



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 WEEK 1

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th, 7th, 8th May
Life Education
Excursion

9th May
Mother's Day
Afternoon Tea

10th May
Assembly 2.30pm
in the Hall

14th May
P&C Meeting
1.40pm in the Hall

24th May
Athletics Carnival

Working Bee
3.45pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 6 May
Judy Mayer
Belinda O'Brien
Sarah Blackmore

Wed 8 May
Judy Mayer
Jessica Heuston
Sheryl Farley

Fri 10 May
Judy Mayer
Elena Peters
Tina Jones

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust your children have had a great start this week and that we are all ready for an exciting term. We hope you like the newly formatted Newsletter, a little bit brighter and easier to read, perhaps!

This term is shorter than normal; being only 9 weeks, so there will be a lot going on in a short space of time. It is important to ensure that deadlines for permission notes and/or money for excursions or other events are followed to allow for the smooth organisation of these great opportunities.

Starstruck is one of those events, so please ensure, if your child is involved, that you stay up-to-date with information as it comes to hand.

Staff

Mrs Corke is on leave for the first two weeks of this term and the Monday of Week 3. Mr Burley will be teaching 4/5 during this time and Miss King will be teaching Mr Burley's normal workload on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Mrs Ross will be working 4 days for the rest of the year, with Mrs Palmer working the extra day on a Wednesday to cover Mrs Ross's timetable.

Play Equipment

The P&C have funded the resurfacing of the ground under our play equipment in the back playground with the laying of a rubber surface throughout the holidays. There will be more work done in this area, mainly a kerb around the rubber and the laying of turf, in the near future.

The children should be able to play in this area from Monday.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Our Mother's Day afternoon tea will be held on Thursday, 9th May from 1:40 in the school hall. Children will be able to come down and see Mum during the afternoon tea. Once the bell has gone for children to go back to class, the P&C will draw the raffle and our school executive will have a chance to chat with our Mums about some school programs we will be running this term.

Boy's Rugby League

11 of our Senior boys will be travelling to Singleton on Wednesday to participate in a 7-a-side Rugby League gala day. Mr Burley will be travelling as coach of the team. We wish them all the very best.

Working Bee

Our P&C are in the process of organising a working bee around the school, to be held on Friday, 24th May from 3:45pm. Children will be welcome to stay on site, however they will not be able to carry out any labour or work with the adults. If you have some thoughts, ideas or time to do some hard work, please attend the P&C Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 14th May from 1:40pm to discuss this initiative or put the date in your diary to come along on Friday, 24th May after school. More information will be provided closer to the date.

2014 Opportunity Class

Applications for Year 5 entry into an opportunity class for 2014 are now open. If you have a child in Year 4 who you think might benefit from this opportunity, please go to the school's website and, in the News section, more information, including an application information download, is available.

Life Education Excursion

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, students of Pelaw Main P.S. will be attending an excursion to the Life Education Centre at Edgeworth.

The timetable is:

Monday 6th May – 4/5, 3/4 and Yr2

Tuesday 7th May – 5/6L, 5/6M and Yr1

Wednesday 8th May – Yr3, K/1 and Kindergarten

Students of 4/5, 5/6L and Yr 3 need to be at school **before 9am** as the bus leaves at 9am to ensure the rest of the day's timetable runs to schedule.

The following is an overview of the lesson for each class. It is important that all students attend, as it is part of their Personal Development and Health learning for the term, and follow-up work will be done in the classroom with the booklet received from the visit.

Class Programs:

K – Harold's Surprise - healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety

K/1 – Harold's Surprise - healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety

Yr1 – Harold's Mystery Tour - body workings, safe

use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making

Yr 2 – Harold's Heroes – environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage

Yr 3 – Harold's Diary – friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles

Yr3/4 – bCyberwise – explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving

Yr4/5 – The Burning Issue – short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence and refusal skills

Yr 5/6L – It's Your Call – definition of illegal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology

Yr5/6M - It's Your Call – definition of illegal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology

School uniform will be worn but it is not necessary to purchase one of the new school shirts for this excursion.



Life Education merchandise can be purchased from the centre on the day. Please put the correct money in an envelope labelled with name, class, order and amount.

P&C News

Mothers Day is next weekend! A price list for our Mothers Day Stall and a set of raffle tickets was sent home on Wednesday. The stall will be held on Thursday 9th of May. Prices range from \$1 to \$6. Any remaining items can be purchased at the assembly on Friday. The raffle will be drawn at the Afternoon Tea, prizes include a family dinner at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club valued at \$100, a brunch at Café Pokolbin valued at \$50 and a Priceline basket of Goodies. You have to be in it to win it! Tickets are just \$1 each. We hope to see you all there!



Partners in Print

During Term 2 we will be running a parent involvement program for students and their parents/caregivers. The program is called 'Partners in Print' and is aimed at developing a three way partnership between parents, teachers and children that helps children learn and develop to their full potential. During Term 2 'Partners in Print' is for students in Kindergarten and Year 1 and their parents/carers. The program will focus on reading development and empowering parents (who are a child's first teacher) to support students with their reading development at home and to become a strong, positive and caring force in their children's reading development.

Partners in Print will be held each Friday morning, with a different class involved each week. Teachers will lead small group activities based around reading with parents/caregivers and their child. In small groups, teachers will work with the students and model a strategy that parents and caregivers

can use at home to support children's reading development. Parents and carers will watch how the teacher works with the students and then work with their own child one-on-one to practise the strategy they observed the teacher implement. The process is child centred, relaxed and enjoyable.

Please find below a timetable for classes to participate in Partners in Print for Term 2. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program.

Partners in Print – 9.30am to 10.30am Fridays.

Week 2 – 10 th May	Kindergarten
Week 3 – 17 th May	K/1
Week 4 – 24 th May	Athletics Carnival
Week 5 – 31 st May	Yr 1
Week 6 – 7 th June	Kindergarten
Week 7 – 14 th June	K/1
Week 8 – 21 st June	Yr 1

Stewart House Donation Drive

The envelopes for the Stewart House Donation Drive are being sent home today and are due back to school by Friday 10th May. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Year 6 Farewell Fundraising

There is a meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 3.30pm in the Staffroom for any parents or community members interested in being involved in fundraising for the Year 6 farewell. Anyone is welcome to come and have some input.

Eco Explorers Week 2

Anna Gibson 4/5

Tyler Hartley 3W

Liam Smith 3W

Bridie Rose 3W