Welcome back to the 2017 school year to all of our new and existing families. The students are all very settled and it has been a smooth start across all areas of the school. We currently have 499 students which is significantly higher than 2016, meaning we have more classes than last year. Classes will be finalised on Friday this week after the Day 8 process that occurs across all Education Queensland schools.

I would like to welcome new staff:-
- Megan Woodley – Prep/Year 1 Teaching/Learning Coordinator
- Tom Cocks – Year 6
- Krystle Devine – Year 1
- Lizzie Savill – Year 4
- Christine Atwood – Term 1 replacement for Sharon Ethell who is on long service leave

Communication between parents and school is valued and vital. Are you able to access all the communication methods we use?

- **Newsletter** – sent to your email fortnightly
  - Is your email address current?
  - (Look out for our new and improved online format in the coming weeks)

- **Facebook** – Have you liked our Palm Beach State School Facebook page?
  - We have found this highly effective!

- **Email** – In 2017 school notes will be both paper and emailed

- **Dojo** – Many of our class teachers communicate with parents using the Dojo app
  - (This will be explained at the Parent Information afternoons next Tuesday)

- **Paper notes** – Please check your child’s school bag regularly

- **Assembly** – Parents are welcome to attend Wednesday afternoon assembly from 2pm.
  - The junior assembly is each even week and the senior assembly each odd week.

We are also holding our Meet the Teacher and Classroom Information sessions next Tuesday afternoon. Teachers will be explaining classroom procedures and routines. (More information in this newsletter)

Uniforms

Thank you to all who have fully supported the new uniform and ensured their children began the year in this correct uniform, and subsequently the PBSS Dress Code. Our first whole school assembly was amazing to see with the students all proudly wearing it!
A reminder that black shoes are also part of this uniform policy and are to be worn with white socks. (Pictures of acceptable shoes are in this newsletter)

Thank you again to those of you who have fully supported our new uniform policy and dress code, ensuring we maintain our high standards and expectations as part of our culture of learning.

2017 SCHOOL LEADERS
Our 2017 school leaders Elena, Jacob, Kalani, Sullivan, Lilli and Alex, are setting the expected standards in every way, including the correct uniform! We wish them all the best on their 2017 leadership journey!

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to all of the families who have paid the full three parts of the school fees! The funds from these fees are directly spent on the students in this school year. Through your support we can ensure extra resources that contribute to the learning of our students.

We have already planned purchases of additional ICT devices through the One2One component of the school fees, Mathletics / Spelladrome and Reading Eggs are currently being rolled over and will be available in the next few weeks, and IF we receive the hoped for support through the parent voluntary contribution component of the school fees we will further support our general resources and plan for additional playground equipment and funds for other school improvement projects. I welcome any input you may have in this area or contact our P&C with your ideas.

Payment for school fees is due no later than February 27. We will be having a lucky draw on this date for three students who have had their school fees paid in full and their school account will be credited for future school events.
* PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE

Kind regards

Sandra Thompson
Principal

**Acceptable shoes**

**Unacceptable shoes**
Welcome Back
Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday. I would especially like to welcome the large number of new students who have joined the Palm Beach State School family, especially the new preppies! I’m sure you will find Palm Beach to be a great school.

Attendance
Over the last few years we have made some fantastic improvements in our overall attendance rate. Student attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring students have the best possible chance of achieving well at school. Good attendance is also directly related to wellbeing, with higher student attendance also associated with an improved ability to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Same Day Notification
This year all Queensland schools are required to implement a ‘same day’ notification to parents for students who are absent and no notification has been given to the school. This will be in the form of an SMS message.
If your child is unwell and does need to be away, it is imperative that the school is notified in the morning by one of the following methods;
coming into the office in person
phoning the office
calling absent phone line (55 208360).

