



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

16 September

Science Discovery
Day

17 September

Bike Safety Day

18 September

Spelling Bee
Competition

19 September

Breakfast Club BBQ
Exemplary
Student Day

20 September

Last Day of Term 3

8 October

Students Return for
Term 4

Playgroup Dates

Term 3

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 16 September

Sarah Blackmore

Pam Webb

Tenelle Allaway

Wed 18 September

Tammy Whalan

Sheryle Farley

Pam Webb

Fri 20 September

Elena Peters

Kelly James

Pam Webb

Principals Report

We are almost up to the September holidays and the October long weekend. It is hard to believe! It is timely that our teachers are now reminding our students of safe behaviour in the holidays, including road safety, sun safety and water safety. More information about keeping your child safe can be found on our website.

Debating at Mulbring

Well done to our debating team of Toni Woods, Temika Akins, Tony Stair and Ebony Robertson who travelled to Mulbring Public School on Monday morning to compete in the next

round of debating in the Kurri Kurri Learning Community. The topic debated was "Social networks are harmful". Our team argued in the negative (meaning that social networking isn't harmful).

The debate was very close with Mulbring being declared the winners.



Playgroup

Don't forget our lovely playgroup is back up and running now, after the winter break. Mrs Tweedie is here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, operating a wonderful little playgroup down in our school hall. Bring your toddlers along to enjoy a lovely morning. See the column on the left of this page for dates.

Science Discovery Day

Our Year 6 students will be attending the Maitland Science and Engineering Discovery Day on Monday, 16th September (Monday of Week 10) at St. Peter's Campus, Maitland. Students will be travelling on a bus with Mr McGaw to and from the event. The bus will be leaving the school at 9am and be returning by 3pm. This will be a wonderful day of learning for our students.

Science@Home

Speaking of Science, also on Monday, our Year 4 students will get a taste of Science@Home when the University of Newcastle visit to present their SMART show. This show demonstrates that science doesn't just happen in laboratory's or out in the field, but that some of the most exciting and relevant science is actually going on in our own homes. Chemistry in the kitchen, biology in the bathroom, physics in the home theatre, it's all there. This show aims to reach new levels of interactivity with plenty of demonstrations that can be repeated safely and cheaply in the classroom or to impress family back at home. The show is for all Year 4 students, at no cost, and will run from 10am-11am.

Exemplary Student Day

Exemplary Student Day will be held on Thursday, 19th September from 12:15pm-1:40pm. Exemplary students will participate in a choice of activities organised by the classroom teachers during the middle session of the day and will then enjoy an ice block at afternoon tea. One student from each class will be drawn out to have a special lunch with Mr Graham. These students will be notified on Wednesday. Good Luck!

Last Day of Term

The last day of Term 3 is Friday, 20th September. School will resume for students and staff on Tuesday, 8th October.

Time Capsule Opening

A note for your diary and spread the word! Our Time Capsule opening will be held on Friday, 29th November from 10am in the school hall. 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

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?

Year 6 High School Transition

5/6M will be participating in a Year 7 English lesson with Mr Scott Berry, from Kurri Kurri High School, at 10am on Tuesday, 17th September. Mr Berry will be introducing the students to some examples of the writing expectations in Year 7. This is a great transition initiative for all of our Stage 3 students to better prepare them for the demands of High School.

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.

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-2 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.

Breakfast Club BBQ

The Breakfast Club will be holding a free BBQ sausage sizzle on Thursday, 19th September from 8.45am as a thank you for the support the children and families have given to this service. Yum!



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Tayah, Daniella, Amy B, Grace, Nissa, Taya, William, Anastazia, Bella, Sacha, Eviee, Tyler, Liam, Riley, Shanen, Bradley, Emily, Annabelle, Trent, Summah and Riley T.

Congratulations also to Ky Haggarty, Chelsea White, Emily Gordon, Daniel Callaghan, Tahrlee Walker, Mitchell Patterson and Tayah Haggarty who received a Certificate of Merit.

Shaun Graham - Principal



Be the **BEST**
Parent you can
be !

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a positive parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. At a group you'll learn about :

- effective parenting strategies
- how to promote your child's development
- how to manage common child behaviour problems
- ways to help you deal with almost any situation that might arise

This is a **FREE** program !

When: 5 face to face sessions starting Thursday
17 October 2013

Where: Cessnock Family Support Service
5 Hall Street
Cessnock NSW

Time: 10 am—12 pm

To book a place or for more information please phone
Jules or Kate at Cessnock Family Support on
4990 4507





"Building Community Spirit"



Saturday, October 26th

**FREE
ADMISSION**

KURRI KURRI COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

KURRI RUGBY
LEAGUE GROUNDS

(12 midday
to 9pm)

Hosted by Meryl Swanson – Host of Midday's with Meryl on 1143 2HD.



Special Performance by ABBA Tribute Band

FABBA

7pm - 9pm

Gold Coin
Donation

Dress-up in your favourite ABBA fashions and come and dance to ABBA hits!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

12 midday - 7pm Variety Acts & Displays
Featuring Local Talent & Groups

1pm Billy Cart Derby
organized by Kurri Kurri Rotary Club

5pm - 6pm Cheerleader Competition
7pm - 9pm FABBA

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIR / PICNIC BLANKET & SUNSCREEN

- VARIOUS DISPLAYS • GYMNASTICS
- FOOD STALLS • RIDES • JUMPING CASTLE
- FACE PAINTING

A GREAT FAMILY DAY!

ALCOHOL FREE

**PLUS
MUCH MUCH
MORE!**

MAJOR SPONSORS:



Contact Carol Doherty
Festival Convenor 49380510

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WESTON - KURRI KURRI CRICKET CLUB

Registration days for all-ages Under 10 through to Under 16
Fridays - Sept. 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.