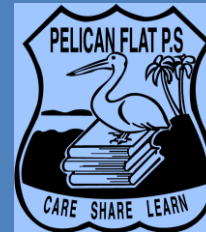


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Issue 3– Term 1 – Week 5

Wednesday 27 February, 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: Wednesday 8.45 – 9.10am

Term 1 Upcoming Dates

Fri:	15 March	Red Nose
Tues:	19 March	Pelican RSL School Raffle
Fri:	22 March	School X Country
Thurs:	28 March	Easter Hat Parade
Mon:	11 April	School Photos



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

Feb: Rachel Duffin

Mar: Taj Carson

Jack Elliott

Ryley Parkes

Aaron Westcott

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Mia Coulter	Year K	Learning her numbers
Jack Harrison	Year K	Always being a pleasure!
Jack(Rex) Burley	Year 2	Trying hard in maths
Ryan Foster	Year 3	Great work in addition
Grace Wolsey	Year 4	Continued quality work
Sara Lunn	Year 4	Having a go in sport
Liam McLennan	Year 6	Mature work habits
Holly Brown	Year 5	Completion of tasks

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A very busy start to the term. Our numbers have settled at 49 and this impacts on a variety of staffing elements.

We will have two classes but if numbers rise to 52 we will be able to form a third class.

As we have below 50 students we lose hours in the office staff allocation.

Our office/library staffing disappears completely and the Admin Manager reduced to 3.5 days a week, this starts beginning of term 2. This of course is not ideal so I have readjusted our budget to allow the office/library work to continue for 2013. We will look at office arrangements when I know who will be working.

This Thursday we will be participating in Cleaning up Australia by walking along Lakeview Parade to pick up rubbish. At the park we will stop, play and have lunch in the park. Children will need gloves to handle rubbish. A note is not needed as it is covered under general permission.

Swimming

Hopefully our swim team performed well today and good luck to our students competing at the State Titles for nippers.

Years 3-6 Excursions

I met with Mrs. Hird from Nords Wharf P.S. to finalise initial information for two excursions. Years 3 & 4 will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens.

Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to Bathurst and Hill End.

Both excursions are going for 3 days and coincidentally in week 8 of term 3.

3/4 camp Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

5/6 camp Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Ms Nesbitt will accompany the 3/4 and I will go with 5/6.

A casual will be employed for 3 days to work with K/1/2.

When costs are finalised a note will be sent home to establish numbers.

Finally, thank you to all families who have paid for their child's textbooks.

Graham Bradbery

School Photos:

Don't forget to return your School Photo envelopes by Mon 25th Feb. Please ask at office for family envelopes.

K/1/2/3 News

Our class has continued to enjoy learning about our families; especially learning about their names and their origins-these news items were very informative and they presented them so confidently. We have also drawn self portraits and pictures of our families. We have also spoken about different types of families and how the families within our class vary. Next week's news topic is about their pet.

Over the last fortnight Kindergarten have learnt the following letters 'il', 'pP', 'cC/kK' and 'nN'. We have also learnt sight words each week; 'I', 'am', 'a', 'can' and 'see'. They will also receive pieces of homework for them to do to practice essential skills to assist them within the classroom.

Year One have also been focussing on different sound blends each week 'ch' and 'st'.

Year Two have embraced their new opportunity of being allowed to access the internet to do internet maths games.

Year Three are continuing to be fantastic helpers to their peers. Their 90 minute NAPLAN lessons with Mrs Watkins have now changed to the same time on a Tuesday.

Thanks to those parents who are able to help with our literacy and numeracy groups. I will let you know when I see you what days I have allocated to you.

Sport

Nine of our students from Years 3-6 have represented our school this week at the Zone Swimming Carnival. We have three students make it into the Zone Finals today-good luck to those children competing.

Several students have been given their PSSA Netball & Soccer trial notes. These students will represent our school at these finals.

Please return your notes asap to Ms Nesbitt. The trials are next Tuesday the 5th of March. Good Luck!!!!!!

P&C NOTE

All P&C members would like to THANK the past committee members who gave their time to help the school:

Vanessa Barnes
Katrina Wyld
Pauline Taylor
Julie Mulliett

Vice President
Uniforms
Canteen Treasurer
Treasurer

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to



Come and Try Guides!

At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 7-18 years

GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
NSW & ACT

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:

games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community even

Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly

Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs

Phone: 1300 884 733

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SWANSEA-CAVES JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

2013 REGISTRATIONS - U'6s to U'14s

Re-registrations are on-line via

www.swanseajrl.leaguenet.com.au

FINAL Registrations this Wednesday, 27th Feb

4:30pm to 5:30pm at Swansea Workers Club passport size photo & birth cert required.

\$95 incls spray jacket, shorts, socks, referee fees & NRL registration.

All enquiries email SwanseacavesJRLFC@hotmail.com

Swansea Library will be hosting a Family Fun Morning with Family Insight on Wednesday 6 March. from 10am - 12noon.

We are hoping for a fabulous community morning, with lots of fun activities including, Storytime, Craft, JD's World of Magic, Family Photography, Fire Engine, Information stalls and a FREE BBQ!

We invite the community to join us.

If you are bringing a group of more than 10, please contact Cathy on 4921 0781.

SALT WATER MARKET - THIS SUNDAY 3 MARCH

9am til 2pm at Swansea Public School

www.facebook.com/refreshingexperience

Ph: 0249 720506 or 0424 402150

In the lead up to Easter come and buy lots of hand made treats and goodies for your family and friends ... including lots of chocolate of course from over 80 quality stalls! Listen to great live music, eat lots of tasty food and relax on our picnic blankets and have the kids enjoy the jumping castle ... and so much more!

This market we are also supporting **"Love Your Sister"**.

You have probably seen Samuel Johnson on television recently and the amazing journey he is undertaking. Samuel made a promise to Connie that he would raise a million dollars for Breast Cancer Research, raise awareness of the disease that is killing his sister and break the Guinness World Record for the longest distance on a unicycle. Salt Water Market will be turning their market "Pink" and our beautiful stallholders have generously offered to have Love Your Sister donation tins at their stalls so everyone can contribute and help Love Your Sister reach their target.

We look forward to sharing an amazing day with you all.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink. Phone: 132 468.

FETE UPDATE

Parents and friends, we are starting to put together some craft items to sell at the Fete later this year. At the moment we are looking for some donated items that you might have just laying around at home.

We are going to have our first craft day at school, this Friday 1st March 9am start and we will be making some beautiful ribbon twirlers. They seem to be very popular with little girls. To make these we need some lengths of dowel no shorter than 40cm and at 10mm-12mm diameter. Please assist if you can, as the less we have to buy the better profit we can make. If you would like to come along and help with craft or even just drop in please feel welcome.

Next week, we will look at making some wooden cars and for these we will need some planks of wood around 25mm thick, so please feel free to drop off some wood or come and help out.

Sharon Lunn is looking after a plant stall and we would appreciate donations of plastic pots, cuttings of interesting plants, seedlings and potting mix. After Sharron gets the plants established, they will be bought back to the school for the students to maintain.

We also would appreciate any leftover squares or rolls of wrapping paper to wrap up our lucky dip prizes.