School leaders
Congratulations to our new school leaders. I’m sure they will do a wonderful job in this important role. I look forward to working with all of you this year.
Shorty the families of our school leaders will be receiving an invitation to our BADGE CEREMONY which will take place at 9:30am on Friday 24 February.

Parent Information Session (Tuesday 7 February)
Shortly you will receive an invitation to come along next Tuesday afternoon for an information session with your child’s teacher. Developing productive partnerships between the home and the school plays an important part in achieving the best possible educational outcomes for your child. A productive partnership is enhanced through good communication and mutual support.
Times for these sessions are as follows:
The Yr. 4, 5, 6 session will run from 3:30PM-4:00PM.
The Yr. 2 & 3 session will run from 4:00PM-4:30PM.
The Prep & Yr. 1 & 1/2B session will run from 3:00PM-3:30PM.
This is a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and find out about aspects of your child’s schooling such as classroom routines and expectations, homework and the year ahead.

School Safety
A reminder for parents and students to please use the pathways around our school. Walking across the Townson Ave carpark is not permitted at any time for obvious safety reason. For the safety of everyone, please ensure you stay on the designated pathways and use the pedestrian gates.

As stated in the Parent and Student Information booklet, students riding to and from school must be wearing a helmet. This includes the riding of skateboards, scooters
and bicycles. We also ask that all adults also wear a helmet to provide a good role model for our students.
Parents are also asked not to park in the Staff carpark.
Finally please be aware that all playground equipment is out of bounds before and after school. This is also for safety reasons as there is no supervision by school staff.

**Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2017**

Our school has registered to be part of the 2017 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 17 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence. Look out for more information in coming newsletters.

Kind regards,
Ann Stewart

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**Bullying. No Way! apps**

Two apps are available from Bullying. No Way!

- **The Allen Adventure for children under 8 years of age**
- **Take a Stand Together for students 8 to 13 years of age**

**The Allen Adventure**

The Allen Adventure free app is a fun interactive story about Allen, a young visitor from another planet, who is new to school and learning how to get on with his Earthling classmates.

It is suitable for children from 3 to 8 years of age.

For Apple iOS devices: The Allen Adventure requires a minimum of iPad2 and iOS4.3, and to download the app you will need a wireless connection on your iPad or iTunes on your computer.

For Android devices: you will need Android 2.2 or later and a device with ARMv7 capabilities.

Read more in the **For Kids** section or go the app store to download.
The Take a Stand Together app allows students to keep tips and advice about bullying close to hand.

Avatar builder is suitable for students from 8 to 13 years of age. Students can make an avatar with a 'take a stand' message, send avatars to the Avatar wall or to friends, and watch interactive animations on bullying situations and choose different endings. For Apple iOS and Android devices.
Read more in the For Kids section or go the app store to download. https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/forkids/pages/default/aspx

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations to these students!
# Does Your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but……

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**Quality Behaviour ....**  
**Quality Teaching & learning.....**  
**Quality Relationships.....**  
**Quality Outcomes**

**At Palm Beach State School**  
**Every Child Matters, Everyday**

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!
Welcome to 2017 at Palm Beach!

To the many students, families and staff returning to Palm Beach this year, welcome back! We hope you each enjoyed a bit of well-earned time off with your families, and you’re off to a great start to 2017.

And to our new families, friends and staff members, welcome to Palm Beach State School! We hope you are settling in well in your new surroundings, and enjoying the best of what this beautiful part of the world has to offer.

First-day jitters

Last Monday morning was the start of my eighth year as a parent at Palm Beach SS and I truly enjoyed watching my son’s first-day jitters melt so quickly into quiet confidence and pure joy at being reunited with his friends. But as he ran off to play handball and completely forgot to say goodbye to me, I must say that I had a proud-mummy moment walking back to my car, thinking of the stark contrast to our first day at Palm Beach SS back in 2010.

Back then, I was dropping off a 6yr old daughter (not a 9yr old son who is about to turn 10), and I dropped her off to a double classroom with nearly 45 kids ranging from year 1 to year 3 (my son’s current class is a single classroom with roughly 25 kids, all of whom are in year 5).

