



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 WEEK 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY

23-25 October

Great Aussie Bush
Camp

29 November

Time Capsule
Opening from 10am

Kindergarten 2014

Orientation Dates

24 Oct (Parent Session),
31 Oct, 7 Nov, 14 Nov.

Stanford Merthyr Yr 2

Transition Dates

22 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov.

Playgroup Dates

Term 4

Tuesdays

22 and 29 Oct
12, 19 and 26 Nov

Thursdays

24 and 31 Oct
7, 14, 21 and 28 Nov
10am-11.30am
In the Hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 21 October

Judy Mayer
Sarah Blackmore
Tennelle Allaway

Wed 23 October

Judy Mayer
Tanya Conn
Sheryle Farley

Fri 25 October

Judy Mayer
Deanne McTegg
Natasha Parnell

Principals Report

It was a pleasure to attend the Korreil Wonnai AECG awards evening for Aboriginal students last Wednesday night at Mount View High School, to see three of our students receive awards. Congratulations to Boden Hallett – Attendance, Temika Akins – Leadership and Anja Atkinson – School Engagement. A very well deserved award for you all.

Assistant Principal for 2014

I would like to announce that School Staffing have informed the school of our permanent Assistant Principal for 2014 and beyond. Lorraine Beveridge will begin her transfer in 2014. Lorraine was formerly an Assistant Principal at Ashtonfield Public School and is currently completing a PhD in Education at the University of Newcastle. Lorraine will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the school.

So it is with some sadness, that I announce that we will be losing Mr McGaw at the end of the year, who is currently relieving in the Assistant Principal role. Mr McGaw has quite obviously had a very positive influence on our students and the school community and will leave a lot of memories, knowledge and skills that he has shared with the students.

University Practicum

Mrs Rebecca North has been undertaking a University practicum in our Kindergarten class this term and will continue her practicum until the end of Week 4. I had the pleasure of observing a Maths lesson on Thursday with Mrs North and the students in our Kindergarten class are being taught very well by Mrs North. Mrs Harris has done a fine job with this class and it shows that we have a very positive future ahead of us at Pelaw Main Public School.

Handball Competition

Mr McGaw's Handball competition is now in full flight as we reach the last few rounds. It is great to see the engagement and support from the students in this competition. There is certainly a lot of strong competition and the atmosphere has been tense during some of the games. Look out in the next few weeks for the announcement of our winners.

Stanford Merthyr Transition

Our first Year 2 to Year 3 transition for Stanford Merthyr students will begin on Tuesday, 22nd October from 2:15pm. All parents and students will be meeting in the school hall and our Year 2 students will join with the Stanford Merthyr students in some classroom activities with Miss Hurst and Mr McGaw. Stanford Merthyr parents will participate in an information session about the school community.

Kindergarten Orientation

On Thursday, 24th October, the first of our Kindergarten orientation sessions will begin with a parent information session in the school hall from 2:15pm. This will be followed by three classroom sessions on consecutive Thursdays, with parents being involved in several workshops with our staff. We have a Kurri Kurri Community Pre-school visit coming on Monday, 21st October. The children from the pre-school will have a little tour of the school to get themselves familiar and then they will stay for some morning tea.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp

61 of our primary students will be heading off to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens next Wednesday to Friday. Students will leave school at 9:30am on Wednesday and return at approximately 3pm on Friday. We hope the students have a life-long learning experience at this camp and develop the skills and knowledge necessary to becoming independent learners. I would like to thank Mrs Burton for her organisation of this event, as there are a lot of behind the scenes logistics involved and she has been extremely supportive of parents and students to ensure they have the best possible experience at camp.

Thank you, in advance, to Mrs Grant and Mrs Moore, who will be attending the camp with Mrs Burton.

I'm sure they will be sleeping well on Friday night!



Living Safe With Dogs

Our K-2 classes will be participating in a Living Safe with Dogs workshop on Friday.



This initiative is organised by the NSW Government's Responsible Pet Ownership Program and contains a series of very important lessons for our students. Times are: Year 1 and 2 – 12:50-1:30pm and Kinder and K/1 – 2:15-2:55pm.

Staff Movement

Staff Movement – Mrs Wendt will be on leave for the rest of year as of Friday, 18th October. Mrs Scheinecker will relieve in her absence and Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Scheinecker 5 days per week until the end of the year. Miss King will work on Wednesdays to cover the Release from face-to-face timetable.

Student Attendance

At the beginning of the year, the school set a goal to achieve an average daily attendance rate for each student of 94%. That means that, on average, each student will have only 12 days or less absent from school in a school year. We reward students as a class, on a weekly basis, for the best attendance, with a certificate and the right to host Ribbit, the PBL mascot, for the week and we also reward students every term, who achieve 100% attendance. Currently, our daily attendance rate sits at 92%.

However, there are a number of students who continue to arrive late to school by an average of 12 minutes per day. Doesn't sound like much? Well if you calculate that over a year, it means your child is missing over 40 hours of school, per year, and this in turn, can lead to your child having learning gaps that are difficult to catch up on without being at school on time. One of our School Expectations in Be an Active Learner and this means being ready and being on time. Please encourage your child to develop good work habits.

