



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 June

Boys Soccer

18 June

Pancake and
Pyjama Day

21 June

Assembly
2.30 in the Hall

24 June

Athletics Carnival

30 July

Author Visit -
Cameron Steltzer

14 August

Possum Magic
Civic Theatre

10 September

Emily Eyefinger
Civic Theatre

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 10 June

Queen's Birthday

Wed 12 June

Judy Mayer
Jessica Heuston
Tanya Conn

Fri 14 June

Judy Mayer
Elena Peters
Jodie Ross-Jackson

Principal's Report

I am always very proud of our wonderful students and the work they do on a daily basis but this week they have shone in many ways while out and about in the wider community. These sorts of activities and opportunities outside of the classroom have shown to lead to better engagement for students and it is a credit to our staff and our parents that these opportunities are provided to our students.

Have a lovely 'long' weekend. I hope to see you Tuesday. Stay safe.

Tocal Excursion

On Monday, our Kinder and K/1 classes went on their first excursion in primary school, to Tocal Farm and Homestead. Their behaviour was superb and the experience they gained from this visit will live with them for a long time. The experience of seeing three staff members in bright gumboots will last with me a long time as well!

KKHS Enrichment Lessons

Jaiden H, Reihana H and Tiffany B attended the first of three Science workshops at Kurri Kurri High School as part of an enrichment program for selected Year 5 and 6 students of the partner schools of Kurri Kurri High. These students behaved and participated extremely well and represented our school proudly.

Student Engagement Conference

Ebony R attended a Student Engagement conference on Thursday, where she presented a speech on the results of a recent student engagement survey that was implemented across the Kurri Kurri and Cessnock primary and high schools. Ebony proved herself to be confident, professional and a wonderful representative for our student body.

Athletics Carnival

We are now trying for a fourth time to hold our annual Athletics Carnival on Monday, 24th June. Originally, if the carnival was postponed a third time, the school was going to cancel it for 2013 but as the council had a free date, we were able to re-schedule. I understand the frustration at these re-schedules and I acknowledge your support as we attempt to hold this great annual event. Another permission note will need to be signed for this date, however payment for the bus will simply be held over.

Starstruck

Today we have students representing our school in the Starstruck choir heading to Newcastle for rehearsals for the big Starstruck extravaganza next Friday night and Saturday.

Next week is a huge week for our students, parents and teachers involved in Starstruck. There is a Dance rehearsal on Wednesday, 12th, a full dress rehearsal for both Dance and Choir on Thursday, 13th and then the two performances will be held on Friday 10.30am and 7pm, and Saturday at 2pm and 7pm. We appreciate your support around this, particularly for students in 2H and 5/6M who should only be minimally disrupted by their teachers' absence.

Hunter Wetlands Excursion

On Thursday 6th June, 9 students went on an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands. When we arrived, we went to our first activity, where we filled our lunchboxes with food we liked to eat and decided if we could recycle it or not.

Our second activity was when we sat down and looked at how energy works and if we would run out of it or not. Then we played a game about it. Our third activity was a relay for recycling. We ran to a bag and grabbed something out of it then

put it into a red or yellow bucket. The girls won! Our fourth activity was when we went under a little shelter and an Aboriginal man talked to us about Aboriginal culture and history. We even got to put traditional ochre paint on ourselves. Our last activity was bird watching. We looked through binoculars and saw birds sitting on an island. It was so much fun. I hope we get to go next year!

By Jeorjia Wilson



Girls Soccer

On Thursday Miss King took 15 senior girls to Bellbird for their first knockout game against Bellbird Primary School. All the girls played very well, displayed great team work, respect and determination. After going into extra time with no goals scored, Pelaw Main won, having been awarded the first corner kick. The team will now progress to the second round of the competition. Congratulations girls!



Staff Changes

Our executive staff are in the process of making a decision about applications to replace Miss Dimmock, starting in Term 3. This position will be a temporary position for Term 3 and Term 4, with a permanent appointment to be made in 2014. An announcement will be made next week.

Grounds Maintenance

Our damaged concrete pathway leading down to the student toilets has been removed and re-laid through the week. I apologise for this inconvenience. There are several projects in the pipeline in this area, including the refurbishment of the treehouse and the installation of curbing around the new softfall. The men from Kurri Kurri Men's Shed will be continuing the refurbishment of the treehouse throughout the term. Once again, thank you to the students for their patience in waiting for this great playground equipment to be fixed again. Despite this inconvenience to the students, it will be of great benefit in the future.

Assembly

Our scheduled Assembly for 14th June has moved to 21st June due to many children being at the Starstruck performance. This assembly will be hosted by 4/5C.

Pancake and Pyjama Day

This Year 6 fundraising event is scheduled for Tuesday, 18th June. There will be no Breakfast Club this morning, however students will be able to purchase pancakes for breakfast (\$2) while coming to school in their pyjamas (also \$2). So the cost for students to come in pyjamas and have pancakes will be \$4. Parent helpers are most welcome to help serve pancakes from about 8:30am.

Partners in Print

Thank you so much for the support with this program across the three classes that have been involved this term. We have had over 50% of parents/carers attending these sessions. Next Friday, K/1 will be involved.

Boys Soccer

The boys' team will be playing Bellbird PS on the 12th June at 10am at Pelaw Main Soccer ground.

Congratulations

Year 6 student, Anja A has been accepted into the Hunter School of Performing Arts for 2014. Congratulations, Anja.

Eco Explorers Week 7

Due to the Hunter Wetlands excursion on Thursday, our Eco Explorers will be the same as Week 6.

Trinity Hawkins 1L

Connor Runchel 2H

Blake Masterman 2H

Tiah Cornell-Taggart 3/4W