



Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 March
P&C AGM
15 March
School Photos
21 March
Easter Show
Excursion

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 11 March

Kelly James
Pam Webb
Tina Jones

Wed 13 March

Cheryl Farley
Pam Webb
Mandy James

Fri 15 March

Judy Mayer
Elena Peters
Deanne McTegg
Naomi Heuston

Principal's Report

Thank you very much to the school community for your support in attending all of the interviews that took place this past week.

Kindergarten parents received feedback about their child's academic entry level in to school, our parents of Aboriginal students have developed a collaborative education plan with their child's teacher and their child and all of our parents have had an opportunity to meet and discuss the education of their child in 2013. It was great to see such a positive response to these processes. Please note that parents of Kindergarten students in

K/1 will have an opportunity to discuss their child's academic entry level on Monday, 11th March.

Over the last few weeks I have published various reminders to parents and families about certain aspects of our school environment. As I was preparing this week's reminder, I realised that a lot of what I am reminding our school community about actually appears in our school information booklet that new families receive. However, due to updates and changes in school and state-wide policy, this booklet has not been made available to all families. We have now published this document on our website

for everyone to access. It will appear on the Our School page on the left hand side menu. If you would like a paper copy of this booklet, call in to the office to collect one. Our School website also contains some interesting information about Homework. In the *Latest News and Features*, click on the *more news* link and scroll down to find the *Stay on Top of Homework* article. Interesting reading! This week's reminder is about approaching the school for communication purposes. The following guidelines in the table below should assist you to approach the school in the most appropriate way:

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	Directly contact your child's class teacher either by note, by phone or at an appropriate time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of your own child	For minor issues directly contact your child's class teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, etc, please contact the office.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the supervisor or principal for playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the teacher directly in the first instance. For more serious concerns, contact office to arrange an appointment to see the principal.

General Information

P&C

Our School P&C Annual General Meeting will be held in the school hall on Tuesday, 12th March from 1:40pm. A regular P&C meeting will be held after the AGM. We would encourage you to attend to have a say in your school community. We have a working bee in the planning stages for early Term 2 to establish a bush tucker garden and a few other environmental plans and we would like to discuss this at the P&C Meeting.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28th March at 10am in the school hall. Students are asked to design and decorate their Easter hat at home and bring to school on the day of the parade.

Traditionally, students in Kindergarten to Year 2 have decorated Easter hats for the parade. Students in Years 3-6 may choose to decorate an Easter hat, poster or mask for the parade. Students sit with their class during the festivities and parade in class groups. Pre-schoolers and toddlers will also have an opportunity to parade, so younger siblings and friends coming to the parade may also like to make an Easter hat at home. Our junior and senior choirs will perform during the parade, and the P&C Easter raffle will be drawn. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us for this wonderful event.

PBL Meeting Date

The school PBL meeting date, 13/3, that was published in last week's newsletter has been postponed, due to a clash with other events. A new date is yet to be scheduled, however we will still need to name a parent representative or two for this team. This will be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

Ear Health

Students in Kindergarten and K/1 will participate in a series of lessons about Ear Health from the Support Teacher-Hearing, Mr David Hamilton on Wednesday morning.

Songroom

Songroom continues on Wednesday. If your children have shared any stories or feedback with you, please pass them on to your child's teacher or the Principal.

Spins

Our Speech Pathology program will continue on Thursday, operating out of the library.

Cross Country

The Cross Country will be held on Monday 18th March during normal school sport time at Jacob's Park.

School Photos

School Photo Day is on Friday, 15th March. Please ensure all envelopes come back before day of the Photo shoot. Summer uniform is to be worn.

Year 7 Placement for 2014

For Year 6 parents: Expression of Interest forms for Year 6 to Year 7 placement in 2014 are being sent home today. Please read all relevant information on the form and return these forms by the 22nd March. If you have any enquiries about the filling in of the form, please see the school office or the Principal.

Breakfast Club News

Did you know that each Tuesday morning we serve FREE breakfast to all the students?

From 8.45am each week operating out of the canteen we have available serves of fresh fruit, toast and cups of milo for everyone.

If anyone has any fruit to donate or would like to offer their assistance to help, please come up and put your name down.

Where else can the kids get free milk moustaches on a Tuesday morning?



General Information



Kendall, Joel, Nayte, Issac T, Daniella, Caylan, Sophie B, Kyren, Cade, Summer, Joshua F, Aiden, Kayla A, Aydan, Keleigh, Amy, Jackson, Lachlan, Teneika, Lilly O and Joshua H.

Congratulations also to Imogen Atkinson, Marty Williams, Max Johnson, Riley T Johnson, Elizabeth Anderson, Ky Haggarty and Hannah Harris who received a Certificate of Merit.

Eco-Explorers Week 6

Tyler Hartley 3W
Liam Smith 3W
Amy Boughton 2H
Bridie Rose 3W

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Annabelle, Daniel,

Shaun Graham
Principal



Fruit & Veg Made Easy

Do you struggle to get your kids to eat fruit and veg? Do you think fruit and veg are too expensive and take too long to prepare?

Eating more fruit & vegetables could be the simplest change you can make to improve your family's health! Did you know almost half of parents in NSW don't eat enough fruit and 8 out of 10 aren't eating enough vegies? Remember children learn from their parents, help them by practicing healthy eating habits yourself.

Join us for a free Fruit & Veg \$ense session, showing you:

- \$ How small changes can make a big difference**
- \$ Money saving ideas \$\$\$**
- \$ Tips to tempt fussy eaters**
- \$ Easy, family-friendly recipes**

These **Fruit & Veg \$ense** sessions are brought to you by the *Eat IT To Beat It* program and the session will be running in your area:

- \$ Stanford Merthyr Infants School on Monday 18th March 2013 from 9:15am to 10:45am**

To ensure adequate resources please register for these session at
www.cancercouncil.com.au/eatittobeatit/register
or phone 4923 0710.



PLAYGROUP

AT PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Abermain Street Pelaw Main
For enquiries phone 49371314

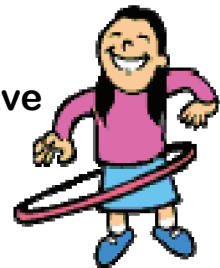
Playgroups are for preschool children, toddlers and babies and their parents, grandparents or caregivers from our surrounding community.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

So come along and met new people and have fun with your child/children.

COST: FREE



Playgroups will be held in the Hall from 10am to 11.30am
Playgroups will be run on Tuesday and Thursday this year.

PLAYGROUP DATES FOR TERM 1, 2013
Tuesday; March 12th, 19th and April 2nd
Thursday; March 14th, 21st and April 4th

If your child has a sibling, relative or friend already attending Pelaw Main School, they may wish to bring lunch and have it with them after Playgroup.

