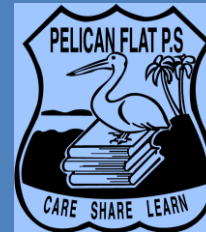


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Issue 7– Term 1 – Week 8

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012

## STUDENT DAILY PROGRAM

Classes begin: 9.00 am and finish 3.00pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** No students allowed on the grounds before 8.40am

**Tuesday: Library**

Mrs Floyd 9.00-10.00am

Mr Brooks 2.00-3.00pm

Mrs Vanderzee 11.20-12.20pm

**Scripture – 10am – 10.30am**

**Thursday: Dancing 11.30 – 1.00pm**

**Music**

**Friday: Sport - 9am – 11am**

Canteen: Monday – Wednesday – Friday

Clothing Pool: Wednesday 8.45 – 9.10am

## Term 1 Upcoming Dates

Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Selective High School test for nominated Yr6 students
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yr 6 High School forms back. Handball Competition and Pizza
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	P & C meeting 6.30pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	T-ball Gala Day (Yr3-6)
Friday 30 Mar	Bandaged Bear Day
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Last day Term one Easter Hat Parade 12.30

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friday saw the big movement of classes. Books were moved and equipment and my thanks to Mrs Vanderzee and my class helpers. A new class 3/4F has now been established with 16 students

Last week saw 3 of our students represent our zone at Regional Swimming at Maitland – Kyah and Taj Carson and Gemma Ferguson. All were fantastic representatives for both our school and region. Fantastic news in that Taj Carson has now been selected for State for Breaststroke. Well done Taj, all that training has been worthwhile.

K Brooks

### Welcome to New Staff

This week we have been fortunate and secured the services of Ms Rebecca Floyd. Rebecca has taught in many schools within our district and is a keen tennis, netball and squash player plus a Rugby League Supporter. (Even though she doesn't barrack for the Warriors we won't hold that against her!). She has very high technological skills and we all look forward to working with her for the remainder of this year.



### Class News

#### K/1/2

This week we have had another change to the class with Year 3 leaving us and going into a Year 3/4 classroom. Our routine will change slightly as we re-adjust reading groups and times.

Our H.S.I.E. and Science programs will be now focus on early stage one and stage one topics completely as we now don't need to cater for stage two.

Spelling rules for this week are:-

Year 2 - Bossy 'e' – o-e words e.g. bone, home, phone

Year 1 - 'St' words e.g. west, best

Kindergarten are learning sounds 'f' and 'w' and revising s, t, m, c, p and a.

#### 3/4 Class News

We are now halfway through our first week as 3/4F and are all settled in as a class. I am looking forward to getting to know all the students and their families better over the remaining year.

We have started learning about 'beliefs' and decorated the classroom with our Alien name art work.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parent/caregivers who have made me feel very welcome.

**5/6 Class News**

A reminder that homework is due in on Mondays. Due to the changes in the RFF times BTN will now be watched on a Thursday Morning. The task is still due on the following Monday.

The Powerpoint on “Myself” is due at the end of week 8 (16/3/2012)

We all wish Gemma lots of luck for her Merewether Entrance test tomorrow.

All the class now have their required textbooks. The next project is due by the 5<sup>th</sup> April and will research a type of whale and write an information report on it. This can be done as a Word Document or a Powerpoint.

**Achievement Awards**

Name	Class	Reason
Naomi Swan	K/1/2 Kinder	Learning to write her name
Jade Wyld	K/1/2 Kinder	Reading her first book
Jack Burley	K/1/2 Year 1	Great reading
Ryan Foster	K/1/2 Year 2	Settling in well
James Swan	3/4 Year 4	Bu like a ..
Bella Hooey	3/4 Year 4	Solid dependable worker
Kahn Foster	5/6 Year 5	Working hard
Gemma Ferguson	5/6 Year 6	Solid, dependable worker



**Happy Birthday to the following student who had a birthday this week.**

Taj Carson, Ryley Rothwell-Parkes and Jack Elliott

**Canberra Excursion 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May**

A reminder that the first instalment of \$99.00 is **now overdue**. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

**PSP 2012 -2015 Surveys**

All big thank you for all families returning your PSP Surveys on time. Each child received a Chocolate frog for their participation. We now have to wait and see what the national decision is on PSP and who gets it. A special thanks to Janine McCallum for all the work she did in getting the surveys back.

**Application Forms for Year 6 Students wishing to enrol at Hunter Sports High School for Year 7 in 2013**

The forms have arrived in the school for Hunter Sports High Targeted Sports Programs for 2013 - please see the school office for a copy.

Alternatively you can access the forms from the school website [www.huntersports.com.au](http://www.huntersports.com.au)

All applications require a \$40 fee. The closing date for applications is one week prior to the selection trial dates – see the application form for these dates.

**Years 2-11 Audition Applications for 2013 – Hunter School of Performing Arts**

Auditions for Hunter School of Performing Arts are now available for students entering Yrs 2-11 in 2013. Secondary enrolment applications are due by 12 noon on Wed 21st March 2012. Primary enrolment applications are due by 12 noon on Fri 15th June 2012. Audition information and application forms can be accessed on the school's website:

[www.hspa.nsw.edu/information/enrolment-forms/](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu/information/enrolment-forms/).

