New Principal for Term 4
Captains Flat PS have been notified that our Principal for Term 4 will be Ms Hannah Lowman. Students and staff welcome Ms Lowman back to CFPS.

Staffing Arrangements
Karen will be on long service leave for all of term 4. We hope she has a wonderful holiday. Judy Binet will be relieving in her position. The office will be attended on the following days
Odd Weeks - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Even weeks – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Change of bell times Term 4
A reminder that at the beginning of term 4 our school bell times will change to the following structure.

First bell rings at 8.55 am for lining up.
9 - 11am : 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.

CWA Luncheon
Thank you to the lucky winners and families for their attendance at the CWA luncheon. It was lovely to see all the fantastic work students had completed. Congratulation to Terry in kindergarten, his gondolier art work has been forwarded to the next round of judging.

Calendar – Term 4

Week 1
Tues 6th Oct
Sat 10th Oct
Students Return to School
P&C School Working Bee

Week 2
Thurs 15th Oct
Regional Athletics

Week 4
Wed 28th Oct
Kinder Parent Info Night

Week 5
Wed 4th – Fri 6th Nov
Cooba Camp 3/4/5/6

Week 6
Wed 11th Nov
Thurs 12th Nov
Kinder Orientation 9.30-11
School Photos

Week 7
Wed 18th Nov
Kinder Orientation 11.30 - 1

Week 8
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Nov
Swimming Scheme
Wed 25th Nov
Kinder Orientation 1-2.30

Week 9
Mon 30th Nov – Fri 4th Dec
Swimming Scheme

Week 10
Wed 9th Dec
Thurs 10th Fri 11th Dec
Presentation Night 6.30
P&C Christmas Stall

Week 11
Wed 16th Dec
Last Day Term 4

Gardening
Students are welcome to change into more appropriate footwear for their gardening sessions on Fridays.

Cooba Camp
Students in 3/4/5/6 will be attending their overnight camp to Cooba Wed 4th Nov – Fri 6th Nov 2015. The cost per student is $250. Permission notes were sent home last week. Parents please make regular small payments to ease the amount owed when the students go to camp.
Talk like a Pirate Day
To celebrate the end of Term 3, students are encouraged to dress like a Pirate for International talk like a Pirate Day on Friday 18th of September. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to help the Year 6 students raise funds for their farewell gift.

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
Enrolments 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.

Footsteps dance
Footsteps Dance Company will be running a 10 week program for all students in term 4 on a Tuesday afternoon beginning week 1. Participation in these dance lessons will allow students to use dance as a vehicle to develop students’ inter/intra personal skills and fitness levels.

The program is exciting and fun for students and I look forward to the work students produce on the dance floor to classroom.

Samba Experience
Last Thursday students participated in The Samba Experience. It was an energetic, fast-paced and entirely hands on workshop using Brazilian rhythms and instruments. After a thorough warm-up of the body and hands students played different rhythms that together created a “batucada”. This workshop taught the benefits of teamwork, cooperation and how individual sections function in a larger group.
Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools is a national initiative, run by the Australian Sports Commission, which aims to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport, gain a healthier mind and body, have fun and learn sport activities and games skills in a safe environment. This program replaces Active, After Schools.

To meet this aim and support the Australian Sports Commission’s participation strategy Play.Sport.Australia, Sporting Schools has partnered with national sporting organisations to deliver sports-based programmes that are not only fun for children, but also get them active.

Sporting Schools aims to:
- **support sporting organisations** in the delivery of great programmes that are suitable for children
- **provide schools with opportunities** to get their children excited about sports through quality and diverse programmes
- **provide children with positive sporting experiences** in the best possible way: by having a go

During term 3 students have participated in coach led touch football activities. All students have had a go and been very active under the direction of Ken. In term 4 an athletics program will be running on Thursday afternoons, we look forward to learning new skills and playing lots of new games.

**The School Motto**

I would like to acknowledge that Captains Flat Public School is currently consulting with our school community with regard to our school motto.

I would like to add some clarity to misguided information circulating on Social Media. At a Staff Development Day at the beginning of term 2 all teaching staff attended an educational session that was based around school culture and groups within our schools. During the session a thought provoking presentation was given about educational settings and the mottos and values that are entrenched in our school culture.

The intent of this review process is not necessarily to change either of these historically significant legacies of the school, but to ensure that their meaning and intent remains current and meets the ongoing needs of the school and the community. It is an important conversation to have because the school and community are quite different today than the time when the motto and crest were established; the school is now only a primary school with less than a tenth of its original student population.

We recognise that Captains Flat Public School is required to equip our students for the world of tomorrow. We need to be responsive to the changes that have occurred in education, which requires new and innovative awareness of how schools work, teachers teach, and students learn. However, we also understand and appreciate that an important part of this process is recognising how our past shapes our future.

We are working towards developing a school culture that builds on the educational aspirations of our students and ongoing performance improvements across our community. Further consultation will take place as we continue to look for ways to allow our school and students to excel.

I can assure that no changes to the motto or crest will be undertaken without due consideration given to the wishes and expectations of our school community.

**Swooping Magpie**

Between July and November, magpies defend their young from threats. Some magpies see us as threats—and they swoop! To encourage the local magpies to see our students as friends a bird feeding schedule has been developed. Just after lunch students will walk down in pairs to place some food on the bird feeder in the garden. Hopefully this will result in a swoop free season!

**Some Benefits of Regular School Attendance**

*For Students:*
- The development of skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality, and being organized will optimize life choices
- Regular attendance leads to making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a length of time
- Regular attendance leads to learning social skills necessary to live and work with others
- It’s safer at school than on the street.
- The more students attend, the more they will learn and the more they will like school.

**End of term 3**

We wish all students and families a safe and happy holiday. A reminder that Monday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of October is a Public Holiday. All staff and students return to school on Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} of October.