



# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**18 May**  
Assembly  
**22 May**  
Athletics Carnival  
**1 June**  
Assembly 5/6L  
**13 June**  
Bulldog/Goanna  
Rugby League Cup  
**15 June**  
Prefects Assembly  
**29 June**  
**Last Day Term 2**  
**20 July**  
MEGs Visit  
**3 August**  
Zone Athletics  
Carnival

## PLAYGROUP DATES

Wednesdays at 10am  
to 11.30am in the Hall  
23, 30 May  
6 June

## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Monday 21 May**  
Judy Mayer  
Kyrah Caldwell  
Tenelle Allaway  
**Wednesday 23 May**  
Judy Mayer  
Kelly James  
Taniwai Frewin  
**Friday 25 May**  
Judy Mayer  
John Manderson  
Pam Webb

## Principal's Report

Today teachers held a stop work meeting for two hours with minimum supervision supplied for parents who had difficulty with child minding. Thank you to the parents who sent their children to school at the end of the meeting. The teachers do not take the decision to stop work lightly but feel that some of the changes that are happening in education will impact on our school and students and their conditions. We still continued with our assembly today but it was a Prefect assembly. Miss Latter's class will take the next assembly on June 1.

Last Friday the school held our annual Mother's Day afternoon tea and over eighty eight mothers and grandmothers attended. We had three lucky door prizes and these were won by Breanna's mother, Tamea's mother and Riley's mother. The

P&C also sold some gifts and uniforms during the afternoon. Thank you to the K/1 class who performed for the guests. On Thursday the school finances were audited by the Department auditor. This process is completed every three to four years in every school across the state.

Miss Williams has been selling badges for butterfly day. The small badges raise money for research into deafness. Every year we choose a small number of charities to support and raise money through raffles, donation or selling items for sale.

## NAPLAN Tests

The tests were held this week for students in Years 3 and 5. The results will be sent to the school next term and letters will be sent to parents. When the results are returned parents may come and ask about the test results and look at a copy of the papers

## Athletics Carnival – Tuesday May 22

Information and permission notes have been sent home for our carnival. Students and teachers will travel by bus to Birralee Park on Tuesday morning. Every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have races and novelties to participate in during the day. Primary students who qualify in field events and running races will go to the Cessnock Zone athletics carnival on the 3rd August. Mrs Corke has organised the carnival. At the beginning of the carnival students will march in their house groups for the annual March Past trophy.

## Canteen Price List for Athletics Carnival

Pies \$ 3.00  
Sausage Roll 2.00  
Hot Dog 2.50  
Drinks 2.00  
Potato Chips 1.60  
(Packets)

# General Information

## Attendance

Each Monday morning the class that has the highest attendance is named. We are encouraging regular attendance at school to improve our attendance rates when compared to other schools in the Hunter Region. If your child is sick please notify the school by seeing the teacher, sending a note or phoning the office. The school role is marked every day and if we do not know the reason for a child's absence the absence is recorded as unexplained. If your child is sick or will be away for over 5 days you can apply for an exemption.

## Active After school

Our program has begun and this week Jeff, a tennis coach came to begin a seven week coaching session for students each Tuesday. Miss Skelton is still with the students. Every Wednesday Miss Skelton takes the students for games. Fruit is still provided and students should be collected from school at 4.15pm.

## Year 6 visit to Newcastle University – July 20

Over the past four years students and parents have been invited to visit Newcastle University. Every school in the Kurri Kurri Learning community attends the university for a day. Parents are invited to attend with their child. There is no cost for this excursion. Miss Latter will accompany

the students and parents as well as a teacher from Kurri Kurri High School. This program is called the MEGS program – Making Educational Goals Sustainable, and encourages students to think about university as a tertiary option after high school.

## Staff News

During the term every teacher will spend time with Mrs Ross looking at reading and writing strategies that they can use in the classroom.

A number of staff members have been sick over the past week. Miss Roach, Miss Williams and Mr Fairfull have been employed to cover the absences.

## Sport News

Last Friday two of our students competed in the Regional Cross Country at the Newcastle Race Course. Samara and Amber completed the course and were very pleased with their results. They raced against students from all over the Hunter Valley. Well done girls.

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at this weeks assembly: Grace, Chloe, Amy, Sydney, Matthew, Joel, Rhys, Allen, Ethan, Alexis, Hannah, Zane, Michael, Chloe, Jemma, Daniel, Blake, Jeorjia, Mackenzie, Aaron, Ethan and Pip.

Congratulations also to Noah McIntyre, Dylan Fox, Blake Hunter, Boden Hallett, Shana Sullivan, Jorja Cumming, Halle Wilkin and Tom Whalan who received a Certificate of Merit.

## Making Music Being Well

Next week the school will be participating in Making Music Being Well, which focuses on the links between active music making and wellbeing. In participating in this event we are trying to encourage children to be more musically active, as research suggests that music has strong links with good health. On Monday and Wednesday next week Mrs Palmer will be running two workshops during lunch-time for students to sing or play instruments.

## Our Football Team

The team represented our school at the Steve Simpson Shield held on Wednesday 9 May 2012. Well done guys



Robyn Pieper  
Principal