



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

3 September

Illustrator Visit

12 September

Year 6 KKHS Visit

14 September

Spring Fair

18 September

Bike Safety Day

7 December

Year 6 Farewell

14 December

Presentation Day

PLAYGROUP DATES

Term 3

Thursdays in Hall
10.00 to 11.30am
September 6, 20

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 3 September

Judy Mayer
Catherine Cumming
Rowena Boughton

Wed 5 September

Judy Mayer
Taniwai Frewin
Kelly James

Fri 7 September

Judy Mayer
Taniwai Frewin
Trish Saxelby

Principal's Report

Thank you to all of our fathers and father figures who attended our Father's Day breakfast on Thursday morning. It was yet another event that showcased our community connections and the value that the community places on this wonderful school. Thank you to Mrs Prior and Mrs Burton for your wonderful organisation of this event and to Mr Harmes and Mr Woods for cooking up a storm on the BBQ. Thank you also goes to Renee Kiem for organising the donation of the bread for the breakfast from Kurri Kurri Hot Bread.

Our Stage 3 students participated in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition this week. We wish them all the best in the results.

On Monday we have a visiting author coming

to the school to run two workshops with our students. Sarah Davis is the illustrator of many children's books including *Fearless* and *Fearless in Love*. Infants' classes will be working with Mrs Davis from 9:30am and the Primary classes from 10:30am. There is no cost to the students.

Staff Movement

Mrs Ross, our Learning Assistance Support Teacher, is on leave until Week 3 next Term. Mrs Palmer will be relieving in her position and Miss King will be relieving in Mrs Palmer's position. 3 of our staff, Mrs Burton, Miss Perry and Mrs Harris, will be attending a two-day symposium on Wednesday and Thursday, 5th and 6th of September to participate in a series of workshops about student engagement.

It is anticipated that after this Symposium, schools in the Kurri Kurri Learning Community will undertake professional learning for

staff in relation to engaging students in meaningful learning experiences.

Canberra Excursion

Week 8 will be very busy with the anticipation of our Canberra Excursion on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I trust it will be the type of positive learning experience that will live in your memory for many years to come and I bet you can't wait to be heading down that highway!

Local Council elections will be held at the school on Saturday, 8th September. The electoral commission will be using our main Administration building to host the polling booths.

Year 6 have been invited to attend the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge being held on Wednesday, 19th September (Week 10) at All Saint's College St Peter's Campus Maitland, 9 Free Church

General Information

Permission notes will be handed out in Week 9, after the Canberra excursion.

Parent Focus Group

We would like to invite any interested parents to attend a Parent Focus Group session to comment on school programs as part of our National Partnerships evaluation. This session will be held in the hall on **Tuesday 11th September from 2.15-3.15pm** Parents will have the opportunity to express their opinions about school programs in a non-threatening and comfortable environment.

Ms Dimmock and Mrs Burton will host the session. All responses are confidential and the session will be run allowing all parents to participate. A light afternoon tea will be provided. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. We had a great response last year which provided us with lots of useful feedback to inform our school plan.

Partners in Print – Survey

Yesterday, surveys were sent home to parents/carers who have participated in our Partners in Print program this year. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and your opinions will help us to further develop and improve this program. All surveys will be treated confidentially. We hope to have as

many surveys returned as possible, and we thank you once again for participating in this program.

Our last Partners in Print for Term 3 was held yesterday with students from class 5/6L and their parents/carers participating in the program. This program has introduced 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.

Canberra

Our 2 night /3 day excursion to Canberra for Year 5 & 6 students is almost here! Today students have received a final reminder note about details of the excursion. This is the last note that students will receive before we depart so please ensure that you have received and read this note. Attached to this note is a Medical Instructions Note. This needs to be filled in and handed to Ms Dimmock on the morning we depart for Canberra if your child needs to take any medication while we are away. If you have any questions regarding the Canberra excursion, please speak to Miss Latter or Ms Dimmock.

Lucky Number – Year 6 Fundraiser

Students in Year 6 will be selling lucky numbers for a Year 6 fundraiser. Each child in Year 6 will be given 5 numbers to sell. Each number costs \$2. When all of the lucky numbers have been sold, the winning number will be drawn out of a hat. The winner will receive \$100.00.

FREE, FUN PROGRAM FOR KIDS TO BECOME HEALTHIER, FITTER AND HAPPIER

The Go4Fun program is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for children 7-13 years old who are above their healthy weight. The program runs for 10 weeks after school hours in a variety of community locations across Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland. To register for the program or to find out more information, free call 1800 780900 or register online at www.mendcentral.org

Shaun Graham
Principal