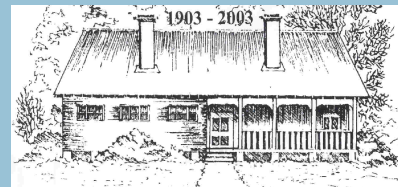




Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

18 May

Assembly

22 May

Athletics Carnival

13 June

Bulldog, Goanna

Rugby LeagueCup

5 August

Zone Athletics

Carnival

PLAYGROUP DATES

Wednesdays at 10am
to 11.30am in the Hall
16,23,30 May

6 June

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 14 May

Judy Mayer

Catherine Cumming

Lorraine Plumridge

Wednesday 16 May

Judy Mayer

Kelly James

Taniwai Frewin

Friday 18 May

Judy Mayer

Tracy Osland

Julie Williams

Principal's Report

It has been a very busy week with lots of sport and preparations for our Mother's Day events. We welcomed Mrs Pieper back today after her illness and are pleased to report that she is fighting fit once again!

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place next week for our Year 3 and 5 students. All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit tests in Literacy and Numeracy across Australia. The tests will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 9.30am. Please make sure that your child is at school by 9.15am on these days next week.

Rugby League

On Wednesday our boys rugby league team played in the Steve Simpson Shield in Singleton. The team won 1 game, had a

draw and were defeated in two games. The boys all played well, displayed perfect behaviour and outstanding sportsmanship. A highlight of the day was when the boys had the opportunity to have their photo taken with Steve Simpson!

A big thanks to Matt Woods for his efforts with coaching the boys and to Miss Latter for her organisation of the day. Thanks also to the parents who attended for their support on the day and for helping with transport.

Our next game will be a Gala Day to be held in Cessnock on June 13.

Netball

Our girls netball team also participated in a Gala Day at Cessnock on Wednesday. The team won a game, had a draw and lost two games. The girls tried extremely hard and enjoyed the experience. Only 3 of the girls had ever played netball before so their efforts are to be highly commended. A huge improvement was

evident as the day went on and their confidence grew!

Thank you to Mrs Elise Palmer for her efforts with the team and her organisation of the day. Once again, thank you to the parents who helped on the day with transport and assisting the team. Without such support our students wouldn't have so many wonderful opportunities.

Updating emergency contact details

Occasionally the school needs to get into contact with parents in case of an emergency, usually sick children needing to go home due to injury or illness. It is vitally important that the school has your correct and current contact details, as well as emergency contact numbers in case we can not get hold of you. If you have changed numbers or have had a change in circumstances with emergency contacts,

General Information

Updating Emergency Contact Details Cont:

please contact the office and update your details. We try our best to ensure all efforts are made to contact families in emergencies but we need your assistance with this.

Facebook

Facebook is an issue that parents and schools are constantly managing. As a community we need to work together to ensure young people are not participating in or being exposed to inappropriate material on the internet. Parents / Caregivers need to remind their young person that:

- Facebook requires its users to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account
- Providing false information to create an account is a violation of the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities.
- Facebook state they will promptly delete the account of any user under the age of 13 that is reported to the site administrator.

The internet is an incredible tool with many benefits but also needs to be treated with caution. Providing young people with guidance and education will assist them with the knowledge to be cyber safe.

Partners in Print

So far Kindergarten and K/1 students and parents have had the opportunity to partici-

pate in the Partners in Print program each Thursday afternoon. We have had a great response from parents and the children have absolutely loved having them in their classroom. Partners in Print is a program that is aimed at providing parents with some ideas of how to help their children with reading at home. Next Thursday afternoon's session will be with Yr 1/2P at 2.15pm. Ms Dimmock has coordinated this program as part of our National Partnership funding and is thrilled with the support we have received from parents.

Mother's Day

This afternoon we had a fantastic Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with our fabulous "mums". It was wonderful to see so many turn up to enjoy afternoon tea with the students. We hope it was as enjoyable for the "mums" as it was for the students, having you at their school.

A massive thank you to Mrs Prior for her organisation of the event once again this year! The students also had the opportunity to purchase some great gifts for Mother's Day, provided by our P&C. Thank you to the P&C and the helpers on the stall. The students thought the gifts were fabulous and I'm sure all the lucky mum's will too!

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish all our wonderful "mums" a very Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday 18th May our school will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day. This day is an annual, national event when all primary children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

We would like to encourage all children to walk to school with their parents and carers. If you can't walk all the way, leave the car a good distance from the school and walk the rest of the way. You will be reducing traffic congestion around our school and you can also teach your children how to cross the road safely. Keep your eye out for the teachers who are planning to walk some of the way to school.

Butterfly Day

Butterfly Day will be Thursday 17th May (week 4). Students will be able to purchase butterfly badges for \$2.00 each. Badges will be sold before school and at lunch time under the cola. All the money for Butterfly Day goes to the Deafness Foundation who support the deaf and hearing impaired through research, prevention, education, early detection and technology.

Robyn Pieper
Principal