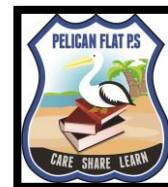


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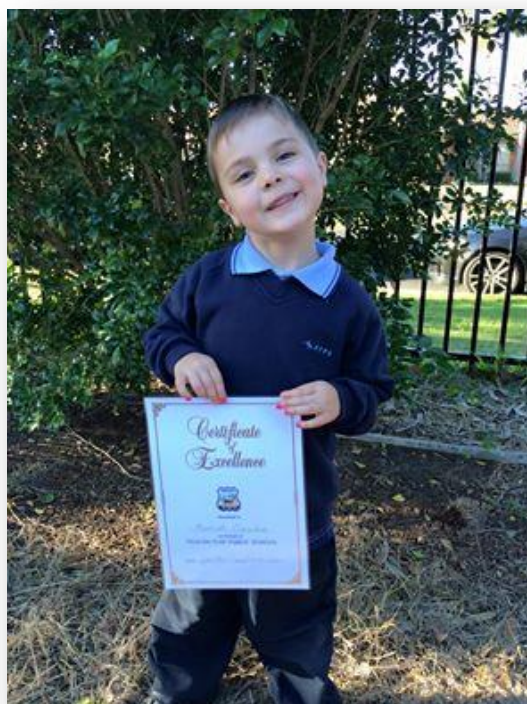
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Term 2, Week 9 2015

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
10	22 June Assembly Debating – Hillsborough PS v Pelican Flat PS at Pelican Flat 12pm	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 Year 6 Fundraiser – PJ and Cupcake 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 Eastlake NAIDOC Family Fun Day	11 12 July

Congratulations Hamish



Congratulations to Hamish for receiving our prestigious Certificate of Excellence Award at our last assembly. Hamish was recognised for his outstanding behaviour and dedication to his learning. Congratulations Hamish!

Farewell Mrs Bell

Tuesday was Mrs Bell's last day here at Pelican Flat Public School as she has received a promotion to a full time position at Caves Beach Public School starting Term 3. Mrs Bell has been such an integral part of the team here at Pelican Flat Public School and we have been blessed to have such a wonderful, highly efficient School Admin Manager over the past two years. It was evident the impact she has had on our community as the news of her leaving reached our students and parents, past and present, and all of the wonderful comments and reflections that followed. I know you all join me in thanking Mrs Bell for everything that she has done for our students, staff, parents and the wider community and congratulate her on her well-deserved promotion.

The P&C are going to hold a dinner for Mrs Bell at the Pelican RSL Club after the holidays; I will let you know the details as soon as we are notified.

Welcome Mrs Fairleigh

Mrs Fairleigh is relieving for Mrs Bell while she is on leave and will start with us in Term 3 until the Expression of Interest for the position is filled. Mrs Fairleigh's substantive position is at Swansea High School so some of you may know her already. If not, be sure to pop in and introduce yourselves over the coming weeks.

Science Fair

Students will present their Science Fair Projects next Wednesday morning at our Science Fair. We will be starting at 9.30am and invite all of our family and friends to come along and share in our learning and fun. Students are encouraged to dress up as a funky scientist on the day. All of our teachers will be displaying their projects on the day as well.

Mrs Dunn Long Service Leave

Next Thursday and Friday I will be on long service leave. If you have any questions or concerns please see Mrs Heath as she will be the contact person at the school in my absence.

School Holidays

School holidays start at the end of next week, 27 June 2015. Students will return to school on Tuesday 14 July. If you see anything that looks suspicious or out of place during the school holidays please call the School Security Unit on 1300880021 or 000 in an emergency. I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and always remember to stay safe.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Stage Finals of our public speaking competition on Wednesday. You all did a fabulous job, something you should be very proud of. Congratulations to the flowing students who made it through to the Galgabba Public Speaking Competition and the Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Stage 1: Edie and Harriet

Stage 2: Dyllan and Amarlie

Stage 3: Brodiee and Grace

Debating

On Monday Pelican Flat Public School students will compete against Hillsborough Public School in our first debate. Good luck to our debating team!

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 have received a note that needs to be returned by Monday and all lunch orders need to be in on Monday morning at the latest. Students will need to pack recess and lunch and will need to remember their water bottle. It will be a fantastic day for all students. All staff will be attending the day at Swansea Primary School so there will be no supervision at school. If your child needs a lift to and from the day please contact the office on Monday morning.

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 Fairleigh 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.

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. So let's get practising, with some fabulous prizes to be awarded for the best act. Please note all acts will need to audition with Mrs Heath by 24th July.

Class Reports

Mrs Dunn

Public Speaking - Grace

In the past few weeks everyone had to write a speech and we read those speeches to our class. Only a few people were selected to go through to our Stage Finals. Harriet, Clara, Kirra, Ella, Ava and Edie were selected from Stage 1 to go through. Selected from stage 2 were Amarlie, Cassie and Dyllan. Brodiee, Sara and I were selected from stage 3. Everyone then had to read their speeches to the school and a smaller amount of people were then selected to go and represent our school in the Galgabba Public Speaking and the Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking. Harriet and Edie were selected from Stage 1 to represent our school. From Stage 2 Amarlie and Dyllan are going to represent the school. Brodiee and I were selected from stage 3 to also represent our school in the competitions. Good luck to all who made it through to the Galgabba Public Speaking and the Hunter Inter-Schools!! Have a great time.

