



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

26 August

Boy's Softball

28 August

Newcastle
Permanent
Maths Competition

29 August

Father's Day
Breakfast

30 August

Regional Athletics
Carnival

10 September

Emily Eyefinger
Civic Theatre

P&C Meeting
1.40pm

18 September

Spelling Bee
Competition

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 26 August

Judy Mayer
Kelly James
John Manderson

Wed 28 August

Judy Mayer
Tanya Conn
Sheryle Farley

Fri 30 August

Judy Mayer
Rowena Boughton
Jodie Ross-Jackson

Principal's Report

On Monday, I witnessed a great debate (not those politician ones on TV!) between our Pelaw Main Public School debating team and Kurri Kurri Public School. Our debating team of Tamika, Tony, Toni and Ebony made their debut and took on Kurri Kurri Public School in the opening round of the 2013 Premier's Debating Challenge. The topic was 'We should say what we think' with Pelaw Main being the affirmative team. The debate was keenly contested with some outstanding points of view and rebuttal. The adjudicator narrowly awarded the debate to Pelaw Main and Mrs Moore should be congratulated, along with our students for their preparation and presentation skills.

The next round of verbal combat is against Mulbring Public School at Mulbring. Thank you, to Mr McGaw, for adjudicating the debate.



Cessnock Library Roadshow

Mrs McLellan hosted Karen and Sandy from the Cessnock Library on Wednesday for a morning of book reading and exploring the shortlisted books from the Children's Book Council of Australia. Students K-6 visited the library and enjoyed listening to some of the latest award winning picture books for 2013.

The featured story presented to our senior students was 'The Coat' by Ron Brooks. Daniel and Taia were lucky enough to wear some of the props from the story that was voted 'Picture Book of the Year' for 2013.



Book Week Parade and Grandparents Day

Thank you to the community, and our wonderful grandparents, for a great turn out for Book Week Parade and Grandparents Day on Tuesday. It shows that our school community is truly engaged in our children's learning. Although it appeared as though our school had been transformed into a zoo for the day, from lions, giraffes, pandas, fish and even a stroogle appearing, the behaviour of our students during the parade was impeccable. Thank you, parents, for your effort in making it such a memorable day. See the back of the newsletter for more photos.



University of Newcastle Visit

Last Friday, Year 6 visited the University of Newcastle to attend the annual 'Discover Uni' day. The day involved visiting several faculties across the campus to learn more about specific study and career paths offered at the University.

It was pleasing to see fifteen family members attend the day with thirty of our senior students.

Hopefully, the seed has been planted and our Year 6 of 2013 will be walking through the doors of the University of Newcastle one day in the future after their secondary education is complete to commence tertiary studies.



Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

Our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast will be held next Thursday, 29th August. Students will need to return the order request slip by 9.30 on Monday morning for their father or grandfather to be able to receive a free sausage sizzle breakfast. No late orders will be accepted for catering purposes. Only children who are enrolled at school will receive a free sausage as well. No sausages will be for sale on the day. Dads and Granddads, please come along and join us for a nice breakfast with your child and our school community. The P&C Father's Day Stall will also be operating on the day.



Aboriginal Bush Tucker Garden

Next Thursday, our Aboriginal students in years 3-6 will have the opportunity to support a representative from Ngurra Bu Aboriginal Cultural Experiences to construct an Aboriginal Bush Tucker garden environment in our back garden area. This is being funded by a dollar for dollar grant the school received from Cessnock City Council. We will be forming a pathway for students to explore the bush tucker plants and Ngurra Bu will also be constructing some concrete animal totems that will appear in the garden. A wonderful opportunity for our Aboriginal students to be a part of.

Stewart House Visit

Boden Hallett will be visiting Stewart House from Monday, 26th August until Friday, 6th September. We wish him all the best for a wonderful lifelong learning experience.

Boy's Softball

Our Boy's Softball team will be playing on Monday, 26th August at Toronto against Blackalls Park PS. Mr Burley will be escorting the children down on the KKBC courtesy bus. Good luck, boys.

Careers Through Reading

Our Careers through Reading program for Year 2 will continue on Tuesday, 27th August. Year 2 will join the Year 2 students from Stanford Merthyr Infants School in the school hall from 10am, to participate in the last of the workshops presented by the University of Newcastle. This workshop will include the presentation of a gift to our students for their participation.

Congratulations Emily

Emily Gordon is off to the State Softball Representative Gala Week from Tuesday to Thursday next week. This is her second year in row, participating for the Hunter Girl's Softball team. We wish her all the best.

Maths Competition

Year 6 will be participating in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition on Wednesday, 28th August.

Staff Movement

Mr McGaw will be participating in a Dare to Lead workshop and conference on Monday and Tuesday next week. This workshop is to provide Mr McGaw, and our school, with the necessary training and resources to successfully lead pedagogy in our classrooms to better support our Aboriginal students, as well as all students in our classrooms. On Thursday and Friday, Miss Perry will be attending training in the implementation of the '8 Ways of Aboriginal learning' into our classrooms. Miss Perry will then train all of our staff in this great initiative for our school. Staff from several schools in our community, including Kurri Kurri High School will also be attending this event.

Eco Explorers Term 3 Week 5

Cody Sarsfield K/1, Zac Brown 3W,
Lilly Stone K/1 and Michael Mayer 3/4.



Kurri Kurri Little Athletics Centre 2012/2013 Season Registrations

Register online at lansw.com.au or attend one of the three registration nights:

Friday 16th, Friday 23rd and Friday 30th of August

from 5.30pm to 7pm at Birrale Park, Heddon Street, Kurri Kurri.

Must be 3 years to 16 years as at midnight on 30/9/2013 New Registrations must show proof of D.O.B.

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