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Term 2, Week 1 2015

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
2	27 April Assembly	28 April	29 April	30 April Zone Cross Country	1 May	2 3 May
3	4 May	5 May	6 May Book Club Orders Due	7 May Book Parade and Book Fair	8 May Mother's Day Stall	9 10 May
4	11 May Assembly	12 May NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 Language Conventions Writing	13 May NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 Reading	14 May NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 Numeracy	15 May	16 17 May
5	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May PBL 'On Track' Party	23 24 May
6	25 May Assembly	26 May P&C Meeting – 3pm	27 May	28 May Class Public Speaking Presentations	29 May	30 31 May
7	1 June	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 7 June
8	8 June Queen's Birthday	9 June	10 June	11 June Stage Public Speaking Presentations	12 June	13 14 June
9	15 June Assembly	16 June School Reports Home	17 June	18 June Parent/ Teacher Interviews	19 June	20 21 June
10	22 June NAIDOC Week Activities	23 June NAIDOC Day – Swansea Public School	24 June NAIDOC Week Activities	25 June School Athletics Carnival	26 June PBL Reward Day	27 28 June
Hols	29 June	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July	4 5 July
Hols	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 12 July

Welcome back to Term 2

We have had a rocky start to Term 2 and I thank everyone for their understanding and assistance through this difficult time. Students returned to school yesterday with a variety of stories of their experiences and I know there are some families who are still experiencing significant impacts from the storm. If there is anything the school can do to assist please feel free to call us.

Welcome to the Amarlie and her family who have recently moved to Pelican. Amarlie started school yesterday in Year 4 and has already settled in beautifully.

ANZAC Day 2015

Tomorrow we will commemorate ANZAC Day and the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at many different events across our community. This day is such a significant day on our calendar, a day when we can reflect on the sacrifices that our Australian men and women made for us and continue to make for us.

This year students have been asked to sing at the Pelican RSL Dawn Service. It is a very special privilege that the Pelican RSL Sub Branch have asked us to perform at such a significant event and I hope to see as many students there as possible. Our school leaders will be speaking at the event and will be leading the choir as a part of their leadership responsibilities. Students will meet at 5.10am in Piriwal Street between Karoburra Street and Kullara Streets. Look for the school banner.

Dyllan is representing the school at the Swansea Dawn Service and Ben and Grace will be representing the school at the Swansea ANZAC Day March at 11am.

Full school uniform is to be worn by all students.

The school ANZAC Day Service is rescheduled to next Friday, 1 May at 9am. We invite all family members to attend and are honoured to have Lindsay Hall, President of the Pelican RSL Sub Branch coming along to present our ANZAC Day Address. After the service the P&C are putting on a free morning tea for all of our students and visitors. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Debating Workshop – Postponed

Due to the non operational status of many of our schools a decision has been made to postpone the Debating Workshop that was to be held on Monday. I will let you know when a new date has been set.

Zone Cross Country Carnival

Due to the recent severe weather we have experienced the Zone Cross Country was postponed to next Thursday. Notes have gone home today to those students who made it through will need to return their notes on Monday. All students will need to find their way to and from the event and be supervised by their parents.

2015 Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is coming up on Thursday 7 May. The theme for this year is Kings, Queens and Castles so students may like to start thinking about what costume they might like to design. We will have a Book Parade at 9am where everyone can show off their amazing costumes, something that all students and teachers thoroughly enjoy. This will be followed by a visit from the Swansea Library where one of the librarians will come along and read two of

this year's Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books to us. Swansea Library will also have library application forms to fill out on the day for anyone wishing to join the library. Anyone wanting to become a member of the library will need to have photo identification.

The P&C will then hold a gold coin donation morning tea for our parents and visitors and students will have an opportunity to purchase something from the Book Fair.

Ukulele/ Guitar Group

Our Ukulele and guitar group and our singing group are both going well. This term we are splitting the groups to make it easier for students to learn the instruments. Instruments need to be brought in every Wednesday.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club went home yesterday and need to be returned by Wednesday 6 May.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students began the Premier's Reading Challenge at school last term and have been busy reading all of their books. Students in Mr Agnew's and Mrs Dunn's classes need to remember to log their books on the PRC website through their student portal.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an initiative of the NSW State government with Dymocks Children's Charities (principal partner) and Microsoft (technology partner).

For more information: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/faqs.html#about1>

School Assemblies

Our school assemblies are held fortnightly on Monday at 2.30pm. Our next school assembly is on Monday 27th of March.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the P&C meeting yesterday.

Belmont 16s Raffle

Last year the P&C were asked if they would like to put in to sell raffle tickets at the Belmont 16s for two nights in 2015. The dates we were allocated were 21 and 22 May. Brett Harvey and Shane Wilson have volunteered to run Thursday 21 May and Rickie Wilson, Rebecca Harvey and Simone Foster have volunteered to run the raffles on Friday 22 May. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Playgroup

Playgroup is on in Room 7 from 9am to 11am every Tuesday, located in the room next to the canteen. All children welcome from 0 to 6 years. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. All you need to bring along is your babies/toddlers morning tea and yourself. We ask for a \$2 donation each week you come along. Remember to tell your friends and family.

Pie Drive

Thank you to everyone who supported the school in the Pie Drive last term. The feedback was so positive that the P&C have decided to hold another Pie Drive this term. Orders will go out in Week 6, will need to be returned in Week 9 and will be collected on Friday 26 June, the last day of Term 2.

School Disco

This term the P&C will hold a school disco for any primary school student or younger. Dates are yet to be confirmed but expect information in the coming weeks.

ANZAC Day

The P&C have contributed one of the ANZAC Day wreaths this year and will also be providing a free morning tea next Friday at the School ANZAC Day Service.

Canteen News with Rickie

Welcome back to Term 2. Our new menu has started; if you need another copy please see the office as all students received one last term. The canteen roster is attached and as you will see we still need volunteers for some days. If we are unable to find volunteers the canteen will have to close on these days.

Regards,

Louise Dunn

Principal

Good for Kids good for life

Simple and inexpensive physical activity

Increasing the amount of physical activity in your child's day is a simple and inexpensive way to improve their health and wellbeing. Being active needn't cost a lot or take up a lot of time. Here are some fun and easy ways to include more activity in your child's day:

- Playing games like 'Simon Says' or 'Follow the leader'
- Playing with the dog
- Going for a walk
- Playing in the park
- Dancing in the lounge room
- Kicking a ball in the backyard

Encourage your kids to be creative while having fun and being active, for example:

- To make bats or racquets, roll up newspaper or use cardboard tubes
- For markers or obstacles for games, use plastic bottles, containers or shoes
- Brooms or mops can be used for hurdles or the limbo bar
- Chalk, rope or masking tape are great for game markings e.g. hopscotch, handball

If you have a backyard, make the most of it! Play hopscotch or elastics, chalk up some handball markings, create a soccer goal from bins or other backyard objects or you could put up a netball or basketball hoop.

There are lots of simple and inexpensive ways to help your kids be active every day.