



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 23, 30
September 6, 20

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 20 August

Judy Mayer
Rowena Boughton
Lorraine Plumridge

Wed 22 August

Judy Mayer
Taniwai Frewin
Kelly James

Fri 24 August

Judy Mayer
Tracy Osland
Julie Williams

Principal's Report

First of all, I would like to thank the parents and students and Mrs Palmer for representing our school at the Abermain Eisteddfod. You sang well and have done your community proud.

I would also like to acknowledge the four students who have gained selection in the Zone Athletics team to participate in the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival on Friday, 31st August. The students are as follows: Chloe M, Maya B-W, Erika W and Samara C.

We had a very brief visit on Wednesday from our Regional Director, Frank Potter and our School Education Director, Dr David Cullen. They were very impressed with the level of engagement of the students, the quality of the teaching in the classrooms and the overall positive feel from the school. We

are definitely heading in the right direction for the students and families of Pelaw Main.

I would just like to further remind families of our winter school uniform, as we have had various outfits coming in to the school that are not part of our uniform policy. It is important that parents and carers are monitoring closely what their children are wearing to school.

Girls Winter Uniform:

Sky blue polo shirt, grey skirt/skort (or navy track-suit – Winter), blue or white socks, black shoes or sneakers, wide-brimmed school hat.

Boys Winter Uniform:

Sky blue polo shirt, grey shorts/pants (or navy tracksuit – Winter), grey socks, black shoes or sneakers, wide-brimmed school hat.

Please ensure that jeans or denim shorts are not worn to school and be aware that canvas shoes are not appropriate as per our uniform policy.

Principal and Staff Movement

I will be attending a Principal's Meeting on Thursday all day. Mrs Burton will relieve in my absence. Miss Latter will be on leave next week. Miss Williams will be teaching 5/6L.

Father's Day Breakfast

Invitations went home this week about our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast. It will be held on Thursday 30th August from 8-9am. RSVP slips included on invitations **must** be returned to school by Friday 24th August at the latest. As food needs to be ordered, we cannot accept any late replies, so please reply ASAP to avoid disappointment! *Just a reminder that the Father's Day Breakfast is for "Dad's" and students attending this school only.*



General Information

QuickSmart News

Our QuickSmart students are very excited at the moment. Parents and caregivers have been invited to observe their child in a QuickSmart lesson between now and the end of term. Anyone who would like to come along and hasn't returned your note, it isn't too late or if you are unable to attend, maybe there is someone else who like to come? The children are eager to show you what they do and how well they are progressing. The observation lessons began this week with very positive feedback. Our other big news is, all Year 4 students now have the opportunity to join the **QuickSmart 100's Club**. Students have to answer over 100 flashcards in a minute to join this exclusive club. The honour board will be displayed in a window near the ramp.

Book Week Activities

Our Book Week Parade/ Grandparents Day is next 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 or a sport they are just interested in.

There will also be a Book Fair in the Library on that day so please visit the Library and purchase a book. Book

prices start at \$1 and there is a large range of good quality books to choose from.

Book Fair starts at 8.45am and Assembly/Book Week Parade starts at 10.00am. All parents and grandparents are invited join us on the day. 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.

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 and demonstrating her skills for our children.

A big thank you to Christie Jones and Beth Masterman who very kindly volunteered to sew panels on Library bags for our children. Your help is very much appreciated. If anyone else would like to help please come and see me. Thank you for your cooperation, B McLellan

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 informa-

tion note regarding the excursion. Please note that permission slips and medical forms must be returned to school by Friday 24th August. Final payments for the excursion were due last Friday. **If you have not finalised your payments please contact Ms Dimmock or Miss Latter as soon as possible.** 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.

Partners in Print

Yesterday students from class 4/5 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 6), parents and carers of students in class 5/6S will participate in our 'Partners in Print' activities. We look forward to seeing as many parent/carers as possi-

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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

Tuesday was our first P&C Meeting with our new principal Mr Graham. It was great to hear about the long term plans he has for our school. Welcome to our school Mr Graham!

Spring Fair

The count down to our biggest event of the year is on as we finalise plans for a great day for everyone! Many hands make light-work.....So we need as many mums, dads, nans and pops to volunteer to help set up, run a stall, or help pack up. Maybe you have an hour spare in the morning or can give us a hand only at the end. GREAT! We'd love to hear from you - just see Judy in the Canteen for more details.

A reminder also goes out to all our crafty mums, dads, aunts, uncles- please donate to the Craft Stall any finished projects you may have. And also to our baking mums and dads....A cake, cupcakes, rocky road, toffees, biscuits - please don't forget to plan what you will donate to the Cake Stall this year. (ingredients list must be included)

Uniforms

Just a reminder the P & C have uniforms for sale with many sizes in stock.



Congratulations Maya, Samara, Chloe and Erika on making it to the Regional Athletics Carnival.



Sports for schools vouchers

Just a reminder that the sports for schools program has finished and we need all the vouchers you have collected to be brought into school by Monday 20th August to be counted. We thank all the parents and community members for supporting this promotion and also Mrs Corke and Mrs Prior for coordinating the program.

Kurri Kurri Little Athletics Club

Online registrations— lansw.com.au

Manual registrations-24th & 31st August, 7th September

Minimum 3 years old —maximum 16 years old
Age as at midnight on 30th September 2012

At Birrale Park, Heddon St, Kurri Kurri.
5.30pm—7.00pm

Information:
Lynn/Greg Moore 49371621

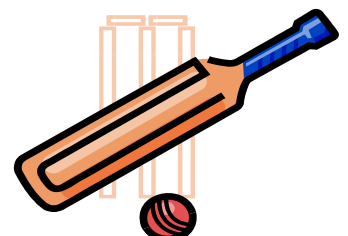
Kurri Weston Junior & Senior Cricket

Registrations will be held at Margaret Johns Oval on Friday 17th, Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th August.

4pm to 5.30pm. Cost is \$65 and Family Discounts Apply

All Players New and Old welcome, from 8 and up.

For further information Contact on Kerrie Newton 0416057562



Shaun Graham
Principal