



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 WEEK 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th May

Athletics Carnival

Working Bee 3.45pm

31st May

Assembly 2.30pm
In the Hall

3rd June

Total Excursion
KH and K/1

30th July

Author Visit -
Cameron Steltzer

Playgroup Dates Term 2

Tuesdays

21 and 28 of May

Thursdays

23 and 30 May

10am-11.30am

In the Hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 20 May

Judy Mayer
Sarah Blackmore
Tina Jones

Wed 22 May

Judy Mayer
Jessica Heuston
Sheryl Farley

Fri 24 May

Athletics Carnival

Principal's Report

It is with some sadness to our community that I announce that Ms Dimmock will be leaving our school at the end of this Term.

Ms Dimmock has been an integral part of this school community for over six years and has overseen a number of significant positive changes to this school in her time here. She is the utmost professional who always delivers lessons of high quality and individualises student learning to provide the best opportunities for the students at this school. I am sure the students and parents of this community will share with me in saying that she will be terribly missed by us all. Ms Dimmock will take up the position of Assistant Principal at Bolwarra Public School from Term 3.

We wish her all the very best in her future career.



Reflecting on your child's day: We encourage students at Pelaw Main Public School to do many things. We ask them to explore new worlds on a daily basis and learn new skills, whether it be to comprehend a text they have read or navigate around an iPad. We ask them to hop, skip and jump, to act out and to construct stories. In Library, we teach them information skills and encourage book borrowing. On Mondays they participate in sport. On Wednesdays most of our students learn about drama. On Thursdays we ask them to bring in a waste-free lunch and encourage them to be Eco-explorers to learn about caring for the environment. Every second Friday we celebrate the achievements of our students in assemblies. There is so much in your child's day at this school that is providing them with a quality education. Take some time over the weekend to talk to them about what makes their day.

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual School Athletics Carnival is being held this Friday, 24th May. I am conscious that attendance at these carnivals can be quite low and I just want to reinforce that this day is designed to provide students with physical education opportunities outside the regular weekly lessons. Athletics has a number of different sports and skills that the children can learn about. It isn't designed to be only for good athletes, it is designed to include everyone. School will be closed on this day as all the teachers will be attending the carnival. I would strongly encourage you to make sure your child participates in this wonderful day.

NAPLAN

This week saw our Year 3 and 5 students undertake the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Thank you for your support in this process. Student results will be published in September.

Working Bee

Our first working bee for the year will be held on Friday, 24th May from 3:30pm. We will be clearing and cleaning the garden area behind the Kindergarten building in preparation for a bush tucker garden to be established. If you are keen to help, then join in at this time for a couple of hours. If you could bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, hoe or other digging implements then that would be great. Children are welcome but won't be able to do any of the manual labour.

Time Capsule

The school is in the beginning of organising a special event in December to celebrate the opening of a time capsule that was buried in the school in 1988. We are calling on interested parties to establish a small organising committee to help plan and organise this event. If you have a keen interest in liaising with the school community and in organising an event like this, please contact the school. It would be great if we had some representatives outside the current P&C membership to enable the school community to share the workload.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

Unfortunately, we have had a case of hand, foot and mouth disease at the school. This is only a mild disease and not notifiable to the health department but if you identify symptoms please see your doctor and notify the school. Symptoms usually include small red dots and blisters. Being more vigilant with hygiene (washing hands, avoid sharing cups etc, wiping noses) will prevent this disease from spreading. A more detailed fact sheet can be obtained from the NSW Health website (there is a link to this on our website).

Author Visit - Cameron Stelzer

On Tuesday 30th July Cameron Stelzer is visiting our school to talk to our children about his books. He is an author and illustrator and all children will be attending one of his workshops. More information about the cost and permission note will be in the Newsletter next week. The main character in his books is a little character called Stroogle and he has many adventures throughout the books. One of his adventures in "The Stroogle's New Home" is when he accidentally finds himself at the dump with his friends and has to get home. He does this by using an old shoe and recycled materials to build a car with a sail. As part of the Author Visit day we are having a competition to see who can build the most interesting shoe car. So if your child would like to take part just get creating and send it in to school with his/her name on sole of the shoe by Week 1 Term 3. There will be a prize for the most original shoe car.

Theatre Productions

Next weeks newsletter (Week 4) will contain information and permission notes for our excursions to the Civic Theatre to see Possum Magic and Emily Eyefinger. We only have 58 seats available for each production so the children who have their notes and money in first will be the ones attending these productions.

Uniform Shop

The latest delivery of 'Rep Shirts' has arrived, if you have ordered or are needing to please see the Uniform Shop as soon as possible (open every Canteen morning till 10am). As of 2014, this shirt will be the preferred uniform on Tuesdays to Fridays. Sizes and quantities are limited for each delivery, be prompt to avoid disappointment. Some 'winter' bargains remain- you never know it might be what you are looking for; so come and have a look.

A reminder - school emblem transfers are available in gold (jumpers, jackets); maroon (sports shirt); and grey (pale blue shirt). These are a great alternative and look great too - just \$2.50.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, 22nd May 2013 at 11:00am Pelaw Main children will join other organisations around Australia and take part in National Simultaneous Storytime.

The Australian Library and Information Association organises National Simultaneous Storytime in May every year. The aim is to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy
- promote the value of books
- promote an Australian writer and publisher,
- promote storytime activities in public libraries & communities around the country.

National Simultaneous Storytime highlights the importance of reading and literacy for children and demonstrates how this can be a fun experience.

This year we will be reading *The Wrong Book* written by Nick Bland.

The story is about a boy named Nickolas Ickle who is trying to tell a story about himself but characters from other books keep interrupting him and he is not happy. He has to convince them that they are in the *Wrong Book*.

If you have a preschooler and would like to join us for the reading please be at the Hall by 11am.

For more information on National Simultaneous Storytime around Australia, contact the Australian Library and Information Association at <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/>.

P&C News

Pie Drive is on again! Order forms have gone home today with the newsletter; if you are needing a replacement or extras please see the Office. Return your order form NO LATER THAN 15th June; Delivery date for Pie Drive is THURSDAY 20th June. Don't forget to ask your friends and relatives if they would like to order anything from the Pie Drive as well. Profits will go to our P&C - currently aiming at improving our schools playground areas.

Eco Explorers Week 3

Connor Runchel 2H

Kyrow Bower 3W

Keleigh Stewart 3/4G

Kiarni Hallett 2H



Walk Safely to School Day

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY
24 MAY 2013

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 24 May 2013!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au