



# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 12 June

P&C Meeting 1.30pm  
in the Hall

### 13 June

Bulldog/Goanna  
Rugby League Cup

### 15 June

5/6S Assembly  
Boys Soccer v KKPS

### 21 June

Combined Scripture

### 29 June

**Last Day Term 2**

### 20 July

MEGs Visit

### 3 August

Zone Athletics  
Carnival

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Monday 11 June

Judy Mayer  
Kyrah Caldwell  
Tennelle Allaway

### Wednesday 13 June

Judy Mayer  
Trish Saxelby  
Alana Holmes

### Friday 15 June

Judy Mayer  
Deanne McTegg  
Pam Webb

## Principal's Report

The weather has certainly impacted on many activities this week. The weather has restricted some playground activities and our hall has again been used as the movie theatre rather than students playing in the playground. The boys' soccer team was to have played today but the council closed the fields so we hope to play next Friday.

This week we welcomed Lisa Smith from Newcastle University. Mrs Smith is in her second year of study and is working with Miss Perry in 1/2P until the end of the term. She will assist in the room and also give some lessons each day. Miss Perry is her supervisor and is always with Mrs Smith when she presents her lessons.

Mrs Corke's room is now finally completed as the Smart Board was reinstalled this

week. It was a very long process but we now have a completed school.

Many children are still sick and it is working through the school, in some classes up to 7 and 8 children have been away on a daily basis. Please call the school if your child is sick.

As part of the newsletter we have placed an advertisement for the school dental clinic. This free service is located now in the grounds of Cessnock Hospital and an appointment can be made by calling the number advertised.

### Use of School Grounds

Our cleaner has noticed that someone has been riding skateboards / scooters on the verandah outside of the canteen. The floor boards have been scratched and to remove the marks the area will need sanding and painting. This did not happen during school time as students are not allowed to ride in the school. Therefore we have had people

in our grounds when school is finished or at the weekend. If you see any person in the playground or near the buildings please call the police as they are trespassing.

Our neighbours have seen older boys skateboarding in front of the hall. Please help us keep our school in the best condition possible for the use of students of Pelaw Main Public School.

### Partners in Print each Thursday Afternoon

Yesterday K/1 parent's were involved with the program with Mrs Harris and Mrs Pieper. Next week, 1/2P (14<sup>th</sup> Jun) will be having Partners in Print, followed by 2/3 (21st Jun).

### Breakfast Club Tuesday morning

This week we had our first Tuesday Breakfast Club. Jodie and Dana had lots of students come to the canteen for their toast and fruit.

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## **Breakfast Club - Tuesday Morning Cont:**

They commented that the children all have such lovely manners.

Starting this Tuesday 12th June we will be hosting "Milo Mornings". This means you can grab a cup of Milo along with your toast or fruit, giving students a healthy start to the day.

Thank you to the Hunter Charitable Foundation and Bakers Delight who are kindly donating money and products to help provide the children with Breakfast Club each week.

## **Facebook**

Parents report issues between students to the class teacher. In some cases the issues have escalated because of comments written on Facebook. The school cannot monitor this as it has happened outside of school and under the rules for use of Facebook a person must be 13 years of age. Therefore at this time no student at Pelaw Main is 13 and under the rules should not have a Facebook account.

## **Semester Reports**

Teachers have been writing reports for students in the past week. The reports will be sent home on Friday June 22. Students who have only been at the school a short time this term will receive an appraisal

rather than a full report. The report covers the learning outcomes for students across each stage level.

Kindergarten – Early Stage 1  
Year 1 and Year 2 – Stage 1  
Year 3 and Year 4 – Stage 2  
Year 4 and Year 5 – Stage 3

As every child (except Kindergarten) attends a maths group each maths teacher will make a comment for the children who attend their class. The teachers who take classes for the teacher release time (Miss Williams and Mr Lindsell) will also make the comments for the classes that they teach.

This semester we are offering interviews on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the last week of term. The letters were sent home with every child today offering a time on the allocated class day. Miss Latter 5/6L will not hold interviews for her class during that week as she will be on leave and we will organise for the interviews to be held after the holidays.

## **Staff News**

Miss Skelton and Miss Latter attended Kurri Kurri High School for a drug education workshop today. The Kurri Kurri Learning Community has organised this workshop so that all schools can coordinate their programs for the students in Years 5 to 8. Stage 3 teachers from all the local schools will attend.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Notes are in the process of being sent home for parents to indicate if they would like to have an interview with their child's class teacher about their progress in Semester 1. These interviews will be held on various days in the last week of this term.

Alternate arrangements can be made if the selected day or times are not suitable and parents will need to make these arrangements with class teachers. The interview will be held in 15minute intervals.

As many children have different teachers for Maths Groups, it has been decided to trial a new format of holding parent/teacher interviews for maths in the first week of Term 3. At this stage, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July has been scheduled to hold interviews in the hall from 3.30-5.30pm. Interviews will be 10 minute time slots with your child's maths group teacher/s, on a first come, first served basis. This format is similar to the way high schools hold their interviews and we thought we could trial it this year. If parent feedback indicates it is successful, we would hold a similar format at the end of Semester 2.

These Parent/Teacher interviews are a response from some of the parents feedback and suggestions we collected last year as part of our Na-

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## Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Cont:

evaluations. It is hoped that as many parents and carers as possible are able to attend.

## Special Retirement Assembly & Afternoon Tea

As you are aware, Mrs Pieper will be retiring at the end of this term. We are planning a special assembly and afternoon tea for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. This assembly will be a chance for the children to farewell Mrs Pieper and for our school community to have an opportunity to say goodbye with an afternoon tea after the assembly. More details will be provided closer to the date, but at this stage it is planned that the assembly will be held at 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea.

Merilyn Burton AP

## Sport News

Next Wednesday Miss Latter will take our rugby league team to Cessnock for the Gonna Bulldogs cup. Notes have been sent to students and private transport will be used to take the students to the gala day. Mr Lindsell is coordinating the boys' soccer team. New permission notes will be sent home because of the change of date.

## Payments made at Office

Parents could you please ensure that all monies being paid at the office be placed in an envelope or cliplock bag with your child's name and class clearly marked.

## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 June at 1.30pm in the hall.

Everyone is welcome to come along.



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

## Healthy Lifetime Habits for a Super Smile!

An exciting opportunity is being offered to all students at your school.

A dental examination at a Public Dental Clinic is available for your child. If you would like to have a dental check-up at the Public Dental Clinic this month, phone us on **1300 651 625**, or see your own family dental practice.

Encourage your children to have good oral health, take advantage of this fantastic opportunity and remember to brush teeth twice a day especially at night.



Your smile your responsibility

Robyn Pieper  
Principal

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Once again we are taking part in the Coles Sports for Schools Program. Vouchers start 14th June. Happy collecting.