



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

10 September

Emily Eyefinger
Civic Theatre

P&C Meeting 1.40pm

13 September

Assembly
2.30 In the Hall

17 September

Bike Safety Day

18 September

Spelling Bee
Competition

Playgroup Dates

Term 3

Thursday 12 Sept

Tuesday 17 Sept

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

Mon 9 September

Rowena Boughton
Pam Webb
Kelly James

Wed 11 September

Sheryle Farley
Tanya Conn
Pam Webb

Fri 13 September

Deanne McTegg
Taniwai Frewin
Pam Webb

Principals Report

As we approach the end of term, I feel that it is important to reflect on the achievements of our students across our school community, to think back through a term that has included; NAIDOC celebrations, Athletics Carnival-school, zone and regional, Education Week and our PBL launch, Songroom Camp, Kurri Kurri High School transition, Year 6 Discover Uni day, Careers through Reading, Book Week and Grandparents Day... the list goes on. To follow that, the next two weeks ahead are going to be busy as well so read on for more information.

Emily Eyefinger

Next Tuesday, 10th September, Mrs McLellan, Mrs Scheinecker and Mrs Corke will be take our primary students to attend the stage production of the popular children's novel, Emily Eyefinger. The bus will leave school at **9.15am**. Children who are attending this excursion will need to be at school no later than 9.00am. Children will need to bring their lunch and recess in a plastic bag clearly marked with their name. They will need to wear full school uniform, a hat and any medication necessary.

The theatre starts at 10.30am and concludes at 11.30am. Children will then have lunch in at Newcastle Foreshore and return to school by 3.00pm.

Sounds like a great day out!

School Canteen

Thank you to our community volunteers, particularly Kelly James, for running the canteen in the past week in the absence of our wonderful canteen manager, Judy Mayer. We wish Judy all the best for a speedy recovery. It is great to see the community getting behind our great canteen facility and continuing to run it smoothly.

Debating at Mulbring

Our debating team of Toni Woods, Tony Stair and Ebony Robertson will travel to Mulbring Public School on Monday morning to compete in the next round of debating in the Kurri Kurri Learning Community. The topic that the team will be debating is "Social networks are harmful". Our team will be arguing in the negative (meaning that social networking isn't harmful). Sounds interesting!

Girls PSSA Hunter Softball Team

Well done, Emily on your recent trip to Sydney with the Hunter region girls' Softball team to compete in the State trials. By all accounts, she had a wonderful experience at the trials and even got to pitch throughout the tournament.

The following is an account of her experience.

A team of 12 girls were picked from schools around the Hunter to represent the Hunter in the Combined Schools Softball Championships held in Penrith.

There was a total of 13 teams in the competition.

The competition went for 3 days with 9 girls taking the diamond and 3 in reserves. We have a pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, short stop, third base, right field, centre field, and left field. We played 4 games on the first day, 3 games on the second day and another 2 on the third day. There were 3 pools (A, B and C) in the tournament, Hunter being in the top pool playing against the best in Sydney. At the end of the tournament Hunter came in 6th position out of 13 teams and I was voted most valuable player for Hunter. I have made a lot of new friends from other schools in the Hunter and also in Sydney. This was my second year representing with the PSSA Hunter softball team and I have enjoyed the experience and love to play the game and look forward to next year's tryouts. I would also like to thank Mrs Lowe from Parks Point Primary School and Helen Sandall from Swansea Primary School who gave up their own time 2 days a week with training after school and on weekends. Special thanks to my Mum, Nanna and Pop and also my brother Brodie for supporting me in my sporting endeavours. By Emily Gordon



KKHS Year 6 Transition Day

5/6L participated in a Year 7 English lesson on Tuesday from Mr Berry at Kurri Kurri High School. This allowed our staff, and our students, to experience, first hand, what English looks like in Year 7. 5/6M will have this experience next Tuesday, 17th September.

Our Year 6 students attending KKHS next year will have a second transition visit next Wednesday, 11th September. Students will be travelling by bus to the High School and back from 11:30-1:30.

Combined Scripture

There will be a Combined Scripture assembly next Thursday during scripture time for all of our participating scripture groups. This will be held in the school hall.

Partners in Print

Partners In Print will be held in 5/6M on Friday, 13th September from 9:30-10:30. This has proven to be very successful, with many of our parents experiencing the explicit teaching of reading in our classrooms.

School Assembly

Our next School Assembly will be held on Friday, 13th September. It will be a Year 1-run Assembly, with a special performance from them. Looking forward to it!

Science Discovery Day

On Monday, 16th September, Year 6 will be going to participate in the Science Discovery Day program. Year 4 will be participating in a Science@Home presentation from the University of Newcastle on Monday from 10am-11am. A very Science-minded day!

