



# Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 3 WEEK 10

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### 8 October

Students Return for  
Term 4

#### Playgroup Dates Term 4

##### Tuesdays

15, 22 and 29 Oct

12, 19 and 26 Nov

##### Thursdays

17, 24 and 31 Oct

7, 14, 21 and 28 Nov

10am-11.30am

In the Hall.

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

##### Wed 9 October

Judy Mayer  
Sheryle Farley  
Sharon Jones

##### Fri 11 October

Judy Mayer  
Bernadette Shepherd  
Elena Peters

## Principals Report

Once again, our students have been out and about, representing our school in the wider community this week. It is a pleasure to hear, and know, that our students are safe, respectful learners wherever they go.

Pelaw Main Public School continues to shine. Our Year 6 students travelled with Mr McGaw to The Science and Engineering Discovery Day held in Maitland on Monday. Mr McGaw was extremely proud of the effort and behaviour of our students. Four of our students travelled to Tenambit Public School to participate in the regional Spelling Bee finals on Wednesday.

We had over 40 bike riders at school on Tuesday for our Bike Safety Day.

This was a very enjoyable morning and thank you to Mrs Palmer and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Riding Team for organising this very important event for our calendar. It is a timely reminder for our students, leading into the September holidays.

It will be a very busy term in Term 4, enjoy the holidays, we hope your family gets refreshed!

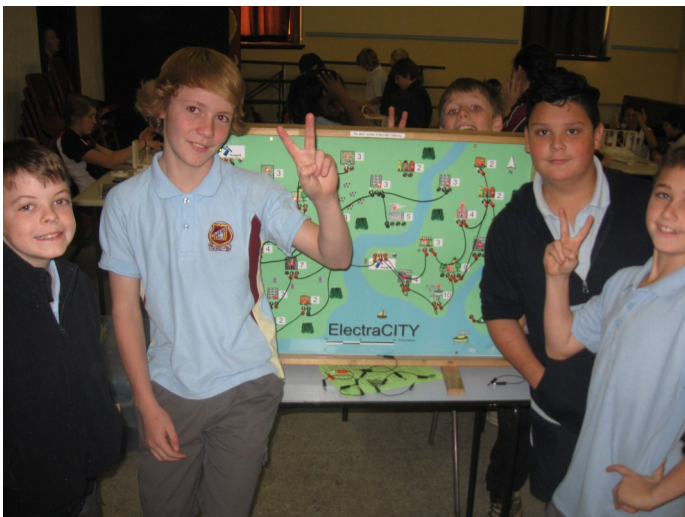


Our Exemplary students enjoying McDonalds for Lunch with Mr Graham on Thursday .

## Maitland Science & Engineering Discovery Day

On Monday, twenty-seven of our senior students travelled to Maitland to attend the much anticipated 'Science and Engineering' extravaganza held at St. Peter's Campus. During the day, our students were placed into groups and assigned challenging tasks that included providing power to modern cities, solving complex puzzles and problems, designing vehicles powered by elastic bands and creating effective catapults to hurl projectiles at distant targets.

Pelaw Main were voted by a judging panel of engineers to have built the strongest tower capable of withstanding an earthquake using nothing more than sticky tape, straws and paper. The judges also credited our bridge building team with a tie for first in constructing the strongest bridge to withstand heavy weights which crossed its deck to test its strength. Our students performed with distinction and rose to each challenge they were set with great enthusiasm and should be congratulated for their outstanding behaviour, high level of engagement and excellent team work.



## Staff Movement

Mrs Harris will be returning on Kindergarten next term, after her European holiday. I would like to acknowledge the extremely good work that Miss King has done on Kindergarten in Mrs Harris's absence. We have had a great few weeks in Kindergarten. Mrs Lantry will return on Year 1 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Williams will continue on Year 1 on Monday and Tuesday and with various other teaching components throughout the week. Mrs Wendt will be going on leave on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Scheinecker will be taking the Year 3 class for the five days of the week.

