Welcome to week 8. It has been a busy last two weeks since the past newsletter. Our Kinder 2016 students have begun transition and will complete their last visit this Thursday. I would like to take this chance to thank our wonderful Year 4 students, who have shown great maturity and a sense of responsibility in taking on their buddy role.

**AUSTRALIAN FOLKTALES**

Our students all enjoyed the Australian Folktales performance last week. It was also a great opportunity to share the experience with Pelican Flat Public School students.

**SWIMMING SCHEME**

Our swimming scheme kicked of on Monday. Students have all been assessed and placed into ability groups, ready for explicit instruction to begin today. The intensive swimming program is a great way for everyone to access quality swimming lessons at a great price (pool entry only). Thank you once again to the P&C for paying for the bus travel. The swimming scheme is offered every year to students in years 1-3 and selected students in years 4-6.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Please note that all volunteers must have completed a Working With Children check and provided the office with 100 points identification before they can volunteer at the school. Volunteers must **sign in and out** at the office. This is a Department of Education WHS policy.
KINDERGARTEN 2016 TRANSITION PROGRAM
The final orientation day will be held this Thursday 26 November from 12pm to 1.15pm. Please provide a packed lunch for students to eat with their buddies.

PLAYGROUND ART
I am sure you will have noticed the fantastic work being done by Carlie Weedon and her small team of painters. The playground art is looking absolutely fantastic. It is hard work though, so if you are able to spare a couple of hours to help please drop by and see Carlie. She’s our resident artist so you can find her here at school.

HEALTHY LUNCHES
A healthy lunch is vital to ensure your child has the right fuel to achieve their best at school. Packaged food can contain a lot of sugar which will inhibit your child’s ability to do their best. I have noticed some children with lollies or cans of soft drink occasionally. Please be aware that these types of items should be left at home. Our canteen provides amazing lunches at a great price. Why not try ordering one of the yummy fish and salad boxes shown in the picture.

WATER USAGE
During 2015 the school had a smart meter installed. This allows us to track our water usage more carefully and identify water leaks and the like. A few weeks ago I was alerted to excessive use of water overnight. The usage was in excess of 1800 litres. Further investigations did not find any leaks. I would ask our community to keep an eye out for anyone using the school’s water without permission. Excess water usage is paid for by the school’s existing budget, resulting in the redirection of funds that would otherwise be spent on our students.

Aaron Quinnell - Principal

OFFICE NEWS

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Payments for the Year 6 Farewell dinner need to be finalised by this Friday 27 November. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

MONEY BAGS
Mrs Weedon has come up with a reusable money bag that families will be able to use to send in notes and money and I can send home with your change and receipts. There are samples at the office that you can look at. Cost will be $4 and all money raised will go to the Asthma Foundation. This is another way we can reduce our waste by cutting down the plastic ziplock bags and envelopes used at the moment.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Tickets for our Christmas Raffle have been sent home. Please return money and ticket butts to the school no later than Wednesday 9 December. The draw will take place on Thursday 10 December at the conclusion of our Presentation Day ceremony. Donations of non-perishable items for our Christmas hampers would be appreciated and can be dropped into the school office.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER
Orders have been placed and will be available for collection from the school canteen at 3pm on Tuesday 8 December. Thank you to everyone who placed an order in support of our fundraising.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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## GREEN CORNER

### RECYCLED CHRISTMAS TREE
Mrs Hambleton is assisting students to make a Christmas tree out of empty bottles and would appreciate it if you could drop in empty, washed soft drink bottles (with lids) of any size. Thank you.

### PADDLE POP STICKS NEEDED
Mrs Clark requires lots of sticks for her seedling plants. These can be dropped off at the office.

### EGG SHELLS
Mrs Clark also requires egg shells for the garden to help repel the many slugs and snails that are eating our vegies.

### THIS WEEKS GARDEN STALL
We will be holding our popular garden stall this Friday afternoon. Produce available:

- Apple cucumbers
- Tomatoes
- Shallots
- Herbs
- Raspberries
- Garlic
- Chokos
- Kale
- Zucchini
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday- 8.30am
Thursday - 2.30pm

VACATION CARE 4 – 12 yrs
December 2015 / January 2016

COME & JOIN US THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, WE WILL HAVE YOU REACHING FOR HEIGHTS
Participating in Programs Such As:
- obstacle courses
- art/craft
- gymnastics skills
- cooking
- magic
- tranformers
- science
- clay modelling
- athletics... just to name a few

VACATION CARE IS AVAILABLE FROM
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER - MONDAY 25TH JANUARY
(please book through)
7.30AM-6PM, MEALS INCLUDED

BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL
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Ph: 49214071 - Email: hsc@msn.com
www.hsc.org.au

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Who says the festive season can’t be fun and healthy?

With these super-cute strawberry Santas, you’ll be wowing the Christmas crowds and feeding them nutritious fare too.

To make: hull and chop the top third off each strawberry; mix 100g cream cheese and 4 tps of icing sugar, and pipe mix on for face filling and hat pom pom; add raisins or mini choc bits for eyes. Easy!

Or try these eye-catching Christmas creations:

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