6 March 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parent/Carer

HELP FOR JAKE

Jake is a Year Seven student at Park Lake State School who is battling an extremely rare skin disorder called Pityriasis Rubra Pilaris (PRP). Jake’s skin is constantly red and sheds/flakes at a horrific rate requiring constant applications of creams. The thickening of the skin causes it to harden and, at worse, will crack, especially on the feet. Jake struggles with the daily basics like opening doors and getting dressed, general mobility can be a challenge. Since PRP is so rare there is no known cure, cure or treatment. Jake was once an active playful child, now his days consist of staying indoors because he is extremely sun and heat sensitive.

This year Jake’s family are fundraising to take Jake to Avene in France to the hydrotherapy centre for medical treatment as they have exhausted all medical avenues here in Australia. This is Jake’s last hope of recovery and to live a normal future.

In order to support Jake we will be holding a free dress day on Thursday 3 April. We ask that any student coming in free dress bring a gold coin donation to support Jake’s family in raising the funds to take him to Avene, of course you can always donate more than a gold coin if you would like to. Just so you know, Jake’s favourite colour is yellow so if your child would like to wear something yellow then that would be an extra bonus!

Jake has always been a fantastic member of our school family, but to see the resilience and amazing attitude that this little boy has is truly inspiring, he is in pain all of the time and yet you will never hear him complain or feel sorry for himself. He always has a smile on his face and good things to share about himself and how he is going. Please support this fundraiser in any way you can.

We appreciate your support for this worthy cause and I know that Jake’s family really appreciate the support of the Park Lake Family.

As I move around our school and visit classrooms it is a great pleasure to be greeted so warmly by our students. Our school has an amazing group of students who continue to develop their skills as citizens. There is so much focus in our world on being academically successful that sometimes there is not enough focus on becoming a decent human being. In no way am I saying that it isn’t important to strive for academic success, it most certainly is, I believe that it needs to be balanced with a range of other things in life like being involved in sport, performing arts, as a part of the community and just learning how to react to other people and how to treat each other with respect and to understand that we are all different. At Park Lake I feel that we are developing those skills in our students through our programs and the support that you give your children at home. Of course children will make mistakes, however if we can continue to work together our students will grow to become positive and successful members of our community. Thank you to our families for the great start you give your children before they even come to school.

You may have noticed that we now have a set of AFL goal posts on our oval. This has come about through an eighteen month negotiation between the Gold Coast City Council and our school to provide an opportunity for a shared facility arrangement with the local AFL Club located at the oval across from our school. The GCCC have provided the posts and will include our school oval as a part of their annual maintenance program, which includes soil testing, coring and top dressing the oval annually. On our part we will be providing access to the school oval for the Junior AFL from the local club to train after school and to hold junior matches on a Saturday. This is a fantastic use of our facility in a shared arrangement and I am looking forward to working with the local AFL Club and the GCCC during the year.

Thank you to those families that contributed ideas for the use of our Great Results Guarantee funding. Our plan was submitted last Friday and we are awaiting final approval. Once approved the Guarantee will be published on our website for you to read. The basics of our Guarantee will be to focus on reading in Years 1 and 2 supported by a reading coach and two teacher aides, an oral language program for our Prep students supported by an oral language teacher and we are trying to co-ordinate a Pre-Prep program to engage families prior to children starting at Park Lake in the benefits of reading with their children and ideas on what to do when sharing literature with their children. I am excited about the opportunities that exist through this funding
and look forward to sharing the success of our students with you as the year goes along.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards
Craig Larden
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS P – 2

Hello Everyone

Term one is now well under way and students have settled into their new learning environments. Our students are to be commended on their positive beginning. It has been very hot yet wet over the past weeks however persistence has prevailed and they are to be congratulated on remaining focused on their job of learning. Well done.

We are now into Week 6 and half way through the term. Students should certainly be familiar with their weekly timetable and differing expectations that the range of curriculum areas hold. Home Reading for Years P-2 students should be under way for the majority of our students which should be supported by their high frequency words list. It is an expectation that these students learn their words and read their reader each night, to reinforce the reading strategies and skills that are being covered in class. Please support your child by encouraging them to read nightly. It is our area of focus and if at home you have time for nothing else, select this as the priority.

