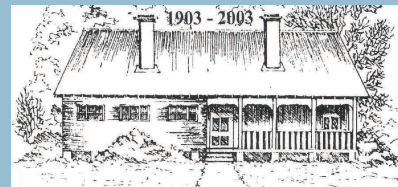




Pelaw Main Public School Newsletter



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22 MARCH 2013

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27 March

Zone Cross Country

28 March

Easter Hat Parade

PLAYGROUP

DATES Term 1

10am to 11.30am
in the Hall

Tuesday 2 April

Thursday 4 April

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 25 March

Judy Mayer
Rowena Boughton
Melissa Robinson

Wed 27 March

Judy Mayer
Kelly James
Monique James

Fri 22 March

Good Friday

Principal's Report

Starstruck

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Pelaw Main Public School students will be participating in the 2013 Starstruck extravaganza to be held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre Exhibition Centre on Friday, 14th and Saturday, 15th June. Miss Hurst and Mrs Moore have been busily holding rehearsals and recording our students singing and dancing in preparation for an invitation to join. We have now been informed that both our dance group and choir will be performing. Parents with children, who expressed interest in undertaking a role in one of these groups, will be informed separately about the commitment required for this amazing experience. Well done Boys and Girls and thank you to Mrs Moore and Miss Hurst.

Cross Country

Thank you to our students for their participation in the Cross Country on Monday. A tough course was planned out by Mrs Grant and we had some great runners who blitzed the course! The first four students in each age group will be attending the Zone Cross Country at Bellbird next Wednesday, 27th March. Thank you for the organisation Mrs Grant.

Newsletter

I had a request at the P&C Meeting in regards to having the newsletter emailed to parents. If you are interested in this service, please contact the office to notify them that you want to request the newsletter emailed to you. This service will start next Term. Please note that you will still receive a paper copy of the newsletter for your family and the newsletter is also available to read on our website.

Breakfast Club

Our amazing Breakfast Club has some exciting news to tell our community. After applying for funding through the Hunter Community Foundation, we were informed that the Breakfast Club has received enough funding to support Breakfast Club on a second day. So from Term 2, Breakfast Club will be operating on Tuesdays AND Thursdays. This is a great initiative for our community and it is extremely popular with our children. On Tuesday 26th of March, hot cross buns will be served at Breakfast Club for Easter. The Breakfast Club will also be holding a free BBQ sausage sizzle on the morning of Tuesday, 9th April as a thank you for the support the children and families have given to this service. Yum!

General Information

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year, once again, we have enrolled in the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a state-wide program to encourage quality reading. Children choose from a list of books and are encouraged to read these books by the end of August 2013. For students in Years 3-6, the Challenge is to read a minimum of 20 books of which at least 15 must be chosen from specially selected Premier's Reading Challenge booklists. Students in Year K-2 must experience 30 books. If your child is successful he/she will receive a certificate from the Premier acknowledging their wonderful achievement. This is a great way to encourage reading and we are hopeful of your support in encouraging your child to take part and read these books.

Interested students from Year 3-6 can collect a form from the Library and children are responsible for keeping a record of the books they have read. All K-2 children will take part in the Challenge and experience the 30 books in the classroom as part of their Reading program but they may also borrow books to read or have them read to them at home. Children who complete the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll and will have their names published in the Herald in

November so if you don't want your child's name published in the newspaper please let me know.

Children will be able to borrow books from the list during Library lessons at school. Kurri Kurri Library may also be of assistance. You can find more information about the Challenge and the reading lists at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Thank you for your support and enjoy reading,
Barbara McLellan

Absence Notes

Absence notes for students who have more than 2 days of unexplained absences in a week are sent home to parents on Mondays. It is a legal requirement that this note is returned with an explanation for the absences. Please ensure that if your child is absent, even late to school, that a legitimate explanation is given to either the office or your child's classroom teacher. There have been a number of children arriving late to school without parental explanation. Please ensure you escort your child to the office if they are late in the morning so that you are able to provide an explanation for our records.

Chicken Pox

This week, the school sent out a letter to parents/caregivers in relation to Chicken Pox. This was to notify the community of a recent case of chicken pox that had occurred at school.

If your child does present symptoms of chicken pox, please see your doctor as soon as possible for a diagnosis. Please ensure you then contact the school to let us know of the diagnosis. Children who are diagnosed with the infection will be required to stay at home under the doctor's advice.

Head Lice

Head lice are present in the hair of some students within the school.

Please check your child's hair for head lice tonight and if you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as soon as possible.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.htm>) or through the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/student-health/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

Following are some tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:

- *Regularly check your children's hair*
- *Teach older children to check their own hair*
- *Tie back and braid long hair*
- *Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage family members to use it when they wash their hair*

Your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

General Information

Year 7 Placement for 2014

Expression of Interest forms were due back today. Thank you to those families who sent them in. If you haven't already done so, please return them on Monday.

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.

Another Healthy Lunch Idea

Snacks – try sliced veggies with salsa, wholegrain crackers with reduced fat cheese or a slice of fruit loaf. Offer wholegrain muesli bars, small packets of chips or fruit in jelly

once or twice a week as well. I have been impressed with the response of our students and families in relation to the waste-free lunch on Thursdays. Keep up the good work.

Playgroup

Parents with toddlers, don't forget we operate a free playgroup on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10am in our school hall. This playgroup is run by our very enthusiastic and experienced Community Liaison Officer, Elwyn Tweedie. Our Year 5 and 6 students also help out with the organisation of activities and support. Please come along for a lovely social outing and a great opportunity for your children to have some fun.

Easter Long Weekend

Just a reminder that next week is the Easter Long Weekend and students will be away from school on Friday, 29th March and Monday, 1st April so there will be no newsletter next Friday. The next edition will be Friday, 5th April.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets have been distributed for the Easter Raffle. Each family received one book of five tickets at a \$1 each. Please sell your tickets and return them. The prize draw is held at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March at the Hall. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return the unsold book

to the Canteen.

Donations for this raffle are still being accepted and you can drop them off at the Office anytime.

It's A Bun-Raiser!

Just a reminder that Hot Cross Bun Drive order forms and correct money are due back no later than 10am Monday 25th March. Pick up your order at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March. Some extras will be available for purchase on the day.

Any uncollected orders will be resold to someone else on the day. No refunds will be given.

Eco-Explorers Week 8

Tahrlee Walker 3/4G
Soul Paredes 4/5
Bridie Rose 3W
Kiarni Hallett 2H

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Max S, Shelby, Jacob I, Skyla, Amy B, Jordyn, Abby, Toby, Tayah, Kaleb T, Sacha, Eviee, Brodie, Liam S, Rani, Charlotte, Sam, Elizabeth, Kobie, Tahlia, Jakob and Paul.

Congratulations also to Rhys Zielinski, Makira Kiem, Jorja Cumming, Temika Akins, Zac Brown, Kendall Alcorn and Charlotte Anderson who received

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Shaun Graham
Principal

General Information



EASTER SHOW EXCURSION

