



# Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 2 WEEK 4

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### 27 May

Athletics Carnival

#### 31 May

Assembly 2.30pm  
In the Hall

#### 3 June

Total Excursion  
KH and K/1

#### 30 July

Author Visit -  
Cameron Steltzer

#### Playgroup Dates

##### Term 2

##### Tuesday

28 May

##### Thursday

30 May

10am-11.30am

In the Hall.

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

##### Mon 27 May

Judy Mayer  
John Manderson  
Kelly James

##### Wed 29 May

Judy Mayer  
Tanya Conn  
Tammy Whalan

##### Fri 31 May

Judy Mayer  
Kelly James  
Monique James

## Principal's Report

In light of recent news articles, I feel the need to inform the community of several political decisions that will directly affect this school community, as well as several other schools in the Kurri Kurri Learning Community from 2014. Julia Gillard announced several weeks ago that the Federal Government will be seeking the support of the State Governments to agree to funding changes based on the *Gonski Report* that will see significant resources channelled into our school system. As a result of this agreement, our school will discontinue our National Partnerships Low Socio-Economic Status Schools funding from the end of this year. All of the programs that we have had in our school, that were funded through National Partnerships, will be reviewed and evaluated at the end of this year and a decision will be made about whether the new funding agreement will be able to support these programs in 2014 and beyond. More information will be provided to the community as it comes to hand.

## Simultaneous Storytime

The children had a wonderful time on Wednesday morning, participating in Simultaneous Storytime. Mrs McLellan read "The Wrong Book" while our Year 2 class performed the actions. Then it was the turn of the teachers, as students from Year 2 handed over their masks for the teachers to perform the actions while Mrs McLellan read the book a second time. What a blast! This is one of the many ways we are providing children with the 'keys' to unlock the stories within books.

## Reports

Semester 1 Student Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June (Week 9). We are anticipating holding parent/teacher interviews in Week 1 next term so your child's report may be discussed in more depth. More information will follow once dates are finalised.

## Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival has been postponed due to wet weather. Tomorrow will be a normal school day. Our carnival will now be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. If wet weather continues over the weekend the carnival will be postponed to a date to be advised.

## Starstruck

Our Starstruck Choir representatives will have their first rehearsal tomorrow, 24<sup>th</sup> May. They will be escorted by Miss Hurst. This is very exciting! The Starstruck Dance group will attend their first rehearsal on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May with Mrs Moore. We are warming up for the big event!

## Touch Football and Netball

We have our Boys' Touch Football team playing Bellbird next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> and our Girls' Netball team playing Paterson on the same day. We wish these teams the best of luck.

## Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Makayla P for her participation in the Regional Cross Country on the 10th of May. Well done Makayla!



## Staff News

Our school has advertised for a temporary Assistant Principal position to be filled through Term 3 and 4 to replace our lovely Ms Dimmock. Ms Dimmock's position will be filled on a permanent basis from 2014 onwards.

We currently have several staff members undertaking First Aid training after school, on Tuesdays. On Monday, Miss Perry will be undertaking some professional learning into research about the ways in which our students learn, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students. Mrs Grant will attend AustSwim training next Wednesday and I will be attending a conference on "Spreading Success" in our school community next Wednesday.

## Partners in Print

Partners in Print on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> will be for Year 1L students and parents. We do hope you are able to make it, as we have had a great response so far to the program.

## Quicksmart

Our new group of students started their Quicksmart lessons at the beginning of this term and the Hundreds Club already has 4 new members. Congratulations to Teia, Jemma, Kendall and Marina who have all achieved more than 100 correct answers in 1 minute. All Year 4 students will have the opportunity to join the Hundreds Club.

All children participating in Quicksmart need to return the permission note. If you have lost it please contact Mrs Ross for another one or a hand written note will do.

## Photo Reminder

Just a reminder that orders and money for Student Executive, Sports Captains, Environmental Committee and Library Monitor Photos need to be handed in at the office by Friday 31st of May.

## Eco Explorers Week 5

Due to wet weather in Week 4 we will be having the same Eco Explorers in Week 5.

Connor Runchel 2H  
Kyrow Bower 3W  
Keleigh Stewart 3/4G  
Kiarni Hallett 2H

Shaun Graham - Principal