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Term 2, Week 5 2015

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
6	25 May Public Speaking Workshops	26 May P&C Meeting – 3pm	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 31 May
7	1 June Debating – Selected Students	2 June	3 June Blacksmiths Dune Regeneration Plant Project 11.30am – 12.30pm 2/3/4/5/6 CAPApillar Day – Caves Beach Public School	4 June Class Public Speaking Presentations	5 June	6 7 June
8	8 June Queen's Birthday Holiday	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 14 June
9	15 June Assembly School Reports Home	16 June Parent/ Teacher Interviews – Mr Agnew 2/3/4: 1.30pm – 4.30pm	17 June Stage Public Speaking Presentations Parent/ Teacher Interviews – Mrs Heath K/1: 1.00pm – 4.00pm	18 June Parent/ Teacher Interviews – Mrs Dunn 5/6: 1.30pm – 4.30pm	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
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Congratulations Jesse

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of watching a former student of ours speak at the AECG Meeting at Swansea High School. Jesse Harvey was recently elected President of the Swansea High Junior AECG, somewhere Aboriginal students can learn more about their culture and participate in cultural activities together. Jesse impressed everyone in the room with his confidence and humble nature. Jesse was also recognised for the poem that he wrote about his uncles who fought at Gallipoli, read by him at the Swansea ANZAC Day Dawn Service. I know you will all join me in congratulating Jesse for his achievements.

Eastlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day

The Eastlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day is being held on Friday 10 July at the Pelican Foreshore from 10am to 4pm. We have been asked to sing the Awabakal National Anthem at the event again this year and I hope to see as many of our students there on the day. Being the school holidays it may be a little difficult for everyone to attend however if you are available to come along and share in some fun and sing with us please let Mrs Bell know in the office. The Eastlakes Got Talent Quest is on again this year with some fantastic prizes that the school is donating. Anyone can enter so grab your entry forms from Mrs Dunn.

Save these JULY dates for Lake Mac NAIDOC events – Lake Macquarie Council

Monday 6 July 2015: 2pm	Belmont Neighbourhood Bush Tucker afternoon tea and tour. Bookings essential 4947 0031
Tuesday 7 July 2015: 9.15am	Lake Macquarie City Council flag raising and morning tea
Tuesday 7 July 2015: 11am	Toronto Courthouse flag raising
Tuesday 7 July 2015: 11.30am	Westlakes community march The Boulevard Toronto
Tuesday 7 July 2015: Noon-3pm	Westlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day Toronto Foreshore
Friday 10 July 2015: 10am-4pm	Eastlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day Pelican Foreshore

Public Speaking Workshops

Our Public speaking workshops have been very engaging and all students have been thoroughly enjoying the time working with Miss Ishbel. We will have our final workshop on Monday in preparation for our upcoming public speaking presentations and local competitions. The cost is \$10 per student; please send the money into school if you have not already done so.

School Camp

Next term Year 5 and Year 6 will attend our school excursion to Bathurst and Dubbo where we will sleep in the Dubbo Zoo overnight. The excursion needs to be paid by the end of this term so please continue to send payments in even if it is just a small amount of money each week. Students are looking forward to sharing this experience with our friends from Nords Wharf.

Debating Workshop – Monday 18 May

The Debating Workshop that is being held at Wiripaang Public School has been rescheduled for Monday 1 June. Mrs Dunn will be attending the workshop with our students.

Blacksmiths Dune Regeneration Project

Our students in Year 2 to Year 6 have been asked to participate in the Blacksmiths Dune Regeneration Project on Wednesday 3 June. Students will walk over the beach and assist by planting trees in the sand dunes. They will learn the importance of dune preservation through discussions with local Landcare representatives. There will be no note home as it is a walking excursion. If you wish to come along and assist our students please contact the school.

Soft Fall

Our playground has been topped up with soft fall this week. Students enjoyed helping Bruce spread the soft fall yesterday.

P&C Meeting

There is a P&C Meeting next Tuesday at 3pm. Please come along and join us, new members are always welcome.

Regards,

Louise Dunn
Principal

News with Mr Agnew

News from the Garden.

The Garden has taken off well this term and the students are enjoying snacking on the snow peas. The pumpkin has gone crazy with lots of flowers, so we should see the beginnings of some pumpkins soon. The beetroots are ready to harvest and they are big and juicy. We will set up a farmers market on Friday mornings if you would like to buy any of our fresh organic produce. Harriet is our head farmer's market organiser and she will be more than happy to sell you something. A gold coin donation would be welcome. Thank you.

Ukulele Group

Students are progressing well. They have identified the different parts of the Ukulele and learnt how to tune them. Last week we played Old McDonald Had a Farm, learning the C chord, and this week we are learning the G Chord playing There Ain't No Bugs on Me.

