



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

4 February

Newcastle Knights
Community Visit

6 February

Swimming Carnival

7 February

Captains Induction
Assembly

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 3 February

Pam Webb
Kelly James
Sarah Blackmore

Wed 5 February

Judy Mayer
Sheryle Farley
Tammy Whalan

Fri 7 February

Judy Mayer
Julie Williams
Sarah Blackmore

Principal's Report

Welcome back! I am very excited about writing the first newsletter for the year, as there is so much to inform you about already! It was so wonderful to see the community engagement and interest from all of our families on our first three days at school for 2014. A very large contingent of families coming through our gates is a very positive sign and we are expecting a great year ahead.

Staffing for 2014

I would like to extend an official welcome to Lorraine Beveridge, who comes to our school with a very thorough knowledge of education and with great enthusiasm and passion for teaching children. She is a great asset for our school community. Mrs Beveridge is in the role of Assistant Principal, teaching 5/6B and supervising Stage 3 students and teachers.

Mrs Burton will be in the role of a Deputy Principal in 2014, overseeing many programs and initiatives within our School Plan. She will have an off-class role. Mrs Harris will be in the role of Assistant Principal, teaching Kindergarten and supervising Stage 1 students and teachers.

The following reflects the make-up of the rest of our staffing for 2014:

Teachers

Miss Kayla Perry
Mrs Michele Corke
Miss Elizabeth King
Mrs Jennifer Knight
Mrs Belinda Lantry
Mrs Sharon Wendt
Mrs Helen Grant

Librarian

Mrs Barbara McLellan

LAST

Mrs Kerri Ross
Mrs Jenni Palmer

School Counsellor

Mrs Lyn Osborne

School Administration Manager

Mrs Kirreley Macbeth

School Administration Officers

Mrs Kerri Robertson
Ms Ann Whitelaw Bacon
Mrs Megan McCann

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Pam Prior
Mrs Catherine Ford
Mrs Cheryl Smith
Mrs Melissa McGowan
Mrs Marnie Benic

General Assistant

Mr Rick Harmes

Welcome to Pelaw Main

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families. We hope your child has been able to tell you some positive experiences that they have already had at school this week and we hope they settle in nicely to their new school.



Welcome, also, to our new students and families from Stanford Merthyr Infants School. Your children had a very positive orientation last year and we hope they are comfortable in their new school and surroundings.

Lastly, welcome to our new families that have moved into the area in 2014 and we hope you like our wonderful school. We currently have 232 students enrolled at Pelaw Main Public School and it is anticipated that this number won't grow too much more than this.

School Uniform

Our students are looking wonderful in their school uniform and I just have two important notices about our uniform.

I would like to remind you that our Sun Safe policy

reflects that children are to wear a broad-brimmed hat to school every day. The P&C have these styles available for \$12 at the canteen or administration office. It is important that all children are bringing it to school, as our sport and PE activities require the wearing of this hat.

Our new school polo, the tri-colour polo, is currently only available through our P&C, as Lowes Menswear in Cessnock has had a delay in purchasing this item. As a school community, we are attempting to make this polo shirt the main uniform, but I understand that with limited supply and cost, students will still be wearing the plain sky blue polo through the coming months.

Sports Houses

If your child is new to the school, they will be placed in a Pelaw Main Public School Sports House today, either Hebburn (Maroon), Richmond (Gold) or Stanford (Blue) House. During our Athletics Carnival in Term 2, students will be able to dress in the colour of their house, so you will need to be aware of which house your child is in.

School Books

The school will be purchasing all exercise books for students to work with in 2014. Classroom teachers have issued a note to parents requesting other stationery items to be purchased and a little information about what will be going on in your child's classroom in 2014. If you have already purchased books for your child, you may still send these to school for them to use. If, when your child receives their exercise books in class, you would like to cover them, they may be sent home for covering. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to do this.

Newcastle Knights

The Newcastle Knights Community Development team will be visiting Pelaw Main Public School on Tuesday, 4th February, from 10:30am. The students (and some parents) will be excited to know that Danny Buderus will be coming out to liaise with the students and to share in the joys of playing and supporting Rugby League. Stage 1 and 2 students will be participating in this workshop from 10:30-10:55 and Stage 3 students will be from 11am - 11:30am. Wow, sounds exciting !

Swimming Carnival

Our Annual School Swimming Carnival is being held at East Maitland Swimming Pool next Thursday, 6th February. Students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be catching a bus to the pool, leaving Pelaw Main Public School at 9:30am. The cost for the bus and pool entry is \$6 (non refundable).

This money, and the permission note that was sent home on Thursday, will need to be returned to school before next Wednesday.

Those parents who are going to transport their own children to the pool will need to inform their child's classroom teacher prior to the day.

The cost to parents for pool entry is \$1.50 and for students going with their parents, \$2.50.

The bus will be returning to school at approximately 2:30pm.

This excursion has been planned to decide swimming champions and select swimmers for the Zone Swimming Carnival. Across the pool novelty races will also be held for students who are less confident swimmers.

Staff members with emergency care and CPR training will accompany students at the Swimming Carnival.

The excursion will involve the following water or swimming activities:

- 50m races
- 100m races
- 200m races (select children only)

Across the pool novelty races

If you do not want your child/children to participate in the swimming activities please send a note to this effect.

The school will provide rescue flotation boards to students who may require assistance in the water. Students are to wear sports uniform and should bring sunscreen, swimmers, towel, wide-brimmed hat, spare t-shirt, jumper and drink, as well as a packed lunch and recess. The pool canteen will be open on the day for drinks, iceblocks etc. however we are asking that all students bring a packed lunch and a drink.

If you have any questions regarding the swimming carnival please see Mr Burley or Miss Roach.

Communication Reminder

Just a reminder to you about communication between parents and school staff members.

Please refer to the table below for reference.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	Directly contact your child's class teacher either by note, by phone or at an appropriate time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of your own child	For minor issues directly contact your child's class teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, etc, please contact the office.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the supervisor or principal for playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the teacher directly in the first instance. For more serious concerns, contact office to arrange an appointment to see the principal.

Induction of School Captains

Our new school captains for 2014 will be officially inducted with a badge presentation on Friday, 7th February. This ceremony will also include a signing of the Student Leader Code of Conduct for parents and students.

Sports House Captains will be elected today and will also be presented with their badges during Friday's induction Assembly.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please have all uniform orders in by Thursday the 6th of February.

Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a flexible break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning session and are able to sip on water throughout the school day, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.



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Don't forget the bottle of water
and fruit or vegetables for
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Shaun Graham - Principal



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REGISTRATION DAYS

2ND February, 10-12

9TH February, 10-12

Both days will be held at the Old Boys Shed, Kurri Kurri Senior Ground.

All RETURNING players must Re-Register online, please contact the club secretary on 0448386708 for details.