



# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**13 February**  
Swimming Carnival  
**28 February**  
SOS Program Year 5  
**1 March**  
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**5 March**  
PSP Survey Week  
**13 March**  
AGM P&C 1pm in hall  
**15 March**  
Science Show  
**16 March**  
School Photos  
**5 April**  
Easter Hat Parade

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Monday 13 Feb

Judy Mayer  
Tennelle Allaway  
Pam Webb

### Wednesday 15 Feb

Judy Mayer  
John Manderson  
Pam Webb

### Friday 17 Feb

Judy Mayer  
Tracy Osland  
Julie Williams  
Taniwai Frewin

## Principal's Report

Students and staff have settled back into the school routine. Kindergarten have been at school for over a week and seemed to enjoy the daily activities. We have had fewer tears and lots of smiles.

Our programs have begun with a number of Year 5 students continuing with Quick-Smart maths three times a week. Maths groups also are in operation each day from 10.15am till 11.30am. Students in all classes (except Kindergarten) attend a special maths group often in a different room to their classroom. Kindergarten students have completed their Best Start assessments with Mrs Harris or Mrs Palmer. Today we held our first assembly for the year. Our prefects led the assembly. We hold our assembly every two weeks on a Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. Our school leaders will have their photos taken next Tuesday for

the Maitland Mercury.

### Smoking near the school grounds

I have noticed that some parents are smoking while waiting for their children. The Education Department policy states that smoking is not allowed in or near schools. Parents please do not smoke near the school gates or on the footpath outside the fence. As all schools are NON SMOKING environments it is illegal to smoke within 10 metres of schools.

### Swimming Carnival

Next Monday students from Years 3 to 6 will be attending the carnival at East Maitland pool. There will be no primary teachers at school only the teachers for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Mrs Grant's Year 2 students will spend the day with Miss Perry, Mrs Palmer or Mrs Harris. If a primary student is not attending the carnival they should stay at home or they may come to the carnival and be super-

vised by the teachers and not participate in the swimming activities. Permission notes and money should be at the school now but if you are having difficulty paying for your child to attend the swimming carnival please come and see Mrs Pieper. Parents who come to the carnival to support the children will have to pay a pool entry fee on the day. This was a decision made by Maitland Council.

### Educational tax receipts record

Our local Federal member for Cessnock Mr Joel Fitzgibbon has sent an envelope and flyer explaining what can be claimed as part of the Education Tax Refund now available each financial year. The envelope is to keep the receipts for school items including uniforms.

# General Information

## House leaders

Today at assembly our new House leaders received their badges. These students have a responsibility for each House at the swimming and athletic carnivals. They also run the sports shed each day and help with sport.

### Hebburn

Captains – Drew and Chelsea

Vice captains - Paul and

Maddi

### Stanford

Captains – Coby and Samara

Vice captains – Jaedyn and

Abby

### Richmond

Captains - Zak and Pip

Vice captains – Harry and

Matilda

## Library Monitors

Our library monitors for 2012 are: Caitlyn, Matilda, Samara and Maddi. The monitors received their badges today at assembly. The monitors assist Mrs McLellan in the library by returning books to the shelves and any jobs that need to be completed.

## Environmental Committee

Miss Skelton will organise the committee this year. The students are responsible for the sand pit, recycling, fruit scraps and general environmental issues around the school. The committee will be rostered to activities each week. Congratulations: Jessica, Chloe, Caitlyn, Samara, Pip, Abby, Maddi, Jarrod, Joshua, Ethan, Trent, Tony, Noah, Jaedyn and Zac.

## Priority Schools survey

In the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> March each family at our school will receive a survey envelope for the Priority Schools Program. The survey sheet asks 7 questions about your family. It is confidential and there are NO NAMES on the survey sheet only the school name. Each envelope has a place for the family name but I take that part of the envelope off before I send them to Sydney. Parents seal the envelope and the school will tear off the family name section.

Our school has been part of the Priority Schools Program for a very long time. As a result the school receives money each year based on the number of students at the school. We then use this money to pay for teachers and buy reading books for students. Our QuickSmart program is also funded from these funds. To continue on the program we must return every survey from every family. Please help us achieve this so we can continue to provide valuable programs for every student.

## P&C meeting

The first meeting of the year was held this week. The next meeting will be the AGM of the association and will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm in the hall. After the AGM a general meeting will be held. Please remember to join the P&C as it covers you for insurance if you work at any P&C activities at the school. Levy is \$4.

## Active After School

Our Active After School Program will commence again this term. This program provides games for any student from Year 2 to Year 6 and is conducted by a teacher. The students who participate receive fruit before they start their games. It is funded by the Australian Sports Commission each year and coordinated through the office in Newcastle. It is to encourage children to play sport or take part in physical activities after school.

Miss Skelton will take the activities after school and they will now be held on a Tuesday and a Wednesday from 3.15 to 4.15. Permission notes and information will be sent home by Miss Skelton.

## Staff News

Mr Lindsell and Mr Bennett had the Kindergarten class this week while Mrs Harris was completing the Best Start assessments.

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at this weeks assembly: Lara, Lochlan-Maya, Shanen, Zak, Ethan, Sarah, Jaxon, Issac, Blake, Erika, Alex, Jett, Kendall, Blake, Elizabeth, Peter, Tahlia, Chloe, Coby, Temika and Zachary.

Congratulations also to Boden Hallett, Chelsea, Hannah Harris, Elizabeth Anderson, Tahlia Hinton, Amy Boughton and Isaac Thorpe who received a Certificate of Merit.