



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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TERM 4 WEEK 3

26 OCTOBER 2012

DATES FOR THE DIARY

30 October

2013 Kindergarten
Orientation

1 & 15 November

Stanford Orientation
Days

6 & 13 November

2013 Kindergarten
Orientation

7 December

Year 6 Farewell

14 December

Presentation Day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 29 October

Judy Mayer
Rowena Boughton
Melissa Robinson

Wed 31 October

Judy Mayer
Kelly James
Monique James

Fri 2 November

Judy Mayer
Taniwai Frewin
Kelly James

Principal's Report

Over the past week or two it has been a pleasure to welcome many new families and children to the school who will be starting in 2013. We have several new students coming into Year 3 next year, from Stanford Merthyr Infants School, and we have a lot of new Kindergarten enrolments as well. I have shared my feelings with them about this wonderful school community and how welcoming it is and I have also expressed to the new families that we have a great teaching staff that have the enthusiasm and passion required to teach our children well in the 21st Century.

We will be increasing our class numbers to 9 next year and with that will come an extra demountable building. There are a lot of logistics involved in actually placing the building in a prime location so when we receive more news, you will be informed. Class arrangements won't be occurring until late into Term 4.

Just a reminder that I will be on leave from Monday, 29th October until Friday, 23rd November. Mrs Marilyn Burton will relieve in my absence and Mrs Elise Palmer will work five days of the week, instead of three, to relieve in Mrs Burton's regular position. In the afternoon please ensure you are waiting to collect your children outside the buildings, particularly in the area outside of the K/1 class because there are intervention sessions that sometimes occur at this time. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Our campers have enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Great Aussie Bush Camp over the past three days. I caught a glimpse of a photo of the beach they were walking along on Thursday morning and it looked like paradise! We trust the memories they bring home are pleasant, positive and last a lifetime!

Music Count us In

Next week our school will be performing a song, along with 2000 other schools around Australia as part of the 'Music: Count Us In' initiative.

As a participant in this event, children at our school have been learning the song 'Different People (Different Places)' in their classes. Next Thursday 1st November, along with all other participating schools, they will come together to perform the song in the hall. While singing, Pelaw Main students will be able to watch other children sing the song at Parliament House.

Mr Parsons will be accompanying students on his guitar. We are all very grateful for the contribution of his time and skills to this wonderful event!

Kinder Orientation

Our 2nd Kindergarten Orientation session will be on Tuesday, 30th October from 2:20pm until 3:15pm. Our new Kindy students for 2013 will have their first visit and will be taken on a tour of the school with the family. The students will then go into the Kinder classroom for some activities, while the parents will have an informal afternoon tea in the school hall to be able to chat with each other and some of our staff members.

General Information

Stanford Merthyr IS Year 2 to 3 Transition

Our second visit is scheduled for Thursday, 1st November. The students will be arriving at 1:40 for recess. The parents are asked to bring their children along and then leave. The students will then participate in a series of PE games for the afternoon, with our current Year 2 cohort.

GATS Maths Year 6

Four students from Year 6 are participating in a Gifted and Talented (GATS) Maths group, in conjunction with the Kurri Kurri High School transition program. This week their second visit is again to Kurri Kurri Public School from 11:45 to 1:15pm. Deena B, Ashley M, Chelsea B and Abby W are the students involved.

GATS Creative & Practical Arts Year 6

This Thursday is the last visit for our selected GATS CAPA students who are attending Kurri Kurri High School in 2013. Coby P, Deena B and Luke O will be travelling to the High School from 11:30am.

Bandanna Day Fundraising

Mrs James raised over \$400 in support of CanTeen. Thanks to everyone who purchased a bandanna or pen.

Partners in Print- Focus on Reading

During Term 4 we will continue to run our parent involvement program for reading. This term 'Partners in Print' will again be for students and their parents/ caregivers in classes 3/4, 4/5, 5/6S and 5/6L. The program is aimed at developing a three way partnership between parents, teachers and students that helps children learn and develop to their full potential. 'Partners in Print' for our primary classes will allow parents/carers to learn about and participate in a new reading comprehension program teachers are implementing at school called 'Focus on Reading'. The program will focus on reading comprehension development and empowering parents (who are a child's first teacher) to support students with their reading development at home. Partners in Print will be held each Thursday afternoon, with a different class involved each week. Teachers will lead small group activities based around reading comprehension with parents/caregivers and their child. In small groups, teachers will model a strategy that students have been learning at school to develop reading comprehension skills. Parents/ caregivers will then work with their own child one-on-one to practise the strategy they observed the teacher implement.

The process is child centred, relaxed and enjoyable. Please find below a timetable for classes to participate in Partners in Print for Term 4. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program. We would like one parent/ carer for each child to come along on the day to work with their child.

Partners in Print –
2.15pm to 3.15pm Thursdays
Term 4

Week 5 – 8 November	Class 3/4
Week 6 – 15 November	Class 4/5
Week 7 – 22 November	Class 5/6S
Week 8 – 29 November	Class 5/6L

Eco Explorers Week 4

Sydney Davies 3/4W
Soul Paredes 3/4W
Jarod Franks 3/4W
Sacha Mason KH

Australians are second
only to the USA
in the amount of waste
we produce per person.



Shaun Graham
Principal