

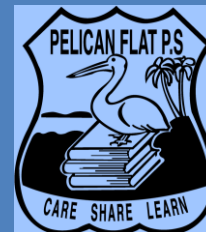
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Issue 11– Term 2 – Week 9

Wednesday 26th June 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 8.30 – 9.15am

Term 2 Upcoming Dates

27th June Pizza Lunch

28th June End of Term

2nd July School Raffle at Pelican RSL

TERM 3 Starts Tues 16th July

17th July Dance 2B fit 11.30am – 1pm.



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

June

Monique

July

William

Mia

Bellah

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Naomi S.	Year 1	Great work in class
Jade W.	Year 1	Working well in class
Kristin W.	Year 3	GREAT work in all areas
Rory B.	Year 3	A more settled approach to learning
Ben B.	Year 4	Improved attitude to completing his work
Locky C.	Year 4	Encouragement towards others
Claire W.	Year 5	Giving her best effort during reading activities
Kahn F.	Year 6	His respectful nature
Skye J.	Year 6	Working well independently
Kahn F.	Year 6	Good effort during maths

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What's been happening at PFPS?

The wet weather has kept outdoors activities to a minimum; however there has still been a lot happening...You may have already heard tell that as part of our emergency preparedness we have recently had both an evacuation drill and a lockdown drill. Staff and students are to be commended for their speedy responses and sensible manner in which they followed the emergency procedures.

Eight students from years 4 to 6 attended the CAPApillar workshops at Caves Beach PS that allowed students with talents in dance, drama, guitar, band, sketching and painting to combine with other talented students from the local primary schools to extend their talents even further by working with specialized teachers in these areas of the creative and performing arts.

Our student leaders attended a middle year's school leadership program at Swansea HS where they were able to work with groups of other student leaders from neighbouring primary schools to further develop their leadership skills.

Five year 5 students also attended Swansea HS to participate in a middle year's environmental workshop. Students were able to develop new friendships and work with other students from nearby primary schools, who also share an interest in environmental matters. These opportunities are not only of benefit to our students on an educational level but also with their personal development and confidence as they spend time on a high school campus, in preparation for the years ahead.

Later this week, year 6 students are hosting a year 6 fundraising event - Jersey Day, where students can wear a sport jersey or the colours of their favourite team and bring a gold coin donation, in an effort to support our year 6 students raise some money for a gift that they plan to give to the school at the end of the year. It's a lovely way for students to feel that they can give back to their school, which has given them so much over their formidable schooling years.

Just a reminder that this is the last week of school for this term and students will be bringing home their school reports on Friday. It's a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning with them, praising them for their efforts and setting goals for ongoing improvement. Students will then have a two week break, with teachers returning to school on the Monday 15th July and **students returning to school on Tuesday 16th July**. Please note this in your calendar.

Parent Involvement

There is a huge body of research that points to the link between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. If you want your child to improve their learning then take an interest in that learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

Thank you to the parents already doing this, to those talking with school staff, keeping us informed, modelling great problem solving strategies, registering concerns in a reasonable manner and offering compliments when they are warranted. Remember, our students hear what you say but do what you do. I think that on the whole, the PFPS school community are doing the 'do' part very well. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your community, even if it was just for a short time!

Mrs Honi Faasisila
Relieving Principal

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Term 3 Week 8

Mon 2nd til Wed. 4th September

1st Instalment is due tomorrow 16th May

2nd Instalment is due 20th June

3rd Instalment is due 15th August

Total cost \$240

K/1/2/3 news

I hope that all my students and their families have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Students return on Tuesday 16th July.

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed Jordan to our class. He is in Kindergarten which now gives us 6 Kinder girls and 2 Kinder boys! We also bid an early farewell to Mr Princehorn, as he made an early withdrawal from his prac.

Just another reminder that report cards will be sent home this week. We aren't having formal parent/teacher interviews this semester, but if you wish to speak to me about your child's report please make an appointment via Mrs Bell in the office or come and see me to arrange a convenient time.