Back then I was dropping off ‘the new kid,’ and it was the first day of Term 2 (last Monday was obviously the first day of Term 1, so everyone else had the same jitters).

My daughter back then had to change schools in the middle of her Prep year, skip the remaining six months of it, and move straight into year 1 due to the different starting age of schooling in Australia (my son enjoyed the luxury of a full year of Prep, and each subsequent year thereafter has also been at PBSS so last Monday felt very familiar to him).

Back then my daughter was in a new town that she’d only known less than a month, and she was in a foreign country where her mother drove down the wrong side of the road on the way to school that morning (whereas my son now walks to school each day and we live only a few blocks away).
And finally, my daughter back then had been thrown into a culture that felt very foreign to her, and where the other children said she “talked weird” (my son on the other hand has a thick Aussie accent, so you’d never think he was born anywhere but QLD, much less overseas).

Needless to say, that terrified little 6yr old girl back in 2010 followed me back to my car each and every morning after school drop-off with tears in her eyes, wanting desperately to get back in the car with me and go anywhere else but there. And while I know that my marching her back to the classroom every time felt to her like the ultimate betrayal, I’m pretty certain that if I’d given in, it would have dragged on and on for weeks and it would have made things even harder on her. As for myself, if leaving her there wasn’t the hardest thing I’d ever done as a mother (especially while I was 14,000km’s away from my own mother or even a good friend to talk me down from my tree), well then listening to the sound of my daughter alone in the safety of her bedroom each night, practicing an Australian accent so that she could more quickly lose the accent she had... the accent that I still have... well that experience certainly was.

So, to any parent who has a child suffering the new-school-year jitters, from whatever the cause may be, and however valid (or invalid) that cause may seem to those around you, Palm Beach State School is a safe and wonderful place for a child! I’d imagine it has always held within its gates a beautiful environment, which fosters growth and a love of learning. But for me, at least during the years that I’ve had children at this school, it has never appeared to be more ripe for learning than it is right now. So hang in there, it will get better! Because that same frightened child from seven years ago is today a confident young lady who enjoys dropping in occasionally while I pick up her younger brother, so that she can enjoy the nostalgia of her old stomping grounds, say hello to her favourite teachers from the past, and share with them her successes and excitement over her new life at high school. And those successes by the way, have a great deal to do with the talented educators, administrators, office staff, Tuckshop convenors, school groundsman, and even the school cleaners (yes, the cleaners) that helped shape her six years at PBSS. I often say there is much to be grateful for at Palm Beach, and I honestly couldn’t be more grateful to everyone who helped us both along the way.

So for those of you feeling anxious, ask a teacher or administrator for advice! Read the newsletter for interesting facts about developments in education and tips about how to help your child succeed at school! And most importantly, listen to their advice! I won’t say educators and school staff are perfect or that they’re always right because of course they’re not, they are human. But they are the professionals, and in light of the many hours, months and years that they’ve spent not only studying education and learning how to teach your child, but more importantly, in light of their time spent in command of a classroom full of children (some of them terrified), while also managing to somehow keep those children engaged and learning... well they might actually know a thing or two about children. And who knows? One of them might even see something in your child that you haven’t yet thought of.

Oh, and one more thing... drop in to the Tuckshop on your way back to your car for a coffee or tea, or even just a chat with another new parent if you’ve got the time. Friendship is good for the soul, and you’d be surprised by what you can learn from making a sandwich!

