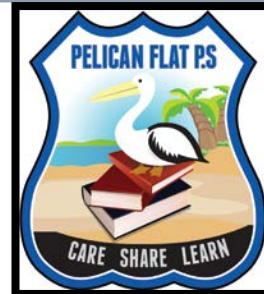


## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 3 Week 2

- 28/7 Water Safety Program
- 28/7 Galgabba Public Speaking
- 31/7 Swansea High Science Night



## REMINDER MONEY DUE

- **ASAP Netball \$20.00**
- **ASAP The Ultimate Beat \$10.00**
- **Book Packs are now overdue \$40.00**
- **Guitar/Drum lessons \$72**
- **Canberra 1<sup>st</sup> payment due 18/7 second payment due 8/8**



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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE WEEK 2

Welcome back to term 3. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and have settled into term 3. We look forward to another busy term. Year 5/6 will head off to Canberra in Week 7 and they are looking forward to that and K-4 have an excursion to the Australian Reptile Park in week 8. Information regarding these event will be sent home shortly.

### **Congratulations Chelsea!**

Congratulations to Chelsea who competed in the State Cross Country last Friday. Chelsea travelled to Sydney to compete in the event with 76 other students from across NSW in Under 12s Girls. Chelsea came 19th, an amazing achievement for Chelsea, something we are all so very proud of. Well done Chelsea!

### **Congratulations Mrs Bell**

I'd like to congratulate Mrs Bell for being selected to represent Small Schools on the School Administration Managers Reference Group. In her role on the Reference Group Mrs Bell is required to organise professional learning for School Administration Managers, School Administration Officers, General Assistance and Teachers Aides. Mrs Bell will also support other School Administration Managers through the changes happening within the DEC and will be the voice of Small Schools across our area.

## **Communication**

Last term we set up Skoolbag and Facebook and decided to not publish and send home the newsletter. It has come to my attention over the past few days that things are getting missed and parents are not getting all the messages that they should. We have decided that the newsletter will be printed and sent out to parents again to ensure all messages are being communicated effectively.

## **School Assemblies**

Due to our timetable changes and our commitment to Lake Macquarie Cup on Fridays a decision has been made to change our school assembly time to Monday afternoon at 2.30pm every second week (odd weeks). This means that our first assembly will be held next Monday 28 July. I encourage our parents to attend our assemblies.

## **Eastlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day**

A very fun day was had by all at the Eastlakes Naidoc Family Fun Day on July 11. I'm so proud of our students who performed the Awabakal National Anthem for the huge audience. Thank you to our families and staff for giving up your time to man our stall and loom band activity. Thank you to Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council and the NAIDOC committee for making this such a fantastic event for our local community.

## **Galgabba Science Fair – Year 6 Students**

On Thursday 31 July our Year 6 students will present their Science Fair projects at Swansea High School Hall. Students are asked to be at the Swansea High School Hall at 6pm to set up the Fair. Mrs Dunn and Miss Bugbird will be at the Science Fair and will supervise students. Students must wear full school uniform on the evening.

## **Library**

Due to our restructure of classrooms teachers will be taking students to library on Fridays. We will teach them how to borrow and return books, they will participate in buddy reading and they will also complete a research project using books only. Mrs Hoogwerf will be organising our annual Book Fair and Book Week Parade.

## **Welcome Miss Bugbird**

This term Miss Bugbird joined our team at Pelican Flat Public School. Miss Bugbird will complete her internship with at Pelican, teaching Years 5 and 6 for Term 3. During this time Mrs Dunn will spend time taking students out for extra one on one and small group work.

## **Raffles at Pelican RSL**

Thank you to the Pelican RSL for the continued support that they show our school. Next Tuesday is our raffle night, it would be great to see as many parents attend the raffles and have a bite to eat. Thank you to Jo and Sue for running our raffles, your support is really appreciated.



### **Water Safety Program**

On Monday we have the 'A Matter of Seconds' water safety program on Monday morning where students learn about being safe around water, a course delivered by our local surf lifesaving club.

### **Aerobics to be Fit with Miss Nicole**

All students will be participating in Aerobics every Wednesday this term with Miss Nicole. Please ensure all students are reminded to wear joggers every Wednesday.

### **Galgabba Public Speaking 2014**

The Galgabba Public Speaking has now been held during Education Week for the past four years. The Galgabba Public speaking event is on Monday 28 July at Swansea Public School.

Congratulations to Edie, Kirra, Mia, Harriet, Cassie, Dyllan, Sara and Brodiee on being selected to represent the school at the Galgabba Public Speaking Competition. If parents are unable to transport students can you please let the school know so we can take students over on the day.

### **Zone Public Speaking 2014**

Below are the dates for the Zone Public Speaking finals and the venues that they are being held.

Stage 3: Monday 11 August - Floraville Public School

Stage 2: Tuesday 12 August - Eleebana Public School

Stage 1: Friday 15 August - Belmont Public School

Early Stage 1: Thursday 14 August - Marks Point Public School

Congratulations to Ella, Kirra, Mia, Harriet, Cassie, Dyllan, Sara and Brodiee for being selected to represent the school in the Zone Public Speaking Competition later in the term.

