Term 4
I would like to publicly thank Ms Breust for the competent and thorough job she did in her role as Relieving Principal. She demonstrated her ability to lead and join a team together and I take great pride in working alongside her at Captains Flat Public School.

Ms Judy Binet will be working in our office whilst Mrs Karen Mackintosh is on leave for Term 4. Ms Binet comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and we look forward to working with her this term.

I would like to thank all the school community for making me feel so welcomed in my third journey back to Captains Flat Public School. I look forward to working with you all.

Raffle ticket winners for week 2
Paul - Playground
Tiana - Playground
Adia - COLA
Bella - Playground

Good Luck Bella, Manoah, James and Lenny!
We wish you all the best when you race at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships. We can’t wait to hear all about the day!

Working Bee
Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the working bee on Saturday. We got some big jobs done and our school grounds look beautiful. Thanks Shane for the mini-digger that gets the job in no time.
Thanks to Scott and Steven for rendering the bubbler shed wall.
Thank you to all!

Congratulations to our Mixed Touch Football Team
An amazing effort from Bella, Tiana, Toby, Dominic, Manoah, Lenny, Sam, Courtney, TJ and Kiri. All students displayed fantastic sportsmanship, skill and teamwork. Their hard work resulted in them being awarded WINNERS of the 2015 NSW PSSA Division 1 (small schools) Touch Football Competition.

Sporting Schools
Unfortunately Athletics Australia was not able to find a coach in our local area available to deliver the sessions. An alternative sport will be arranged and students will be informed ASAP. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.
Change of bell times
A reminder that at the beginning of term 4 our school bell times did change to the following structure. Teachers and students have seen an improvement in teaching and learning.

First bell rings at 8.55 am for lining up.
9 – 11 am : Lessons
11 – 12 noon : Lunch

First bell rings at 11.55 am for lining up at classroom
12 – 1.20 pm : Lessons
1.20 – 1.40 pm : Recess

First bell rings at 1.40 pm for lining up at classroom
1.40 – 3 pm : Lessons
3 pm : School day ends.

Cooba Camp
Students in 3/4/5/6 have all received their permission notes and invoices to attend the Cooba camp over 3 days between November 4th - 6th. Please return notes as soon as possible as we only have three weeks before we leave for this camp. We need definite numbers to organise transport to and from Cooba so please contact the school if you need financial assistance or your child will not be attending. Thank you.

Swimming Scheme
The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program provides opportunities for students in Years K to 6 to attend daily lessons of 45 minutes over 10 consecutive days. Captains Flat Public School Students will attend daily lessons from 23rd of November to 4th of December, please ensure notes and money are returned. The $40 pool admission fee is only payable by students who do not have a pool pass.

Grandparents, Godparents and Fairy Godmothers Picnic
Remember to invite all Grandparents, Godparents and Fairy Godmothers to a picnic lunch in the school garden.

When: Thursday 22nd of October
Where: School oval, in the garden.
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
What to bring: A lunch to share, a picnic blanket or chair to sit on and a hat for sun protection.

Activities on the day will include classic playground games.

Kinder Orientation and Parent Information Session

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016

“Readiness for School”
An information session will be held at Captains Flat Public School
6pm Wednesday 28th of October.
Please RSVP on 6236 6253 if you would like to attend.

Kindergarten orientation sessions
Our Orientation will be held across three sessions at Captains Flat Public School.

Morning Session
Wednesday 11th November from 9.30 – 11.00

Middle Session
Wednesday 18th November 11.30-1.00

Afternoon Session
Wednesday 25th November 1.00 – 2.30

2016 Kindergarten students will participate in fun activities in the Infants classroom.

Enrolment forms
Enrolment forms are available from the School Office. Birth Certificate or Passport & Immunisation Certificate must be provided.

The NSW Department of Education requires all children to produce a full Immunisation Certificate before starting school.

Swooping Magpie
Unfortunately we began to feed the magpie too late in the season and it has swooped some of our students whilst at the Garden or Oval. We are continuing to monitor this situation on a daily basis to ensure a safe environment is provided to all staff and students. Between July and November, magpies defend their young from threats. We are continuing to encourage the local magpies to see our students as friends with the developed bird feeding schedule. Please be cautious when moving around or near our school oval and garden.

Footsteps dance
Last week students danced away their Tuesday afternoon with Footsteps Dance Company. Please ensure notes and money are returned ASAP. The School is subsiding part of this cost to ease the financial strain on families. Participation in these dance lessons allows students to use dance as a vehicle to develop students’ inter/intra personal skills and fitness levels.
Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?
You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

What are selective high schools?
Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

There are:
- seventeen fully selective high schools
- twenty-five partially selective high schools
- four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school during the school term.

Find out more about boarding at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_boarding.php

- one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, for students in country areas far from a city.

Find out more about Aurora College at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_virtual.php

A list of selective high schools and their websites is available at the end of this document and on the internet at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. A map of the schools is also linked from this website page.

### What are the stages of the placement process?

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<td>Any special test provisions are organised</td>
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<td>Principals provide school assessment scores</td>
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<td>Parents sent Test authority letter by mail and email</td>
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<td>Students sit the Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2017</td>
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<td>Last day to change selective high school choices</td>
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<td>School selection committees meet</td>
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<td>Students who have accepted offers are withdrawn from reserve lists</td>
<td>By 3pm on 14 December 2016</td>
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<td>Parents of successful students receive Authority to attend letters to take to the school on the first day of term</td>
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We welcome new cupcake contractors.

We truly appreciate all the ladies who kindly donate their time in making the childrens delicious cupcakes.

I need cover in Week 4, 30\textsuperscript{th} October, as I’ll be unavailable, please contact me if you can help out.

Much thanks,
Zoe