



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 WEEK 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY

13 August

P&C Meeting
1.40pm

14 August

Possum Magic
Civic Theatre

20 August

Book Week Parade

10 September

Emily Eyefinger
Civic Theatre

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 29 July

Judy Mayer
Belinda O'Brien
Tracy Osland

Wed 31 July

Judy Mayer
Tammy Whalan
Sheryle Farley

Fri 2 August

Judy Mayer
Tina Jones
Kelly James

Principal's Report

Wow, what a week we've had for Education Week. My reflections of the past week have made me realise that our delivery of education at Pelaw Main Public School reaches far and wide across the curriculum and the community.

Athletics Carnival

Late last week, we finally got to hold our Athletics Carnival and I must say, it was a wonderful day. Well done to Richmond house for winning the annual Masterman March Past Trophy. Well done to all students who participated on the day, and, of course, to those students who will go on to represent our school at the Zone carnival this Friday.



Cameron Stelzer

Our student engagement with the author, Cameron Stelzer's visit, was outstanding. Thank you to all the children who made a shoe car and to all the parents who assisted. We had some wonderful creations. Our Cameron Stelzer day went well and most children seemed to enjoy the workshops they attended. Cameron Stelzer judged Amy Boughton's shoe car as the most interesting. Congratulations Amy. Ally-Jane Hughes won our shoe car race with Jaida Matias coming in second. Well done girls.



Boys Rugby League

Our Boys' Rugby League team played in the Bulldogs/Goannas Cup on Wednesday at Kurri Kurri Sports ground and played very well against some bigger schools. They lost narrowly against Kitchener PS, Cessnock PS and Nulkaba PS. Well done on your attitude and participation, boys.

Positive Behaviour For Learning

We have finally launched our new School Expectations through our Positive Behaviour for Learning process that the school is undertaking. Students will be involved in explicit lessons about our new school expectations over the next few weeks. Following, are the posters for our classrooms and around the school. It is very important to encourage our students to develop these positive attitudes towards their schooling.



Edfest

Thank you to our dancers and singers who attended Edfest on Tuesday night and performed so beautifully. Also on the night we had six Art Display winners from the fabulous array of art that our students had to offer. Those winners were: Kindergarten – Shaun Cumming, Year 1 – Alexis Russell, Year 3 – Jacob Mason, Year 4 – Judah Bower, Year 6 – Amber Black, Year 3 Aboriginal Art award – Kayla Akins.

Careers Through Reading

Our Careers through Reading program, coordinated by the University of Newcastle, will begin this week. On Tuesday morning, from 9:30-10:30am, Year 2 students, along with the Year 2 students from Stanford Merthyr Infants' School, will participate in a range of activities with students from the University, who will talk about their careers, while reading books to the students from the faculty that they study in. Our Year 5 students from 4/5C will also be participating as student leaders during these activities. This will take place on Tuesdays for 3 weeks this term.

P&C Meeting

I attended the latest P&C meeting on Tuesday, held over due to a lack of members present the previous Tuesday. I would like to acknowledge the current work being done through our P&C and extend to all of our families, an invitation to become more closely involved in the organisation that has a lot to do with the raising of funds for a better school environment at Pelaw Main Public School. I prepare a Principal's Report for every meeting, and in that report are vital questions and requests from the school staff, about issues and resources that we feel would better benefit the students we teach. It would be great to hear from more families in these meetings. The P&C executive will be sending out a survey to ask parents of a preferred time for meetings and hopefully from this, we can support our school community better in being able to attend meetings more regularly. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, 13th August.

GATS Camp

Toni Wood and Ethan Brown had a wonderful time at their respective GATS camps last week. Following is an excerpt from their recounts:

Hi I am Toni from 5/6m and I had the honour of being invited to the Gifted and Talented camp in Morisset. The camp ran for 4 days and 3 nights from Tuesday the 23rd and ended on Friday the 26th of July. I went for Literacy. The whole camp ran the same way each day except for some different night activities.

In class we learnt about different tools we could use in our writing and we also wrote some stories and poems. After class we went to an outdoor activity e.g. archery, dual flying fox, high ropes and the giant swing. The activities involved a lot of teamwork and defiantly got the kids energized.

After an activity we went back to class. Basically, we had 3 classes a day and 2 outdoor activities a day. I actually had my birthday at camp (no offence mum and dad) but it was better than normal).

The whole camp was amazing, I met a lot of people, and made a lot of new friends. The classes and activities were amazing, and the tutors and instructors were very friendly, encouraging and taught me a lot. I also feel very lucky to have been invited to this camp.

Ethan - When I got to the camp there were so many people and I was a bit nervous but I soon found my room and met my roommates. I was in Dorm E room 1 along with some boys named Jack, Jayden, Jaiden, Alessandro, Angus, Joel, Isaac, Max and Lachlan. I went for Chemistry and Biology, we looked at organisms and bugs with 3 types of microscopes. We also did some forensic science. We went on the high ropes, giant swing, rock climbing and dual flying fox and we did archery (I was terrible but my team won). There was a talent show on the 3rd night and county fair on the 2nd night. Our main instructor was a girl named Turtle because she had a turtle shell bag. The lunch breaks were annoying because of knock and running. My friends got random nicknames such as Vampire (Jayden), Animal (Jack), Snoopy (Isaac), E-dog (Me) and Smurfy Murphey (Lachlan Murphey).

Songroom

30 of our Stage 3 students will be participating in the Songroom camp at Kurri Kurri TAFE next Monday and Tuesday. The selected students will participate in a range of activities related to Dance, Music and Drama. Mrs Latter will escort the students on Monday and Mrs Moore will escort them on Tuesday. Sounds like a great two days out.

Go For Fun Program

Hunter/New England Health are offering a free healthy lifestyle program for families of children aged 7-13 who are above their healthy weight. The program, called Go 4 Fun has an emphasis on practical, fun learning and is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families' diets, fitness levels and overall health.

The next Go 4 Fun program begins on the 8th October, in Cessnock, and if you would like more information, please contact Maria or Tahnia on 49214113 to get more information or to register your child.

Book Week Parade

Just a reminder that our Book Week Parade and Grandparent Day is on Tuesday, 20th August. Our theme is animal friends and children are invited to dress up as animals. For the parade they will walk around with one of their classmates.



Eco Explorers Term 3 Week 4

Hamish Wright K/1
Kaleb Tuckwell K/1
Kyra Walker K/1
Issac Merrick-Farley K/1



You are invited to our

Open Day

**Wednesday 4th
September 2013
10.30am – 1.00pm**

We would love to
see you there!

***We are currently taking names
on our waiting list for 2014 for
children aged 3-5 years.***

***We are also preparing a waiting
list for children requiring pre-
school education for children
eligible to attend pre-school up
to 2016. ie. Born before
31/7/2012.***

***For any enquiries, please
contact the pre-school on
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