

# CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL PELICAN POST

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# Term 1 Week 10 — 31 March 2022

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Sports Shed**

After the floods there was a large quantity of our sports equipment that we have had to dispose of as it was flood damaged. Insurance will cover this and they will be replaced. We were only able to keep our non-porous equipment. We



were waiting for this to be aired out and disinfected before we allowed the students to reuse this equipment. On Tuesday, we reopened our temporary sports shed with our salvaged equipment. It has been relocated to the weather shed and our sport monitors have set up a mini 'sports rental shop' where students can borrow and return equipment at the end of lunch. This change was met with much excitement from our students.

### **Future Proofing the Site**

Moving forward we have purchased new metal shelving to replace the timber shelving that was in the sports shed. Along with buying milk crates to store sport equipment in. This will allow us to quickly move sports equipment in future floods to higher ground but also make post flood clean up much faster. We have also moved the GA shed to our top shed near the office on higher ground. Over the coming weeks, there are plans to raise our septic pump and air conditioners to help future proof these assets.

# **Easter Hat Parade**

We have a number of easter celebrations lined up this year to make it special for our students who missed out last year. Teachers will be creating easter hats in class. Traditionally, parents create easter hats with their children and then bring them into parade at school. This year with floods and COVID staff wanted to help decrease the stress load for parents by making the easter hats in class. Our Easter hat parade will take place on Friday the 8th April.

# Easter Colouring in Competition and Egg Hunt

Students will also be completing an easter themed colouring in competition in class next week. There will be a winner from each grade selected and the chocolatey awards will be handed out on the last day at the easter hat parade. On Friday the 8th April, students will have the opportunity to be involved in a whole school easter egg hunt. This is a wonderful tradition and something that our students always look forward to.

# End of Term 1

On reflecting over the past term I would say that it has been the most challenging start to a school year since I began in education many moons ago. Certainly, schools have never faced both COVID and floods at the same time. Throughout the term students, staff and the community have once again shown why I love working with this this amazing school. The support, the kindness, the consideration and the patience with all the changes along the way. Despite all this, learning has continued whether it be at home or with a different classroom teacher. Between myself, Mrs Tosh and Mrs Schoffel. We have always had a familiar face teaching the students.

## Mrs Schoffel Moving to Queensland

On the last day of Term 1 we will say good bye to Mrs Schoffel who is moving to Queensland. Mrs Schoffel has been an absolute asset to the school helping both the teachers and the students in her Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction role. She is truly one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

Take care Robert Hawkes Principal Cattai Public School robert.william.hawkes@det.nsw.edu.au



|                    | TERM 1 CALENDAR |         |           |   |                         |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wk                 | Monday          | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W10<br>Mar/<br>Apr | 28              | 29      | 30        | 31<br>Selective High School<br>Test Yr 6<br>P&C Meeting | 1<br>SRC Rewards Day    |  |  |  |  |  |
| W11<br>Apr         | 4               | 5       | 6         | 7   | 8<br>Easter Hunt/Parade |  |  |  |  |  |

| TERM 2 CALENDAR |                                 |                |                        |                 |                              |  |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Wk              | Monday                          | Tuesday        | Wednesday              | Thursday        | Friday                       |  |  |
| <b>W1</b>       | 25                              | 26             | 27                     | 28              | 29                           |  |  |
| Apr             | ANZAC Day                       | SDD            | Anzac Day Ceremony     | P&C             | CPS Fun Run                  |  |  |
| W2              | 2                               | 3              | 4                      | 5               | 6                            |  |  |
| May             |                                 |                | Cake Day               |                 |                              |  |  |
| W3              | 9                               | 10             | 11                     | 12              | 13                           |  |  |
|                 |                                 | NAPLAN         |                        | NAPLAN          | NAPLAN                       |  |  |
| Мау             |                                 |                |                        |                 | Parent Assembly C1           |  |  |
| W4              | 16                              | 17             | 18                     | 19              | 20                           |  |  |
| May             |                                 |                |                        |                 | SRC Rewards Day              |  |  |
| W5              | 23                              | 24             | 25                     | 26              | 27                           |  |  |
| May             |                                 | School Photos  |                        | P&C             | Zone Cross Country           |  |  |
| W6              | 30                              | 31             | 1                      | 2               | 3                            |  |  |
| May/<br>Jun     |                                 |                |                        |                 | Parent Assembly C2           |  |  |
| W7              | 6                               | 7              | 8                      | 9               | 10                           |  |  |
| Jun             |                                 |                | Cake Day               |                 | MMVWaC Connecting to Country |  |  |
| <b>W8</b>       | 13                              | 14             | 15                     | 16              | 17                           |  |  |
| Jun             | Queens Birthday Long<br>Weekend |                |                        |                 | Term 2 Excursion TBC         |  |  |
| W9              | 20                              | 21             | 22                     | 23              | 24                           |  |  |
| Jun             |                                 | Healthy Harold | CPS Athletics Carnival |                 | Parent Assembly C3           |  |  |
|                 | Enrichment Program              |                |                        |                 | <b>→</b>                     |  |  |
| W10             | 27                              | 28             | 29                     | 30              | 1                            |  |  |
| Jun/            |                                 |                |                        | P&C             |                              |  |  |
| Jul<br>Jul      | Enrichment Program              |                |                        | SRC Rewards Day | <b>→</b>                     |  |  |

Term 2 2022 Starts for students on the 27th April



# Term 1 Weekly Overview

There are many exciting things that will be happening regularly each week at Cattai PS. To help you keep track of what is happening each day, we have put together a weekly timetable for your reference.

|                 | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                           | Thursday    | Friday   |
|-----------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| During<br>Class | Fitness   | Scripture<br>Library with<br>Mrs Tosh<br>No Trash Tuesdays | H.S.I.E with<br>Mrs Tosh            |             | Fitness<br>Sport                                     |
| At<br>Lunch     | BMX<br>Ice Block Day<br>(weather<br>permitting) | SRC (Odd weeks)<br>Library (Even<br>Weeks)                 | 'Cattai Croppers'<br>Gardening Club | Dance Group | Board Games<br>Ice Block Day<br>(weather permitting) |

# **IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS**

Next P&C: Our next P&C meeting will be the on 31st March and will be the AGM— 7:00pm face-to-face back onsite here at CPS. All attendees will need to be double vaccinated to attend.

Cake Day: Our next cake day is on 4th May. The following families are to supply. Craven, Curtis, Dalzell, Davis & Trigg. Reminder to pack 50c for the day.





# SPOTLIGHT ON H.S.I.E

# HSIE at Cattai Public School...

C1 have been learning about the history of our local area. Students have been exploring how the area has changed over time. They have been researching how different historical sites have been used for many purposes throughout history. Students explored what life was like then and now at Cattai Public School.



During HSIE, C2 have been learning about Australian symbols; including the Australian flag, Aboriginal flag and Torres Strait Islander flag. We have been learning about all of the state and territory flags and coat of arms. This week, students had a go at drawing Australia's coat



of arms. They did a wonderful job!







C3 have been learning about Australian Immigration. We have been exploring how the people and landscape of Australia has changed over time. Everyone did a fabulous job presenting their chosen countries' Australian immigration story.