Sports Report - Sara

K-6 has been learning soccer skills but the Soccer Gala Day has been postponed because of the rain. Our athletes carnival is on Friday, so make sure to have lots of water because there will be many events. Don't forget to bring you canteen lunch orders in on Monday.

Google Doodle - Rory

In just a few days Years 2-6 will be doing the Google Doodle Competition. This is where students in Years 2-6 draw a Google sign but the subject is "If i could travel back in time I would..." and whatever you choose has to do with your Google sign. The major prize is \$10,000 dollars for the school a chrome book and much more.

Mrs Bell's Leaving- Brodiee

On Tuesday the 16th of June, it was Mrs Bell's last day at Pelican Flat Public School. For the past two years Mrs Bell has put in a tremendous amount of work for our beautiful school. Handing notes, making important dates, phone calls, sorting out money and finances and much more! She got a promotion to Caves Beach Public School, which is AWESOME and we all hope she has a wonderful time there. I'm sure all the wonderful students at Caves Beach Public School will LOVE you just like all the students at our school did! Thanks again for making each day happy and putting smiles on everyone's faces! Farewell to Mrs Bell! Xx



Year 6 Fundraiser - Gemma

On Friday 26 June Year 6 students are holding a fundraiser for our school. The fundraiser will be a Pyjama and Cupcake day. All students will be able to come in their warm cosy pyjamas. To be able to come in your comfy clothes the cost will be a gold coin donation. Also on this day there will be cupcakes prepared by the Year 6 students for everyone. Please note that the cupcake is included in the gold coin donation and will be handed out at lunch time. We hope to see everyone come in their pyjamas next Friday.

Independent Learners Locky

Our Year 6 students have been working hard on the independent learners project and there are some amazing ones so far. The Independent Learners Project is something we choose to do to see if we are eligible for the Swansea High Independent Learners Class next year.

Mr Agnew

We have been doing some creative writing this week. Students have revisited adding adjectives and similes to their writing. There has been a focus on editing their sentences, and thinking about each word they are using. All of the students have really stepped up to the task and created some fantastic sentences.

In maths we have been looking at fractions and multiplication ready to move onto division early next term. Fractions are a difficult concept to understand, however everyone has stayed focused on working out the problems. Year 4 have moved onto percentages, both as a fraction of 100 and a decimal to two places.

Mrs Heath

K/1 children are eager to participate in the science fair next week with some very exciting experiments ready to go. Kindergarten is working hard on stretching out words to record the sounds they hear while Year One are developing their vocab by using adjectives and adverbs in their writing. We have had a fabulous Semester and look forward to next Semester with many great activities planned.

Energy Crew Tip of the Week!

If you have a heater or air conditioner, keep the temperature below 23 degrees Celsius.



By Kristin, Ryan, Brooke and Rory

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Traditional Indigenous Games

Did you know that AFL is said to have been influenced by the Traditional Indigenous game of Marn-grook played by Aboriginal groups in Victoria using a ball made out of twisted possum hair?

In fact, many of the modern games and sports that we love playing have links to the traditional games of the past. These games have been gathered together and developed into a great resource - Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games.

To access the Yulunga resource, go to

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/all/indigenous/games>

Kai is a game that is featured in the Yulunga resource. Kai is thought to have been from the Torres Strait Islands. A group of people would stand in a circle and sing the Kai wed ball song as they hit the ball into the air with their palms. The game was traditionally played using the thick, oval, deep-red fruit of the kai tree.

Playing the game:

Players stand in a circle and pass the ball to each other by striking the ball upwards into the air with the palms of their hand in the direction of another player. The aim of the game is to keep the ball in the air as long as they can without dropping it. The ball is passed to another player much like hitting a "volley" in a game of volley ball. Try using different types of ball e.g. tennis balls, volley balls, beach balls, and balloons.

Did you know? Kai wed, also used as kamut wed for string-figure 'ball playing'.

Reference: The Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games resource



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Importance of Breakfast

Did you know that breakfast literally means breaking the fast from overnight?

One in four Australian children skip breakfast and research has shown that students who do find it difficult to concentrate in class and may be lethargic in the playground. They may also choose more high sugar, high fat snacks or overeat because they are so tired and hungry.

Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day and should be eaten every day.

Some children may have a long distance to travel to school, while others take a while to wake up and be ready to eat breakfast so here are some quick on the go breakfast ideas:

- Fruit bread or a fruit hot cross bun
- Banana
- Breakfast drinks e.g. Up and Go
- Cheese sandwich
- Untoasted muesli and low fat yoghurt
- Cereal bites e.g. fruity bites, cherrios, mini wheats etc.
- Boiled egg

For more information on breakfast ideas go to:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking/importance-of-breakfast.aspx>



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