I know I sent this home last newsletter but I wanted to send it home again as a reminder. With regards to your child's report a 'C' is where your child should be focussing at. A 'C' is achieving **at** grade level, anything over is fantastic. Kindergarten doesn't receive an A-E grade, they only receive comments, and Years 1-3 receive A-E grades and a comment for all their learning areas.

My students have a small project to complete over the holidays. We planted Broad Bean seeds on Monday and their project is to watch and document how their seeds grow. They are to record, in a diary, a record of their plants progress.

I understand that people are going away over the holidays, my suggestion is simply leave the plant at home or leave it with a friend/family member.

This is a marked assignment, so it is a class requirement and they are very eager to see how their seeds grow and whether or not Ms N can keep hers alive!

If your child needs a new reader/s for the holidays bring them in before Friday morning so I can change them for you. Remember the readers need to stay at home, to minimise any risk of being left at the holiday destination-thanks.

Have a wonderful holiday and I'll see you next term 😊

SPORTS

Due to the horrible rainy weather we haven't been able to finish our discus and long jump athletics events, so we will hopefully run these early next term before week 4s zone!

A huge congratulations to the 16 girls from Years 4-6 that I took away to Star Struck! The behaviour, overall, was fantastic. We had very long days/nights but the girls soldiered on. A big THANKS to the wonderful parents who transported their children to and from the events.

Well done to the students who represented our school at yesterdays CAPApillar events, from all reports it was a great day!

Best of luck to Chelsea Robertson who is representing our school and her region, at STATE Cross Country early next term! We can't wait to hear how you go!

A HUGE thankyou to Pelican RSL for allowing us to borrow their bus to transport our children to and from their Star struck rehearsals and performances.



Karong Karong (means Pelican) Playgroup

All welcome to come along with your child/children and enjoy the morning with other mothers.

Time: 9am til 11am



WINTER HOLIDAY FUN

Paint a T-shirt

Referencing William Yang's *Australia Now* interactive installation, children will create a portrait on their own t-shirt using a range of art-making techniques.

Kes Harper

10.30am–12.30pm

Tuesday 2 July

\$22 per child

Materials: included, bring your own shirt

Level: ages 6–10years

Chinese Characters

Based on William Yang's *Australia Now* installation and Chinese zodiac characters, children will paint their portraits using a range of techniques.

Kes Harper

10.30am–12.30pm

Tuesday 9 July

\$22 per child

Materials: included

Level: ages 6–10 years

The Rainbow Connection

This popular holiday session gives toddlers their own gallery experience, including storytime and craft activities. Carers are encouraged to learn alongside their children.

Kristy White

10–11.30am

Wednesday 3 July

\$16.50 per child/adult couple

(\$8.25 participating sibling)

Materials: included

Level: ages 3–5 years

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Fun with Clay

Children always enjoy building their own artworks with clay and this workshop makes hand-building and decorating easy for little hands. The gallery will arrange firing of the finished work.

Jo Davies

10.30am–12.30pm
 Thursday 4 July
 \$35 per child
 Materials: glazes and firing included
 Level: ages 9–12 years

Chinese Dragons

Children will make 3-dimensional dragon puppets using a range of materials and assemblage techniques.

Ken O'Regan

10.30am–12.30pm
 Thursday 11 July
 \$22 per child
 Materials: included
 Level: ages 9–12 years

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THE HUNTER'S ONLY WATERFRONT GALLERY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL T: (02) 4965 8260 or E: artgallery@lakemac.nsw.gov.au



Rugby Union Holiday Program

The Holiday Program is a Rugby Skills Clinic catering for new & current players wishing to improve their game and prepare for the season ahead. The camp includes specific Rugby programs catering for players of differing ages and ability and is for boys and girls aged 5-14 years. Players will be coached by highly qualified former Queensland Reds Development Manager and Senior Lake Macquarie Roos players.

Aim: To improve individual skills and fitness to participate in rugby.

