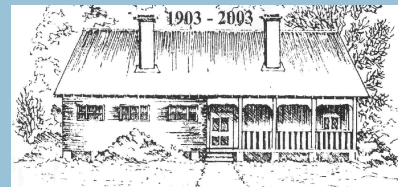




# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



A quality education in a caring environment

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**18 December**

Party Day

**19 December**

Last Day of Term

## 2013

**29 January**

Teachers Return

**30 January**

Students Return

**31 January**

Kindergarten 2013  
Start

## Principal's Report

Many schools across the country talk about community engagement as a major priority for student achievement.

Last week at Pelaw Main Public School was an excellent example of how well our community engages with the school environment and how this, in turn, leads to better outcomes for students. Last Monday, our parent helpers' morning tea demonstrated the great support our classrooms receive from our parents and grandparents. Thank you to those parents who did support our classrooms as volunteers this year.

Tuesday morning showed the great commitment our parents and community members have in ensuring our children have the best possible start to the day with the Breakfast Club BBQ using over 10kg of sausages, 9 loaves of bread and over 100 juice drinks being given away to our students to thank

them for their support with breakfast club this year. I hear that the manners from the students, when being served, were impeccable. Then on Wednesday, I received an invitation to attend Class 2/3's Puppet Show at 10am. It was wonderful to see all of the families that attended and, I dare say, thoroughly enjoyed this great example of student engagement and quality teaching.

Friday's presentation day was the icing on the cake in terms of community spirit within and around this school.

Congratulations to all our award winners, your hard work and dedication deserves the reward.

It is sad news for our community, but good news for Mrs Elise Palmer who has received a permanent teaching position at Bellbird Public School, starting in 2013. Elise takes with her a wealth of great teaching skills and a wonderful personality, very well suited to working with

children. We wish her all the best.

A temporary teaching position for 2013 will be advertised this week, to replace Mrs Palmer, and a decision will be made about who this staff member will be, on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. Stanford Merthyr Infants School will be hosting their Presentation Day in our hall on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10am.

Our new demountable building will be arriving on Monday. This building will be ready to go on the first day of school for our students in 2013.

Our classes will be hosting parties on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your child's classroom teacher about party supplies to bring. Children may come out of uniform.



## General Information

The last day for students will be on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a lot of movement between classes on this day so teachers will be able to prepare classrooms for 2013.

Our staff will be attending school on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December to participate in professional learning opportunities to further develop their skills in the school environment. Our school's major priorities for next year will be Literacy, Numeracy and Student Engagement. Our 2013 School Plan will be available on the website early next year.

Thank you for your support this year, and thank you for welcoming me in to your lovely school that has quickly become my lovely school as well. We have many exciting opportunities for our students to take advantage of next year.

### Quicksmart News

Congratulations Joel! Joel is our second student to complete the Quicksmart program. He truly is quick and smart with basic computations. Quicksmart lessons have finished for this year and will recommence next year in week 2. The students currently on the program will continue in Term 1.

### Merit Awards

Congratulations to Nathan Riley, Amy Boughton, Deena Borkowski and Chloe Ballard who received a Certificate of Merit this week.

Shaun Graham  
Principal



The Festive season is an important time to spend with family and friends, but spare a thought for the many Australians who have a loved one in hospital, in need of blood. For them, the perfect Christmas gift would be blood; the gift of life.

More blood donors are needed across the Hunter this December and January to ensure blood recipients are able to spend another Christmas together.

To make an appointment call The Australian Red Cross Blood Service on **13 14 95** or visit **[www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)**



Everyone is invited to join us for our

## Christmas Messy Church

Christmas craft • Short, fun, casual service • Sausage sizzle

Young families, newcomers and all denominations welcome!

St. Paul's Anglican Church (Church of England),  
Lang St, opposite Kurri Fire Station  
11:30am Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December