

May

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23 Year 7-12 Chris Hoare Cup

26 Last day Term 2



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The Department of Education has a paramount duty to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff in attendance at its schools.

This is a duty that the Department and I as Principal of Bulahdelah Central School take very seriously. You have a right to expect, when sending your children to school, that they will be safe.

We also have legal obligations under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 to eliminate or minimise risks to health and safety (so far as is reasonably practicable).

The Department already has a strict policy specifying no weapons being allowed at school. To date there has been a legal exemption for knives carried for religious purposes (including a kirpan carried by some Sikh students).

Following a recent incident, the Department has now implemented a temporary ban on students, staff and visitors carrying any form of knife into government schools (including those carried for religious purposes). This temporary ban is to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff at all of our schools.

The Department is currently working with a range of community stakeholders including religious organisations to develop a new policy to enable students, where appropriate, to continue to express their faith, while still maintaining safety within the school context.

From Wednesday, 19 May 2021, and until further notice, no students may carry a knife while at school, even those worn for genuine religious reasons. We request that parents and carers talk with their children to make sure they understand this change. Knives carried for religious purposes, including kirpans, will need to be kept at home for the foreseeable future.

We recognise this is a sensitive issue for many within the community and wish to assure you that the Department will be working urgently to find a solution which respects every student's faith alongside the safety of everyone in our school.

We ask all parents to support the school with these changes, parent information on knives in schools can be found on the No knives at school – parent factsheet. Parents may also find the information on the No knives at school – student factsheet useful in their discussions with their children.

If you have any questions in regards to this information please ring the school on 4997 4329 to make a time to discuss. *George Frangos*



The Minister for Mental Health, the Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC has contacted our office to advise Headspace National are hosting free mental health education sessions across identified regions in NSW, on ways to support young people when they are concerned about their mental health.

The session aims to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and the warning signs for suicide and self-harm
- Strengthen your understanding and skills in how to cope and where to find help
- Build awareness of local services and the various support services available
- Strengthen relationships between local area mental health services, local schools, Headspace centres and other community organisations

The sessions will be delivered by a webinar online. Please find below details of the NSW Parent and Carer Mental Health education online sessions being held in June.

[Taree, NSW Parent and Carer mental health education session Registration, Tue 01/06/2021 at 7:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

[Taree, NSW Parent and Carer mental health education session Registration, Mon 21/06/2021 at 12:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Tanya Thompson - Electorate Officer

No knives at school

Parent factsheet

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.

The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives and star knives are all prohibited.

Your child cannot bring any item to school that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old.

Telephone interpreter service

If you would like more information please call the school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist with your enquiry, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language.

Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.



No knives at school

Student factsheet

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school

It's against the law for students to have a knife in a public place or at school. NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia and you need to be aware of these laws.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

- You are not allowed to have any type of knife at school, including flick knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives or any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).
- Your Principal may call the police and you may be expelled or suspended from school immediately if you are found possessing or carrying a knife.
- You can now receive a fine of over \$2,000 or be sent to jail for many years for knife related offences.
- This may happen if you just have the knife at school in your bag or locker, and don't use the knife, or threaten anyone with it.
- You are not allowed to carry a knife, even if you believe it is for your own protection. If you feel intimidated, worried that someone will harm you or you're being bullied, talk to your school principal, counsellor or year advisor.

Keeping school safe

The police can search you in public places and at school if they suspect you possess a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

If police tell you they are going to search you because they suspect you of having a knife at school, you must comply.

- If you do not cooperate with the police, they can arrest and charge you.
- It is also illegal for anyone to sell you a knife if you are under 16 years old.

Tough penalties apply

There are very tough sentences for assaults or threats that involve a knife, for example, if you are in a fight and wound someone with a knife.

If you commit this sort of crime with other young people, the sentences are even tougher. In some cases, the jail term can be for 14 to 25 years. Your parents can also be charged if they know and allow you to carry a knife in public places or at school.

