

## ALUMNI NOTES:

The PCC Mesekiu Newsletter is introducing a new section called Alumni Notes. This section will offer short highlights on the many PCC/MOC alumni who have made a difference in Palau and in the region. If you are an alumni or know someone that is, just email Temmy Temengil from the PCC Development Office at [temmyt@palau.edu](mailto:temmyt@palau.edu) and send us a few lines about yourself or the something about the alumni you know..

Here are few of our recent Alumni:

### Class of 2004

- \* Lauren Joseph (A.S. 04) Business Accounting, currently pursuing Business Degree from Grand Valley State University, Michigan.
- \* Belinda Eungel (A.S. 04) Major Nursing, currently as a nurse with the Belau National Hospital, Ministry of Health.
- \* Irving Dwight (A.S. 2004) Environmental Science, currently working as a Research Assistant at Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).

### Class of 2002

- \* Fredrick Ikertang (A.S. 2002) Agricultural Science, currently pursuing a B.S. in Agriculture from University of Hawaii-Hilo



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Business Planning and Development Workshops  
Presented by the Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

## “Peachtree Accounting Software”

**Date :** March 29, 2005  
**Time :** 6:00 pm  
**Place :** PCC – Sebus Building, Room 50

Workshops are free but space is limited so please call 488-6004 to make your reservation.

For more information or to register for any of these workshops, please contact the Palau SBDC at 680-488-6004, or email to [alfred@pacificsbdc.com](mailto:alfred@pacificsbdc.com)

## JOIN US ON PCC CHARTER DAY



Do you want to help commemorate PCC's Charter Day while raising awareness about your organization, club or community group?

In celebration of this special day, PCC is inviting the public and all interested individuals to put up tents, informational booths and food stands on the campus grounds on PCC's Charter Day, April 1st, 2005. This is your opportunity to reach out to PCC students, staff and faculty while helping us commemorate our special day.

For more information, please contact Tmetuchl Baules, PCC Student Body President at the SBA Office at 488-2461.

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## PCC Hosting of PPR Job Fair a Huge Success



(Inset) Marleen Ngirametuker, PCC students pose with PPR staff

On Tuesday March 22, representatives from Palau's only five-star hotel, the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) conducted a job fair for PCC students. Over 40 job-seeking PCC students attended the job fair to inquire about job opportunities, fill out applications and be screened for job interviews.

The students were also treated to hot coffee, refreshments and an assortment of oven fresh pastries from PPR's very own bakery. Many of the students who attended the job fair were interviewed on the spot by PPR management. PPR Human Resource Manager, Ms. Marleen Ngirametuker conducted a powerpoint presentation on the resort's recent highlights and briefed the students on the history and the type of facilities and services the hotel offers.

Ms. Ngirametuker said, "the job fair's purpose is to provide job opportunities and a wonderful learning experience to PCC students. PPR has a great management team that seeks to instill dedication, discipline and impart the skills and knowledge to prospective employees so they may be successful if they are hired by PPR. But most of all, a job fair of this type allows us to draw upon the local talent of our youth and reinvest in the development of our community." If you are a PCC student who wishes to gain valuable experience in the Tourism and Hospitality industry from a world renowned resort, while earning money for college, call PPR's HRD Manager Marleen Ngirametuker at 488-2600 to inquire about the various job opportunities.

## PCC Charter Day is Next Week!

The Twelfth Annual PCC Charter Day activities are set and ready to go. This year's Charter Day Organizing committee has been working diligently to ensure that PCC will have the best Charter Day ever. The public is encouraged to join the College as it celebrates its special day through a series of special events such as the Charter Day Run/Walk and the Softball Fundraising Tourney.

The Annual PCC Charter Day Softball Fundraiser for the College's Endowment Fund is scheduled to be played at the Meyuns Ball field. The tournament will be held from Wednesday, March 30 to Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. As in the tournament's tradition, the games will feature co-ed teams playing in a double elimination format. In addition, there will be a master's division for players who are at least 40 years old or older. The master's division will have six teams while, the co-ed division will have a total of 16 teams. A \$200 registration fee will go to the PCC Endowment Fund. This year, some of the best softball teams on the island will be vying for the Charter Day championship trophy, so everyone in the community is cordially invited to come to the Meyuns Ball field from March 30 to April 3, 2005 and cheer for your favorite team.

