



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 December

Year 6 Fun Day &
Presentation

13 December

Presentation Day
10am In the Hall

16 December

Exemplary Student
Day

17 December

Party Day

18 December

Last Day of Term 4
for Students

29 January

Students return 2014

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 9 December

Judy Mayer
Sarah Blackmore
Tenelle Allaway

Wed 11 December

Judy Mayer
Sheryle Farley
Tammy Whalan

Fri 13 December Last Canteen Day

Judy Mayer
Elena Peters
Kelly James

Principal's Report

What a wonderful day our school community celebrated last Friday. The Time Capsule 'Opening' Ceremony was just an outstanding example of the commitment to our children that this community has. I truly hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did.

I was very proud of our students and teachers, who entertained everyone with their performances. The Time Capsule contents will take pride of place in the school foyer in the near future. Thank you to our special guests, Mayor Bob Pynsent, Mr and Mrs McLellan, Mrs Beth Masterman, Mr Justin Gunther and Mrs Melanie Hutchinson and to all the past students for their attendance at this special event.



Semester 2 Reports

Student Semester 2 Reports will go home on Monday, 9th December.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the content in your child's report. Our teachers are more than happy to discuss your child's progress through this semester.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

There will be a Community Classroom Helper morning tea on Tuesday, 10th December from 11am in the school staff room. Community members who have participated in supporting classroom teachers this year are invited in for a thank you and a cuppa with our staff. If you received an invitation, please RSVP as soon as possible.

Visit From Maitland Police

On Monday we welcomed Senior Constable Michael Steele from the Maitland Police Command to address our Stage 3 students on the topic of responsible use of social media, cyberbullying and appropriate online behaviour. Senior Constable Steele explained how using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Kik and other social media platforms affects our daily lives and how the authorities trace unacceptable online behaviour, answered questions from our students and left everyone in the room in no doubt that when using social media, there are clear expectations to meet to avoid breaking the law of offending other people.



Stanford Merthyr Graduation

Mr Graham and Mr McGaw visited Stanford Merthyr Infants School this morning to congratulate the fifteen students who move into Year 3 at Pelaw Main in 2014 after completing their transition program over the last few months. Mr Graham presented the graduates with special certificates and a book for the SMIS library, before enjoying a morning tea with parents to end the transition and begin a new era in the lives of Pelaw Main's newest enrolments.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to our wonderful Breakfast Club volunteers for their support this year. It is such a wonderful service that is provided to the students on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Yesterday, The Breakfast Club celebrated their last day for 2013 with a sausage sizzle for the students. Well done on a successful year, see you in 2014.



School Party Day

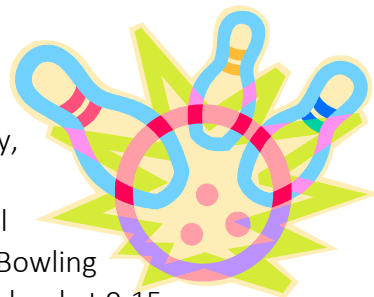
School Party Day will be held on Tuesday, 17th December. Students will receive a class note about what food and/or drink to bring in. This is an out-of-uniform day, but please ensure your child has closed-in shoes, a top that covers their shoulders and a broad-brimmed hat, NO caps!

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 farewell is being held on Wednesday, 11th December.

Year 6 students will travel to Laser tag and Ten-Pin Bowling in Charlestown, leaving school at 9:15am.

Upon returning, students will participate in a Year 6 farewell assembly at 2:30pm. This is a very exciting time ahead for these students as they embark on a new chapter of their education at High School. We will be sad to see them leave.



Presentation Day

Next Friday, 13th December is our school's annual Presentation Day. This will be a very exciting day for all of our students and there will be plenty of awards to be presented to our talented students. School Leaders for 2014 will also be announced on this day, with an induction assembly to be held in Week 2 next year. The Presentation Day assembly begins at 10am in the school hall.