With relation to communicating with your child’s new classroom teacher please respect that they are very busy people, especially in the morning prior to the commencement of the day. Appointments are preferred if you require a lengthy conversation however if it is just a quick chat please do this between 8:30 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. as when the class commences at 8:45 a.m. teachers need to commence teaching. Once this bell sounds, teachers are expected to have their full attention on the students seated in front of them. Thank you in advance for your support with regards to this matter. It is vital that your child is at school on time as this can have a significant impact on the remainder of the day if they miss the beginning of the day.

Our Active School Travel program will be launched in week 9 at our school. It is an initiative which encourages our families to ride, walk, skate, scoot or car pool to school thus minimising traffic in our school car park and surrounding roads and decreasing the pollution that cars create. Any student who actively travels to school on our very first Walking, Wheeling Wednesday, which will be on Wednesday 26th March, will receive a breakfast juice, courtesy of the Gold Coast City Council who sponsors the program. Each student will record their efforts using a personal passport, gaining incentives along the way. Please support this program and discuss the benefits with your child, as we endeavour to educate our students about being healthy, active, safe and taking care of our environment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the importance of talking to your children about stranger danger. Children need to be aware of the strategies and processes in dealing with a situation should it arise. Keeping students safe on the way to and from school is always an issue that is challenging. It is our role to educate them to become confident students who have thought about how they can react to a situation. We encourage students to travel home with a group or at least one other person, identify along the route home places where assistance could be sort should the need arise and always report incidents with as much detail as possible. Attracting attention of bystanders, keeping visible at all times and sticking to the preferred route that has been identified by parents are also just some of the messages we need to keep reminding our students of. This is not to alarm students but constant reminders and discussions in the home and at school keep children focused on safety. Thanks for your continued support in this area.

Cyber-Bullying is of increasing concern not only in schools but for parents of students in this digital world. We endeavour to make sure we are teaching our children how to be safe and to recognise that the digital footprint that we leave is one that we can be proud of. We try to ensure that all students are aware of the dangers and repercussions that their interactions with the digital environment have, not only to themselves but also to others. When it is used wisely it is an exceptional tool for students, both in their social interactions and to enhance their learning. We are asking parents to communicate this to students at home and carefully monitor their online access.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the great work that our awesome staff, have put into the commencement of the year. As I visit each team I am very proud of the way the students are conducting themselves, the level of engagement that currently exists and the smooth transitions that are taking place. Well done, thank you, keep up the awesome job. It is comforting to know that I am a member of this wonderful team.

As we set forth on the fortnight ahead, remember that open communication is the key to success. Please talk to your child’s teacher and educate yourselves about their world here at PLSS.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead, with the little ‘light bulb’ moments that occur within your child’s development and learning. Take care…

Yours in Education
Mrs Kris Lennox
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS MIDDLE PHASE

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are already over halfway through the first term of the year.

Over the last fortnight, we have had many new families join us here at Park Lake. If you notice a new family in your child’s class, please introduce yourself to them and give them a warm welcome to our community.

By now, all of our students have completed standardised assessments in Reading and Mathematics. Our teachers have
been busy looking at this data and making decisions about how best to personalise the learning for students in their classrooms.

Our support programs have kick-started in response to student data. Our learning support team involves our Support Teacher – Literacy and Numeracy, Sandi Dale, who is also supported by aides. Sandi has been doing a magnificent job in writing programs to support students in Year 1, 3, 5, 7 this semester. In Semester 2, Sandi will be supporting students in year Prep, 2, 4 and 6. In addition to this, Sandi is also responsible for supporting our Gifted and Talented students here at Park Lake. These students will be offered some different opportunities as the year progresses.

Two weeks ago, Sandi ran a Parent Ready Reader program at this school. This workshop was well attended by parents and is something that we would like to grow at the school if there is interest. There are many great programs that we run here at Park Lake that some parents may like to further their understanding of. In this way, home and school can work together in order to get the very best outcomes for our children. Some examples of such programs may be: Words Their Way (our spelling program), Smart Maths (our Maths mentals program), You Can Do it (our social/emotional skills program), Daily 5 and CAFE reading program and oral language. If you are interested in me exploring the opportunity to run such workshops at school, can you please email me ( btong3@eq.edu.au ) which workshop you would be interested in so that it can be organised. I would envisage that we would spread these out across the year.