### **Lunch Times**

As we have changed to 3 classes this term and the changes in timetabling we have decided that our school breaks needed to be changed around. We will break for lunch at 11am until 11.50am and our recess break will be from 1pm until 1.25pm. These times will be every day.

### **New Computers**

The Technology for Learning (T4L) Program is the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) flagship program aimed at delivering computers and other underpinning infrastructure to schools. This year Pelican Flat PS will receive 8 new computers. The school will receive the computers sometime in Term 4.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to the Ferguson family for kindly donating the ice cream and supplies for our Year 6 Fundraiser; PJ and Ice Cream Sundae Day. Our Year 6 students did a fabulous job running the event and all students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Thank you to the Brown family for donating the jelly, cups and spoons for our Rise for Alex fundraiser this week. Students really enjoyed raising money for such an inspirational cause and loved eating the delicious jelly. Students raised \$86 for the foundation.

### **Oral Health with Swansea Dental Practice**

Last Thursday Swansea Dental Practice visited our school and taught students how to look after their teeth. Students were excited to receive free toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you to Swansea Dental Practice for supporting our school.

### **P&C Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who were able to make it to the P&C Meeting on Wednesday evening, it is always great to have so many people come along and share their ideas and help make decisions for our school and students. Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 13 August at 6pm. We would like to have as many of our parents at the meeting as possible. If you are unable to attend but would like to suggest anything please feel free to pass on messages through myself or through our P&C President, Mr Brett Harvey.

### **End of Year Presentation Night**

If you have any perpetual trophies at home from last year can you please sent it back to school as soon as possible so we can ensure we are organised for Presentation evening later in the year.

The Presentation Night will be Tuesday 2 December at the Pelican RSL Club. Please save the date in your diary.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at the Pelican RSL on Wednesday 10 December. Please save the date if you're involved in this event.

### **National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day 2014.**

This year's theme is Kids in Culture — Strong, Proud, Resilient. In light of this years aim a family fun day and forum has been organised at Fairplay Café Gateshead on Monday 4th August 2014, 3:30-5:30pm to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, their strengths and their connections to culture.

This is a free event, afternoon tea and snacks will be provided. They will also have free kids activity bags to give out to children that attend. RSVP is essential. Families will need to RSVP by the 30th July.

Thankyou

Louise Dunn

Principal

### **K/1 News**

This term our class will be learning about animal classifications and animal families. This unit of work will culminate with an excursion to The Australian Reptile Park. I am very proud of our kindergarten children who have successfully read for 60 nights -



Congratulations Kirra, Charlie, Edie, Ella, Noah, Teya, Tayah ,Ava and Layla, keep up the great work.

Welcome to our class Blaze.

### **Star Struck**

Thank you to all the wonderful students and parents for your generosity in showing your support of Star Struck this year.(I did enjoy a delicious meal - thank you) Teachers are eager to take on extra- curricular activities when they are working with polite, thoughtful enthusiastic students who display such excitement and joy in participating.

### **School Athletics Carnival**

Thankyou Miss Bugbird for organising a fabulous Athletics Carnival with everyone participating and displaying great sportsmanship. Congratulations House Captains the House War Cries where outstanding. The winning house, ribbons and champions will be announced at our Monday afternoon assembly.

Julie Heath  
Classroom Teacher K/1

### **Learning and Support**

I have been working hard with many students over the past few weeks doing some additional reading, individually and in groups. I have been impressed with students connecting with their prior knowledge when reading to motivate and engage in the text and impressed to the commitment they are showing to their learning. In writing we have began to look at the structure of a persuasive text, revising strategies that have already been learnt. Students need to return their readers to school each day so they can be changed.  
Mrs Dunn

### **2/3/4 News**

We have settled nicely into our new classroom and it is looking brighter by the day. I've really enjoyed getting to learn a little bit more about everyone, from their favourite things to their ultimate bedroom design, through a range of 'All About Me' literacy tasks.

In numeracy everyone is well on their way to mastering the 9 times tables through a little hand trick we've been practising. Make sure they show you the trick!

Samantha Macdonald

Classroom Teacher 2/3/4



## **5/6 News**

Thankyou for the beautiful introduction to your school, an amazing first week was had.

In 5/6 this week we have been learning about the techniques in creative writing used to engage the reader and some brilliant work has been produced.

On Thursday 23rd July, we celebrated Rise for Alex day, 5/6 created an imovie collaboration of photos and dances to inspire Alex, this video will accompany letters of support that we wrote in literacy groups. This video will be available to view on the facebook page later this week.

Next week, we will begin our preparation for our annual Canberra excursion which will include learning about parliament, the city of Canberra and National history.

## **Office News**

Welcome back to Term 3. Please remember when making payments at the office to use the RED BOX and please place the correct amount of money in the envelope with your childs' name on it.

If you need assistance with the Skoolbag app or access to the school facebook book site bring your phone into the office I can assist you. These are are a great way to keep up to date with whats happenening at school.

All volunteers are required to complete the working with children check online. Once you have done this please bring a copy of you WWC number to the office for recording. This departmental policy is compulsory and is in the best interest of your children. If you need assistance come into the office and I can assist you with your application.

Thank you

Mrs Bell

Administration Manager

