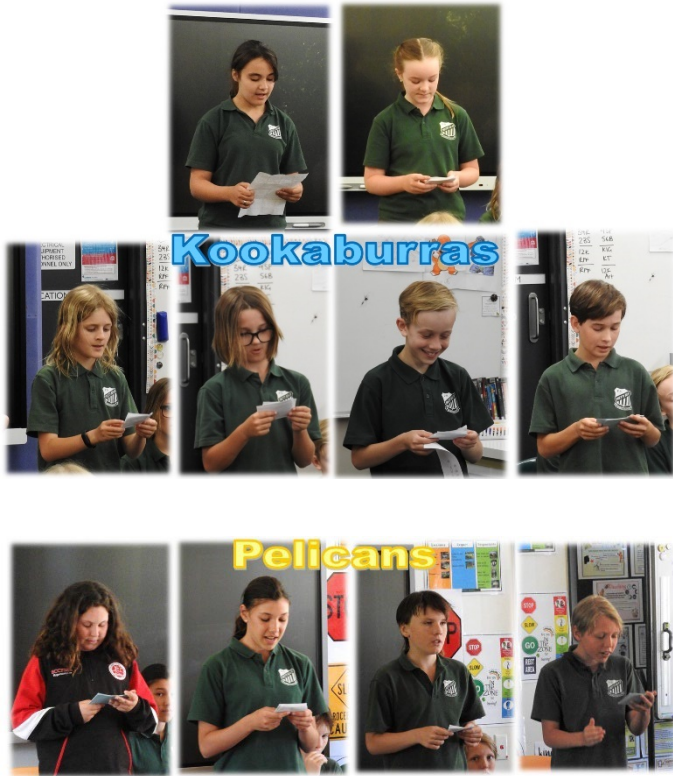
Thank you
PBPS Admin

School Book Pack orders 2023

Book pack orders for 2023 must be ordered online through Kookaburra, by **Monday 5 December 2022**. Instructions for ordering online are on the notice sent home and can be found on the school website.

School House Captain Elections

Congratulations and well done to all of our 2023 School House Captain Election Candidates. This year we heard from 10 fabulous school leaders determined to be elected as one of our 2 sport captain positions.



Stg2 Bouddi National Park Excursion

In our geography lessons, Years 3 and 4 have been learning about ways to protect our local environment. On Monday we were lucky enough to go on a field trip to Bouddi National Park.

When we arrived, we met our tour guides from Rumbalara Educational Centre. Students studied the footprints of a variety of animals and their scats (droppings). We then studied the map of Bouddi National Park, looked at the key features of a map and also practised using a compass for navigation.

After recess, we went on the coastal walk to Gerrin Point Lookout. Along the way we learned about native plants and how Aboriginal people use them for a variety of purposes. We observed the natural features of the environment and used watercolour pencils to draw our beautiful surroundings.

The highlight for many students on this trip were the animal sightings. We saw the expected birds and bugs, but there were other creatures that we were not expecting. A massive 2m python crossed our walking path and we carefully watched it slither away. Then, there were seals!

We saw three Australian fur seals swimming in the ocean - it was unreal! Our field trip was a great success. Thanks for a fantastic day out!



Strings Performance

Strings students summer concert 2022, Wagstaffe Hall

There is something immensely joyful about being part of any musical concert. It might be a marveling at how anyone can turn a few bits of strings on a piece of spruce and willow into 'Allegro Moderato, First movement' or 'Yellow' by Coldplay. Perhaps more so, when the lights are down and you get a non-interruptible few minutes to pause—that brings a melting away of "Do your cello or violin practice!" to a sense of gratitude from being part of a memory in the making for our students performing live.