The 12th PCC President's Run & Walk is scheduled to take place next week on Friday, April 1, 2005, from the Koror side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the Palau National Track located on the PCC campus. Transportation to the starting line will be available at the PCC Parking Lot, from 4:00am to 5:15am. Everyone who completes the course will receive a commemorative towel and will be served a free breakfast! For more information about the PCC Charter Day or the Run/Walk, contact Willy Wally or Angelio Anthonio at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

### PCC Charter Day President's Run/Walk

**WHEN:** Friday April 1, 2005

**TIME:** 5:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Starts at the Koror Side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge and ends at the Palau National Track & Field.

### PCC Charter Day Softball Tourney

**WHEN:** March 30--April 3, 2005

**TIME:** Starts at 6:00 pm March 30

**WHERE:** Meyun's Ball Field

For more information about the PCC Charter Day or this year's Run/Walk, contact Willy Wally or Angelio Anthonio at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

## PCC Students Go Honto Style for Their Spring Break

Work-Study students from the PCC Library spent their spring break touring many of Palau's historical and cultural sites in Honto (*Babeldaob*). PCC students Twyla Derbai, Jessy Edward, John Bruce and Tyrone Etpison (Project Beacon Tutor) coordinated their own cross country trip throughout the Palauan island chain. This close knit-group of students were joined by their fellow PCC classmate and co-worker Villany Remengesau who is wheel chair bound.

Although, almost all of the historical sites they visited were not wheel chair accessible, this did not deter this dedicated group of friends as they all had a wonderful time. Their journey began in Ngatpang State and continued on to Melekeok, Ngchesar, Ngaraard and finally ending at the famous Badrulechau Stones in Ngarchelong State. According to the group of students, the trip was well worth it as it was fun, and educational.



(l-r) John Bruce, Tyrone Etpison, Jessy Edward, Villany Remengesau and Twyla Derbai at the Japanese Memorial Monument in Ngatpang State.

## PCC to Expand Library Facilities



PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with Interim VP Jay Olegeriil and Director of the Physical Plant, Clement Kazuma surveying the possible expansion sites for the Library.

PCC President Dr. Partrick U. Tellei conducted an area survey behind the PCC Development Office and Btaches Building. The purpose of the survey was to assess the approximate land area available for the PCC Library expansion project. In addition, the PCC President wanted to incorporate some additional landscaping to give the empty lot a more vibrant look. PCC President Dr. Tellei said, "we are currently looking to expand our library facilities to accommodate the increase in its resource materials as well as meet the needs of the rising number of patrons who use the PCC library."

## High School Seniors Eyeing Summer Classes at PCC

As of March 20, 2005, one hundred thirty-four seniors from high schools throughout Palau have applied to take courses for the summer session. This is a huge jump as many of Palau's high school students are turning to PCC to start their college career. The summer session offers many benefits to prospective students as it gives them a head start to their academic career here at PCC. PCC will continue to track these students as well as any other interested seniors to ensure that their applications for both admissions and financial aid are completed. The acceptance letters and financial aid award letters will be processed and issued to students who complete all the required documents during the month of April. The award letters will inform the prospective students of the estimated funds they may be eligible to receive for the 2005-2006 school year.

School	No. of applicants
Belau Modekngai School	3
Bethania High School	9
Emmaus High School	10
Mindszenty High School	35
Palau High School	73
Palau Mission Academy	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>

## BITS AND PIECES...

### PCC Intramural Basketball in Full Swing.....

PCC's Intramural Co-ed Basketball tournament is ending the season with a bang as 10 teams are vying hard to take the last four playoff spots. There are two divisions with five teams each. Only the top two teams from each division will be eligible for the playoffs. The last regular season games are scheduled for March 29 to March 31st, 2005. The first game begins at 7:00 pm and the second game begins at 8:00 pm. The playoffs will begin from April 4 to April 8, 2005. The games are fun to watch so come on down to the PCC basketball court and cheer on your favorite team!