New Uniforms

Thank you to all of the parents who have updated your children’s uniforms and to all of the parent volunteers who were so generous with their time and energy over the last 24 months to aide in the transition to a new uniform at Palm Beach SS. It’s wonderful to see so many students taking pride in their school, and Palm Beach sure is looking sharp! Go Palmy!
Get involved, new members always welcome
We are very fortunate at Palm Beach to have a P&C Association, who in their goal to enrich the quality education of your child fosters first and foremost a spirit of cooperation. Through the operation of our school canteen, the school uniform shop, various fundraising events throughout the year and through the operation of our Farmer’s Shed (which sells second-hand goods to our community) our P&C raises valuable funding to help enrich the journey of learning at Palm Beach. And perhaps most importantly, we like to have fun while we work! To pitch in and share ideas, or to join in on the conversation to determine how these funds are spent at your child’s school, please join us at our next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 15 February at 5:30pm in the school library. Alternatively, please contact us anytime at pandc@palmbeacss.eq.edu.au.

Book Club
Issue 1 flyers were sent home this week with each student. Did you know you can order Book Club products through the Scholastic LOOP app? Download for FREE at the App Store or Google Play, follow the steps to register, place order and make secure payment – there’s no need to return the Order Form to school!

By purchasing books through Book Club the school receives 20% to spend on resources for the school! Please ensure you place your order by Tuesday 7th February.

Uniform Shop
Our Uniform shop is open each morning from 8:30 – 9:00am, or order at your convenience anytime through Flexischools and your order will be delivered to your child’s classroom the following school day.

Uniform pricing –
Jackets $50.00
Polos  $30.00
Shorts  $30.00
Skorts  $30.00
Hats   $15.00

If you’ve got just 30 minutes to spare in the mornings (8:30am-9:00am) we’d love to have some help in our uniform shop! Tasks are to serve parents and students who are purchasing uniforms and filling any online orders.
Volunteering looks great on a resume, and you’ll get to make new friends while you’re at it, so if you can help out we would love to hear from you! Please come and see Cheryle at the Tuckshop for more info.

**Tuckshop**
Our Tuckshop is open Monday – Friday for both first and second break.

To place orders and to see the healthy menu options that are available, please visit flexischools.com.au. We do have a small menu available for those orders that need to be placed on a brown paper bag; this can be done in the morning at the tuckshop window.

**How can I help?**
Not sure how you can help in Tuckshop? If you can make a sandwich then we need you! Volunteers prepare food (such as sandwiches), place orders in bags, put all the orders in class Tuckshop boxes and; if you can stay for first break; help serve children. We would love to hear from you, please come and see Cheryle at the Tuckshop.

**Short on time?**
Want to help out but don’t have time? Busy parents don’t forget that even if you can’t volunteer your time in Tuckshop or at fundraising events, you can still help out by buying a coffee at school drop off, or ordering a meal deal for your child on special days. Every little bit counts, and your contribution helps to ensure the survival of a quality Tuckshop at Palm Beach.

Kind Regards,
Nikki Robinson, on behalf of the PBSS P&C Executive Committee

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**BEACH BUZZ TUCKSHOP**

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**NUT AND EGG ALLERGIES**

Please be aware that we have children in school who have **severe** nut and egg allergies. If you could refrain from sending lunches that contain nuts or nut products (*Nutella, peanut butter and muesli bars*) and egg sandwiches, this would be greatly appreciated.

You don’t need to be concerned with products that state “may contain traces of nuts etc.”

It is only if the ingredients state that it does contain nuts/eggs. For any further information, please contact your child’s teacher.
Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Palm Beach State School
13-19 Nineteenth Avenue
on 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, 1st & 8th March at 8:45am – 10:45am

Learn:

✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:
• A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?
The course costs $7 for the work book
Register for this course contacting Admin at Palm Beach State School on 5520 8333

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Jan Talbot - Behavior Advisory Teacher.