There is no good reason for you to ever bring a knife to school.

Further information for staff

For urgent assistance from police, fire or ambulance please **call 000** first.

Report all WHS incidents and injuries to the **Incident Report and Support Hotline** Free call **1800 811 523**. Operating hours 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

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Pathways to Post School Life

A session for young people in Years 10-12 and the people who support them

The NDIA would like to invite young people with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals, to attend a virtual information session.

This is a session about building skills and paving a pathway to post school life. We'll discuss a range of NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people build skills to prepare for their transition, and support them in achieving employment and other goals, post-school.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams. Registrations will close three business days before the event. If you would like to attend, please register via Eventbrite. Two business days prior to the event, login details (including the MS Teams link to join the session) will be sent from events@ndis.gov.au to the email address you provide at registration.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact events@ndis.gov.au. Please include the session name in the subject line.

Where: Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams

Dates & Times:

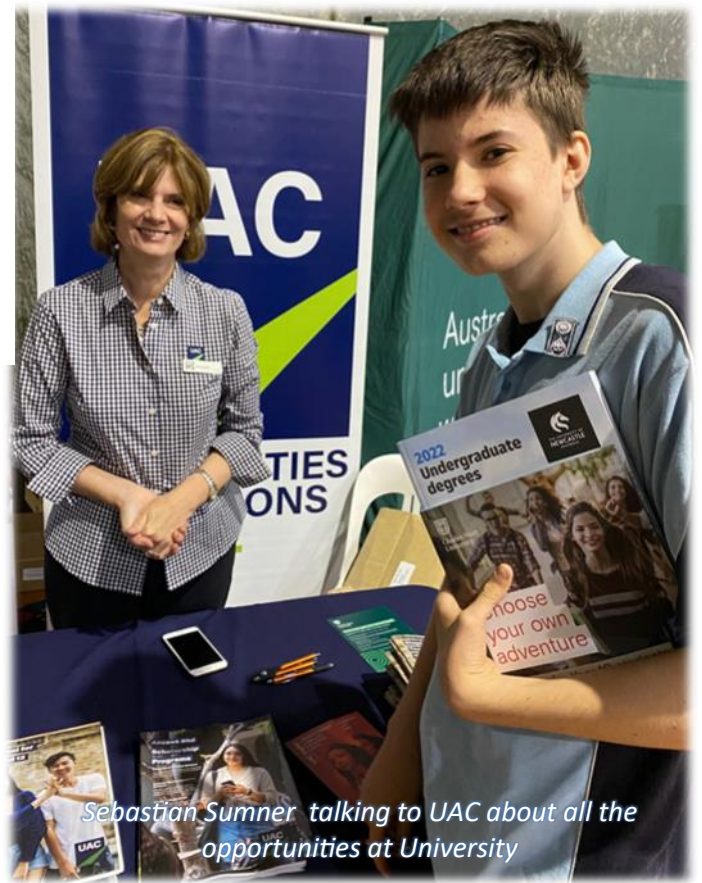
Thursday 3 June 2021 6.00pm – 7.30pm (AEST)

Wednesday 16 June 2021 3.30pm – 5.00pm (AEST)

RSVP: Please register via Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pathways-to-post-school-life-a-session-for-young-people-in-years-10-12-tickets-146694728883



Last week a group of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the Hunter Valley Careers Expo in Maitland. There were 200 exhibitors, including TAFE, Universities, private colleges, TOCAL Agricultural College and Hunter Trade School. There were also various employers and group training companies, and industry groups such as Westrac and the Master Builders Association. Some students took advantage of the opportunity to complete applications for apprenticeships and hand potential employers their resume, cover letter and references. *Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Adviser*



Sebastian Sumner talking to UAC about all the opportunities at University

Bringing services to your community

June 9 2021, 9:00am to 4:00pm

We're bringing NSW Government services to communities with our Mobile Service Centres

Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc to find out when we're next near you.

