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Term 3, Week 1 2015

2	20 July Gymnastics	21 July Playgroup 9am – 11am	22 July	23 July Athletics Carnival 9.30am	24 July Assembly 2.30pm	25 26 July
	P&C Meeting – 5pm	P&C Meeting – 3pm				
	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open			
3	27 July Education Week	28 July Playgroup 9am – 11am	29 July Anna Fienberg - Author of Tashie Books Workshop 9am-11am - \$4.50	30 July Galgabba Public Speaking Competition	31 July Newsletter	1 2 Aug
	Gymnastics		Mexican Special Lunch Order Day - \$5	Pelican Flat's Got Talent Parents/carers invited to be involved – 2pm		
	K to Year 4 Excursion to Hunter Wetlands			Swansea High Science Fair – 5.30pm Year 6. Year 5 students invited to attend.		
4	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open		8 9 Aug
	3 August Gymnastics	4 August Playgroup 9am – 11am	5 August	6 August ClimateCam Workshop – Selected Students	7 August Assembly 2.30pm	
	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open			
5	10 August Gymnastics	11 August Playgroup 9am – 11am	12 August	13 August	14 August Newsletter	15 16 Aug
	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open		
6	17 August Gymnastics	18 August Playgroup 9am – 11am	19 August	20 August 5/6 HSIE Projects Due	21 August Assembly 2.30pm	22 23 Aug
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7	24 August Gymnastics	25 August Playgroup 9am – 11am	26 August Fruit and Veg Month- Special Lunch Day – Roasted Pumpkin Soup \$3 – Bring your own cup and spoon from home.	27 August	28 August Newsletter	29 30 Aug
		Fruit and Veg Month- Mr Agnew making pumpkin soup with selected students.			Fruit and Veg Month- Fruit/Veg Sculptures Due	
	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open		
8	31 August	1 September Playgroup 9am – 11am	2 September Fruit and Veg Month- 2/3/4 Fruit and Veg	3 September	4 September Father's Day Breakfast 8.15am	5 6 Sep

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9	7 September Gymnastics 5/6 Excursion Office Open	8 September 5/6 Excursion Playgroup 9am – 11am Office Open	9 September 5/6 Excursion Fruit and Veg Month- K/1 Fruit and Veg Sharing Plate. Office Open	10 September 5/6 Science Engineering Day at Kahibah PS Office Open	11 September Newsletter	12 13 Sep
10	14 September Gymnastics Years 2-6 Science Projects Due Office Open	15 September Playgroup 9am – 11am Fruit and Veg Month- 5/6 Fruit and Veg Sharing Plate. Office Open	16 September Touch Football Gala Day Years 3-6 Office Open	17 September	18 September Rewards Day Assembly 2.30pm	19 20 Sep
11	21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September	21 September	19 20 Sep
12	28 September	29 September	30 September	1 October	28 September	19 20 Sep

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone had a wonderful break and is ready for another busy term. We have lots of exciting things going on this term as you'll see on the calendar. This term we have our school excursions which all students are looking forward to. We will also celebrate Education Week and will celebrate Fruit and Veg Month later in the term.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held at 5pm on Monday 20 July. Please feel free to come along and join us in the Primary classroom.

Athletics Carnival


Our Athletics Carnival will go ahead next Thursday 23 July regardless of the weather. Thank you for your understanding with the postponement of the other carnivals, we understand it can be difficult to rearrange work commitments to come along to these events. Students are all looking forward to the day. Remember you can still order your lunch but it will need to be in by Monday if you wish to do so. An order form is attached to the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

ClimateCam

Congratulations to Kristin, Levi, Beau and Jade for being selected to lead our ClimateCam Weather and Sustainability initiative within the school. These students have been recognised for their effort and responsibility relating to the environment. These students will attend a workshop with Mr Agnew at the Hunter Wetlands Environmental Education Centre on Thursday August 6 from 9.30am to 12pm.

Science Fair

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in our annual Science Fair. All of the teachers were blown away with the effort and learning that you have been doing over the past term. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves. It was such a fun day where everyone got to share all the fun things that they had been learning and Sara even made the local paper. Well done Pelican Flat!



Student rock solid on evidence

By **GEORGIA OSLAND**

EVER wondered if rock candy stores better in the fridge or at room temperature?

