



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 April

Girls 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 2012

Wednesdays

10.00 to 11.30am

28 March

16, 23, 30 May

6 June

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 26 March

Judy Mayer

Jodi Franks

Kyrah Caldwell

Wednesday 28 March

Judy Mayer

Kyrah Caldwell

John Manderson

Friday 30 March

Judy Mayer

Jodi Goss

Rowena Boughton

Principal's Report

Term 1 will finish on Thursday April 5 and on this day we will have our annual Easter Hat Parade. Our school will resume after the two week holiday on Monday April 23 for all teachers and **Tuesday April 24** for students. As usual we will send out our last newsletter for the term next Friday.

This afternoon our Year 6 students organised our very first disco in the hall. The disco is only for students who attend Pelaw Main Public School at this time. Pre-school students and high school students are not invited. Miss Latter and Mrs Corke will be supervising the disco. All gates will be locked as usual and the only entry to the hall will be through the big gates near the hall. The school toilet blocked will be locked but there are toilets in the hall for students to use. There will be a guest list and

only those children who have paid for their tickets will be allowed in.

Information has gone home to students who completed the expression of interest in attending the Canberra excursion. Year 5 and 6 students may attend this excursion and it is held every two years. Therefore if your child is in Year 5 this is their opportunity to attend Canberra. A non refundable deposit needs to be paid by the end of term. Money may be paid at any time for the excursion or you may follow the specified payment days.

Next week students who attend scripture classes with the special teachers will attend the combined scripture in the hall.

Term 1 Appraisals

At the end of this term teachers will send home an appraisal report on your child for this term. This short appraisal will give you a guide as to your child's work within

their class. If the class teacher would like to have an interview they will mark this on the appraisal report.

Easter Raffle

The P&C are asking for donations of Easter eggs for the raffle. Any donations may be left with the office. Raffle tickets for the raffle have also been sent home and should be returned as soon as they are sold. Extra tickets are available.

Stranger Danger

Each year we talk to students about the importance of not talking to, or going near cars that contain adults that they do not know. We regularly hear in the media about students being approached by unknown adults. If you can reinforce this idea it helps to keep our children safe. If children walk to and from school they should walk with others and never alone.

General Information

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 school. The levy may be paid at the school office.

Snakes

A neighbour has reported that a snake has been seen near the school this week. This is the second sighting in the past few weeks. Please remind your child NOT to go near anything that they think might be a snake and to tell an adult. We regularly talk to students in the classes about their safety if they see a snake. The weather has been unpredictable and I think that it has been the reason for the snake sightings.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held under the cola on Thursday morning April 5 at 10.00am. Students will need to make a hat, poster or mask to parade in front of the students and parents. This parade usually attracts many visitors to the school. Last year due to the wet weather we had to move the parade from the cola to the hall but hopefully the weather will be fine this year. If parents need a outline of an mask please see your child's class teacher.

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN

On the 15th, 16th and 17th May students in Years 5 and 6 will complete the NAPLAN tests in literacy and numeracy. The results of these tests are available by the end of term 3. Every child receives a written report on their progress in the tests. The literacy tests include: reading, writing, grammar and punctuation. The numeracy test covers number, measurement and space all within the one test. The tests usually are only 40 to 45 minutes in length. If you would like any other information the NAPLAN tests please ask the class teacher or visit the office and I can give you the information and show you past tests.

Staff News

Mrs Burton and Ms Dimmock attended a course at Maitland on Tuesday about the Focus on Reading program. Currently Mrs Burton and Ms Dimmock are working with the two 5/6 classes each morning to look at strategies to help students with reading comprehension.

Sport News

Next Monday primary students will compete in the school cross country trials to select students to compete in the Zone cross country trials next term. Both the boys and girls soccer teams will play their first knockout game at

Pelaw Main soccer ground on Monday April 2.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at this weeks assembly: Jessica, Coby, Chloe R, Grace, Cooper, Chloe B, Trinity, Kaleb, Boden, Flynn, Imogen, April, Murrinjii, Sam, Makira, Jakob, Annabelle, Lochlan, Chelsea, Riley, Ally-Jane and Caitlyn.

Congratulations also to Ashley Moss, Tristan Russell, Jemma Black, Peter King, Zac Brown, Damon Allaway, Jade McTegg, Jakob Burston, Blake Fitzgerald, Zane Stone and Kendall Alcorn who received a Certificate of Merit.

Congratulations to Amber Black who received a Certificate of Excellence



Robyn Pieper
Principal

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