Library

Congratulations on such a successful book week and thank you very much to the families that donated books to the library. The day was an absolute success with everyone having a great time. From the profit the school will be able to buy more books to inspire, motivate and ignite our student's imaginations. Library lessons and borrowing days are as follows, K to 2 are on Wednesdays and 3 to 6 are on Thursdays. Pack your child's library bag on these days and please have a hunt around for any library books as there are many missing.

Class Reports

Mrs Dunn

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed their NAPLAN test last week. I was so proud of all of our students who completed the tests over three days, trying their hardest in every test they completed. Well done.

We have been learning about angles over the past few weeks in mathematics, it has proven to be a challenging topic at times. All students have persevered and challenged themselves to learn how angles are named, how we measure them and how to draw angles. Learning to use the protractor was part of this process and most students are able to confidently measure angles accurately using a protractor. Next week we will finish our unit off by learning to identify unknown angles.

Congratulations to Ryan, Ben, Levi and Zoey for significant improvements to their reading over the past term. All of these students have been working hard to improve their reading and their hard work and positive attitude towards their learning has paid off. Well done!

Many of our students have become paper plane engineers over the past few weeks, something that most of the school is enjoying. We are holding a paper plane competition at the end of the term as a part of our Science Fair. Two of our Stage 3 students will be selected to take their planes to the Swansea High Science Fair to compete in the Galgabba Paper Plane Competition.

Art is always a fun topic for all of our students. Last week students started a unit on Pablo Picasso, learning about abstract art. As you will see from the pictures we have some very talented artists amongst us.



Students have started the *You Can Do It* program over the past few weeks and the focus in our room has been friendship. We have been looking at what it means to be a good friend, particularly the qualities that people value in friends, the need to be tolerant and accepting of everyone's differences and the skills needed to make new friends. Students have been working individually and in small groups for these activities.

Mr Agnew

The literacy focus for 2,3,4 has been persuasive writing this term and although the class can be very persuasive already, they are learning how to organise their writing into structured paragraphs. We have been reading Roald Dahl stories and are half way through *The Twits*, which everyone finds both funny and gross. Most students are working on fluency and expression with their reading.

2,3,4 have also been working hard on their subtraction. They are trading and developing their skills exceptionally well. We even have a few of the year 2 students subtracting numbers in the hundred thousands. Amazing! Times tables remains a priority, with nearly everyone having mastered their 2's to an excellent level. Students continue to be very motivated to complete each set, which is fantastic.

For Human Science and Its Environment we have been studying Antarctica. Students are currently researching an animal that lives there and will Blabberize a picture of it. This will be posted onto their individual websites made in computer lessons on Wikispaces. Students will then investigate a question of their choice, with the focus being on why Antarctica is important and how are people trying to protect it.

This term, in computer lessons, students are learning how to create a simple website using Wikispaces. They will create pages and links within the website. They will be embedding HTML code into these to make animations on them. The Wikispaces address is <https://pelicanps.wikispaces.com/> and is in its development stages. It should look really good by the end of this term, with students' work posted on their pages. Feel free to browse the site whenever you like. Students have their own logins which you can use to access the site.

Mrs Heath

Kindergarten has been busy learning the sounds sh, ch ,th and qu.

They are also becoming super readers. Congratulations Chase, Hamish, Kaiden, Jett and Troy keep up the good work to earn more stickers in your home reading log.

This fortnight Year One has been working hard at writing Super Sentences.

After reading Belinda some examples of super sentences were;

One day Old Tom dressed up to milk Bessie's cow and Old Tom ran and ran and Old Tom was out of breath. Noah

Once upon a time Old Tom dressed up as Bessie to milk BELINDA the cow. Tayah

One sunny morning Old Tom dressed up to milk Bessie the cow. Teya

While Bessie was away Old Tom dressed up in Bessie's dress to milk Belinda the cow. Olivia

Early in the morning Old Tom dressed up to milk the cow Belinda. Ella

One sunny afternoon Old Tom dressed up in Bessie's dress and Belinda let Tom milk her. Layla

Early one morning Old Tom dressed up in a very good disguise to milk the cow. Ava

While Bessie was away Old Tom dressed up to milk the cow Belinda. Edie

Early on a sunny day Old Tom disguised himself as Bessie so he could milk the cow. Kirra

Early in the morning Old Tom dressed up in disguise to milk the clever cow Belinda. Charlie

Choosing a mobile phone

What should you consider when choosing a mobile phone for your child? Here are some ideas to help you through the process:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/technology/using-technology/choosing-a-mobile-phone>

Canteen News with Rickie

We are currently in need for more volunteers, if you could spare a few hours it would be greatly appreciate. Thank you to all the current volunteers, we could not operate without you.

New Items

Homemade Lasagne \$3

Fairy Floss Fandangle Ice Cream \$1.50

Special Recess

Next Friday 29th May

Warm Milo and Raisin Toast \$1

Order on the day before 9am