



# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 1

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 2 May

PSSA Netball Knock-out- Kearsley

### 4 May

Assembly

### 8 May

P&C Meeting 1.30pm  
in Hall

### 9 May

\*Playgroup in the Hall

\*Netball Gala Day  
Cessnock

\*Steve Simpson Cup  
Rugby League

### 5 August

Zone Athletics  
Carnival

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Monday 30 April

Judy Mayer  
Kyra Caldwell  
Alana Holmes

### Wednesday 2 May

Judy Mayer  
Kelly James  
Taniwai Frewin

### Friday 4 May

Judy Mayer  
Jodi Goss  
Alana Holmes

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to another school term at Pelaw Main. I hope you had a restful holiday as traditionally this term is very busy with many sporting activities and special events. This term some primary students will be competing in knock out sports teams for netball, soccer, touch football and basketball. The zone cross country will be held today and later in the term the whole school athletics carnival will be held. The school rugby league team will compete in the Steve Simpson Cup soon.

The very wet weather last week did not stop our school from having the planned work carried out at school. The painting in the main building was completed this week. The walls and trim in the rooms outside the classrooms were painted as well as the doors. It has brightened the area. Stu-

dents have been asked to take bags into classrooms for the rest of the week so that the paint can fully dry. The electrical work has also been completed with a few minor repairs to the bell and a light to be finished. Again this has made our school safer as new earth leakage points have been placed in all switch boards. The old library demountable was taken off site and the new classroom was placed in the same spot. At this time there are a few things left to complete before Mrs Corke and 4/5 can move into the room.

The school maths program will begin next week but at a different time. The maths bell will now ring after lunch break and students from Year 1 to 6 will attend their maths class. A new group of students will begin the QuickSmart program from next Monday too. Some students in Year 4 were invited to be part of this program. On Tuesday notes were sent home with students who are attending the Aussie

Bush Camp and Canberra excursion reminding parents of payments. Teachers who are supervising the sport activities also sent permission notes home with students about these activities. Money must be taken to the office in a clip lock bag or an envelope clearly marked with child's name and class.

### Easter Hat Parade

On the last day of term we again held an Easter hat parade. A large number of parents and friends watched the student's parade. Both the school choirs performed songs for the audience. The P&C raffle was drawn. Mrs Corke took a number of photos and will put them on our web page and powerpoint.

### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and P&C stall

This term we hold our annual Mothers Day afternoon tea at school. Students will take home

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## Mother's Day Cont:

an invitation to their mothers/grandmothers and invite them to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The P&C will hold their Mothers Day stall on Thursday May 10 so it will not affect canteen. As many helpers are involved in both.

## Exemplary Students

In the last week of term 8 students were chosen to have lunch with the principal as part of our exemplary student program. Congratulations to Brady, Blake M, Kendall, Jorja, Jackson, Tom, Lachlan and Josh who had lunch and then joined the other exemplary students for an ice block and activities. At the end of this term another 8 students will be chosen for this reward.

## Retirement

I would like to inform the wonderful community of Pelaw Main that I have, after a lot of thought, decided to retire from teaching at the end of this term. I have been a teacher and principal for over 38 years and have decided that although I care very much for the community and staff at Pelaw Main it is time for me to move to the next part of my life. I have been here at Pelaw Main for the last three and a half years and have had the opportunity to work with committed teachers and wonderful students and been supported by par-

ents and other family members. We have had lots of new things completed and now it is time for someone else to continue to lead the community. I have enjoyed my time here and thank everyone for their support.

The School Education Director Dr David Cullen will convene a panel to appoint a new principal. The staff will be represented by Mrs Burton and the P&C representative will be Mrs Sharon O'Driscoll. The process involves an advertisement through the department system, short listing and then interviewing of successful applicants. At the end of the process the appointment will be official with the new principal taking over the school after I leave.

## Staff News

Mrs McLellan will be on long service leave until Monday May 28. During this time Mr Lindsell will be taking library lessons with each class. He will also be organising students to borrow books. The class library times have changed for the 5 weeks that he will be taking library so that he can still take his other class duties from term 1.

Next Tuesday Ms Dimmock and Miss Latter will attend a Drug Education course at Maitland. Miss Williams will take 5/6 L.

## Sport News

Miss Latter supervised 24 students at Bellbird today. They competed in the Zone Cross Country. Students who are 8, 9, 10 years ran 2 kilometres while 11, 12 and 13 years students ran 3 kilometres.

School sport will resume next Monday afternoon. Students must wear a hat to play sport as many activities are on the field across the road or on the oval.

The girl's primary netball team will play Kearsley PS on May 2 in the first round of the PSSA knockout. Mrs E. Palmer will supervise the team.

Miss Latter has entered the school in the Steve Simpson Cup for rugby league.

## Partners in Print

During Term 2 we will be running a parent involvement program for students and their parents/caregivers. The program is called 'Partners in Print' and is aimed at developing a three way partnership between parents, teachers and children that helps children learn and develop to their full potential. 'Partners in Print' is for students K-6 and a parent/carer. The program will focus on reading development and empowering parents (who are a child's first teacher)

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to support students with their reading development at home and to become a strong, positive and caring force in their children's reading development.

Partners in Print will be held each Thursday afternoon, with a different class involved each week. Teachers will lead small group activities based around reading with parents/caregivers and their child. In small groups, teachers will work with the students and model a strategy that parents and caregivers can use at home to support children's reading development. Parents and carers will watch how the teacher works with the students and then work with their own child one-on-one to practise the strategy they observed the teacher implement. The process is child centred, relaxed and non-threatening.

Please find below a timetable for classes to participate in Partners in Print for Term 2. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program. Partners in Print – 2.15pm to 3.15pm Thursdays

Week 2	Kindergarten
Week 3	K/1
Week 4	1/2P
Week 5	2/3G
Week 6	3/4
Week 7	4/5
Week 8	5/6S
Week 9	5/6L

## Stewart House

An envelope is being sent home today for the Stewart House donation drive holiday draw. An adult needs to fill in the details for a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday! Return the envelope to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May with your \$2 donation.

## Asthma Information Line



Did you know Asthma Foundation NSW has an information line? Call our trained professionals if you require any information or resources on asthma. Call 1800 645 130 during business hours or email [ask@asthmafoundation.org.au](mailto:ask@asthmafoundation.org.au)

## HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

### FREE WORKSHOP

WEA Hunter on behalf of the RTA will be conducting the workshop as follows:

Day: Wednesday

Date: 16 May 2012

Venue: Cessnock Performing Arts Centre

Address: Corner Vincent Street & Aberdare Road Cessnock

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Book now on:

Ph: 4925 4200

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Robyn Pieper  
Principal