It is great to see that all of our extra curricular programs are now up and running. Our children are enjoying running club, choir and gardening club, just to name a few. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our fabulous staff for running these extra curricular activities in their spare time. These staff give up their mornings, lunch hour or afternoons to share something they are passionate about with our students. It is great for our children to see that everyone has strengths in different “SMARTS” areas. If you see a staff member who is going above and beyond for your child, don’t forget to show your appreciation. It will make their day!

Have a fantastic fortnight,

Barb Tong
Deputy Principal

P&C CORNER

We have a very busy fortnight coming up for the P&C Association in preparation for our Annual General Meeting which is due to be held Tuesday 18th March, 2014.

So what happens at our AGM?

Firstly, all details for our 2013 year will be presented outlining our financial position and goals we achieved for the previous year.

P&C Memberships

All P&C memberships will need to be renewed at this time. So if you have been a member in the past and wish to continue your membership you will need to submit your Application to Renew Membership. If you are new to the P&C and would like to become a member you can also submit your application at this time.

NOTE: The AGM is the only time that a person applying for membership, need not be present at the meeting, to have their application considered.

If you were to apply for membership at a general meeting you will need to be present at the meeting for your application to be considered and would not have voting rights until the next meeting.

Election of 2014 Executive Committee

At our AGM all positions on the Executive Committee will be made vacant and we will be electing the Executive Committee for 2014. The Executive committee includes President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. An outline of these roles is listed below;

- The President provides leadership and is the accountable officer of the Association. Their role is to act as a representative of the Association, encourage communication between the Association, School administration and the community and encourage participation in the Association. The President will be the Chair of meetings and conduct them in an efficient and timely fashion, being familiar with the rules, constitution and other documents governing Association operations.

- The Vice-President provides essential support for the President and possibly other members of the Executive Committee. They will Chair those meetings from which the President is absent and carry out any duties that have been delegated by the President. They should also be familiar with the rules, constitution and other documents governing Association operations.

- The Secretary collates the agenda papers for each meeting and assists the President in preparing an agenda for each meeting. They prepare and present minutes of the Association’s meetings, record and deal with correspondence in/out as directed and generally organise, record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the Association.

- The Treasurer has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the Association. In their role they must comply with the Accounting Manual for P&C Associations in all respects. They prepare an annual budget and Annual Operational Plan for the Association in consultation with the Association’s Executive Committee. It is the Treasurer’s responsibility to keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure.

So who can be a member/executive committee member?

To become a member/executive committee member you must be;

a) a parent of a child/student attending the School
b) staff member of the School, or
c) an adult who is interested in the school’s welfare
Our P&C Association has a diverse group of members, including parents who work full time, part-time, casual, are self employed and those who provide full time care of their children. We have married parents, single parents, guardians and grandparents. Please remember coming along to a meeting or even joining the P&C doesn’t mean you have to dedicate hours of your time, or even attend every meeting. Being a part of the P&C is a very rewarding experience. It’s about people offering their ideas and perspective on how we can improve our school and the education of our students. The more people involved, the more successful we can be.

I sincerely hope you will consider joining the Park Lake SS P&C Association in 2014 and look forward to seeing you at our AGM or at future meetings.

To all committee members for 2013, I would like to say a very big THANK YOU for your support during the past year. I look forward to seeing the P&C Association prosper in 2014!

Lorrie Watts
Outgoing president for 2013

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EVENING MEETING – AGM
Tuesday 18th March, 2014 – 6.30pm
(In the staff room – next to the library)

Our next day meeting will be held next term in Week 4

MORNING MEETING
Tuesday, 13th May, 2014 – 9.00am
(In the staff room – next to the library)

UNIFORM SHOP
Have you noticed a change in our Polo Shirts?
We would love to hear your feedback so please feel free to pop in for a chat
Operating Hours – 2014
TUESDAY & FRIDAY
8.15am to 9.00am

DON’T FORGET YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Government funding nowhere near covers the cost of the resources that our children require. This could mean that one book is shared between 6 or more students or that certain activities kits have to be shared between an entire grade.