Next In town
 9th of June 2021 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Wade Park 67 Crawford Street Bulahdelah NSW 2423



Assessment Tasks Due		
Term 2	WEEK 6	WEEK 7
Year 9		History
SVC	Work Placement- Primary Industries Hospitality	Legal Studies Music

EVERY DAY MATTERS

SCHOOL+YOU = SUCCESS

Parents and carers play an important role in helping their children to make career choices. They are the greatest influence on their children's career choice. Making career choices may be challenging. The "world of work" is complex and careful investigation is needed so that careers can be properly planned.

The workplace children will enter may be very different from when their parents started working.

Some strategies to help your teenagers with their career choices:

Remain positive

No matter how complex and confusing the changes in employment and training may seem, the majority of school leavers now have access to a number of education and vocational pathway opportunities.

Try to avoid the "What are you going to do/be when you leave school?" Type questions. These questions are often very confronting. Instead take the opportunity to talk about career options whenever possible, for example when a news item appears on a current affairs program or when a University/TAFE Open Day is approaching.

Encourage your child to develop a positive self-esteem

Focus on their achievements – but not just at school. Acknowledge their efforts in all their activities – keeping their room tidy, participating in sport, community activities, setting goals and achieving them.

Show them you believe in them!

Allow for a change in direction

It is very unusual for a student to choose a career at a very early age and never waiver in their choice. Be prepared for changes in direction and encourage your teenager to continue to explore a variety of options.

Encourage them to learn from their mistakes

Even if you feel uncertain about their choice, remain positive as they make their first steps towards their career. It isn't the end of the world if they choose the wrong work experience or subject. Discovering that a previous career interest is not for them is a positive step in the decision making process as it gives them the time to re-assess their interests and to broaden their options.



Encourage them to find an industry contact

When a teenager begins to express an interest in a particular career, if it is possible, help them to establish links with someone in that field. This person can then provide a direct, first hand information link with that particular occupation or industry.

Networking

Students should be actively encouraged to develop an information network themselves. This network could well be friends, neighbours, part-time work employers, work experience employers and your family's builder/carpenter/plumber/accountant (depending on their career interests) and other contacts made by the student. The network serves two purposes – it allows students to gain realistic insight into their chosen career and it broadens their chances of finding jobs as a large number of vacancies are only advertised by word-of-mouth.

Share your experiences

Talk to your teenagers about your own experiences of work and study and your reasons for making particular career decisions. Discuss the problems you have faced and how you dealt with them. Speak openly of the positive and negative aspects of the jobs you have done.



**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:**

Community Spirit - Supportive and Strong

A very big thank you to the Bulahdelah Soccer Club – Rhys Dawes and the committee, who have donated brand new soccer shirts, shorts and socks to our school. It certainly shows the strength of community spirit within Bulahdelah. Our students and teachers were extremely excited to receive this wonderful donation, which will make us look professional and encourage our sense of belonging. Students stated they can't wait to don the uniform and represent our school and wider community in the next PSSA (Primary School Sports Association) soccer match or other sporting events.



We truly appreciate your support of our students and school! Thank you!

Primary Assemblies

As you are aware, our restrictions still state that we have to have visiting parents continue to abide by the one and a half metre squared ruling, and we appreciate your understanding with this matter.

Our next Primary assembly will be held Friday, 28 May at 12 noon in the school hall. The presenting class will be Year 2 - Sofie Dorney.

Please remember that you need to book your seat/s prior to you attending, as seating is limited. The close of bookings is 3:00pm on the Thursday, 27 May. As the saying goes, 'first in best dressed'. A little rumour has it, that there will be some interesting items presented.

Multi-purpose Permission Notes

Last week another copy of our multi-purpose note for students was sent home to those students who have not returned their note.

This note allows students to attend:

- short walking excursions around the school and the neighbourhood,
- watch appropriate educational PG movies associated with their learning,
- participate in research activities such as surveys and observation by university students and research observers.

