Dear Parents and Carers,

Regular readers of the Pelican Post will have seen that the school has a close eye on educational trends and developments with a view to providing the highest quality education for our students and on-going quality professional learning for our teachers.

One particular focus is what has come to be known as the 21st Century Fluencies: solution fluency, media fluency, creativity fluency, collaboration fluency, information fluency and global digital citizenship. These are skills that students need to be taught to be fully equipped for the workforce of the future, along with the essentials of literacy and numeracy. About 50% of our classes are currently trialling units of work focusing on these fluencies; next term, all classes will begin to participate in the project.

Last week, Mrs Chant, Mrs Kirkland and myself visited the Future Schools Expo to attend a masterclass presented by Canadian educator Mr Ian Jukes, one of the world’s foremost academics and researchers in this field. You may be interested to learn that we are seeking to work with Mr Jukes to bring his tremendous knowledge and experience to bear at Narrabeen Lakes.

Furthermore, the school is seeking to develop relationships with like-minded schools across Sydney to tap into their expertise and experience too. This Wednesday, Mr Phillips, Mrs Chant, Mr McMahon and myself are travelling to two schools in Western Sydney to see the progress they have made in working with Ian Jukes and the 21st Century Fluencies. We will be sure to update you with our progress. In the meantime, be sure to visit https://globaldigitalcitizen.org/21st-century-fluencies for more information.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will take place next week beginning on Monday 23 March. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to hear of their child’s progress to date and to address any concerns before the school year becomes too advanced.

A reminder that online bookings close this Thursday 19 March at 4pm – book now!

Ride to School Day
As we go to press, Ride to School Day is in full flow.
Thanks to all our wonderful students, staff and parents who made such an effort to dress for the occasion and to support safe riding to and from school. More news in next week’s Pelican Post!

**NAPLAN**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place for all students in Years 3 and 5 from May 12-14 2015. Full details about the test and where to gather further information can be found on a dedicated page in this edition of the Pelican Post. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher or Mr Phillips.

**Cyber Safety Presentation Evening**
Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.
To help your children stay safe online, Narrabeen Lakes is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation on Monday 27 April (Week 2 Term 2).

Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge. Bookings will be advertised and open in next week’s Pelican Post and on Primary Parent Planner.

**Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Do you want to understand more about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?
The school has organized a workshop on Tuesday 31 March from 3.45-6.30pm, which will provide ideas, hints and strategies for parents and teachers to assist with the support of children who have ASD.

Presenter Sue Larkey is uniquely positioned within the education system having taught both as a primary school teacher and a special education teacher.

Bookings are essential. To confirm your place at this workshop please complete the tear off slip in this newsletter and return it to the red box in the office by Thursday 28 March.

**P&C Rotary Club Raffle**
Congratulations and thank you to our new P&C Executive team who have done a tremendous job in promoting the Rotary Raffle to win a new Nissan Micra. Ticket sales have been terrific and there is a strong chance that a Narrabeen Lakes' parent could be driving home in a new car soon!

Thank you, parents, carers and students for doing such a wonderful job in selling so many tickets. The proceeds that flow back into the school will be used to buy iPads and netbooks to support learning across all grades K-6.

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**Staff Car Park**
A reminder to all families that the car park next to the former OOSH is a staff car park only. Parents and students should not use this car park as a matter of Workplace Health and Safety. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Evacuation Drill**
This week we will be conducting an evacuation drill as part of our termly rehearsal for unexpected events. An alarm will be sounded and children will make their way with their teacher to the assembly area near the Science classroom. Once rolls have been called, children will return to class and resume their lessons as normal.

**Congratulations, Mrs McDougall**
I'm sure you will join me in passing on congratulations to one of our outstanding teachers, Mrs Bronwyn McDougall, who gave birth to a healthy 3.3kg baby boy, Jack, at 11.15pm last Friday night. We all look forward to seeing them at school in the coming weeks.

**Student Achievements/Swimming**
Congratulations to all our students who attended the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Our swimmers made more finals than ever before and we are pleased to announce that Kiahni Scott has made it through to the Regional Carnival in the 50m Butterfly. Well done, Kiahni and thank you to all our swimmers and staff who represented the school so well, along with the many family members who turned out to transport and support them.

**Student Achievements**
Mollie B (2/3C)  40 Blue Merits
James M (1K), Eva T (2/3C) 10 Red Merits
Phoebe T (4P) 10 Blue Merits

**House Points**
Sharks  5
Stingrays  7
Dolphins  8

Finally, don't forget to book your parent teacher interview by this Thursday. Have a great rest of the week.

Andy Rankin
Principal
4M NEWS

4M have been writing diamante poems. They chose topics they like and wrote great pieces. This type of poem is a strategy for learning about nouns, adjectives and adverbs.

In computer time 4M used their personal strengths to create ‘Tagxedo’ word shapes.
A reminder we have a great fundraising opportunity on Sat 28 March. It is Election Day and we will be having a sausage sizzle and also hope to sell some cakes/slices. We are calling on our band parents to volunteer some time (just 1 hour is fine) and to donate some cakes/muffins etc. If you can help please contact Tanya on 0425 226 247.

We will have our training band performing this Thursday 19 March before school. This is a great opportunity to see our new members perform.

Our Band Member of the Week is EDEN STEWART for working hard at those drums. WELL DONE! Eden will receive a blue award.