The school contribution scheme enables the P&C to help our school ‘Fill in the Gaps’. It is voluntary but also vital for us to support the students of our school to ensure that they receive the education they deserve!

The contribution is just $50.00 per child and is capped at $125.00 for 3 or more children. That’s for an entire year!

This fee is payable throughout the year – you can even pay in instalments. So please consider this small expense when visiting the uniform shop.

It’s all about your children – they’re worth it!

TUCKSHOP

Our Tuckshop is still actively seeking volunteers! If you can help out – even just for an hour
We would love to hear from you!
Please call in and see our Tuckshop Staff or you can call Tania on 0409 036 672

Tuckshop Hours
Monday – Friday
From 8.30am

Thank you for your support

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School banking program is a wonderful initiative which helps students at Park Lake learn the value of money and how to save it.
Our banking day is Thursday – Have you done your banking this week?
We appreciate your ongoing support

THE ATHLETE’S FOOT

The Athlete’s Foot Helensvale support Park Lake State School by making a donation back to the school whenever you make a purchase of school shoes/runners/footy boots.

Simply tell the cashier that you attend Park Lake State School when you are making your purchase.
SCHOOL DISCO

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

The students and teachers agree
Grade Two is a great place to be.
We write and we sing
And measure with string,
Learning is our guarantee!

Yes, the Grade Two students have been learning about poetry, rhyme and rhythm. Students have reconstructed a given poem to make it their own with some great results. Some of their fabulous creations can be seen at the end of this article. English this term also includes the study of narrative and character profiling. As always, the main focus is the comprehension of the text so the students are encouraged to really think about what they have read and both ask and answer lots of questions.

Maths this term has involved consolidating an understanding of number, as well as loads of fun measuring. In Science students have been learning about materials and their properties and will demonstrate their understanding by creating a “lunchbox”. Let’s hope nobody thinks that tissue paper is the best choice of material or we will have sandwiches rolling all over the floor! History has also had a focus on the use of materials and how these have changed over time. Students have been interested to learn about how things used to be made compared to how they are now.

The Grade Two teachers have been pleased with how students have ‘stepped up’ from Grade One. Not only in terms of now being upstairs (to the joy of some and the dislike of others) but in terms of attitude to learning.

A busy term with lots of exciting opportunities including Footsteps Dance Group, a bus safety lesson on a real bus, Artslink performances and a huge variety of extra-curricular activities. With this much in term one how busy will the rest of the year be?

Some wonderful poems for you to enjoy –

**Love** – by Charlotte
I like Love,
I really love my bed,
I really love my daddy,
I love my brother Ned,
I really like love so, so much,
It makes me fall,
I love everything all,
I like love.

**Dinosaur Swamp, Stomp** – by Harry
Sleeping, sleeping dinosaur,
Sleeping on bumpy grass,
Sleep! Sleep! Sleep!
Scary, scary dinosaur,
Scaring all the people,
Scare! Scare! Scare!
Munching, crunching dinosaurs,
Chomping on people bones,
Yum! Yum! Yum!

**Dancing Dinosaurs** – by Zoe
Dancing Panting Dinosaurs
Spinning round on bumpy paws
Dance Dance Dance
Twirly Whirly Dinosaurs
Leaping round on spiky claws
Leap, Leap, Leap!
Tired, Tired Dinosaurs
Sleeping on their tired paws,
Sleep, Sleep, Sleep.

**Higgelty Piggelty Hedge** – by Thomas
Higgelty Piggelty Hedge
The boys laying in the edge
The vegies need water
The hedge is in a quarter
Higgelty Piggelty Hedge
No Harm Done

**Ants** – By Jessie
I like Ants
I like them on a tree
I like them on the ground
I like them on a bee
Beetles are very pretty
Ladybirds are good
Dogs can run and jump all day
I like Ants

**Carnivore Run, Run** – By Blake

Clomping, Chomping Carnivores
Running round on clumpy claws
Run! Run! Run!

Moozy, snoozy carnivores
Batting far with spiky balls
Bat! Bat! Bat!

Lunching, crunching carnivores
Chomping meat with clapping gnaws
Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!