**Easter Parade – Thur 5th April**

All students will be parading at the Easter Parade on Thur 5th April at 12.30pm.

All children K-6 need to make their hats at home and bring them to school on the Hat Parade Day.

Parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to join us on this special day.

**Bandaged Bear Day**

This is set for Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Children can bring any stuffed animal bandaged up for this great appeal. We will have prizes for the best bandaged bear. An entry fee of \$2 coin is needed and this will be sent off to the Westmead Children's Hospital. Look out for the special canteen offers that day.

**Book Club**

Orders due by 21st March. Please include the correct amount of money with the order. Remember to put the child's name and class on the order form.

**P & C News**

We are asking for Easter Egg donations from each student for our Easter Raffle. Tickets will be sent home shortly. These donations will be raffled and the raffle drawn at the Easter hat parade. Please send your donation to the office. Tickets will be sent out to students shortly.

The students are currently running a handball competition with money raised going towards the Year 6 farewell. Grand final will be held this Friday. Next meeting will be held 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.

**Canteen News**

Pizza Day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Handball Tournament

Hot dogs & Pikelet Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Bandaged Bear Day – notes to come.

Volunteers are still needed to help out by giving just a few hours a week/fortnight/ month or term. Please see the Office or Lynn in the Canteen.

**Holiday dates**

Please note the last day of first term is 5th April with school resuming on 24th April. Easter public holidays run from 6th to 9th April.

**Clothing Pool**

The new shirts have still not arrived. This is being followed up constantly and we are assured they should be arriving soon. Correct money when purchasing items is always appreciated.

**Email School Newsletter**

If any parents would like the newsletter emailed, please fill in the form below and leave at the office.

**University of New South Wales Assessment**

These tests are available for students in Year 3 and above. The students receive a comprehensive report on how well they did and areas of concern to work on. Students need to pay for the tests as they are independent of the school. Money is payable at the Office by 30 March.

Computers	22 May	\$7.00
Science	6 June	\$7.00
Computers	22 May	\$7.00
Writing	18 June	\$15.00
Spelling	19 June	\$10.00
English	31 July	\$7.00
Mathematics	14 August	\$7.00

Please complete application form at bottom of newsletter.

**Friendships help learning**

Research shows that if children are happy socially, they are more likely to be more engaged in their learning. Check out School A to Z ([www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)) and read about how this works and what you can do to help your child make friends:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning)

**Community News****Blacksmith Public School Market Night**

50th Birthday 1962–2012 on Fri 23rd March 4.00pm–8.00pm. Lots of stalls, food and rides. Entry fee is gold coin donation. For more information contact Mel Burge 0431 601881.

**Salt Water Markets**

Official opening 8th April 9.00–2.00pm at Swansea Public School grounds – Rawson Street, Swansea. Free entry, entertainment and activities. More information: [www.facebook.com/refreshingexperience](http://www.facebook.com/refreshingexperience)

**Civic Video**

Invites you to our 1st Birthday celebrations on Sat 31st March from 12.00-4.00pm. Prizes, free sausage sizzle and cake. \$3.50 on new releases and \$1 weeklies. Come and join the fun.

**InZanet Football – School Holiday Fun**

Two week soccer clinics for 5 – 14 y.o. from 9am – 3pm. Soccer sessions run by former Soccerroo and Olyroo Clayton Zane. Phone: 0402 352132.

Contact: [www.inzanefootball.com](http://www.inzanefootball.com) or [info@inzanefootball.com](mailto:info@inzanefootball.com)

**Lake Macquarie Rugby Club**

Teams ranging from 5 to 18years - boys or girls. Training held every Tuesday and Thursday night at Walters Park, Speers Point from 5pm. For further information please contact:- **Robbie Taylor – 0417309588** Ask about your FREE Wallabies test match tickets.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly*

**UNSW GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT AUSTRALIA - Money payable by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Computer Skills    ☐ Science    ☐ Writing    ☐ Spelling    ☐ English    ☐ Mathematics  
☐ All of the above

Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ entry fee. Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_



## Agenda

Pelican Flat Public School P&C Meeting  
Date -20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Time - 6:30pm

\* Open & welcome

\* Minutes read from previous meeting.

### Business Arising

- \* Discuss Insurance student injury form.
- \* Mothers day craft are we going to have a mothers day stall or do some craft.

### Correspondence In

- \* CDSE form
- \* P & C Volunteers code of conduct papers.
- \* Consideration for installing oven in canteen.
- \* Glow stick fundraising pamphlet.
- \* Fundraising fun Run pamphlet.

### Correspondence Out

#### Reports

Principal	Fundraising
Uniform	Treasurer
Canteen	Canteen Treasurer

### General Business

- \* Pikelets have been trialed in the canteen and are doing well vote to have pikelets on the menu.
- \* Ithaca Fundraising
- \* Fete
- \* Year 6 farewell , maybe have a mini meeting .

**Everyone Welcome!!!!!!**

Sharon Lunn - Secretary