Without this note returned, students will be unable to participate in these activities.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy)

Students in Years 3, 5 and 9 have been participating in NAPLAN over the past two weeks. Like the Check-In Assessments, the students participated in writing, reading and mathematic assessments. The results from NAPLAN will be available sometime next term. Thank you to Rod Pye and Kim Rigley for organising and overseeing these assessments.

Where Would We Be Without Measurement?

One area, our check-in assessments (Years 4, 6 and 8) identified as being slightly weak across the board was in measurement.

We use measurement in many different ways and in many different everyday activities.

In cooking we measure ingredients, building work that requires precise measurement and even filling the car with fuel requires measurement. It is all around us, EVERYWHERE! Just by drawing your child's attention to your own use of measurements you are helping them to absorb the concepts that they need.

What can you do to help build these skills further at home?

- Involve your child with measurement when cooking, building and sewing.
- Read and interpret timetables.
- Estimate how long it will take to play a game of dominoes or cards.
- Use a family calendar to record special events and ask questions like, "how many weeks until school holidays?"
- Give your child a tape measure and let them experiment with it
- Discuss sporting results (A great one for the upcoming Olympics) such a swimming and running times, and long and high jump distances.
- When wrapping presents talk about the size of the paper or gift bag and if it will be long enough or wide enough.

Who knows the list of activities involving measurement is definitely immeasurable. *Debbie Booth*



PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES

TERM 2

Friday @ 12:00pm

Week 6: 28 May Year 2

Week 9: 18 June Year 3/4



If you have any preloved Primary School Uniforms (dresses, polo shirts, shorts, etc) we would appreciate it if you could donate them to the school clothing pool.

Please drop them into the main office.

Term 2 Canteen Meal Deal



Week 6

Vege Lasagne

\$4.50



Week 7

Hot Roast & Gravy Roll \$4.50

Please order by 9:00am





The Library staff would like to thank the Bulahdelah School community for its generous support of our 2021 Book Fair. This year's theme was 'The Enchanted Forest'.

It was fantastic to see so many students, parents, grandparents, staff and community members take time out of their day to purchase a book. It was a delight to see our students eager to buy books and be excited about reading. If we can foster a love of reading in our children and students, we will be giving them skills they can use for life. One of our favourite things about Book Fair is seeing excited faces wanting to tell us about the chapter they have just finished and the adventures they have been on while reading their books.

Our small community purchased

\$5114

worth of books which was an amazing result. From this our school will receive **\$930** for hosting the book fair. This money will be used to purchase resources for our students. *Jody Mostyn - Librarian*

“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss





At Pacific Palms Public School

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Open to all children age 5 - 16 years

Saturday 5th June ~ 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 6th June ~ 10am - 4pm

DOWNLOAD ARTIST ENTRY FORMS
AT PACIFIC PALMS ARTS INC WEBSITE

www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au/youth-art

Awards will be presented on Saturday 5th June at 2.30pm

Enquiries email: palmsartfestival@gmail.com
or contact Cath 0434 678 381

Exhibition Entry \$2 adult
children free

Official Opening of the Youth Art Exhibition and Presentation of Youth Art Awards

Saturday, 5 June 2.30pm

Opening Night for the main (adult) exhibition

Friday, 11 June 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Pre-purchased tickets \$45 per person
Tickets include a light supper & drinks.

Prize winners will be announced on the night - this year's Judge for the main exhibition to be announced. Due to Covid Restrictions tickets are limited and available to purchase ONLINE ONLY at: www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au

The Opening Night will be held in the school hall at Pacific Palms Public School, 91 Boomerang Drive, Pacific Palms.