For any enquiries for our School Band please contact Tracy Grainger 0434 395 460
4P Autumn Haikus

Autumn’s brown leaves fall
Down into piles on the ground.
Have fun ev’rywhere.
   Mikaela S

Autumn’s warm colours-
Red, orange, yellow. Leaves
falling to the ground.
   Brianna H

In autumn it’s warm.
I like to run through the leaves.
Autumn’s lots of fun!
   Diezel S

Autumn’s amazing!
Leaves are falling to the ground.
Autumn is awesome.
   Josh S

Autumn is pretty.
Beautiful colours everywhere!
Have fun in the park.
   Caitlin S

Autumn is gorgeous.
You can jump in leaves all day
And go out for walks.
   Jasmine F

PLEASE CUT AND RETURN THIS SLIP

PLEASE RESERVE A SEAT AT THE FOLLOWING EVENT:

TICK BOX

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder Tuesday 31 March

NAME ..............................................................

Return slip to red box in school foyer ASAP
Autism workshop bookings close Thursday 28 March
Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. A range of times is available for the interviews either before or after school, including an evening option on Tuesday 24 March.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Go to http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps below.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close on Thursday 19 March at 4pm.

IMPORTANT

No Internet?
For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, parents can still make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9913 7077.

Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. Please be prompt to your interview as late arrivals can affect the next interview’s start time. If you require more time or a time different to those advertised, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Need to change your interview?
Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9913 7077.
Opportunity Excellence Community

The DEE WHY LIONS RUGBY CLUB is still taking registrations for the 2015 Rugby season. We have places available for ALL AGE GROUP TEAMS.

**U6s and 7s minis rugby is:**
- A modified game of non-contact rugby.
- Perfect for boys and girls aged 4-7.
- Low cost - $30.00 registration + free shorts and socks for new families.
- Games are played locally on Saturday morning.

**U8s and 9s minis rugby is:**
- Contact rugby (tackling) with uncontested scrums and lineouts (no pushing).
- Low cost - $80.00 registration + free shorts and socks for new families.
- All games are managed by accredited coaches and trained referees.
- Games are played locally on Saturday morning.

Training is this Friday night (20/03/15) from 5pm at James Morgan Reserve, Cremorne.

**Junior Rugby**
We are also after players for our U10s team.
If interested, our U10 team is training this Wednesday night (18/03/15) from 6pm at James Morgan Reserve, Cremorne.
Please bring boots and mouth guard.
Games are played on a Friday night or Sunday morning so they won’t clash with other winter codes or school sports.

Should you have any questions please contact Stephen Comber on 0438 248 359

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**PITTWATER PSSA SUMMER DRAW 2015**

- Junior Girls TBall
- Senior Boys Softball
- Junior Boys Cricket
- Senior Girls Tag
- AFL
- Cricket at venue listed below
- Softball and TBall at Boondah or Rat Park
- All Eagle Tag games are at Narrabeen North Reserve/Rat Park
- All AFL games on front field Narrabeen Sports High

**TERM 1**

20 Mar  NLPS Vs Bilgola Pl  Cricket Griffith, Softball RP

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION on to any relatives that may wish to see your child play.**
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).
**Parenting Programs**

**Child & Adolescent Parenting**

**WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

**Tuning in to Kids Course** (3-20 yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood: Ten 2hrs/2.5hrs @ 10:30am

**Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars** (3-1st)
Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Competent & Resilient Children. Chatswood: 16/5, 22/5, 29/5 @ 7:00-9:30pm

**Communicating with Kids Workshop** (based on PTEJ) (4-12yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood: 24/5, 7:00-9:30pm

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents’ needs & behaviour.
Chatswood: Ten 1.5hrs/3hrs @ 7:30-9:30pm

**Toddlers Workshops** (0-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood: Ten 1hr/4.5hrs @ 7:00-9:30pm

**Helping Your Pre-School Child with Anxiety**
Series of 2 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety
Chatswood: 24/5 & 31/5 (2hrs each, 7:00-9:30pm)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to help express feelings, develop assertive thinking & coping skills
Chatswood: Ten 2hrs/3hrs @ 7:00-9:30pm

**Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop**
Learn how to respond to a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood: Ten 2hrs/3hrs @ 7:00-9:30pm

**WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST**

- Understanding Your Toddler’s Discipline & Transitions
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Speech & Language Development/ Sleep
- Older Baby – New Baby
- Older Baby – New Baby
- Bullying Awareness
- Resilient Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

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**Single with Children**

Are you a single parent?

Every week, Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496

Or visit our website:

www.singlewithchildren.com.au

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**Moonlight Cinema at Pittwater High**

Friday 20th March

**VOTE 1: BAND FUNDRAISER**

Rosters as of 9/1/15

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Band Parents & Carers please text Tanja 0425232297 or email tangilms@bandond.wcnsw.edu.au

with your preferred shift

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**DIVERGENT**

Alcohol-free event

Popcorn

Suckers

Lollies

Candy floss

**Tickets** $10 each or $30 for 4

Gates open 6pm, entry via Flying Fox Carpark

Get your friends & picnic rug for a night under the stars!

For tickets: www.trybooking.com/GZMG or – www.trybooking.com and search for Pittwater

All pre-purchased tix will go into the draw for a $100 Eftpos gift card

In support of PHS Band Tour to China