



# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 5 March

PSP Survey Week  
Afternoon Tea 2.30pm  
Meet the teachers from  
3.15pm

### 12 March

New Families BBQ

### 13 March

AGM P&C 1pm in hall

### 15 March

Science Show

### 16 March

School Photos

### 5 April

Easter Hat Parade  
End of term

### 27 April

Zone Cross Country

### 5,6,7 September

Canberra Excursion

### 24,25,26 October

Aussie Bush Camp

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Monday 5 March

Judy Mayer  
Jodi Franks  
Tenelle Allaway

### Wednesday 7 March

Judy Mayer  
Kelly James  
John Manderson

### Friday 9th March

Judy Mayer  
Alana Holmes  
Taniwai Frewin

## Principal's Report

Our school term is moving very quickly and every week we have activities for students and staff. Kindergarten students have now been at school for five weeks and are already settled into the routines of the classroom. Their buddies still have contact with them in the playground but they interact with others and play in different areas. Often students in Kindergarten suffer from the heat but the weather has been mild and the excessive heat that we have had in previous years is not an issue.

All the Kindergarten students have had a Best Start assessment and next week Mrs Harris and Mrs Palmer will hold parent interviews and each parent will receive a report.

### SOS Program

All the Year 5 students and Miss Skelton attended the two day program this week.

The program is part of the Samaritans program and has been implemented in the Kurri Kurri and Cessnock area for ten years.

### Best Start Interviews

Kindergarten students took home letters asking for parents to indicate times that they were available for interviews with their teacher. Each year students spend time with the teacher and a report is compiled highlighting what each child can do on entry into Kindergarten. The interviews will be held on Tuesday.

### Priority Schools Survey – Next Week

Our survey period starts next Monday and we invite any parent who would like to complete the survey at school to come to an afternoon tea on Monday at 2.30pm. We will have lucky door prize of a **Family Movie pass** to win. If necessary you may bring younger siblings along too. Ms Dimmock, Mrs Burton and Mrs Pieper will be

there to answer questions and help with the surveys.

The survey will be sent home on Tuesday to any family who did not complete the survey on Monday afternoon. The envelope will have a pencil inside as the form needs to be completed by colouring the bubble that fits your answer to the question about you and your education and work situation.

The survey results are used to list schools who are considered to need additional support by providing funds for literacy and numeracy programs because parents in the community are unemployed or not in full time work and have not had the opportunity of education because they left school and did not complete Year 11 and 12 and have not had TAFE or university opportunities. When the family returns the survey we will take the tear off strip with the family name on it and

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place in the prize draw for a **\$100 Coles voucher**. Survey completed on Monday will also go in the draw too. Every child in the family will receive a blue merit card and an ice block for bringing the survey back to school.

Each family will receive one survey from Pelaw Main but you might receive the same survey from Kurri Kurri High School. You need to complete both surveys.

## Questions

There are 7 questions and the survey is for two people. If you are a single parent please mark the box at the top and only complete one half of the form.

If you do not work or you work as a casual please do not complete question 7.

A casual job is one where you are called into work when they have a need. It is considered in this form as being unemployed as the work is not consistent. Part time work is regular work on a specific day and you are considered permanent. Full time work is regular permanent employment.

## Meet the Teacher afternoon

The Meet the Teacher afternoon is after school on Monday. If you cannot attend on the day or time available please contact the teacher and we can organise another time for the visit. It is difficult when siblings are in different

classes and I realise that there will be clashes.

### 3.15

2/3& 1/2P Miss Perry's Room  
4/5 Mrs Corke's Room

### 3.45pm

K/1 Mrs Palmer's Room  
KH Mrs Harris's Room

### 4.15pm

5/6L & 5/6S Miss Latter's Room

## Virtual Excursion

This week Year 5 and 6 students had an excursion to NASA space centre in America. No they did not leave in a jet but sat in the class room and linked to the centre via the computer and connected classroom. It was a great chance for students to connect and have real experiences as part of their science unit on space. The students paid a small fee and the school paid the balance of the fee for this excursion. Thank you to Miss Latter and Miss Skelton for their organisation.

## Kurri Kurri High School Business Breakfast

On Thursday morning I attended the Kurri Kurri High School for breakfast with over 75 other people from the community of Kurri Kurri and surrounding areas. The Year 11 Food Technology class prepared and served the breakfast. Kurri Kurri High School has joined the Beacon program which is providing a pathway for high school stu-

dents to access work after school.

The breakfast was to encourage local business people to work with schools to assist in providing pathways for their future. Well done to the high school students who assisted in the breakfast.

## Expression of Interest – Canberra and Aussie Bush Camp – Due in now

Students who were interested in these excursions have taken notes home. At this time we have not been advised of the cost for either excursion but would assume costs will be similar or slightly higher than our previous excursions (\$240 Camp in 2011 and \$280 for Canberra in 2010).

If you are interested please send the notes back so we may contact the excursion providers and plan for the next stage which is to ask for a non refundable deposit. The school has in the past allowed parents to pay the excursions off over the coming months and reminder slips are sent home.

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## Staff News

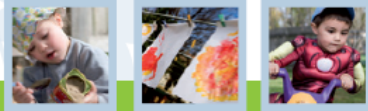
Teachers spent a number of hours after school this week with Ms Dimmock and Mrs Burton who were training them in the *Focus on Reading* program that we will implement in primary classrooms.

## Sport News

The annual winter sport selection trials are being held for netball, football (soccer) girls and boys and rugby league. Students who were interested in trialling for these sports have been asked to see Miss Latter. The trials are for the students who are already playing the sports. This is the Cessnock Zone trials and only a limited number of students are invited to attend the regional trials for that sport.

The first school knockout game for the year will be held at the end of the term. This year the girl's soccer team will play Teralba Public School on Monday April 2 at Pelaw Main park. More information and notes will be sent home closer to the game.

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