



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

6 November

Year 6 Library Visit
Kindergarten Fire
Safety Visit

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

7 Nov, 14 Nov.

Stanford Merthyr Yr 2

Transition Dates

5 Nov, 19 Nov.

Playgroup Dates

Term 4

Tuesdays

12, 19 and 26 Nov

Thursdays

7, 14, 21 and 28 Nov

10am-11.30am

In the Hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 4 November

Judy Mayer

John Manderson

Rowena Boughton

Wed 6 November

Judy Mayer

Sheryle Farley

Sharon Jones

Fri 8 November

Judy Mayer

Renae Fox

Julie Williams

Principals Report

It is very pleasing to announce that many of our students have won awards for their efforts in the prestigious Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition for 2013. Congratulations to Ebony Robertson of Year 5 and Ethan Brown of Year 6 for being awarded a 'Distinction Certificate' for their mathematical superpowers. Congratulations to Year 5 students Joel Friend, Jack Osland, Nura Smith and Tom Whalan along with Year 6 students Temika Akins, Lochlan Bilby, Chloe Geering, Noah McIntyre, Brandon Preston and Grace Reay for being awarded a 'Merit Certificate' for their efforts. Well done to all 44 Pelaw Main students who entered the competition.



Selective High School Placement

I would like to inform parents of Year 5 students that applications for placement in a selective High School in 2015 are now open. Selective High Schools cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students. These schools can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping together gifted and talented students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable peer group. Detailed information about selective high schools is available on the internet at the web address shown below.

If you have internet access, you will be able to apply for entry online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement. If you have difficulty getting internet access to apply online, you may use a paper application. Information booklets and paper applications are available at the front office.

Running Club

The Pelaw Main parkrunners are continuing to train for their maiden appearance at Maitland Parkrun on November 16.

On Thursdays, more than twenty students are lapping Centenary Park and learning about running, looking after their bodies and staying fit.

There is always room for more so come along on Thursdays and run for fun with the parkrunners.

Handball Tournament

As of Tuesday afternoon, our 'McGaw Challenge' handball competition had come down to the following competitors :

Junior Final - Jemma Black v Brandon Fallon

Playoff for 3rd/4th - Jayden Smith v Dylan Fox

Senior Final - Lochlan Bilby v Kobie Tuckwell

Playoff for 3rd/4th - Blake Fitzgerald v Joel Friend



Congratulations to **Jemma Black**, winner of the Junior Grand Final and **Lochlan Bilby**, winner of the Senior Grand Final. The winners and runners up, receive a wonderful trophy and ball, donated by Mr McGaw, for their tremendous efforts.

From Mr McGaw: The Handball championships have created lots of excitement and laughter over the last three weeks, bringing lots of smiles to our students' faces who all played competitively, yet friendly throughout the duration of the tournament.

The crowd were at fever pitch for the finals played this week. In an absorbing junior final; Jemma Black defeated Brandon Fallon 9-8 in an absolute thriller, while Dylan Fox took out third place and Jayden Smith fourth place to complete the junior tournament. The senior champion is Lochlan Bilby who outlasted Kobie Tuckwell 11-7 in a final full of quality handball and power shots. Joel Friend took third place and Blake Fitzgerald fourth place to complete what has been a very positive experience for all seventy-four students who entered.

Thank you for supporting the tournament and Handball will return in 2014.



Thank You Mrs North

Mrs Rebecca North will have her last day on Kindergarten as part of her University studies today. Mrs North has played an integral role in the learning of our Kindergarten class this term and I'm sure the students will miss her. Thank you, Mrs North for sharing your expertise with us.

Staff Movement

I will be in Sydney on Monday at a conference about the implementation of the new English syllabus into school from 2014. I will be attending a Principal's breakfast at the University of Newcastle on Wednesday morning to listen to Professor Jenny Gore, Dean of Education, about proposed changes to our initial teacher education programs and other important issues around teaching in the future.

