



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 WEEK 8

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24 June

Athletics Carnival

26 June

Year 5 University
Visit

27 June

Exemplary Student
Day

28 June

Crazy Hair Day
Last Day of Term 2

16 July

Students return
for Term 3

30 July

Author Visit -
Cameron Stelzer

14 August

Possum Magic
Civic Theatre

10 September

Emily Eyefinger
Civic Theatre

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 24 June

Athletics Carnival

Wed 26 June

Judy Mayer
Tanya Conn
Tammy Whalan

Fri 28 June

Judy Mayer
Naomi Heuston
Taniwai Frewin

Principal's Report

It has been a very busy term for all of the community as we have blended a mixture of academic, artistic and sporting endeavours to provide our students with lifelong learning opportunities. You just have to wander through our classrooms to get a sense of the collaborative nature of our school community. I have witnessed this first hand in numerous ways; the successful involvement of over 50% of our parents each week for Partners in Print, our class projects, from whacky inventions in 3/4G to the construction of transport vehicles in Year 1, to our 5/6 grassheads and caterpillars and the learning involved in growing plants, the fabulous minibeasts program in Year 2, the wonderful artwork on display in the hall from Year 3 and big green frogs in Kindergarten.

Thank you for your support this term, if it was reading with your child in class, changing home-readers for our teachers, or helping your child construct a robot, or driving them to a sporting event or being involved in the extravaganza of Starstruck, you have all contributed to better opportunities for your children. Keep up the good work!

Temporary Assistant Principal Position

After careful consideration, the school staff has selected a temporary Assistant Principal to replace Miss Penny Dimmock for Term 3 and Term 4 of this year. His name is David McGaw. He is a permanent classroom teacher at Dora Creek Public School and was highly recommended by his references. He has a lot of energy and enthusiasm and the necessary skills to fulfil his duties in the way the school planned the role. Mr McGaw will be visiting the school briefly on Tuesday to meet the staff and have a little bit of time to meet the students prior to starting in Term 3. I am sure you will share with me in providing him with a warm welcome.

Athletics Carnival

We are hoping our Athletics Carnival is finally able to go ahead on Monday. The bus will be leaving school at 9:30am to transport students to Birralee Park. Parents are very welcome to attend this great school community event. All permission notes for the carnival should have been returned.

Farewell From Ms Dimmock

It is with great sadness that I will leave Pelaw Main School at the end of next week. Thank you to all of the students, parents, teachers and community of Pelaw Main for all of your kindness, support and friendship. It has been an absolute pleasure to work in this community and I will miss you all greatly.

Year 5 University Visit

Our Year 5 students will be travelling to University of Newcastle on Wednesday to participate in the launch of a new book, published to support the idea of hope and aspirations in young people to find their career path. Students in Year 5 have been directly involved in a series of feedback sessions prior to the publication of this book and we are one of only two schools invited to attend this event. This should be a great day. The University have funded the cost of this event.

Exemplary Student Day

Next Thursday is Exemplary Student Day. All children who have followed the school expectations on a daily basis throughout the term will be entitled to participate in a series of activities organised by staff during the middle session of the day. One exemplary student from each class will be selected to have a special lunch with the Principal. All exemplary students will receive an ice block at afternoon tea. A great way to celebrate the wonderful behaviour of our students.

Name the Treehouse

The Men's Shed have been refurbishing our treehouse play area and have asked the students to choose a name for the treehouse. This week students were asked to come up with the best name for our treehouse. The winner will have the honour of opening the treehouse with the cutting of the ribbon early next term. Winner announced next week!

Crazy Hair Day

Next Friday the 28th of June is Crazy Hair Day. Come to school with crazy hair for a gold coin donation. Money raised will be in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.

2014 Enrolments

We are now taking names for kindergarten enrolments for next year. If anyone knows children who will be in kindergarten in 2014 and wanting to attend Pelaw Main School, please contact the office.

Breakfast Club BBQ

The Breakfast Club will be holding a free BBQ sausage sizzle on Thursday, 27th June from 8.45am as a thank you for the support the children and families have given to this service. Yum!

Girls Soccer & Touch Football

Our Girls' Soccer team played Kurri Kurri PS today at Birrale Park. Unfortunately, we lost the game but the girls played a great match and displayed fantastic sportsmanship. Well done girls and thanks to Miss King for organising the game.

Our Girls' Touch Football team played East Maitland PS on Thursday at Margaret Johns Oval. Well done to East Maitland who won the game. The girls had a great time and were wonderful representatives for Pelaw Main School. Thanks to Mrs Lantry for organising the game and refereeing!

Staff Movement

Mrs Grant will be attending a workshop over two days next week called Live Life Well. This workshop will provide our school with the resources to implement a series of lessons about developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle for students.

An Interesting Point

From ground-breaking research into factors determining children's achievement levels by Professor Charles Desforges from the University of Exeter in the UK it was found that the greatest individual characteristic that determined children's success at school was **persistence**. It was number one by far.

Pancake and Pyjama Day Year 6 Fundraiser

Pancake and Pyjama Day was a great success! Students and staff enjoyed delicious pancakes and got comfy in their "PJ's" for the day. Total money raised was an amazing \$610.55!

Library News

Just a reminder that our Cameron Stelzer author visit is on next term on Tuesday 30th July and all children will be taking part in a workshop. The cost is \$3.50.

On Wednesday, 14th August we will be taking 57 children from K-2 to attend the theatre production of Possum Magic and on Tuesday 10th September we are taking 58 children from Years 3 – 6 to see the stage production of Emily Eyefinger. We have had a great response and both excursions are now full.

We are having a competition to see who can build the most interesting shoe car. So grab an old shoe and attach some wheels and get creative. A shoe car is featured in one of Cameron Stelzer's Stroogle books. Entries due by Friday, 19th July. Type Stroogle shoe car on Google images for some inspiration.

Thank you

B. McLellan

Starstruck

Last week Pelaw Main Star Struck Choir and Dance Group went to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre to perform the Star Struck 21st Birthday Celebration. Riley and Max Johnson also represented Pelaw Main by performing with the Hunter Signing Choir.

It was a great experience. All of the children worked extremely hard and should be commended for their efforts. Pelaw Main families and staff members in the audience commented that the performance blew them away.

Mrs Moore and Miss Hurst like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have helped out along the way. Whether it be with making costumes and props, or who volunteered as parent helpers or helped take children to and from rehearsals and performances it really was appreciated.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Kendall, Lochlan, Ethan E, Trinity, Shanen, Jeorjia, Chelsea C, Shawn, Lilly R, Tahlea, Brady, Lara Clarke, Daniel M, Ella, Hannah, Zac, Ally-Jane, Michael, Daniel C, Jordyn, Annabelle, Jack O, Shana and Liam Bower.

Congratulations also to Temika Akins, Kobie Tuckwell, Soul Paredes, Elizabeth Anderson, Isaac Thorpe, Hannah Harris, Dan Andrews, Liam Bailey, Marty Williams, Jemma Black, Imogen Atkinson, Jordyn Atkinson, Dylan Fox, Tyler Hartley, Michael Mayer, Reagan Miller and Shilah Gamble who received a Certificate of Merit.

Eco Explorers Week 9

William Hansen-Mould K/1

Rani Dowdell-Reddy 3W

Cooper McCarthy K/1

Halle Wilkin 3/4G

Masters Donation

On Thursday, Masters came to the school to build new garden beds and donated plants to establish a new vegetable garden in the school grounds. Mrs Grant and the environmental committee had a great time assisting with the project. Thank you to Mrs Grant for her organisation and thank you to Masters for their very kind and generous donation!