Skills covered: The on-field sessions will cover the key skills area of catch and pass, evasion, contact tackle, ruck and maul, and physical preparation for Rugby. The program will be fun and rewarding with a commitment to quality coaching outcomes. During each day, players will be put into their age groups and Rugby Union games will be played, with U7s playing Walla Rugby.

When Wednesday 10th July and Thursday 11th July.

Where Lake Reserve Road Speers Point NSW

Time Drop off at 8.30am and pick up at 3pm

Cost \$40 for 1 day and \$60 for 2 days per child. Family 2 Children \$80 for 1 day, \$110 for 2 days. Family 3 Children \$100 1 days, \$125 2 days.

Please email Ryan Dunnett on kiwi9coach@yahoo.co.nz to book a spot and for more information. All players need to bring lunch, water bottle, mouthguard and appropriate clothing.

ARU Giveaways will be given out and each participant will have the chance to win spot Rugby prizes.

LOWER HUNTER AREA – WINTER 2013

Glenrock State Conservation Area Awabakal Nature Reserve

Hunter Wetlands National Park/ Ash Island Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

DISCOVERY
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

Winter WHALE Tales Awabakal Nature Reserve

It's Whale watching season. Come along for a short guided walk to a cleared headland to watch the Humpbacks make their annual migration north. Bring binoculars.

When: Thursday 4th July 2013
Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy
Meet: NPWS carpark-End of Ocean Street,
Cost: \$10 per person \$28 per family



Nature Diary

Hunter Wetlands NP – Ash Island

Discover the diversity of this park - you will be amazed! Start your own Nature Diary to take home. *A great activity for Grandchildren & Grandparents*

When: Tuesday 2nd July 2013
Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy
Meet: Ash Island
Cost: \$10 per person

Wilderness Warriors' Glenrock State Conservation Area

Celebrate NAIDOC WEEK

Calling all Wilderness Warriors- join an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger for a walk to search for bush foods. Lots of hands on activities for the kids. Visit the Wilderness website today- a great way to experience nature.

When: Thursday 11th July 2013
Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy
Meet: GRSCA Yuelarbah carpark, off Burwood Rd.
Cost: \$15 per child, \$25 for 2 children, \$35 for 3 children. Adults FREE
 Suitable for 5-8 year olds



NEW - DADS & KIDS

Bluegum Hills Regional Park Celebrate NAIDOC WEEK

Hey kids bring your dads along to explore and play in the bush and picnic areas of Blue Gum Hills. The adventure starts with bush walk led by an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger, play some games and listen to some cultural stories along the way. Bring a picnic or sizzle some snags on the free BBQs

When: Wednesday 10th July
Time: 10am-12pm
Meet: BGHRP carpark-Mimmi Rd Mimmi.
Cost: \$10 for 1 child, \$15 for 2 children, \$20 for 3 children. Dads are FREE

Spotlighting Tour Glenrock SCA

Come in search of our elusive nocturnal animals. Discover the sights, sounds and smells as we explore Glenrock's Forests.

When: Friday 12th July 2013
Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm **Grade:** Easy
Meet: Start of Yuelarbah track, Burwood Rd.
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.
 Bring a torch.

Walks for Women

Glenrock SCA - Sat 6th July @ 9:45 & Wed 10th July @ 9:45. Meet Yuelarbah Carpark off Burwood Rd, Kahliah

HWNP-Ash Is. - Wed 24th July @ 9:45. Meet 1st carpark over the bridge off Maitland Rd Hexham

Awabakal NP - Sat 3rd Aug @ 8:45 & Wed 7th Aug @ 9:45. Meet at the end of Boundary Street, Dudley.

Bluegum Hills RP - Wed 21st Aug @ 9:45. Meet Bluegum Hills Carpark off Mimmi Rd, Mimmi.



FOR ALL TOURS:

Please bring water, snacks and wear fully enclosed footwear.

It's for your safety!

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for future events and activities please call the Newcastle Discovery Coordinator on 49464112



For bookings and information call:
 NPWS NEWCASTLE on 49 464 112