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**HEALTHY HABITS**

**YOU CAN DO IT! PROGRAM**

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**CURRICULUM CORNER**

**Classroom Pedagogy**

As part of our agreed practices at Park Lake School we believe that explicit instruction guides students through effective learning processes. Teachers provide clear statements about the purpose for learning as well as clear expectations around what they are looking for from the students. Through the use of our WALT, WILF, TIB and WALT cards students are provided with a language to describe their learning.

So what are these acronyms?

- **WALT** = We Are Learning To...
- **WILF** = What I’m Looking For...
- **TIB** = This Is Because...
- **WALT** = What I Learnt Today...

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**YOU CAN DO IT! PROGRAM**

**You Can Do It!**

Beginning to “talk the talk”...

*THE FIVE FOUNDATIONS*

Children usually arrive on their first day of school with a smile on their face and a song in their step. For many children, this anticipation is replaced with the success of academic achievement. For many other children, the reality is quite different and they may experience such emotions as: frustration, failure, disappointment, low self-esteem and under-achievement.

No matter how effective a teacher is, research suggests one of the most significant factors determining student academic success is the student. This is where WALT, WILF, TIB and WALT cards come into play.

**WALT**

Every young carer’s struggle is different.
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**WILF**

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**TIB**

This is where a teacher outlines the curriculum intent of the lesson or unit, making it clear to students what it is they will be doing. It is written in student-friendly language. This is also an opportunity for students to be inspired and motivated by what they will be learning. These can be great discussion starters with your child in the afternoon and we hope that our students will all enjoy it.

**WALT**

Today we were learning to...

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**YOU CAN DO IT! PROGRAM**

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**Habits of the Mind**

YOU CAN DO IT! is an activity-based program that teaches young people the skills necessary to succeed in life and work. The program is designed to help young people develop the skills they need to be successful in school, work, and life.

**Emotional Resilience**

The world is full of challenges, and a key aspect of the YOU CAN DO IT program is teaching students how to handle them. By building emotional resilience, students are better equipped to deal with setbacks and obstacles.

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**CURRENT CORNER**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 1/TERM 2 2014**

PLEASE NOTE:
**EARLY PHASE ASSEMBLY – PREP TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS**
**MIDDLE PHASE ASSEMBLY – YEAR 3 TO 7 STUDENTS**

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

One of the major changes, which you will need to be aware of this year, is that the office will be receiving Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings only, from 8am to 9:30am. We will not be accepting payments at our receipting counter at any other time. If you wish to pay at other times you will need to use internet banking.

If payment is due by a certain day, payment will need to be received at school on that day by 9:30am, otherwise your child will not be able to participate in that activity. The reason cut off dates are in place is to allow for organisation and preparation of activities and events, including submission of student numbers, placing deposits, bookings etc. Please remind students to bring any payments directly to the office in the morning when they arrive at school, as they will be responsible for their own money if they do not get it to the office in time. If you do not want your child to have this responsibility please choose another method of making payment, that is internet, cheque, credit card or debit card. The office does not hold cash on the premises.

Current Invoiced activities are as follows:

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Please also ensure that any forms associated with activities and excursions are returned directly to the office. New Medical forms will be required every time a student goes off site and also for any school based activity which is outside normal school hours, such as sleepover. These forms are required every time there is a new event to ensure we have current information and that any changes to medical conditions, medications etc are up to date.

I also take this opportunity to remind all parents and caregivers that it is your responsibility to ensure that your contact details, as well as any change in medical information or other information that may affect the well-being of your child is up to date. I would also like to draw your attention to the importance of having additional emergency contacts listed on your student’s details should the school be unable to contact you in the case of an accident or emergency situation.

All communications are via our electronic newsletter and email, therefore it is vital that office staff have received your current email address. I urge you to ensure that you check communications regularly to ensure you are aware of all the activities going on at school. Keeping up to date with school events and being organised ahead of time allows not only your child to be well prepared but also reduces the stress of trying to finalise things at the last minute and at times, the upset of missing out. Our cut-off dates are well advertised and we do not accept payment beyond the closing date. Messages and information can also be viewed on our electronic school sign and on our 2 notice boards outside Admin.

On a slightly different note, please be aware that when picking up children early, due to the disruption to classes, students will not be called down to the office. Our procedures require parents to sign children out at the office and take the “Early Release” slip to the classroom for the teacher to release the student.