### PPR to Hold Marathon This Saturday.....

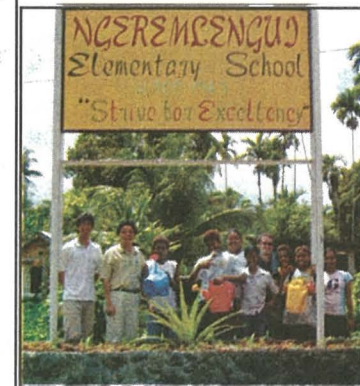
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PPR Marathon is this Saturday, March 26, 2005. All Sports Federations members, athletes, and interested individuals are encouraged to participate in this Marathon, Half Marathon or the Half Marathon Relay (4 people running/walking 5k). This event is sponsored by the Palau Pacific Resort. Registration starts at 4:30am and the fee is \$5.00 for all participants. For more information, please call Ric at 488-2410. Registration forms are also available at the PNOC Office.

### JICA Donates DVD Camera to PCC.....

The College would like to express its gratitude to Yoshio Notsu, Resident Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency-Palau Office for the donation of a DVD Camera. This valuable learning tool will be used to record and assess PCC students taking Japanese language courses as well as to record Japanese language events and activities hosted by the College.

Such a generous donation will help PCC students who study the Japanese language and appreciate Japanese culture to document their memories so that they may share them with others. Thank you for your donation and continued support to PCC's Japanese language classes.

## CRE helps Ngaremlengui Elementary School



CRE staff and members of the Taiwan Technical Mission pose with students from the Ngaremlengui Elementary School.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, CRE along with the Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM), donated and helped plant flowers at the Ngaremlengui Elementary School. Seven eighth graders along with the CRE and TTM staff filled the school's flowerbed with orchids, hot pepper plants, pineapple and other colorful flowers.

Mr. Sheu Ming Lii and Mr. Joseph Huang of the Taiwan Technical Mission donated the flowers, Ms. Maria Teruzi, a parent, supplied the hot pepper plants, and CRE provided the orchids, compost, fertilizers and topsoil.

CRE also donated three watering cans and sickles to the school to be used to help maintain the flowerbed. This activity allowed the students to use the compost project they worked on during the Environmental Science Class, and gain hands on experience on proper farming/landscaping practices.

## TIPS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

Writing is an important form of communication. Good writers use different writing techniques to fit their purpose for writing. To be a good writer, you must master each of the following writing techniques.

1. **Description:** Through description, a writer helps the reader use the senses of feeling, seeing, hearing, smelling, and tasting to experience what the writer experiences. Description helps the reader more clearly understand the people, places, and things about which the writer is writing. It is the most common form of writing. You will find descriptive writing in newspapers, magazines, books, and most other forms of written communication.

2. **Exposition:** Through exposition, a writer informs, explains, and clarifies his/her ideas and thoughts. Exposition goes beyond description to help the reader understand with greater clarity and depth the ideas and thoughts of the writer. Expository writing, like descriptive writing, is commonly found in newspapers, magazines, books, and most other forms of written communication.

3. **Narration:** Through narration, a writer tells a story. A story has characters, a setting, a time, a problem, attempts at solving the problem, and a solution to the problem. Bedtime stories are examples of short stories while novels are examples of long stories. The scripts written for movies and plays are further examples of narrative writing.

4. **Persuasion:** Through persuasion, a writer tries to change a reader's point of view on a topic, subject, or position. The writer presents facts and opinions to get the reader to understand why something is right, wrong, or in between. Editorials, letters to the editor in newspapers and magazines, and the text for a political speech are examples of persuasive writing.

5. **Comparison and Contrast:** Through comparison and contrast, a writer points out the similarities and differences about a topic. Comparison is used to show what is alike or in common. Contrast is used to show what is not alike or not in common. Describing living conditions in 1900 and living conditions today would allow for much comparison and contrast.

By using the writing technique that fits your purpose, you will be able to communicate your ideas effectively