Health Tips—Water

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here's what water has to offer:

It is cheap and readily available

It doesn't contain any kilojoules or sugar

It encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

Library News

Last term we had a big cull of Library books. These pre-loved books will be sold next week. If your child would like the opportunity to get some books then they need to bring a bag and \$1 to school next Monday. Children can choose a selection of books for their \$1. There are many fiction and non-fiction books as well as novels that would interest children.

P&C News

The P&C are needing more helpers for the Community Festival to be held on Saturday 26th October.

We are holding a stall selling showbags and running a Chocolate Wheel. If you are available between midday and 4:30pm (even if its for an hour) please see the ladies in the Canteen. A roster has been made so you can write in when you can help out. Many hands make light work !!!

Uniform Shop

Please be advised that hats are now selling for \$12. There is also a new uniform price list; please note some items have increased in cost due to suppliers increases.

Order forms for Uniforms are available from the Canteen (see Pam Webb) or at the Office.

Breakfast Club

There will be no Breakfast Club operating next Thursday, 24th October, due to the Great Aussie Bush Camp taking place.

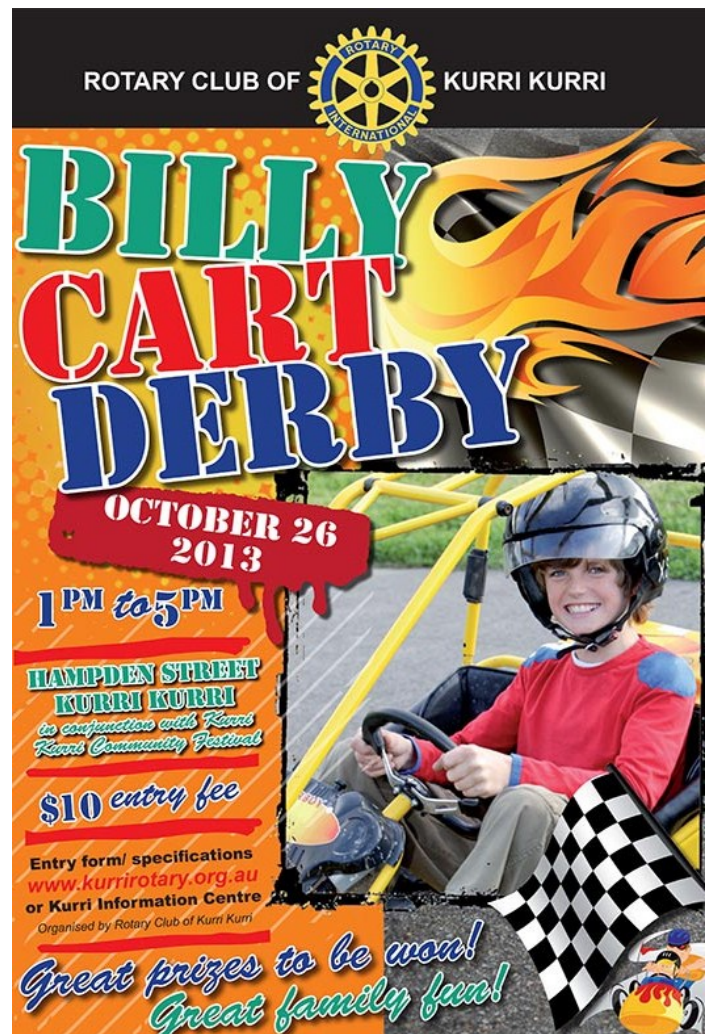
Eco Explorers Week 3

Chloe Ballard 2H, Isabel Crawford 1L, Liam Smith 3W and Sacha Mason 1L.

Merit Awards


Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Jaida, Boden, Kiarni, Amy S, Jordan H, Jace, Koby M, Chelsea R, Cooper M, Isabel, Tamahna, Flynn, Conner A, Shilah, Bryton, Lydia, Halle, Emma, Bradley, Jack, Blake, Ebony, and Simon. Congratulations also to Zane Ward, Kobie Tuckwell, Kayla Akins, Joshua Faux, Abby Jones, Rhys Zielinski, Shelby James, Makayla Patterson, Jade McTegg, Georgia McTegg, Chloe Huntington, Jemma Black, Jaida Matias, Amy Stackman and Chloe Ballard who received a Certificate of Merit.

Shaun Graham - Principal



Halloween Eve Storytime @ Kurri and Cessnock Libraries

Families and children of all ages are welcome to join us at either library for this special event. We will have (not too) scary stories, craft and a snack. Come dressed in Halloween costume if you like! This event is free of charge, but bookings are essential.



When? Thursday 31st October
6pm to 7pm

Where? Kurri Kurri Public Library 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri
Cessnock City Library 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

Who? Families with children of all ages.

Cost? FREE!

How? Make a booking at the library or phone
4937 1638 (Kurri)
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