For more information contact Admin on 5520 8333
• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop\textsuperscript{®} licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
Gold Coast SUNS Family Day

Come down and join the Gold Coast SUNS players to celebrate everything AFL

Where: Metricon Stadium, Nerang Broadbeach Rd Carrara

When: Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} February from 8am to 12:30pm

Cost: FREE

Your local Junior AFL club is Palm Beach Currumbin Lions JAFCA - sign up on the day or at

Salk Oval, Sarawak Avenue, Palm Beach on

Sunday 12\textsuperscript{th} February from 10:00am – 2:00pm

For more information on Palm Beach Currumbin JAFCA AFL Auskick or Junior AFL please contact:

Eunice on 0438172716 or at palmbeachjafc@hotmail.com

To register for Auskick please go to www.aflauskick.com.au
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TENNIS @ SCHOOL
7:40-8:40 am before school tennis $8 p/lesson. Contact Tennis on 11th on 07 5535 9615 or email bella.spring@tenniscentralgc.com to book.

SATURDAY BEACH MARKETS
@ PACIFIC SLSC
25TH FEB 8AM TILL 2PM
PRELOVED RACKS
LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS
LIVE MUSIC - FOOD STALLS
COFFEES & DRINKS
QLD 2016 ORIGIN JERSEY RAFFLE
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
GOOD FAMILY VIBES!

Support your local lifesavers at
DHL 2016 Australian Club of the Year Pacific SLSC
Pacific SLSC Summer Surf Girl Ashleigh Haines

Summer Surf Girl Queensland
SOUTH COAST NETBALL CLUB
COMPETITIONS 2017
WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITIONS

COMMENCING MARCH/APRIL
OPEN TO 5 YRS - ADULTS
BOYS ALSO WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN
TRAIN & PLAY* AT MALLAWA COURTS, PALM BEACH

REGISTRATION DAY
4th & 11th FEBRUARY

FUTURE TALENT PROGRAM AND COACHING MENTORS (INCL SPECIALIST COACHES) AS PART OF THE CLUB PROGRAM.
OPEN FOR INDIVIDUALS, EXISTING CLUBS OR SCHOOLS TO JOIN.

facebook.com/SouthCoastNA
www.southcoastnetball.org.au

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:
BELINDA WEBB,
PRESIDENT.SOUTHCOASTNETBALL@GMAIL.COM
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Jasmin Dorrington, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 5536 5613 / 0417 485 477
or jasmin.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across the Gold Coast South region including Coolangatta by The Smith Family.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
SEAHAWKS R.L.F.C REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 4th February 9am to 12pm

At Seahawks Clubhouse – Boyd Street, Tugun

Ages 4½ to 16½ years old

All new players welcome – please bring register

g birth certificate

Or sign up online at playnrl.com/register

For more information contact: seahawksjrl.reg@gmail.com or 0405 076 969

BIRTHDAY PARTY PAMPER PACKAGES

TINIES (5-6 YEARS) 1.5 HOURS
BRAIDS OR CURLS
FINGERNAILS PAINTED
BASIC MAKEUP
CRAFT ACTIVITY
PHOTO BOOTH
PARTY BAG FOR ALL GUESTS

$300 FOR UP TO 6 GUESTS

MINIS (7-10 YEARS) 2 HOURS
BRAIDS OR CURLS
HAIR CHALK
FINGERNAILS PAINTED
BASIC MAKEUP
FACE PAINTING
CRAFT ACTIVITY
PHOTO BOOTH
PARTY BAG FOR ALL GUESTS

$400 FOR UP TO 6 GUESTS

DELUXE (10+ YEARS) 2.5 HOURS
BRAIDS OR CURLS
HAIR CHALK
COLOURED HAIRSPRAY
JUNIOR MANI/PEDI
MAKEUP / FACE PAINTING
CRAFT ACTIVITY
PHOTO BOOTH
PARTY BAG FOR ALL GUESTS

$500 FOR UP TO 6 GUESTS

ADDITIONAL GUESTS $40 EACH | MAXIMUM OF 10 GUESTS PER PARTY | 50% DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON BOOKING | BYO CAKE OR CAN BE SUPPLIED AT EXTRA COST | CANCELLATION 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO PARTY DATE.