Canteen News

Third term is nearly over and to celebrate there will be a RED DAY. One day only – Monday 16th September. A price list of goodies will be sent home next week.

Parent Focus Group

We would like to invite any interested parents to attend a Parent Focus Group session to comment on school programs as part of our National Partnerships evaluation.

This session will be held in the hall on **Wednesday 18th September from 2.15-3.15pm** Parents will have the opportunity to express their opinions about school programs in a non-threatening and comfortable environment.

Mrs Burton and McGaw will host the session. All responses are confidential and the session will be run allowing all parents to participate. A light afternoon tea will be provided. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. We have had great responses over the past few years to these sessions, which has provided us with lots of useful feedback to inform our school plan and programs. To ensure we have an accurate response from the parent community, we need as many parents as possible to attend.

If you have any questions about what the Focus Group session involves, please contact Mrs Burton.

P&C Working Bee

We are looking at holding a second working bee for the term to clean up a few garden areas around the school. On Sunday, 15th September, we will work from 10am-12pm. Please come along for a nice social morning and a little bit of hard work.

We might even be able to enjoy a cold drink after work. The school would like to set a challenge of having a parent helper from every class. Can we do it?

P&C News

A quick thank you to the Mum's that helped out at the Fathers Day Stalls and Raffle Draw.

Congratulations to the winners!

The Kurri Community Festival will be held 26th October and our P&C are planning to hold a stall there. If you are interested in helping out on the day please see Kelly James or Rowena Boughton for more details.

Regional Spelling Bee

Shanen Bilby, Hannah Harris, Toni Woods and Temika Akins will be participating in the Regional Spelling Bee final at Tenambit Public School on Wednesday, 18th September. This is a very distinguished position for these students to be in and we wish them every success.

Staff Movement

Welcome back to Mrs Burton, who recently took Long Service Leave to travel to Hawaii. It is great to have you back !

Bike Safety Day

On Tuesday, 17th September we will be holding a Bike



Education Day. Volunteer cyclists who raise money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will come to our school and discuss bike safety with all of our students during the morning session.

Our guests will then work with our **Primary** students (year 3-6) who have brought their bike to school for the day and supervise safe riding strategies.

Because the RTA recommends children under ten years of age do not ride on roads, K-3 students will not be participating in the skills activities. Students bringing their bike **MUST** also bring an Australian Standards approved helmet, a road worthy bike and wear school shoes or joggers. Please ensure a safety check is carried out on your child's bicycle before the day. Students will not be permitted to share bikes on the day.

Parents and carers need to work out a suitable way for students to transport their bike to and from school. With parent supervision, students may ride their bike to school for the day.

Eco Explorers Term 3 Week 9

Trixta Fejsa-Brown K/1

Jackson Fitzgerald 3W

Michael Mayer 3/4

Jake Hughes K/1

October Holiday Activities @ your library

No phone bookings, tickets on sale mid September. Numbers strictly limited



Papier Mache Bowl Making - ages 5-12

Tuesday September 24	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 2.00	FREE
Tuesday October 1	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Bring along a small plastic bowl and learn how to create a beautiful papier mache bowl in this special workshop.

Kaleidoscope Making Workshop – ages – 5-12

Wednesday September 25	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 2.00	FREE
Monday September 30	Cessnock Library	2.30 – 3.30	FREE

Make and decorate your very own kaleidoscope!

Troy Murphie Magic Show – all ages

Thursday September 26	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$5.00
	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$5.00

How does he do it? Prepare to be amazed and entertained by the Maitland Wizard as he weaves his magic spells.

Scrapbooking Workshop– ages 8+

Wednesday October 2	Kurri Kurri Library	12.00 – 1.00	FREE
	Cessnock Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE

Bring along up to six of your favourite photos and create a lasting keepsake that you can treasure forever or give as a gift.

Wii, Games and Pizza Afternoon – ages 9+

Tuesday September 24	Cessnock Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00
Tuesday October 1	Kurri Kurri Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00

Wii, board games, craft, lego and pizza – what more could you want?

Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2

Monday September 23	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE
Monday September 30	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE

Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Magic Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 24	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday September 25	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Magical stories, songs and craft

Spring Storytime – ages 2-8

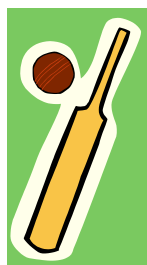
Tuesday October 1	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday October 2	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Spring has sprung – come along to our special spring storytime and have a blooming good time!

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan Childrens Services Officer

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WESTON - KURRI KURRI CRICKET CLUB

Registration days for all-ages Under 10 through to Under 16

Fridays - Sept. 6th, 13th and 20th 4pm to 5.30pm at Kurri Central

Saturday Sept 21st 10.30am to 12pm with light training and BBQ

New players need a copy of their birth certificate.