



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 16, 23, 30
September 6, 20

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 13 August

Judy Mayer
Alana Holmes
Lorraine Plumridge

Wed 15 August

Judy Mayer
Taniwai Frewin
Dean Comerford

Fri 17 August

Judy Mayer
Deanne McTegg
Kyra Caldwell

Principal's Report

We celebrate education on a daily basis here at Pelaw Main Public School, however it was particularly uplifting to be able to celebrate Education Week over two weeks!! Our celebration assembly on Friday showcased the wonderful talent our students possess and the wonderful skills our teachers and families pass on to our students. Thank you for the supportive attendance.

We have honoured several members of our community over Education 'Fortnight' and the recipients of our 2012 awards are as follows:

Michele Corke
excellence in teaching and an outstanding contribution to technology
Maureen Wood
for an outstanding contribution by a school community member
Rebecca Parsons
for an outstanding

contribution by a school community member.

Ashley Moss

excellence in student achievement and leadership.

I am very keen to meet with the P&C next Tuesday at 1:40pm, for the first Term 3 P&C Meeting, to discuss our school's current and future needs so it would be great if we had a good representation of parents along to this meeting.

Our Spring Fair is also approaching very quickly so this meeting will be of interest to those considering supporting our Spring Fair.

We will have a very special visit from Frank Potter, relieving Hunter/Central Coast Regional Director and Dr David Cullen, School Education Director, on Wednesday, 15th August from 2pm. This visit will involve a discussion around the school's future directions and a meet and greet with staff.

Once again our weeks are filling up with activities so read on for all of our upcoming events.

Staff Movement

Mrs Burton and Ms Dimmock will be attending a Change Agents Meeting for executive staff at National Partnerships schools on Tuesday.

Abermain Eisteddfod

Pelaw Main Public School Senior Choir will be performing in the Abermain Eisteddfod on Tuesday, 14th August at Mount View High School. Students will be performing two songs in the Primary Choir Section. Family members are welcome to attend. We wish them all the best!!

Lost Property

The lost property basket inside the administration building is becoming a bit full with jackets and jumpers. Please come and have a look for lost items.

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.

As part of our Book Week Celebrations we will be having a visit from Librarians from Cessnock Library on Monday, 27th August from 12.30-1.30. They will be reading and acting out some of the Shortlisted books. All children will attend and there is no cost for this activity.

We are also having an Illustrator visit on Monday, 3rd September. The illustrator is Sarah Davis and she has illustrated several books in our Library. She will be talking to our children about drawing and how she illustrates a book. She will be demon-

strating her skills for our children. There will be a small cost for this activity. More information about all these activities will be in the Newsletter closer to the dates. 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.

Library Helpers Needed

I need the help of some parents/grandparents to finish off Library bags. The bags are made and all that is needed is to sew on a rectangular panel on the front of each bag. It is easy sewing and all materials will be supplied. If you can sew and would like to help please come and see me on any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thank you
B McLellan

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificate of Merit at this weeks assembly:

Tristan Russell, Breeanna Barber, Kyra Walker, Cade Timmins, Keleigh Stewart, Aydan O'Driscoll, Jayden Smith, Harry Longbottom, Elizabeth Anderson, Emma Caulson, Taia Emerton, Shakira Mason, Tenesha Cullen, Brandon Fallon, Zane Stone, Lachlan Todhunter, Lilly O'Brien, Sophie McCarthy and Chloe Geering.

Congratulations also to Blake Masterman and Jordyn Atkinson who received a Principal's Award.

Partners in Print

Yesterday students from class 3/4 and their parents/carers participated in our 'Partners in Print' program. This program aims to introduce parents/carers to reading comprehension activities that students are learning at school as a part of our 'Focus on Reading' program being taught to students in years 3-6. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to join us for the afternoon. The students really enjoyed having you work with them on learning activities.

Next week (Week 5), parents and carers of students in class 4/5 will participate in our 'Partners in Print' activities. We look forward to seeing as many parent/carers as possible attend the afternoon.

Canberra Excursion

Our Canberra excursion is only a few weeks away and final arrangements are now being put into place. Students have received permission notes, medical forms, ambulance coverage notes and a detailed information note regarding the excursion. Please note that permission slips and medical forms must be returned to school by Friday 24th August. Final payments

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Canberra Excursion Cont:

for the excursion were due today and need to be paid as soon as possible if you have not finalised this. Ambulance coverage notes should have also been returned to school. Your assistance with ensuring that all notes and money are in on time is much appreciated. Teachers will hold several meetings with students over the next few weeks to inform students about details of the excursion, reinforce behaviour expectations and answer any questions. If parents have any questions regarding the excursion, please speak with Miss Latter or Ms Dimmock.

Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

Our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast will be held this year on Thursday 30th August from 8-9am. Invitations will be sent home early next week. To ensure we order enough food, students are asked to return the invitation slip as soon as possible.



Our annual Grandparents Day will be held on Tuesday 21st August. Grandparents Day is a fantastic opportunity for Grandparents and families to visit our school and be a part of our Book Week Parade and celebrations.

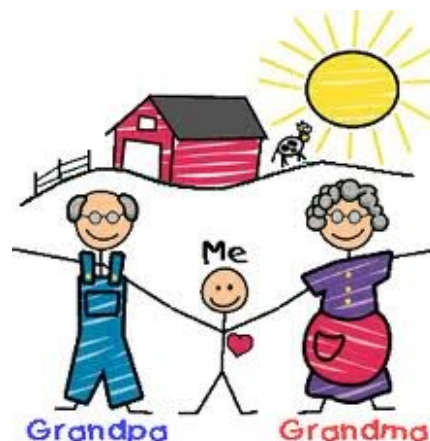
Our Book Week Parade will start at 10am and morning tea will be served after the parade around 11.00am.

Students have been asked to supply the morning tea and a roster has been set for items. Families should only select one plate from the list below so you aren't over-burdened if you have more than one child in the school.

Class	Morning Tea choice
K	sandwiches or savoury
K/1	sandwiches or savoury
Yr 1/2	cakes or biscuits
Yr 2/3	cakes or slices
Yr 3/4	cakes or slices
Yr 4/5	savoury or biscuits
Yr 5/6L	biscuits or slices
Yr 5/6S	biscuits or slices

Once again, we are also asking if children could bring in some flowers, preferably picked from your garden. It would be appreciated if all food could be taken straight to the staffroom and any flowers to the office.

If you have any questions regarding Grandparents Day or Book Week activities, please see either Mrs Burton or Mrs McLellan.



General Information

P&C News

This years pie drive made over \$500.00 thanks to everyone that helped to make it such a success! A special mention goes to Temika Akins family that ordered 10 boxes of pie drive goods and also to Miss Perry who had 12 boxes!

Reminder the Spring Fair is in 5 weeks. Are you crafty? the Spring Fair needs your donations soon!! Are you the master chef of Pelaw Main? We need your cakes, bikkies, slices, etc too! Any craft items need to be dropped off at the Canteen to Judy as soon as possible.

Baked goods will need to be dropped off at the canteen on the day before or the day of the fair **with a list of ingredients included.**

Do you want to be part of the action at the Spring Fair? We need volunteers to register their availability with Judy no later than 31st August.

Knockout Touch Football

On Tuesday 7th August the girls and the boys football teams went to Maitland Park. The girls played Hinton and boys played East Maitland. Although both teams got defeated we had a great day. Thank you to Mr Woods for helping us.



Our girl's and boy's touch football teams had a wonderful time.



Shaun Graham
Principal