Last night, about 25 parents and grandparents enjoyed some of these things as we listened to 14 songs performed by the Pretty Beach Strings Program—a big thanks to all our students for their efforts in 2022; **Artie Cox, Ella Gaia, Elliot Wyer, Elsie Gregerson, Ethan Guenther, Eve Shultz, Georgia Shultz, Georgia Ho, Jack Duffy, Leo Duffy and Amelie Mougalli.**

Thanks also to ex-Pretty Beach students—**Teddy Cox and Oscar, Alex and Harry Wyer**—for so generously sharing their time also playing a few songs. To **Marina Hopcroft**, violin teacher and **Lisa Munnukka**, piano accompanist, for their guidance and inspiration. To **all parents** for keeping the program going through their kids' involvement. To the **Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association** for providing such a wonderful venue at minimal cost. And to **the School** for being steadfast supporters.

In 2023, the strings program will expand to include around nine new recorder students, taught by professional musician **Jo Arnott** also from the Central Coast Conservatorium. Please contact Jem Cox, Strings and Recorder Coordinator, on jmcox7@bigpond.com if you would like your child to join the Strings and Recorder program.



Drama Performance

We were entertained with an end of year drama performance put on by our students who have been learning drama after school with Donna Cameron. Congratulations to Donna and these students on a wonderful performance



Chess Report

♟ On Thursday Axel, Ava, Sophia, Misha, Fletcher, Tom, Indy, Jake, Orlando and Max (that's me) competed in the Central Coast Schools Chess Tournament. We had an awesome day with many wins, several losses, a few draws and some stalemates. We learnt so much, had great fun and we supported each other throughout the day, watching each other play when we could and being encouraging.

Our team was competing for the first time and we managed to come in 5th which is quite an achievement against some extremely experienced school teams. We got the chance to watch the end of the Grandmasters game where the two top players competed in speed chess. It was an exciting atmosphere.

By Max



Library Books due back



PLEASE!

As we will be completing the library stocktake, we need to get all library books returned. If your child has any school library books at home, can they please be returned to the library. Just drop off in the returns box in the library any time.

Students are still able to [borrow eBooks](#). They do this through their student portal and the Oliver Library link. If they are not sure how to do this [follow these instructions](#). There are 2000 books students can read online however some are age restricted due to content.

Canteen

A reminder next week (9 December) will be the **last canteen day for the year**. The canteen will be closed the last day of term for end of year cleaning and stocktake.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen this year. I has been lovely getting to know you and I hope to see you once again next year.

Jan Tochowicz
Canteen manager



PCYC Umina Beach is running its first ever Drop to Shop!

Drop off your 3-10 year old's with us and we will provide dinner and entertainment so you can get that last minute Christmas Shopping completed, or even that wrapping without little eyes around.

Wednesday the 21st of December 5pm-8pm

\$30 per person Bookings are Essential

(Must be current PCYC Members)



LIFE CHANGING



Go4Fun is a FREE 10-week healthy wellbeing program for children aged 7 to 13 to enjoy along with their families. Please contact 1800 780 900 to see if you meet our criteria.

- Quality time with whole family
- Group activities and games
- Professional tailored advice about nutrition, mental health and healthy behaviours
- Make new friends, increase self esteem
- Rewards and prizes for the kids

Run by trained health and community professionals, it's a fun way for kids to build self-esteem and learn about eating well, staying active and living a healthy life.

Term 1 2023 programs will take place at:

Wyong Olympic Pool, Mondays 4:00–6:00pm, starting 30th January (Aboriginal Program for everyone run by Bungree)

Mingaletta, Umina Beach, Tuesdays 4:00–6:00pm, starting 31st January (Aboriginal Program for everyone run by Bungree)

The Entrance Ocean Baths, Wednesdays 4–6pm, starting 1st February

Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Thursdays 4–6pm, starting 2nd February

To register, visit go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900.

<https://go4fun.com.au/>

Avoca Beachside Markets

HEAZLETT PARK FORESHORE 9AM TO 2PM

Live Music
on the Fairplay Stage from 9am

2023 MARKET DATES

JAN 22 > FEB 26 > MAR 26
APR 23 > MAY 28 > JUNE 25
JULY 23 > AUG 27 > SEPT 24
OCT 22 > NOV 26
DEC 10 (Twilight)

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