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Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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AES 8TH GRADERS FIELD TRIP TO NGKESILL WITH CRE



*Airai Elementary School students with Principal Norma Mersai
Inset: students and CRE staff planting trees*

On February 21, 2025, Palau Community College (PCC) Cooperation Research and Extension (CRE) Extension agent Sasha Kyota and Balie Etpison conducted a field trip to Ngkesill Rock Island with the 8th graders from Airai Elementary School. This visit was a follow-up to our tree-planting initiative from two years ago, aimed at revisiting and monitoring the growth of previously planted trees while reinforcing the importance of environmental conservation. In addition to monitoring the growth of the trees planted during our last visit, Extension Agent Balie prepared and provided additional seedlings to support the ongoing reforestation efforts. The following trees were planted: 2 Local Miich, 9 Debechel, 1 Kingkang, 4 Meringel, 1 Kidel and 1 Bekersiu. These species were selected to enhance biodiversity and promote sustainable food sources within the island ecosystem. As part of our environmental education component, students engaged in discussions and hands-on activities focused on: 1. Waste Segregation – Understanding the importance of proper waste disposal to prevent pollution and protect the marine and terrestrial ecosystems; 2. Importance of Tree Planting – Exploring the benefits of trees in mitigating climate change, preventing erosion, and supporting biodiversity-

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HIGH SCHOOL VISITS: BMS, MHS & PMA



*BMS senior students with PCC-IT Program
faculty Mr. Kleinton Rivera*



*PMA senior students with PCC-IT Program
faculty Mr. Kleinton Rivera*



MHS senior students with Mr. Kleinton Rivera

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NOONTIME SEMINAR: PCC TAN SIU LIN LIBRARY



PCC Library staff along with PCC staff and students

On February 24, 2025, the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library's Director Cecil Emengel Meteolechol and her staff Raven Kloulubak, Sarah Ngiraked, Nikita Adachi, Mary Banphis, Merii Besebes, Tanya Ngirkuteling, Rolmii Aderkroi, and Grace Merong prepared a presentation on the library's current usage and future scheduling. The mission of the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College Library is to support the academic programs of the college and to promote lifelong learning in the wider community with high-quality, accessible resources, information literacy training, and public outreach activities. With over 47,000 volumes of collections, Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College Library is the largest library in the Republic of Palau. It has books for all ages, periodicals, government documents, videos, maps, and vertical files. The Tan Siu Lin PCC library is the Republic of Palau's official depository library for all publications issued by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), United Nations (UN), World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The PCC library maintains an extensive Micronesia-Pacific Collection, which holds a unique mix of materials on the Pacific region and Micronesia with a particular emphasis on Palau. The library staff provides individualized and group instruction on using library resources; both print and electronic format. There are 20 desktop PCs, available to students and the general public for e-mail, word processing, and research needs. The library's online public access catalog is available on two computer stations, one on the first floor and one on the second floor of the library, as well as on any computer with Internet access at <http://library.palau.edu>. PCC extends its sincerest gratitude to Director Cecil and all her staff for their hard work in maintaining Palau's largest library. PCC library will announce their future scheduling in the near future, so stay tuned to PCC Facebook Page and PCC website.

High School Visits *Continued from Page 1*



PCC staff on their way to the high school visits

PCC Director of Admissions and Records Lisa Rafael, Counselor Karly Madrangchar, Counselor Garnett Daniel, IT Instructor Kleinton Rivera, and Dorm Supervisor Likialik Thomson, who assisted in driving them, visited Belau Modekngai School (Feb. 20, 2025), Palau Mission Academy (Feb. 21, 2025) and Mindszenty High School (Feb. 26, 2025). Their mission is to recruit students to join PCC in the upcoming fall semester. They recruit students by informing and advertising various college programs, available services, activities, as well as cohort programs. Students are very fortunate as we are in a modern society where we can achieve the highest degree possible, all the while living in our island home. Other than students in Palau, the recruiting team is set to travel to neighboring countries, such as the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), in the near future to recruit more interested students. PCC extends its gratitude to the team for a very hard, but rewarding work.

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Students collecting trash after planting local seeds

and 3. Sustainable Practices – Encouraging students to take an active role in sustainable living lifestyles. The field trip was a successful and engaging experience for the students. They had the opportunity to reconnect with nature, contribute to environmental restoration, and reinforce their knowledge on sustainable practices. We look forward to continuing this collaboration and monitoring the progress of our planted trees in future visits.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday
to
Friday 8:00AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday & National
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: CULTURAL SURVIVAL QUARTERLY



Cultural Survival envisions a future that respects and honors Indigenous Peoples' inherent rights and dynamic cultures, deeply and richly interwoven in lands, languages, spiritual traditions, and artistic expression, rooted in self-determination and self-governance

Academic Calendar

March 3-7
Mid-term Period

March 5
Tokai University Visit

March 14
Holiday- Youth Day Observed

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiu's News welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to hherman@palau.edu. Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

□ Game Start Date: March 10, 2025

□ Location: PCC Mesekiu Gym

□ Who Can Join? Students & Staff of PCC

□ Call the Recreation Office at 488-3074 to Register your team!

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

□ Game Start Date: March 3, 2025

□ Location: PCC Mesekiu Gym

□ Who Can Join? Students & Staff of PCC (2 Player per Team)

□ Call the Recreation Office at 488-3074 to Register!



PMG ANNOUNCEMENT



The Pacific Mini Games 2025 Committee is recruiting interested volunteers to help ensure the success of the games this Summer! Scan the code to register now!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructor, Construction Technology
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$12,653.00 - \$22,349 per annum
- (3) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)
PCC Cooperative Research & Extension
Salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (4) Instructor, Community & Public Health
Academic Affairs Division
Salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280.00 per annum
- (5) Nursing Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Administrative Assistant
Upward Bound Program
Salary range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum
- (7) Accounting Technician (Payroll)
Administration Department (Business Office)
Salary ranges: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (8) Accounting Technician (Receivable)
Administration Department (Business Department)
Salary range: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (9) Financial Aid Counselor
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

Celebrating Birthdays

March 1- March 13, 2025



Nicanor Orjaliza, Jr.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (10) Two (2) Financial Aid Technicians
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid
Salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum

For application forms and information, contact Harline Haruo at the PCC

Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471 extension 227, or e-mail:

hr@palau.edu, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

PCC Endowment

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/252)

e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

If you want to join the Bi-Weekly
Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

Interested in Learning Trans-
ferrable Media and Marketing
skills? Volunteer with the PCC
Development Office. Stop by at
the Dort building to sign-up.

ALUMNI NOTES

SHANTEL T. SATOSHI

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY (F&B)



Ms. Shantel Satoshi graduated with her AAS in Tourism and Hospitality (Food & Beverage) in Spring 2024. Congratulations on all your achievements and good luck on your future endeavors.



Mesekei's News

Palau Community College

ALUMNI

showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

If you are that Alumna/Alumnus or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekei's News* issues.



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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