Please ensure that all hats and property, including lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named. Last year we had an enormous amount of lost property. If property cannot be returned to the owner, it will eventually be donated to a charitable organisation. The lost property container is placed outside the sports store each day, so please check if you are missing any property. We do endeavour to get named property back to the owner but your assistance with clearly naming and checking is greatly appreciated.

Regards

Karyn Glindemann
Business Services Manager

BUS SAFETY PLSS

Students learn golden rules about bus safety

Gold Coast primary school children will kick off the academic year learning about bus safety as TransLink and bus operator, Surfside Buslines, roll out a program to improve awareness of safety on and around buses.
TransLink spokesperson Kirby Orr said Park Lake State School would be one of five primary schools on the Gold Coast to participate in the Bus it Safe program this year, which was being funded by the State Government.

“The safety of children is of paramount importance to government, operators, parents and schools, and programs such as Bus it Safe work towards increasing awareness among children of the dangers surrounding a road environment,” Ms Orr said.

“Designed by Caboolture Buslines in 2000, the award-winning program has been delivered to primary school children across northern Brisbane for a number of years now, producing remarkable changes in students’ travel behaviour.

“This year, we are pleased to be able to deliver it to more children, in an effort to educate children on looking after themselves and each other when travelling on buses,” Surfside Buslines Health, Safety and Environment Manager Adrian Barnett said he had seen first hand the effects of the program, “it has increased safety awareness around buses both getting on the bus, inside the bus and getting off, with an emphasis of blind spots and the consequences of a student’s actions around a bus”.

“Through use of real-life simulations and practical exercises, the Bus it Safe program teaches children to make responsible decisions when travelling on buses, and works to create an awareness of hazards of the surrounding road environment,” Mr Barnett said.

“The program is tailored to the ages of the school children in grades prep through to 7, and has proven to be an engaging, entertaining and informative way to teach these vital lessons.”

The Bus it Safe campaign has received endorsement from the Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) and received a CARRSQ RACQ Queensland Road Safety Award in 2002.

For more information about public transport, visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30, anytime.

**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**

**CHILD & ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICE**

Students in grades (1,2,3,5/6,6/7,7) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home.

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**KIDS CLUB – KOKODA BARRACKS FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

The Kokoda Barracks Family Association (KBFA) hosts a Kids Club on the first Friday of each month at Kokoda House, Canungra from 4.30-7.30pm. The first one of the year is this Friday 7th March. It’s a chance for Defence Force children of all ages to get together in a social environment and enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities. The cost is $5 per child which includes dinner - all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you would like to come along, please call Rachel Mathers on 0412 967 258 to RSVP.

**PACIFIC PINES NETBALL CLUB**

www.pacificpinesnetball.com.au
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT COACHING?

The club is seeking a senior intermediate coach this year to cater for girls aged between 15-17 years. The club has been established since 2009 and we have grown from 11 teams last year to 16 teams with a 30% increase.

We have a wonderful incentive put in place SSS (this incentive has been created so that our players can receive an enhanced coaching experience thus making them well prepared in 2014); However to qualify for this incentive the coach will need to meet or exceed the criteria set out below

CRITERIA

- Provide a full season of coaching in 2014 (Feb - Sept if required)
- Attend a relevant coaching course (foundation / development coaching courses if required)
- Provide at least 1 coaching session per week for your team
- Provide a coaching summary of your players to the committee (details to follow)
- Enter your team into the NGCNA Carnival (Junior/ Nova dependant on age)
- Attend coaches meetings

To find out more please contact Cushla Manaia on 0427 371 705 or Email: info@pacificpinesnetball.com.au

SHEILAS SHACK OPEN DAY

One year ago we had a vision to promote women’s health and wellbeing while providing an opportunity for all women from all walks of life - from young mothers and working women to retirees - to connect with others in the community to their mutual benefit. We also hoped to engage those who otherwise be isolated or not know how to be involved with their community.

From this the Sheilas Shack was started. We now have a variety of ever changing workshops, a Book Club, Move Club, Theatre Group and a Walking group.

Come celebrate with us, enjoy a delicious morning tea, meet the ladies and find out what we can offer you.

ALL WELCOME
RSVP – Monday 3rd March, 2014

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