Exhibitions

The Youth Art exhibition (artists 5 to 16yrs) will be open to the public on:

Saturday, 5 June – 2:00pm to 4:00pm
(includes awards at 2.30pm)

Sunday, 6 June – 10:00am to 4:00pm

The main Exhibition & Sale (artists 17yrs plus) will be open to the public on the June long weekend:

Saturday, 12 June 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday, 13 June 10:00am to 4:00pm

Entry to exhibitions:

Adults - \$2

Children – Free

Age Categories

Infants: 5/6/7/8 years

Primary: 9/10/11/12 years

High School: 13/14/15/16 years

Sections

- 1 Oil or Acrylic - on board or canvas
- 2 Watercolour/Pastels
- 3 Mixed medium
- 4 Photography
- 5 Pen/Pencil/Ink
- 6 Aboriginal Art*

*We invite all children to have a go at Aboriginal style painting and we would like to particularly encourage those children of Aboriginal descent to participate in this year's Youth Art Exhibition.

People's Choice Award

Open to ALL work on exhibition and as chosen by the public – to be announced on Monday, 7 June 2021.

The Youth Art Exhibition will be judged with prizes awarded to the Overall Winner, 1st and 2nd Placings and the People's Choice Winner. Major Prize - for the overall winner to showcase on the #onesquaregallery, Blueys Beach Outdoor Street Art in the Pacific Palms shopping village courtesy of #onesquare gallery.

Conditions of entry

1 All entry forms must be submitted with entry fees to Pacific Palms Public School no later than **Friday, 28 May 2021**, or posted to:

Pacific Palms Art Festival

PO Box 152

Pacific Palms NSW 2428.

If you wish artwork can be left at the school office with the entry form and entry fee.

2 Entries must be a current original work of the exhibitor.

3 All Artists must be 5 – 16 years to enter.

4 Identification tags (supplied) are to be placed on the back of the artwork.

5 Entries must be framed (where necessary - see 'Size of Artworks') with secure hooks and tight wire/string attached ready for hanging. Any work mounted on thin cardboard will NOT be hung.

6 Delivery of exhibits: Final date for delivery to Pacific Palms Public School by 2pm Wednesday 2nd June 2021. Any artwork delivered late will not be included in the exhibition as works will need to be hung for judging.

7 All artworks will be on display:
Saturday, 5 June – 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Awards will be announced at 2.30pm

Sunday, 6 June – 10am to 4pm

8 All winning and highly commended artworks will also be on display at the main Exhibition and Sale on the June Long Weekend.

9 The organisers will endeavour to hang all artworks, however, works not conforming to the entry conditions will not be included in the judging.

10 Wet works will not be hung.

Size of Artworks

Artworks on Paper:

A3 size or smaller (including frame) – any medium – ready to hang with wire/string securely attached.

Artworks on Canvas:

50x60cm stretched canvas or board, or smaller – any medium – ready to hang with wire/string securely attached.

Photographs:

A3 or smaller (including frame) ready to hang with wire/string securely attached. NB: Please ensure that any A3 Frames have a narrow outer frame, so as not to exceed the size criteria. An A4 artwork framed in an A3 frame will allow for a border within the frame, however, if framing an A3 artwork in an A3 frame it will have NO border (see back of entry form for visual explanation).

High School artists (Ages 13, 14, 15, 16) may exhibit any artwork done at school no matter the size. Please ensure that your artwork is able to be hung with secure hooks and wire/string securely attached. Additional Art Festival entry forms, brochures and

identification tags for both the main exhibition and the Youth Art exhibition can be downloaded from the Pacific Palms Arts Inc. website: www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au

Please go to our website and follow Pacific Palms Arts Inc. on Facebook for up-to-date information and last minute changes due to COVID restrictions or adverse weather conditions.