## Bike Safety Day

On Tuesday we received a visit from some very enthusiastic members of the local cycling community who gave an informative talk to every student in our school about bike safety. NSW Bike Week is an annual celebration of cycling, encouraging people from all walks of life to get on a bike and ride. In 2013, NSW Bike Week is focusing on safety on and off the road when using two wheels. Following the talk, those students who had chosen to ride to school went to Jacob's Park for a more intense session on using bikes safely, maintaining your bike and general tips for riding bikes around Pelaw Main and in the bush.



## Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation sessions for students starting in 2014 are as follows: Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Information Session, Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> classroom session for children, Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom Session, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> classroom session.

## Stanford Merthyr Transition

Year 2 to Year 3 transition from Stanford Merthyr Infants School begins on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October for parents and students. The next two visits for students will be on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## Time Capsule Opening

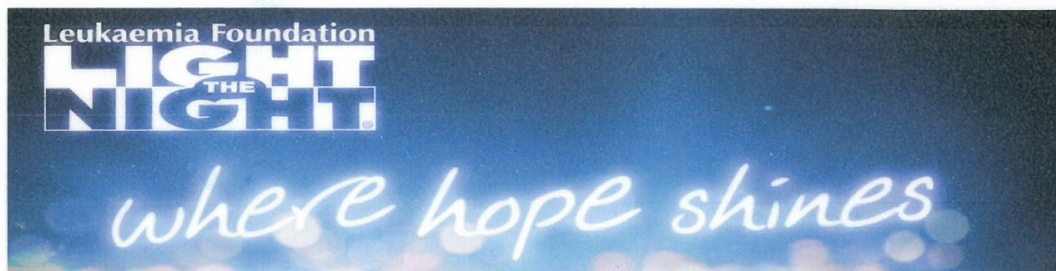
Please don't forget to spread the word about our Time Capsule opening from 1988. This will be held on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November from 10am. A range of activities has been planned for the students and a meal deal will be available from the canteen. More will be revealed early next term. All former students who were at the school in 1988 are invited to attend. Some of you may even want to talk about your contribution to the time capsule. Please contact the school to express your interest.

## Go Bulldogs!

Good luck to the Kurri Kurri Bulldogs in the Real NRL Grand Final on Sunday against Wests. All the best, boys!!

## Library News

We have had an interesting term with our Cameron Stelzer Author Visit, Book Parade/Book Fair, Cessnock Library Road Show and our two Theatre Performances – Possum Magic and Emily Eyefinger. Thank you to all for organising your children to take part in these activities. The children's behaviour for all these activities was wonderful and they are a credit to you and our school. Last week I sent home overdue notices. If you think that your child has returned the book or if after a good search you can't find the book then please ask your child to come and see me (Mrs McLellan) and we will have a look for the book in the Library.



**For those who don't know my story, I was diagnosed at the small age of 9 weeks old with Infantile Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL). I am 6 years old now and a current student in K/1 at Pelaw Main Public School. I am now living a happy, healthy and cancer free life. On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 I shone a lantern of hope at Light the Night on**

**Newcastle Foreshore to help the Leukaemia Foundation cure leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma forever. Please sponsor me. The more we raise the more hope we can give for a future free of blood cancer.**

**\*Donations can be made directly into the box at the school or online by going to the night the light website and following the prompts to my page [www.lightthenight.org.au](http://www.lightthenight.org.au)**

**Thank you**

**Chelsea Ruthenberg**



## **STRIKERS SOFTBALL CLUB 2013/2014 SEASON**

**NSDA will be hosting a come and try day for U6's—U18's on Sunday 22nd of September from 10am to 1pm at Stevenson Park Mayfield. We will be manning a registration table on the day as well so if you have any friends or family who may be interested in playing but are not quite sure, this will be the perfect opportunity to find out!**