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Term 2, Week 7 2015

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
8	8 June Queen's Birthday Holiday	9 June Assembly – 2.30pm	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 14 June
9	15 June School Reports Home	16 June Parent/ Teacher Interviews – Mr Agnew 2/3/4: 1.30pm – 4.30pm Pie Drive Orders Due	17 June Parent/ Teacher Interviews – Mrs Heath K/1: 1.00pm – 4.00pm	18 June Stage Public Speaking Presentations Parent/ Teacher Interviews – Mrs Dunn 5/6: 1.30pm – 4.30pm	19 June Soccer Gala Day - Blacksmiths	20 21 June
10	22 June Assembly	23 June NAIDOC Day – Swansea Public School	24 June Science Fair 9.30am - All parents and family members invited	25 June School Athletics Carnival - All parents and family members invited	26 June PBL Reward Day Pie Drive Orders – Collection Date	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

NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Day is fast approaching and we are going to be celebrating the day with our friends from Swansea Public School this year. Mrs Stewart has many great things planned for us including a reptile show, Aboriginal games and an Aboriginal Ceremony that will recognise Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who are striving to achieve their personal best at school. Students will receive a note next week when all the details are confirmed. It will be a fantastic day for all students.

Congratulations Emily

Congratulations to Emily Beard, a past student of ours, who was selected to participate in a four day Aboriginal dance workshop in Sydney over the past two weeks. Emily travelled with her family to Sydney to learn and perform traditional Aboriginal dances and to mix with other Aboriginal students from across the state. We are all very proud of Emily who was the only student from our area selected to participate in the event.

Pie Drive

The P&C are having another Pie Drive this term as there was so much positive feedback following our last one. Note are attached to the Newsletter. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Energy Crew

The school as a whole has been looking at ways we can reduce our energy consumption and have less of an impact on the environment so we have introduced the Energy Crew at school. Kristin, Rory, Brooke and Ryan are the team that will monitor our classrooms to ensure we are switching off our lights at lunch and recess, unplugging anything that is not being used, monitor our air conditioner temperatures and further mentor us in ways to further reduce our consumption. Each newsletter our Energy Crew will give us an Energy Saving Tip for us to think about.

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

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.

K/1 and 2/3/4 Excursion

An exciting excursion is planned for 27th July to visit the Hunter Wetlands. If you did not receive your note please see the office for a replacement. It would be appreciated if all money is paid by the 26th of June.

Tissues

Due to the increasing cases of colds and runny noses over the past few weeks we are asking each student to bring in a box of tissues for their class. Tissues can be brought in and given to classroom teachers. Thank you to everyone who has already supplied a box of tissues to their classroom teacher.

News with Mr Agnew

Soccer Gala Day will be held on Friday 19th June for Primary Students. This will be held at the Bell Swans home ground next door to the school. A canteen will operate and this event is free. A permission note will go home next week.

The Athletics Carnival is to be held on Thursday 25th June and will commence at 9:30am. The day will begin with the teams doing a march pass and their war cries, an event not to be missed. The running events will be run before a recess break and then the athletics events will commence and take us through to lunch. After lunch there will be some novelty events, parents and carers can join in too; don't forget to stretch. We will finish the day with a presentation of ribbons to winners and place getters for each event.

There will be a special lunch provided by the canteen that will need to be pre-ordered. The note for that is attached to the newsletter.

We will need parent helpers on the day for time keeping and assisting in running the athletic events. If you can help please let Kelli know in the office. Thank you.

Class Reports

Mrs Dunn

Public Speaking – Brodie Wagstaff

For the last couple of weeks the whole school has been studying public speaking. Each Monday all classes have been participating in Mrs Ishbell's public speaking workshop. In these fantastic educational workshops the 5/6 class has been learning all about how to get your voice levels correct and how to project your voice loudly. Also we have been playing a game called the hot seat, in this game you have to choose a topic out of Mrs Ishbell's pile and speak about it. The time was recorded and the amount of 'ums and ahs' were counted. Personally my favourite activity was when our class had to learn the correct posture and how to stand. I hope everyone's speech is coming along fine; we are looking forward to hearing some mind blowing speeches that are sure to blow our socks of.

Dune Regeneration – Grace Wolsey

On the 03/06/2015 we got on the Pelican RSL bus and Mrs Dunn drove us to Blacksmiths beach to plant over 300 plants in a path that isn't supposed to be there. People mowed down a path in between 2 paths owned by the government and we planted plants in the path to get rid of it. We had to get rid of the path because when the native animals ran across they are spotted by pray and eaten, so we planted plants there to save them. We also planted the plants there because we stopped the dunes from falling and the water flooding the Blacksmiths community. We planted 300 plants in 30 minutes!!



Debating Workshop – Rory Barnes

On the 1st of June seven of the 5/6 students went to the debating workshop that was held at Wiripang Public School. All students learned the correct ways to debate and what is good for a debate, also what is not a good strategy. We learned the quote 'bulldozing' which is how to knock other opponents arguments down. We started up the debating day with a small pop quiz all about debating. Then we went onto practising an argument and what is the definition. The topic that was voted for all students participating was: Homework should be banned. Lucky enough our school was on the affirmative side, which meant we had to come up with reasons why homework should be banned. I hope all students had a great day learning about how to debate.

Mr Agnew

In Literacy this fortnight students have really grasped the structure of persuasive writing. Year 4 students particularly are setting their work out well with year 2 and 3 nearly there. They are organising their work into paragraphs with four sentences based around the acronym PREP, Point, Reason, Example and Point.

During numeracy lesson students have been learning about angles. They have learnt the angle song and I am sure they would love to sing it for you. The focus remains on subtraction facts but incorporating multi step problem-solving strategies with this. Times tables are improving, but still need more work. Whenever you think of it give them an oral test on the spot.

Mrs Heath

How proud is Mrs Heath after listening to everyone's speeches this fortnight. The children have grown in confidence in delivering well prepared work. Thank you to all parents for taking an interest in your children's progress at school.

As part of our unit of work on Transport the children have worked in pairs to construct a form of transport out of recyclable materials, come on in to our room to view their wonderful creations.

Canteen News with Rickie

Please find attached the lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. Make sure you ask all your loved ones who are planning to come along for the day if they would like to order their lunch as well.

Energy Crew Tip of the Week!

Hi, this is the energy saving crew!



Today our top tip of the week is to remember to close the door when coming in and out of a room, to keep the warm air inside this winter!

Kristin, Rory, Brooke and Ryan