Correspondence

All correspondence and entry fees are to be sent to:
Pacific Palms Art Festival Committee
PO Box 152
PACIFIC PALMS NSW 2428
or
Pacific Palms Public School
91 Boomerang Drive
PACIFIC PALMS NSW 2428
For all Enquiries:
Email: palmsartfestival@gmail.com
Tel: Cath 0434 678 381

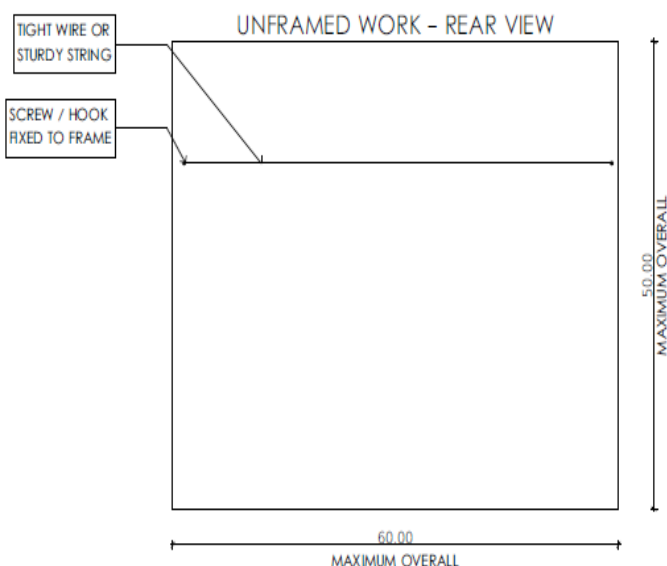
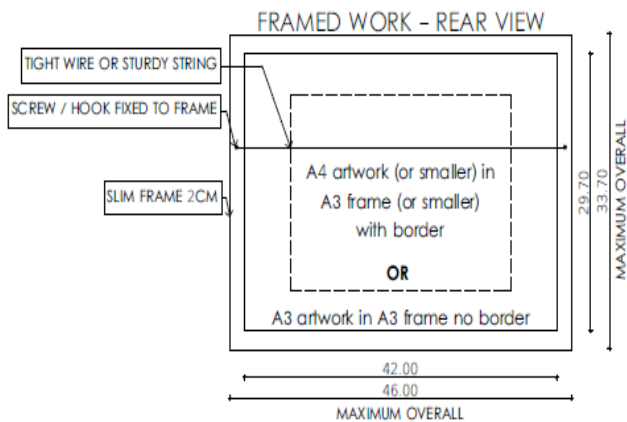
Please Note:

To assist with Awards and Prizes there is an entry fee of \$2 per artwork with the limit of 3 entries.

Collection of Artworks

Paintings (except winning artworks) must be collected from Pacific Palms Public School hall on Monday, 7 June between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

All Winning & Highly Commended artworks can be collected on Monday, 14 June between 10:00am and 12:00 noon – they will be displayed at the main Exhibition & Sale on the June Long Weekend. By arrangement, paintings can also be returned to the school of origin after the exhibition.



2021 Pacific Palms Art Festival

OFFICIAL YOUTH ART ENTRY FORM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENT
MONEY RAISED BENEFITS THE STUDENTS OF PACIFIC PALMS PUBLIC SCHOOL

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

FRIDAY 28th MAY 2021

ARTWORK to be at Pacific Palms Public School no later than **2pm Wednesday 2nd June 2021**

ARTWORK can be left at the school office with the entry form and entry fees.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURN TO:

Pacific Palms Public School, 91 Boomerang Drive, PACIFIC PALMS NSW 2428

Or email to: palmsartfestival@gmail.com

ARTIST DETAILS	
Surname:	First Name:
Street:	Town:
School:	Tel Contact:
Age:	Date of Birth:

Entry Fee: \$2 per painting/photograph

Three (3) entries only per artist

Title	Section	Medium

I agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry as set out in the Youth Art Brochure.

Signature: _____ (Artist/Parent/Guardian)



 **BULAHDELAH**
Central School
Strive to Achieve

Thursday, 17 June
K-12 School Photos

P&C Meetings: Wednesday, 21 July
Next Newsletters for Term 2: 7, 21 June
End of Term 2: 25 June

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www.bulahdelah-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
Ph: 4997 4329

Participation. *We promote participation & school spirit in an environment that values the participation of students, staff & the wider community.
Are you actively involved in the life of the school?*