Budding young scientist Sara Lunn, a year 6 student at Pelican Flat Public School, has the answer.

Using sugar, water and food colouring to make her own rock candy, Sara discovered the sweet treat was best enjoyed at room temperature. She found the sugar crystals solidified to

the perfect consistency at room temperature, but went too hard in the fridge.

The experiment was for the school's annual science fair, which was held last week. Sara and her 45 school mates from year 1 to 6 presented their homemade projects, which ranged from exploding volcanos and dry ice to quicksand and rockets.

The fair was the culmination of a term's worth of work on the scientific method. Students

were given several weeks to conjure up a creation and perfect their methods before giving a brief presentation to teachers, parents and classmates at the fair.

Pelican Flat Public School principal Louise Dunn said the aim was to encourage students to "have a go". Mrs Dunn was pleased with the quality of the projects.

■ Go to newcastlestar.com.au to see a photo gallery from Pelican Flat Public School's science fair.

Debating

Congratulations to our debating team who were successful against Hillsborough Public School in our first debate in the last week of Term 2. We are new to debating so everyone was very nervous but put in lots of effort. You all did a fabulous job and should be very proud of your achievements.

K/1 and 2/3/4 Excursion

An exciting excursion is planned for 27th July to visit the Hunter Wetlands. Please ensure all permission notes and payment are returned to school next week.

Pelican Flats Got Talent

Calling all magicians, comedians' gymnasts, daredevils, singers, dancers, musicians, illusionists and circus acts (this includes parents). We are holding our Annual Talent Quest as part of Education Week this year on Thursday 30th July at 2pm. So let's get practising, with some fabulous prizes to be awarded for the best act.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics will start on Monday and will continue for the remainder of the term. If you have not paid for gymnastics please do so by Monday.

Anna Fienberg – Author Visit

Anna Fienberg, the author of the Tashi series that is now a TV program is coming to our school on Wednesday 29 July from 9am to 11am to do workshops with our students. In her presentation, Anna will tell how Tashi started small in her mother's living room and grew big around the world, and what it's like to watch your hand-written character walk onto a TV screen. She can discuss the background and process to her novels, what to do when you get stuck or your characters rebel, and how to cheer yourself on. She'll read from her new work, and give a glimpse of projects to come.

The cost is \$4.40 per student. Our friends in Years 3 and 4 from Blacksmiths Public School will join us for the Primary workshop and will then stay and have lunch with us. The canteen is putting on a Mexican Special Lunch for \$5 and an order form is attached to the newsletter.

Office Opening Hours

Our office allocation has always been 3 1/2 days a week and as of this term the office will only be open for this amount of time. The office opening days are listed on the calendar and will be 3 days one week, 4 days the following week. The days that the office isn't open staff will check the answering machine during break times. Mrs Dunn will work in the office on the Fridays that she is on the site to answer any calls that come in. If you have any questions around the changes please feel free to contact the school.

NAIDOC Day

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Opening Ceremony of the Eastlake NAIDOC Day at the Pelican Foreshore on Friday 10 July, you all sang the Awabakal National Anthem beautifully. The event was a fun day and it was wonderful to see so many of our students enjoying themselves at all the fun activities. A special mention to Jade who was the only student from our school to participate in the Eastlakes Got Talent Quest. Jade performed a dance that she choreographed herself and performed beautifully. Congratulations Jade!

Congratulations to Jesse Harvey, a past student of ours and Dyllan's older brother who was awarded Male Youth of the Year. Congratulations Jesse, such a wonderful achievement.



Assembly

Due to our timetable this term our assemblies will now be held fortnightly on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. Our next assembly is next Friday 24 July.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It's Back! Woolworths Earn and Learn

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box in the office.

Canteen News with Rickie

Canteen News

Canteen will be open **MONDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY** for term 3.

A new canteen menu has been sent home for term 3 and is available on the skoolbag under the canteen heading.

Term 3 Meal Deal - 4 Nuggets served with potato wedges, choice of sauce and water or juice for a low price of \$4.

We also have new snack items, please remember to order these products before 9.00am

Cheese and bacon roll \$1.50

Cheese and vegemite wrap .70c

Anzac cookie \$1.00

With the postponing of the athletics carnival until next Thursday 23/7 **IT IS NOT** too late to place a lunch order, please see note attached.

Thank you to all volunteers the canteen couldn't open without you.