Year 6 Library Visit

On Wednesday, 6th November Year 6 students will visit Kurri Kurri Library to attend a workshop on how to use the Library and what resources are available to them to use for research work. It is hoped that this will better prepare them for High School.

Forms will also be sent home so that students can join the Library and receive their card on that day. Students will be walking to Kurri Kurri Library and there is no cost for this excursion.

Year 2 Transition

Our Year 2 transition program with Stanford Merthyr Infants School will continue next Tuesday, 5th November. Students will arrive at 1:40pm and enjoy recess with the rest of our students and then they will participate in a series of PE Games, organised by our Year 6 leaders. Sounds like fun!

Kindergarten Transition

Our new students for Kindergarten 2014 started their official orientation last Thursday with a tour around the school and some fun activities in the classroom. Parents were able to enjoy an informal chat and afternoon tea. Next Thursday, 7th November, parents will be able to learn about healthy lunchboxes, with Jane Hodgson, coordinator of Cessnock SACC, who will be attending to offer advice about the first years of school.

Bike Safety - Helmets

I would just like to remind parents that, if your child is riding a bike or scooter to school, they must wear a helmet. Parents will be informed that their child will be unable to ride, if they arrive at school without a helmet.

Partners in Print

Partners in Print next Friday will be in the 4/5 class. We hope to see many parents here for this worthwhile workshop.

Fire Service Visit

Kurri Kurri RFS will be coming to school on Wednesday, 6th November to talk to Kindergarten about Fire Safety. The Fire engine will then be coming in two weeks time!

Year 6 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Thank you to Kingsway Bakery for donating the bread for our sausage sizzle. Your generous donation was greatly appreciated and has enabled us to raise more funds for our Year 6 Farewell.

Quicksmart News

Quicksmart observations began this week and the parents, who have attended, enjoyed watching the lessons. Your children are very excited to be able to show you what happens during a lesson and let you see how well they are progressing. Thank you to those parents who have accepted our invitation to come and watch a Quicksmart lesson. If you haven't returned the note, but would like to come, it is not too late. Just contact the school and we will arrange a time.

Light the Night

Thank you to everyone who donated to Chelsea's "Light the Night" Box in aid of The Leukaemia Foundation. Chelsea raised \$1052.35. Well done!

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Jakob, Anna, Jorja C, Tayah, Ally-Jane, Lara, Daniella, Jorja M, Kyren, Alexis, Nayte, Trinity, Conner, Chloe

B, Aiden, Dakota, Montana, Makayla R, Nura, Makayla P, Temika, Angus, Boden and Chloe M. Congratulations also to Lara Clarke, Jayden Douglas, Jordan Holt, Kendall Alcorn, Jorja Moeller, Toby Cumming, Shawn Cumming, Dylan Fox, Brandon Fallon, Ella Ballin-Wilson, Chloe Ruthenberg, Jordyn Atkinson, Max Stauffer, Jay Osland, Jack Osland, Kiarni Hallett, Marty Williams and Hannah Harris who received a Certificate of Merit.

Eco Explorers Week 5

Liam Bryant 1L, Kyrow Bower 3W, Brady Hawes 1L and Jace Nash KH.

Shaun Graham - Principal

FUNDRAISING BENEFIT

For Judy & Tina

Sunday 3rd of Nov at 2pm

Abermain Bowling Club

\$10 Entry per Family

Lorraine Lea Linen Mega Party

Bric-a-Brac Stall

Second Hand Toy Stall

Jumping Castle

Entertainment by The Smokin Horns

Raffle & Lucky Door Prizes

Any donations that are in good condition for the Bric-a-Brac Stall are welcome and can be dropped at the club from 12pm Sunday

Kurri Kurri Preschool are currently taking names for children requiring preschool education for children eligible to attend preschool up to 2016 ie. Born before 31.7.2012.

We also still have positions available for 2014.

Please contact Kurri Kurri Preschool on

49372110 for further information.

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