



# Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 4 WEEK 5

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### **12 November**

P&C Meeting

#### **15 November**

Assembly

2.30 in the Hall

#### **29 November**

Time Capsule

Opening from 10am

#### **11 December**

Year 6 Fun Day &

Presentation

#### **13 December**

Presentation Day

#### **Kindergarten 2014**

#### **Orientation Dates**

14 Nov.

#### **Stanford Merthyr Yr 2**

#### **Transition Dates**

19 Nov.

#### **Playgroup Dates**

#### **Term 4**

Tuesdays

12, 19 and 26 Nov

Thursdays

14, 21 and 28 Nov

10am-11.30am

In the Hall.

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

#### **Mon 11 November**

Judy Mayer

Sarah Blackmore

Tenelle Allaway

#### **Wed 13 November**

Judy Mayer

Sheryle Farley

Tammy Whalan

#### **Fri 15 November**

Judy Mayer

Elena Peters

Kelly James

## Principals Report

I realise it was a week ago, but I was so proud of the obvious engagement of our students at last Friday's assembly and it was wonderful to see so many parents come along to be a part of our school assembly. It has been a while since we have had to open the big door for a regular assembly.

The engagement of our students in every aspect of school life was really evident as we saw students being rewarded for the Newcastle Permanent Maths competition, the handball competition, merit certificates and class awards. It was wonderful to see K/1 running the assembly with a lot of confidence and excitement, a lovely afternoon for all.

I can't wait for Kindergarten's assembly next Friday.

## Stanford Merthyr Transition

On Tuesday, our partner school at Stanford Merthyr Infants School visited us for the second of three transition events to assist our Year 3 cohort of 2014 getting to know each other a little better. All Year 2 students joined one of four groups and rotated around the school, participating in a number of fun activities that promote teamwork and friendship. Stanford Merthyr will return in two weeks for the final transition event and be ready to join the Pelaw Main school community next year. Thank you to our Year 6 students; Sophie, Anja, Toni, Chloe, Brianna, Grace, Lara and Jacob for organising and running the activities the students enjoyed during the afternoon.



## School Leader Nominees for 2014

I am delighted to announce the following candidates who have nominated for a School Leader position in 2014; Makira Kiem, Ebony Robertson, Anna Gibson, Georgia McTegg, Amy Stackman, Annabelle Summerville, Lilly O'Brien, Jeorgia Wilson, Tahlia Hinton, Jarod Franks, Lachlan Todhunter and Daniel Callaghan.

Each candidate will present a speech to potential voters on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November and voting will take place that day. Students in Years 2 – 5 will each vote for one girl and one boy.

A slight change this year will see that the School Leaders for 2014 will be announced on Presentation Day! A formal assembly will take place very early in 2014 for the successful candidates to receive their badges and sign a code of conduct with their parents.

We all wish every candidate the very best of luck & look forward to hearing their speeches in Week 8!

## Time Capsule Leaflets

When our Time Capsule 'Opening' Ceremony leaflets were distributed last week, it indicated that all invited guests were able to attend a morning tea in the library. Although it would be lovely to have every family and child participate in this morning tea, it was only supposed to reflect this to special guests, who received a separate invitation. Parents and families of children at the school are obviously invited to the assembly and to stay for lunch with their children, as the canteen will be making a meal deal available to all students. Sorry for the confusion.

## Attendance

Ribbit the Frog, has been visiting a few classrooms this term, rewarding students for excellent attendance. This week Ribbit was hosted by K/1, who only had 4 absences. Where will Ribbit be next week?



## Uniform Shop

Anybody who would like to order any uniform items could you please have your orders and money in by Thursday the 14th of November. Thank you!

## Environmentors Workshop

Four of our classes will be participating in an Environmentors Workshop next Tuesday from 9:30. 3W, 3/4G, 2H and 4/5C will participate in a variety of activities about environmental education, including recycling and waste management.

## Fire Safety

Our local Fire Brigade had to postpone their Kindergarten/K1 visit last Wednesday and will now be visiting next Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November from 12:40pm. The fire truck will be coming to school on the following Wednesday.

## Staff Movement

Mrs Burton will be attending Drumbeat professional learning next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Drumbeat is a drumming program offered to selected students in the school and is a great program for increasing student engagement.

Mrs Burton will begin the implementation of this program in 2014.

Due to Miss Latter taking maternity leave earlier than expected, we have re-arranged our staffing allocations for classes, leading up to the end of the year. We have tried to minimise the disruption to your child's education as much as possible and we hope that the following arrangement will continue to support your child's learning. From Week 6 (Monday, 11th November) onwards, Mrs Knight (Miss Williams) will move onto 5/6L on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr McGaw will then be teaching 5/6L on Thursdays and Fridays. 5/6L Library and Teacher release will stay the same. Mrs Knight will also be teaching the Year 6 Maths group on Thursday and Friday. Mr McGaw will continue to teach his Stage 2 Maths group, 5 days per week. Mrs Lantry has agreed to teach 1L, 5 days per week, from Week 6 (Monday, 11th November) onwards. Year 1 Library and Teacher release time will stay the same.

Partners in Print on Friday will be hosted by 5/6L. Mrs Knight, Mr McGaw, Mr Graham and Mrs Palmer will be teaching the activities. Parents of 5/6L children are welcome to attend from 9:30am.

## Eco Explorers Week 6

Chelsea Craine KH, Isaack Caslick KH, Koby Mann KH and Jorja Moeller KH.



## Congratulations Elizabeth

I would like to congratulate Elizabeth Anderson, who has been accepted into the Year 5 Opportunity Class at Cessnock West PS for next year. Although it is sad that we are losing such a wonderful student, Elizabeth will benefit from the enrichment program offered in this class.

## School Funding

Next year the DEC is introducing a new funding model (Resource Allocation Model or RAM) that reflects the school's socio economic status, based on the Family Occupation and Education Index, and an amount of Aboriginal student loading, based on Aboriginal student population. These two amounts total \$298,710. This amount essentially replaces our National Partnerships Low SES funding. This allocation of funds is in addition to the school's normal global allocation based on student enrolments. Despite the report in the local paper yesterday reflecting a loss of funding, the school is actually going to be receiving a substantial amount of funding in 2014.

### PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

#### NEXT MEETING



**WHEN: TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**WHERE: SCHOOL HALL**

**TIME: 1:40PM**

**ALL WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!** 😊

## 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.

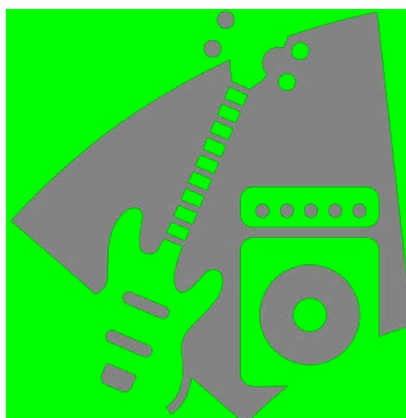
Please contact Kurri Kurri Preschool on **49372110** for further information.

## Coffee Table Tender

Mr Chris McLaren has kindly donated a beautifully 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 has been extended until the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. If you wish to participate, please submit your tender in an envelope with your name, phone number and address to the office. The highest bidder will be contacted on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of November to collect their table.





**KURRI KURRI HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENTS**

**MADD NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**2013**

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**6:30PM**

**Tickets \$2**

**Purchase tickets**

**lunch 1 in room 2**

