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Term 2, Week 3 2015

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
4	11 May Assembly Public Speaking Workshops	12 May School Photos NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 Language Conventions Writing	13 May NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 Reading Year 6 Taster Lessons – Swansea High School 1.50pm – 3pm	14 May NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 Numeracy	15 May	16 17 May
5	18 May Debating	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May PBL 'On Track' Party	23 24 May
6	25 May Assembly Public Speaking Workshops	26 May P&C Meeting – 3pm	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 31 May
7	1 June Public Speaking Workshops	2 June	3 June Blacksmiths Dune Regeneration Plant Project 11.30am – 12.30pm	4 June Class Public Speaking Presentations	5 June	6 7 June
8	8 June Queen's Birthday	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 14 June
9	15 June Assembly	16 June School Reports Home	17 June Stage Public Speaking Presentations	18 June Parent/ Teacher Interviews	19 June Soccer Gala Day - Blacksmiths	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

School Photos

School Photos will be on Tuesday morning. Please ensure full school uniform is worn for the photos and please ensure your envelope is returned with the correct money enclosed on the day. Sibling envelopes need to be collected from the office before Tuesday.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As we have school photos on Tuesday and there are two tests to be sat we will turn off the school bell and recess and lunch times will be altered accordingly. Wednesday and Thursday bell time will not be affected by the NAPLAN assessment.

Public Speaking Workshops

Our Public speaking workshops are starting on Monday morning. We will have three workshops in preparation for our upcoming public speaking presentations and local competitions. The cost is \$10 per student, please have money in by 15 May.

Book Parade and Book Fair

Thank you to Mr Agnew for organising our Book Parade and Book Fair yesterday. All students and teachers had so much fun dressing up as their favourite book character. The school sold over \$1000 worth of books which is fantastic for the amount of students we have. Thank you to our P&C for organising such a lovely morning tea, everyone who was able to come along had a wonderful time.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who braved the weather to run in the Zone Cross Country. Mr Agnew was so impressed with all students' behaviour and sportsmanship toward each other and said all of you should be congratulated for the effort you put in. Well done!

ANZAC Day 2015

ANZAC Day is always a significant event on our calendar and it was commemorated at a number of events this year.

ANZAC Day for many of our students started at 5am when we lined up to march to the cenotaph at the Pelican RSL Club. Grace, Brodie and Gemma spoke at the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. I was so proud of all of our students who were able to make it to the march, your behaviour was outstanding. I received many comments about how beautifully you sang and how lovely it was that our school was so involved in the service. After the service we were treated to a delicious breakfast along with drinks and special gift bags. Thank you to the Pelican RSL Sub Branch, Pelican RSL Women's Auxiliary and the Pelican RSL Club for looking after us so well. It was truly a day to remember.

Dyllan represented the school at the Swansea Dawn Service where her brother Jesse was asked to read a poem he'd written about his uncles who fought in Gallipoli. Thank you to Dyllan for representing our school so well.

Ben and Grace represented the school at the Swansea ANZAC Day March at 11am where they marched alongside our friends from our Galgabba Community of Schools. Ben and Grace laid a wreath on behalf of our school and also represented our school beautifully. Thank you Ben and Grace.

Last Friday morning we held our ANZAC Day Service at School. We were honoured to have Lindsay Hall from the Pelican RSL Sub Branch come along to give the ANZAC Day Address. Thank you to our student leaders did a wonderful job at running the service. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the service and a special thank you to the P&C for organising the morning tea for our students and visitors.

Debating Workshop – Monday 18 May

The Debating Workshop that is being held at Wiripaang Public School has been rescheduled for Monday 18 May. New permission notes went home today so selected students will need to return them as soon as possible.

Art Diaries

Students in Year 2 to Year 6 do creative arts every Tuesday with Mrs Dunn and all students need an A4 visual arts diary. Diaries are available at school for \$5 or can be purchased from your local newsagent. This term we have designed posters to be displayed in the athlete's village at the 2015 Pacific Games and we have started learning about Picasso.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more: <http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au>

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Regards,

Louise Dunn

Principal

P&C News

Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to Jett for winning the Mother's Day Raffle yesterday at the Book Parade.

The P&C were so pleased with the response from the raffle they decided to draw another Entertainment Book prize. Nicole Griffiths was the winner of our second Entertainment Book.

Congratulations Jett and Nicole!

2015 Entertainment Books

Our Entertainment Books are here at school if you would like to purchase one for someone special this Mother's Day! They cost \$60 and \$12 goes directly to the school. The value is well worth it. You can use the link below if you wish to order a digital copy. You are also able to purchase an Entertainment Book for someone special in a different area using our link. This year digital copies can be placed on 2 devices so they can be shared in the same way you might with the book. Books can be purchased at the office.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346u42>

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.