



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



A quality education in a caring environment

www.pelawmain-p.school.nsw.edu.au

7 SEPTEMBER 2012

POSTAL ADDRESS
PO BOX 87
KURRI KURRI NSW 2327

PHONE: 4937 1314
FAX: 4936 1204

DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 September

Year 6 KKHS Visit

14 September

Spring Fair

18 September

Breakfast Club BBQ

Breakfast

Bike Safety Day

18 October

Stanford Orientation Day

23 October

2013 Kindergarten Parent Information Session

30 October

2013 Kindergarten Orientation

1 & 15 November

Stanford Orientation Days

6 & 13 November

2013 Kindergarten Orientation

7 December

Year 6 Farewell

14 December

Presentation Day

PLAYGROUP DATES

Term 3

Thursdays in Hall 10.00 to 11.30am

September 20

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 10 September

Judy Mayer

Kyra Caldwell

Lorraine Plumridge

Wed 12 September

Judy Mayer

Pam Webb

Taniwai Frewin

Fri 14 September

Spring Fair—no canteen

Principal's Report

I would like to open the newsletter by sharing some exciting news with you and announce that my wife and I are now proud parents of a little boy, Nate, who was born last Friday at 11:59am. Nate is now the brother of Jasmine, Sebastian and Dominic. Mum and baby are doing very well!

Our Stage 3 Canberra excursion is going very smoothly as I write this newsletter, once again our students are proving to be a wonderfully well behaved group and are enjoying their tour of the nation's capital.

We had several students representing our school at various sporting events last week. Emily Gordon represented the Hunter regional PSSA Softball team, participating in the State PSSA competition at Woollooware. The Hunter team came 6th out of 13 teams. Not

long after meeting with Emily and her Mum to discuss her trip, I received a phone call from the manager of the team, telling me how wonderful an ambassador Emily was to the sport and her school. Well done, Emily. Four students represented the PSSA Local Zone at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival last Friday. Well done to Chloe, Erika, Samara and Maya for your selection and participation in this event.

Ebony Robertson was invited to attend the Hunter/Central Coast Student Engagement Symposium last Wednesday at The Sebel, Kirkton Park, to deliver a speech in front of hundreds of teachers and principals. Her speech was titled "How school is preparing me for what I want to do in the future". Ebony enjoyed her experience immensely and must be commended for her efforts. Well done Ebony!

The school enjoyed a fabulous visit from renowned illustrator of chil-

dren's books, Sarah Davis, on Monday. Sarah explained to the students, the process of inspiration in her illustrations and workshopped the many ways she arrives at the drawings that are published in the books she illustrates. She developed two unique drawings with the infants' children and primary children and then kindly donated these drawings to the school. They will be on display in the library. Photos are on the website!

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful donation that Mrs Joy Henderson gave to our Breakfast Club last Thursday. The Club will look at upgrading their toaster with this donation. Thanks Joy!!

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

General Information

There will be a combined scripture presentation assembly next Thursday in the school hall.

Included as an attachment to this newsletter is a leaflet outlining the current NSW Government school initiative entitled Local Schools, Local Decisions. The leaflet explains the current model that the State government is introducing into schools in 2013 and beyond.

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.

Bike Safety Day

On Friday, 18th September we will be holding a Bike Education Day. Volunteer cyclists who raise money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will come to our school and discuss bike safety with all of our students during the morning session. Our guests will then work with our **Primary** students (year 3-6) who have brought their bike to school for the day and supervise safe riding strategies. Because the RTA recommends children under ten years of age do not ride on roads, K-3 students will not be participating in the skills activities. Students bringing their bike **MUST** also bring an Australian Standards approved helmet, a road worthy bike and wear school shoes or joggers. Please ensure a safety check is carried out on your child's bicycle before the day. Students will not be permitted to share bikes on the day.

Parents and carers need to work out a suitable way for students to transport their bike to and from school. With parent supervision, students may ride their bike to school for the day.

Spring Fair

Our Spring Fair is a week away and I would just like to acknowledge Judy Mayer and her team of P&C representatives who are working tirelessly to have a memorable Spring Fair for our students and families of Pelaw Main and the wider community. We all hope the weather is kind

and the day is a big hit!

Year 6 High School Transition

Year 6 Transition Day to Kurri Kurri High School will be next Wednesday, 12th September. Details will be available early next week.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificate of Merit at this weeks assembly: Teia , Alex, Ashley, Jade, Isabel, Hamish, Amy B, Ela, Erika, Summer, Lloyd, Amy S, Soul, Reihana, Tom, Liam, Tenieka, Jaedyn and Makenzie.

Congratulations also to Damon Allaway, Lara Comerford, Sacha Mason, Jack Osland, Isaac Thorpe, Jacob Mason, Jordyn Atkinson, Tom Whalan and Sarah Harris who received a Principal's Award.

P & C News

The Spring Fair is **NEXT WEEK!**

First thing to remember.. Enter the Art & Craft Expo. Gold Coin donation. Great prizes to be won.

Second thing .. Get Mum or Dad to donate a homemade cake or slice to the cake stall. Thirdly .. Buy an all-day ride pass ..JUST \$10..

Fourth.. Its 'out of uniform day' on Spring Fair...hat and sensible shoes strongly advised!

Fifth!.. Get set to have a great day!!!!

General Information



Well done Emily Gordon

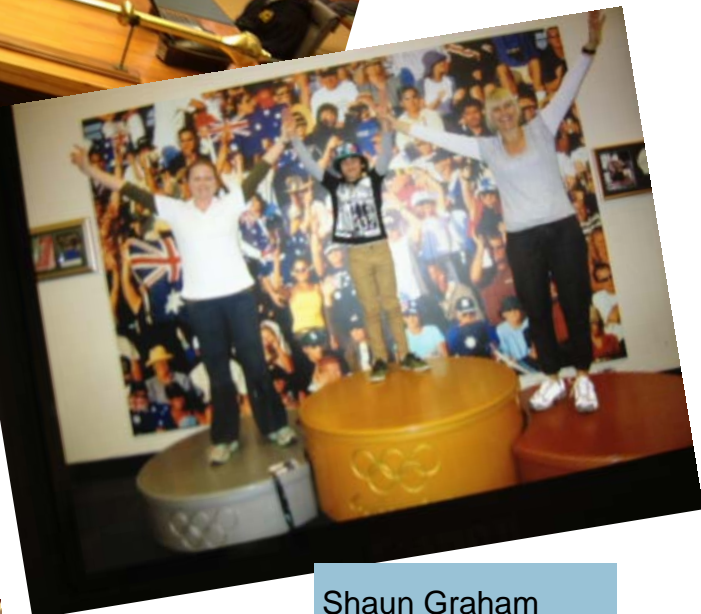


Illustrator Sarah Davis



General Information

Some photos of our students enjoying Canberra



Shaun Graham
Principal