Exemplary Student Day

Exemplary Student Day will be held on Monday, 16th December, from 12:30pm. Students who have been exemplary (0-1 visit to planning room) will participate in a range of activities across the school and receive an ice block at afternoon tea. One exemplary student from each class will be chosen to have a special lunch with the Principal.

Last Day of Term for Students

The last day of school for students is Wednesday, 18th December.

Merit Certificates

Merit Certificates for 10 merit awards will be presented in class next Thursday, 12th December. Names of the students who will be receiving these awards will appear in next week's newsletter.

P&C News

It's that time again for another RAFFLE! The Christmas kind! Tickets are \$1.00 each - the book has 10 tickets inside. The prizes are fantastic!

A 10" Audisonic Tablet with a 8GB Memory Card, a 7" Audisonic Tablet with a 8GB Memory Card, an Action Camcorder, a Digital Camera, \$50 Woolworths Voucher, 2 x \$25 Coles Vouchers, \$150 Highway Ford Service Voucher, a Holden Merchandise pack, and a Michel's Patisserie voucher.

The raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Day Assembly, Friday 13th December and it's pick of the table so be there to select your prize!

Sold tickets and money to be returned to the P&C Box in the Office Foyer. If you need extra tickets, they are available at the Office or Canteen. Tickets will also be on sale the day of the draw just outside the Hall. What will you be taking home to put under the Christmas tree?



Eco Explorers Week 10

Lara Clarke 1L, Kynan Dudley 1L, Tamahna Brown 1L and Dylan Summerville 1L.



SOLVE A MYSTERY OR TWO AT THE TOWN LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

Want to win prizes just by reading books? Join this year's Summer Reading Program at Cessnock City Library! The Summer Reading Program is a literacy project run by libraries all over Australia over the summer months to keep up the momentum built up during the school year. Its main focus is child literacy, but adults are also welcome to take on the challenge!

We're kicking off this year on Monday December 2nd, so come into Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library anytime on or after that date, register at the front counter, pick up your Summer Reading Kit, grab a pile of books, and you're on your way!

The theme for this year is "Investigation", so keep your eye out for some supersleuthing activities at the library these holidays! For all enquiries, ring us at Cessnock Library on 49934399, or Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638, or come and visit us at Cessnock Library, 65-67 Vincent St, Cessnock, or at Kurri Kurri Library, corner Lang and Allworth Sts, Kurri Kurri.

So come on in to the library this summer, put your detective cap on, grab your magnifying glass and be a part of this Australia-wide celebration of reading – how many mysteries can you solve this summer?

Christmas holiday activities @ your library

No phone bookings, tickets on sale mid December. Numbers strictly limited

Santa Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday December 17	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday December 18	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Christmas Craft – ages 5-12

Monday December 16	Cessnock Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE
Tuesday December 17	Kurri Kurri Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE

Come along to this free craft session and make some special Christmas decorations

Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2

Monday January 6	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE
Monday January 13	Cessnock Library	10.00 - 10.30	FREE
Monday January 20	Cessnock Library	10.00 - 10.30	FREE

Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun!

Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday January 7	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Tuesday January 14	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Tuesday January 21	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Stories, songs and craft with a special holiday flavour!

Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8

Wednesday January 8	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 - 11.00	FREE
Wednesday January 15	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 - 11.00	FREE
Wednesday January 22	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing, followed by a story and craft

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 9+

Tuesday January 14	Cessnock Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00
Tuesday January 21	Kurri Kurri Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00

Battle it out in this holiday's Wii tournament, then relax with a pizza, a drink and some games

Super Sleuth Workshop – ages 8+

Monday January 13	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.30	\$5.00
Monday January 20	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.30	\$5.00

Come along and learn some super secret detective skills, then make your own detective kit to take home!

Create Your Own Menagerie – ages 5-12

Tuesday January 14	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Wednesday January 15	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Stories and craft for kids who like animals. Join Mrs Arbuckle in her search for the perfect pet, then create your own pets from clay and paper.

“Harriet the Spy” Movie and Craft – ages 5-12

Tuesday January 21	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 3.00	FREE
Wednesday January 22	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 3.00	FREE

Come along and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then join us for some super spy craft!

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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