



# Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 1 August

Bulldogs/ Goanna Cup

### 3 August

Zone Athletics  
Carnival

### 7 August

Pie Drive Delivery

### 14 August

P&C Meeting 1.40pm  
in hall

### 14 Sept

Spring Fair

## PLAYGROUP DATES

### Term 3

Thursdays in Hall  
10.00 to 11.30am  
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
September 6, 20

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Monday 30 July

Judy Mayer  
Lorraine Plumridge  
Kyra Caldwell

### Wednesday 1 August

Judy Mayer  
Taniwai Frewin  
Kelly James

### Friday 3 August

Judy Mayer  
Tracey Osland  
Julie Williams

## Principal's Report

Another wonderful, busy week in the life of a Principal at Pelaw Main Public School!

Our NAIDOC Celebration Day was rained on, unfortunately, but it is a credit to the students and staff for showing their resilience and putting on a wonderful celebration for our school and our visiting schools from Stanford Merthyr and Mulbring. I received very positive feedback from the staff of the other schools about how well we were all able to adjust to the conditions and still have a great day.

Thank you to the canteen for being so well organised in the process of preparing lunch orders and feeding the vast array of children.

Last week I attended the University MEGS day with our Year 6 students and parents and Miss Latter. I was proud to be involved in leading a wonderful group of students and

parents who proved to be great ambassadors for the school. Some of our students have written about their experiences.

It was a pleasure to attend our first school assembly this week, hopefully the first of many! I presented many special merit awards to the students and it is wonderful to see that the effort being put in by the students is bringing the rewards.

### Principal Movement

I will be out of the school all day on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August to attend a Principal's Induction Conference. Mrs Burton will relieve in my absence.

We are in need of some parent helpers for Breakfast Club for the next three weeks, due to unavailability of our regular helpers. If you would like to help out on a Tuesday morning from 8:30 – 9:30am to serve our children some brekkie, please contact the office.

### Playgroup

Playgroup begins next Thursday from 10am in the school hall. Parents with children from 0-4 years are able to attend. Our school's Community Liaison Officer, Elwyn Tweedie, will be coordinating our playgroup.

### Active After school Sport

This program started last Tuesday and will be running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout Term 3 and Term 4. This term, we are negotiating for the Kurri Community Centre gymnastics program to attend our school to teach gymnastics. This will hopefully start next Tuesday. Miss Skelton will be teaching a Multi-skill program on the Wednesdays.

# General Information

## Education Week Ed Fest

There are many events happening next week to do with Education Week. Our school choir and dance group will be performing at the Kurri Kurri High School Edfest on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July. Several of our students will have artwork on display for the Art Competition and this will be available for viewing from 5:15pm in the KKHS Hall. The School performances and presentations will be from 6pm. It would be wonderful if parents were able to attend.

We have decided to have an Education Week Awards Assembly during our normal assembly time on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Unfortunately this is a week after Education Week but we are planning on making it very special, nonetheless.

## Facebook

I would just like to remind families that Facebook accounts are only open to children 13 years and over. You need to have very detailed conversations with your children about the use of Facebook and if your child is accessing this website, you need to be closely monitoring their activity and the content streaming through it. We don't encourage primary aged children to be accessing it.

## Partners in Print- Focus on Reading

During Term 3 we will continue to run our parent involvement program for reading. This term 'Partners in Print' will be for students and their parents/ caregivers in classes 3/4, 4/5, 5/6S and 5/6L. The program is aimed at developing a three way partnership between parents, teachers and students that helps children learn and develop to their full potential.

'Partners in Print' for our primary classes will allow parents/ carers to learn about and participate in a new reading comprehension program teachers are implementing at school called 'Focus on Reading'. The program will focus on reading comprehension development and empowering parents (who are a child's first teacher) to support students with their reading development at home.

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 comprehension with parents/caregivers and their child. In small groups, teachers will model a strategy that students have been learning at school to develop reading comprehension skills.

Parents/caregivers will 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 3. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program. We would like one parent/carer for each child to come along on the day to work with their child.

Partners in Print – 2.15pm to 3.15pm Thursdays

Week 4 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Class 3/4
Week 5 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Class 4/5
Week 6 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Class 5/6S
Week 7 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Class 5/6L

## Canberra Excursion

Our Canberra excursion for students in grades 5 and 6 will take place in Week 8 this term. Next week a note will be sent home to parents to update them with payments they have made and how much money is still to be paid for the excursion. There are still two scheduled payments for the excursion totalling \$30. Final payments for the excursion MUST be made by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August (Week 4 of this term). If you have any questions or concerns regarding payments please speak to Ms Dimmock. We are all looking forward to this wonderful excursion.

# General Information

## Book Week Activities

Our Book Week Parade/ Grandparents Day is on Tuesday 21st August.

This year the theme is 'Champions Read' so our parade this year will be centred on sport and the Olympics. Children are asked to come dressed in a uniform of their favourite sport. This could be a sport they play, a sport they are just interested in or would like to play or one that is played in the Olympic Games. There will also be a Book Fair in the Library on that day so please visit the Library and purchase a book. A percentage of all purchases go back into the Library to enable us to buy more resources.

All parents and grandparents are invited join us on the day so please put the date in your diaries.

More information about this day will be in the Newsletter closer to the date.

Please remind your children to return all overdue books and if there is a problem with any book please let me know. Thank you for your cooperation, B McLellan.

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at this weeks assembly: Jacob, Isabel, Jarrod, Kasey, Jade, Ebony, Brady, Kalani, Ella, Conner, Kyrow, Charlotte, Zane,

Marty, Emma, Judah, Shana, Jaiden, Cassidy, Zak, Lara and Peter.

Congratulations also to Kaleb Mann, Jaedyn Sullivan, Tahlia Hinton, Hannah Harris, Deena Borkowski, Tiffany Brown, Lilly Stone, Sydney Davies, Dakota Jones, Jade McTegg, Amy Boughton, Charlotte Anderson, Georgia McTegg, Ally-Jane Hughes and Maya Ballin-Wilson who received a Certificate of Merit.

## THE MEGS VISIT

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 went to visit the University of Newcastle. We arrived at the university and got off the bus, and it was called the Maths Bus Stop. We were given a bag with a lolly pop, drink bottle, pencils, two books and a tattoo. We went to the lecture theatre and we watched a video and listened to a lady talk about the university. Next we went into the Great Hall and we did lots of fun things at different stations that were run by the university students. We had lots of fun learning about the different courses offered by the University. After lunch we built a mini catapult and raced to see whose ball went the furthest. 'Thingy Ma Bob' won. We had afternoon break and lots of us played handball. Then we all went to the bus and went back to school! We all had a wonderful time! Both Year 6 classes had great fun at the MEGS visit. By Aaron and Coby



Shaun Graham  
Principal