

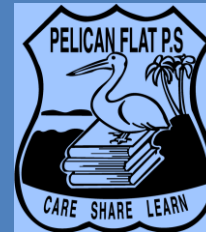
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Issue 16– Term 4 – Week 2

Wednesday 16th October, 2013

STUDENT DAILY PROGRAM

Classes begin: 9.00 am and finish 3.00pm

Tuesday: Scripture

Wednesday: Library

Friday: Sport

Canteen: Monday-Wednesday- Friday

Clothing Pool: Tuesday 8.45 – 9.10am

the whole block was painted internally and new chairs purchased for the entrance area. This has completely transformed the area and presents a very welcoming image for our school.

Rooms 3 and 4 had the wall removed between them, carpet patched and the internal walls repainted. This has created a large classroom area to allow for teaching and learning to be conducted in a much more spacious and inviting environment.

The young ones weren't neglected with their room being recarpeted in the front half to provide a warm and comfortable area.

This has provided first class facilities for your children's learning. We thank the P&C for purchasing the carpet for the two rooms.

On Thursday last week a forum was held in the library, chaired by Mrs Peno, our Director, to discuss the Departments new policy changes regarding schools, with particular reference to numbers and appointments of staff. At the completion of the meeting Mrs Peno received a unanimous show of hands indicating that the school community have an expectation that a new Principal will be appointed through Merit Selection. I will update the school community as to the progress of such an appointment as soon as I am notified. My thanks to the large number of parents who attended the meeting.

Today Chelsea is competing at Homebush in the PSSA state Athletic Carnival in the 11 years 800m. We are sure that she competed with merit.

NAPLAN results were forwarded to parents on Monday. It is difficult to draw comparative data across our school due to the small numbers but our overall results were pleasing. Parents who wish to discuss their child's results more fully are welcome to make an appointment.

Term 3 Upcoming Dates

Fri:	25 Oct:	Country by the sea FETE & Newcastle museum excursion
Tues:	29 Oct:	Best Start Training 4-6
Wed:	30 Oct:	Parents as tutors 9.15am- 2.30pm
Thurs:	1 Sep:	Parents as tutors 9.15am- 2.30pm



Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating this fortnight and whilst on holidays:

Joshua Ferguson 25th Oct:

Belated Birthday

Regan Wilson 1st Oct: Ryan Foster 4th Oct

Jasmine Hicks 2nd Oct: Dyllan Harvey 4th Oct

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4- the final term for our Year 6 students at Pelican Flat PS. I am sure that they will enjoy their last weeks at the school.

Arrangements are gearing up for the Fete with lots of activities building to a climax. The children are looking forward to their excursion on the Friday as the site is prepared for the evenings activities. We are sure that it will be a great night with the finale being the fireworks display.

During the holidays a great deal of work was carried out to within the school. To complete the office renovations

Graham Bradbery

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Welcome back to school! We have been straight into work and all my students have returned from holidays ready to learn.

We have continued to run our literacy sessions Tuesday- Thursdays with Mrs Watkins and I. Mrs Gibson will continue to work with our class for 2 numeracy sessions a week.

We are currently decorating some stars for the starlight Foundation; thanks to Blaze's mum for organising this great experience for our class. Each child from our room will receive a certificate from the Starlight Foundation.

Over the next week a newspaper will be visiting our school to do an article about our upcoming 75th anniversary Fete. Some of our students may be photographed by the paper; please let me know if you don't want your child photographed.

Please check your child for head lice as I have had a few cases in our class reported to me.

We welcome parents to continue helping us in numeracy or our literacy groups. Please see me if you can help in our class.

Congratulations on my year 3 students on their great NAPLAN results!!

These results went home on Monday

**Sport**

The Swimming Scheme notes went home last week to swimmers who may need the extra practice in Years 2-6 students. There is a limited amount of spots available for our school and if we can't fill these spots Marks Point will

fill them. Money and the \$60 fee is due next Friday the 25th of October.

Best of luck to Chelsea Robertson who is running the 800m race at State Athletics today. Let's hope you get your race complete before the heat comes.

**Term 4 Virtues program**

Pelican Flat Public School staff would like to implement a virtues program in term 4.

"Virtues are the gems hidden in the mind of the true self. Unless we see them, name them and use them, they are lost, although like treasures, they are always waiting to be found." L. Popov

Virtues are like values and will be explicitly taught in class during the next eight weeks. A different virtue will be focused on every fortnight. As it will soon be the festive season we have planned the virtues program around the following values:

RESPECT

KINDNESS/CARE

GENEROSITY

THANKFULNESS

This week's virtue is
RESPECT

Respect means caring about people and treating them, and their ideas, with dignity.



Thank you for discussing these virtues with your child,

Mr Bradbery, Miss Nesbitt and Mrs Watkins.

Selective high schools application

15 Oct 2013

Online applications open

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year

7 in 2015

Application is required by mid November 2013 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 15 October to 18 November 2013.

Application information is available on the Department's internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in government primary schools, selective high schools, network offices and NSW State Office at Bridge Street from 22 October 2013. Paper applications must be submitted to the student's school principal by 18 November 2013.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014.

In NSW there are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and a virtual selective class provision, offering selective placement in Year 7.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_detail_s.php

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email:

ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on 1300 880 367.

Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned

NSW Transport (bus passes)

Children whom receive bus passes this year and will be going from years 2-3 and years 6-7 in 2014 need to fill out a new application form and return to the office. These forms will be given to each child that needs one.

1st Swansea Scout Group

42 The Esplanade Swansea.

Postal Address - PO Box 154 Swansea NSW

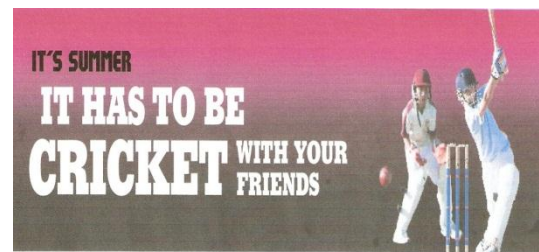
Our Motto

"Our Bridge to Their Future"

The Salvation Army help our Joeys, Cubs & Scouts by assisting the parents each term with their fees so we thought how about we give them some help. We have decided that we will do a non-perishable food drive to help the Salvation Army with their Christmas Appeal. We need the cans of food to be in date and with a Christmas theme. They can be brought to school and left in the crate that is on the veranda.

As we are only a small Scout Group with 25 families we are going to need some help. So we thought we would try & enlist the help of the local schools that our Joeys, Cubs & scout attend. Can you help us??

Hoping you will be able to join with us in this donation of food for Salvation Army.



Looking for players for:

Boys and girls junior Cricket ---- if you are 9 years as at 1st September for Under 10's - on Saturday Mornings starts 19th October and Training 4pm on Wednesday at Quinn Park

REGO COST: \$130 Juniors which includes Club shirt and Hat

(no weekly fees)

New players need to bring copy of Birth Certificate.

Contact: Luke Sedgman 4972 0462
or Lorraine Anderson 0466 915 490

