



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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WEEK 3

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

7 August

Pie Drive Delivery

14 August

P&C Meeting 1.40pm
in hall

Abermain Eisteddfod

21 August

Grandparent's Day &
Book Parade

30 August

Father's Day Stall
Father's Day Breakfast

27 August

Cessnock Library Visit

3 September

Illustrator Visit

12 September

Year 6 KKHS Visit

14 September

Spring Fair
18 September
Bike Safety Day

PLAYGROUP DATES Term 3

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 5 August

Pam Webb
Catherine Cumming
Tenelle Allaway

Wednesday 8 August

Judy Mayer
Taniwai Frewin
Kelly James

Friday 10 August

Judy Mayer
Alana Holmes
Rowena Boughton

Principal's Report

What an amazing week of showcasing our talent to the wider community. I was absolutely awestruck by our dance performance and our choir singing at EdFest last Tuesday night. Both performances engaged enthusiastically with the big audience and it was great to see the positive reception we received.

...and how amazing was our artwork on display?! All of our entries were of a very high standard and congratulations to Zane W – 1/2P, Tony J – 3/4, Emily G – 3/4 and Chloe H – 2/3G who received certificates of commendation for their artwork.

The Hunter/Central Coast Schools Regional Director (relieving), Frank Potter and School Education Director, Dr David Cullen, will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 15th August, from

2pm. They will be discussing with me, the school's current plans and programs and the future directions that the school community is currently planning for.

Staff Professional Learning

Mrs Harris, Mrs Ross and myself will be attending a conference on Tuesday, 7th August to prepare our school for the introduction of the "Every Student, Every School" state government initiative. This initiative is aimed at providing better learning and

support for students with a disability, learning difficulties or behaviour support needs in our school, through a strong focus on professional learning and support for teachers and support staff.

Binless Day

Next Wednesday, 8th August, is Binless Day across Australia. We would like to experiment within our school to encourage children and families who are bringing

a packed lunch and recess from home to try, on Wednesday, to bring freshly packed foods, as opposed to prepacked foods. Some ideas might include:

- Cut up fruits and vegetables, pack cut-up fruits and vegetables in a reusable container.
- Sultanas, Tiny Teddies or chips place a portion into small reusable containers.
- Large tubs of yogurt or custard portioned out into small containers.

Obviously the canteen will still be operating on this day so we will be accumulating some waste but it would be great to see this minimised on this day. Have a go, if you are able!

General Information

Abermain Eisteddfod

Our School Choir will also be participating in the Abermain Eisteddfod on Tuesday, 14th August. Bus transport will be arranged for this day, at a small cost to participants.

Year 6 to 7 GATS Transition

We have begun to transition several students in Year 6 into a Gifted and Talented program that Kurri Kurri High School have offered in support of our students moving to High School next year. A series of workshops, running for three weeks each, has been organised through the High School for identified students.

We will have a special Education Week Assembly next Friday to celebrate Education Week and to acknowledge several members of our school community. We will also be presenting our regular assembly awards. All families are welcome to attend.

Partners in Print

Next week will be the start of our 'Partners in Print' reading program for our primary classes. On Thursday, class 3/4 students and their parents/carers will participate in the program. '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. 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
Term 3

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

We look forward to working with parents / carers from class 3/4 on Thursday!

Canberra Excursion

Our Canberra excursion for students in grades 5 and 6 will take place in Week 8 this term. Earlier this week, students who are participating in the excursion receive notes about ambulance cover and final payments for the excursion. Please ensure that you have received and read both of these notes. The ambulance cover note needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. Final pay-

ments for the excursion must be made by next Friday, 10th August. Shortly, students will receive medical forms and other information that must be completed prior to the excursion. We are all looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to learn about our national capital and political system first hand.

Bulldog/Goanna Cup

On Wednesday our Rugby League team played in the Bulldog/Goanna Cup at Cessnock. We played 4 games in total but the most enjoyable game was our last game when we played Cessnock PS. It was 3 tries each until the last 30 seconds when they scored. We had a great day. The organiser of the day told us that we were the most improved team. We are looking forward to a re-match in the near future against Cessnock PS.



Shaun Graham
Principal