



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 WEEK 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1 November

Assembly

12 November

P&C Meeting

29 November

Time Capsule

Opening from 10am

11 December

Year 6 Fun Day &
Presentation

13 December

Presentation Day

Kindergarten 2014

Orientation Dates

31 Oct, 7 Nov, 14 Nov.

Stanford Merthyr Yr 2

Transition Dates

5 Nov, 19 Nov.

Playgroup Dates

Term 4

Tuesdays

29 Oct

12, 19 and 26 Nov

Thursdays

31 Oct

7, 14, 21 and 28 Nov

10am-11.30am

In the Hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 28 October

Judy Mayer

Sarah Blackmore

Tracy Osland

Wed 30 October

Judy Mayer

Tammy Whalan

Sheryle Farley

Fri 1 November

Judy Mayer

Sarah Blackmore

Kelly James

Principals Report

It was a great pleasure to meet with our new and existing parents of our wonderful school on both Tuesday and Thursday last week for our Transition information sessions for the Stanford Merthyr students coming into Year 3 and our Kindergarten students in 2014. We have a large number of new enrolments for 2014 and it is going to be a very exciting year. There is a lot of time left this year, it is going very quickly though, and there is a lot to get excited about, starting this week, so read on.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp

It was also a pleasure to hear from our wonderful teachers, who escorted our children to the Great Aussie Bush Camp this week, that the students' behaviour was absolutely impeccable. I received a couple of beautiful pictures of the students at the beach on Thursday morning and it looked like a great experience for all of the children who attended. Thank you to Mrs Burton for her wonderful organisation of this event and thank you to Mrs Grant and Mrs Moore for their commitment to attending the camp.



P&C Bric-a-Brac Stall

Our P&C are running a bric-a-brac stall at the Kurri Kurri Community Festival this Saturday, 26th October from 1pm. They will be setting up the stall from 11am so please feel free to turn up and support us on the day, or to just enjoy a day out at the Kurri Kurri Sports Ground. The festival will run from 1pm to 9pm.

Year 6 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

On Tuesday, 29th October, Year 6 are holding a sausage sizzle lunch to raise money for their farewell. Order forms were due in today, however, orders may be taken up until the day or, indeed, on the day if your child requests a sausage. Sausage sandwiches are \$2 and tetra juices will be sold for \$1. Orders will be distributed at lunch time.

K/1 Assembly

K/1 will be organising the running of the Assembly on Friday, 1st November. They will also be performing something exciting on the day.

Stanford Merthyr Transition

Last Tuesday we received a visit from sixteen lovely students, parents, grandparents and Miss Webb from our partner school community at Stanford Merthyr Infants School. The first transition event was a great afternoon full of friendly faces and smiles. Mr Graham addressed the parents on day to day life at Pelaw Main Public School, while the P&C provided all the important information regarding uniforms, school pack and library bags. Our guests worked with 2H on some exciting artworks while they were here. The Stanford Merthyr students will return for two further orientation visits on Tuesday, 5th November and Tuesday, 19th November.



Music Count Us In

All of our students will be participating in the "Music Count us in" performance on Thursday at 12:15pm. "Music Count us in" is all about celebrating the value of music education to students' development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves more than 600,000 students and teachers from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time. The song for 2013 will be Keep On, which was written by a team of young songwriters earlier in the year.

Kinder Orientation

On Thursday afternoon, from 2:15pm our second Kindergarten orientation will occur. Parents and children starting Kindergarten in 2014 will meet outside the Kindergarten room and then take a tour of the school, prior to entering the room for a short activity.

Coffee Table Tender

Mr Chris McLaren has kindly donated a handcrafted coffee table (pictures below) to raise funds for our Year 6 farewell and school gift. We are asking for the submission of a tender for the coffee table. The tender closes on the 8th November. If you wish to participate, please submit your tender in an envelope with your name, phone number and address. The highest bidder will be contacted on Friday, 8th November to collect their table.



Year 2 Renewal of Bus Pass

All students in Year 2, who currently have a bus pass, will need to renew their application for a bus pass in 2014. If you have received this application please return it to the office as soon as possible. If you haven't received an application form for renewal, please ask for one at the office.

Bushfire Plan

Once again, I would like to inform you that, if in the event of a bushfire in the vicinity of the school, students will be evacuated to Jacob's Park, then, pending safety, the next evacuation point will be Centenary Park and as a last resort, we will be escorting the students to Rotary Park in Kurri Kurri. Parents/caregivers and/or emergency contacts will be contacted immediately to collect their children, in the event of an evacuation. Please ensure your contact details are up to date at the office.

Pelaw Main Park Runners

During Term 4, Pelaw Main Public School is offering 'Running Club' as a supervised activity available for students interested in physical activity and increasing their own physical fitness.

Running club will take place on Thursday at lunchtime in Centenary Park. Students will depart the school after eating time, walk down to the park, learn some important skills and spend time running around the park. Students are welcome to come any Thursday and enjoy 'Running Club' in its own right, however the ultimate goal is for students from Pelaw Main Public School to participate in the *Maitland Parkrun* on **Saturday, November 16** (end of Week 6), with Mr Graham and Mr McGaw attending. It is hoped to see Pelaw Main students and families attend and run/walk the course together. Parkrun is a free, five kilometre timed run held every Saturday in communities around the country for runners and walkers of all abilities and experience. Australia currently has 42 Parkrun locations. Maitland Parkrun, to be held at the Walka Waterworks site, will be a first for the lower Hunter region. Maitland Parkrun launches on Saturday, November 2 at 8.00am and we will attend a few weeks later with the students ready to run. Parkrun is for everyone, regardless of age, ability or running experience.

To find out more information about Parkrun and how it changes the world one run at a time, go to; <http://www.parkrun.com.au/>

The parkrun website will ask you to register once, print off a barcode which becomes your free pass to running forever. It can be arranged for students and families to register at the school. Please contact Mr McGaw for more information about registering at school for Parkrun.

Handball Tournament

The 2013 Pelaw Main Handball Championships reach their climax next week when the finals are played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Seniors will play quarter and semi-finals on Monday while the Juniors will play quarter and semi-finals on Tuesday with the grand finals of both tournaments being played next Wednesday. A capacity crowd is expected for the finals near the school hall. Next Friday at our whole school assembly, trophies, prizes and certificates will be presented to finalise this popular event. The upcoming fixtures to be played next week are:

Monday 28th October 2013

Quarter Finals

Senior

Joel Friend v Peter King

Lochlan Bilby v Emily Gordon

Blake Fitzgerald v Judah Bower

Kobie Tuckwell v Boden Hallett

Immediately followed by the semi finals

Tuesday 29th October 2013

Quarter Finals

Junior

Jackson Fitzgerald v Jayden Smith

Aydan O'Driscoll v Jemma Black

Dylan Fox v Montana Jones

Marty Williams v Brandon Fallon

Immediately followed by the semi finals

Eco Explorers Week 4

Daniella Dolling KH, Bridie Rose 3W,
Tyler Hartley 3W and Rhys Zielinski 1L.

PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING



WHEN: TUESDAY 12th November 2013

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

TIME: 1:40PM

ALL WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU

THERE!!!!

