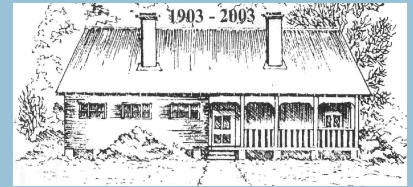




# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



A quality education in a caring environment

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 2 April

Girls & Boys Soccer  
Knockout At  
Pelaw Main

### 5 April

Easter Hat Parade  
End of term

### 23 April

SSD Teachers Only

### 24 April

Term 2 Students  
Return

### 27 April

Zone Cross Country

### 10 May

Mothers Day Stall

### 5,6,7 September

Canberra Excursion

### 24,25,26 October

Aussie Bush Camp

## PLAYGROUP

### Term 2

### Wednesdays

10.00 to 11.30am

16, 23, 30 May

6 June

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Monday 2 April

Judy Mayer  
Catherine Cumming  
Alana Holmes

### Wednesday 4 April

Judy Mayer  
John Manderson  
Kyrah Caldwell

### Friday 6 April

Good Friday

## Principal's Report

Our school term is nearly finished and this will be our last newsletter for this term. Next week our school will begin the holidays on Friday. The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday morning at 10.00am.

Our first school disco was very exciting. The Year 6 students sold over one hundred tickets which was a great response. The teachers locked the gate after everyone arrived and students stayed in the hall. I believe there was lots of noise but everyone enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Mrs Corke and Miss Latter for their supervision and organisation. Mrs Corke has posted some photos on the slide show near the office and they will be on the web page.

Next Monday our boys and girls soccer teams will play in the first round of the PSSA Knockout competition.

The boys will play Mulbring and the girls will play Teralba. Miss Latter and Mr Lindsell will look after the teams.

### Term 1 Appraisals

Our term 1 appraisals were sent home today. Teachers will indicate on the appraisal if they would like to have an interview with you. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment.

### Stage Three Science

Students in Stage three have been studying space as part of their science unit. Classes had the opportunity to link to the Houston Space Centre by connected classroom earlier in the term and on Wednesday Dr Jeanette Rothfield spoke to the students about space and showed them space rocks from the moon. Dr Rothfield is based at Newcastle University and has visited the USA space centre on many occasions.

### School Holiday Maintenance

During the school holidays part of the main school block will receive some much needed painting. The painting preparation will begin next week and will include the areas outside the class rooms.

The planned electrical upgrade will also take place during this holiday time. The two electrical boxes outside the main block will be combined and further wiring inside the building will be completed. This will mean that we will not have the power blackouts when the temperature rises.

Our third activity will involve the removal of the old library and replacement with a new demountable for the 4/5 class. The students will move to the new library next week and the preparation will begin for the removal of the demountable. The actual removal will be in the holidays.

# General Information

## Maths Groups

Next term we will change the time of our maths groups to after lunch. This will allow teachers to spend the morning session on literacy followed by maths in the next session. Students will still attend their maths group in the same classroom as they have in Term 1, but it will just be at a different time.

## Reminder P&C Membership

**The levy for membership is \$4.** If you work in the canteen or assist in any way with the P&C you must be a member. It covers your insurance while at Pelaw Main. The levy may be paid at the school office.

## Staff News

Mrs Grant and Miss Skelton attended a course at Maitland on Wednesday as part of their teacher accreditation. Mr Lindsell and Miss King took the classes. Currently Mrs Burton and Ms Dimmock are working with the 3/4, 4/5 and 2/3 classes each morning to look at strategies to help students with reading comprehension.

## Sport News

All primary students competed in the school Cross Country trials held on Monday. The Cessnock Zone Cross Country will be held on Friday April 27 at Bellbird. Miss Latter will send home notes and information with students who have qualified

to race in the cross country. This year we will take our students to the cross country by private transport and this will be included in the note.

## Great Aussie Bush Camp

Just a reminder that the \$36 deposit for children wishing to attend camp is due by the end of next week. Please see Mrs Burton if you need to discuss this payment.

## Canberra Excursion for Year 5 and 6 Students

Students in Grades 5 and 6 are invited to participate in a 3 day/2 night excursion to Canberra which will take place in Term 3. Students who returned their expression of interest note have received further information regarding costing for the excursion and a payment plan. Please remember that a \$50 deposit is due by the end of this term. On the last day of term we will confirm our numbers with the bus company, so it is extremely important that the deposit is paid. If you are unable to pay the deposit by the end of this term please see Miss Latter or Ms Dimmock.

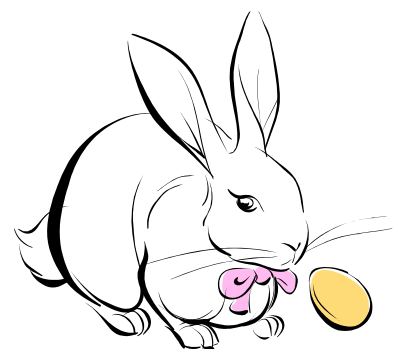
## Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat parade will be held next Thursday at 10am under the cola. Children have been asked to make their Easter hat, mask or poster at home and bring it to school on the day of the parade. Students will parade in class

groups and our Junior and Senior Choir will also perform for us. This is always a wonderful day and we welcome lots of parents, families and friends to enjoy the parade. As is tradition, toddlers will have a chance to parade so you may like to make an Easter hat for younger siblings and friends as well.

Please remember that if you are taking your child home after the parade they will need to have their name marked off by their class teacher before leaving school. If your child will be going home with someone other than their parent a note must be provided to the class teacher.

The P&C will also draw the winners of the Easter Guessing competition at the parade so make sure your tickets are returned to the office ASAP.



# General Information

## Partners in Print

Next term the school will be running a new program called 'Partners in Print'. Each week, on Thursday afternoons, a different class will invite their parents or carers to come along to school for the afternoon session. Parents/carers and their child will work together to learn about reading and how parents can work in partnership with the school to encourage and help their child to read at home. A note will be sent home to each class early next term outlining the date on which classes will have their 'Partners in Print' afternoon. This will be an invaluable opportunity for parents/carers and teachers to work together in educating our children.

## Parent Partnerships

As a part of our National Partnerships funding, one of our major aims is to strengthen parent and community partnerships with our school, to improve student learning. All families want the very best for their children and want them to have endless opportunities to have a happy and fulfilling life. When schools and parents work together children have an increased chance of school/learning success. Below are some interesting points from a research project carried out by the Queensland University of Technol-

ogy titled *Support at Home Increases Chances of School Success*.

- Family involvement can have a huge impact on the ability of children to learn and succeed in the school system.
- Family has a large influence on children's learning outcomes and how parents value school education is very important.
- Parents can show to their children that they place a high value on education by talking positively about school, talking to their child about school – what they have been learning, experiences students are being involved in at school etc, talking with their child's teacher or helping their child with their homework.
- Research shows that if parents are involved / interested in their children's learning, it makes it more likely that their children will complete school and go on to further study

Robyn Pieper  
Principal

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