



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 February

P&C Meeting
1.40pm In the Hall

28 February

Zone Swimming
Carnival

14 March

School Photos

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 10 February

Pam Webb
Kelly James
Rowena Boughton

Wed 12 February

Judy Mayer
Sheryle Farley
Kati Rashford
Jessica Phillips

Fri 14 February

Judy Mayer
Elena Peters
Sarah Blackmore

Principal's Report

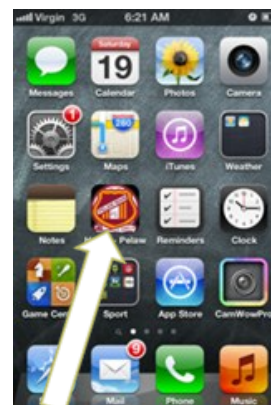
I am happy to report a very positive start to our 2014 school year.

In particular, communication between home and school seems to have started smoothly, with class letters going home to all students in regards to what is happening in each class and parents happily approaching their child's classroom teacher for various reasons.

Further to communicating, I must apologise for not having paper copies of newsletters go home to all students last Friday. This was due to a copier breakdown, but we are fortunate to be able to access the newsletter from our website, so I trust that you were able to do that in light of newsletters not being sent home.

You are able to easily access the newsletter from your smartphone by simply finding our school's website in your internet browser and choosing to download it to your phone's desktop.

You will then have an App icon on your phone and the home page will look like the picture to the right.



School Leaders for 2014

Our School Captains and Prefects were inducted with a badge presentation and a signing of the School leader Code of Conduct on Friday.

Congratulations, Ebony Robertson and Jarod Franks, on being elected to your position as captains of our great school and congratulations to Lilly O'Brien and Lachlan Todhunter on being elected as Prefects.

Our Sports captains were also elected last Friday and performed their duties admirably on Thursday at our Swimming Carnival.

Hebburn – Captains – Judah Bower and Makira Kiem.

Vice Captains – Matthew Bilby and Georgia McTegg .

Richmond – Captains – Jaiden Hawes and Amy Stackman.

Vice Captains – Kobie Tuckwell and Summer Mackay.

Stanford – Captains – Tom Whalan and Shana Sullivan.

Vice Captains – Annabelle Summerville and Daniel Callaghan.

Drumbeat

The school has initiated a resilience program for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students this year, entitled Drumbeat. This program will operate on a Wednesday and Thursday during the afternoon learning session and is being coordinated by Mrs Burton. Mrs Burton will also have two co-facilitators, Mrs Harris and Miss Perry, who will help oversee the program. Several students in each stage will have the opportunity to participate in this music/social skills program. We hope to see a performance from these groups towards the end of term.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for 2014 will be held on Tuesday, 11th February from 1:40pm in the school hall. It would be wonderful to see a good, strong attendance to start the ball rolling this year. We do have some exciting initiatives in the pipeline, so your input and feedback would be welcomed.

School Fees

Voluntary School Contribution fees have been set at \$45 per family for 2014. These fees enable us to supply students with classroom resources, such as maths equipment, technology support and stationery. If you are able to make this payment, please do so at the school office. Thank you.

Best Start Assessments

Our Kindergarten students in KH and K/1P are currently undertaking, or about to undertake, their Best Start assessment. The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills that each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten, to inform the development of quality teaching and learning programs. Later in the term, your child's teacher will meet with you to discuss the results and further inform you about the learning programs for your child.

Scripture

Selective religious instruction (Scripture) will begin at Pelaw Main Public School on Thursday, 13th February. Please ensure you have up-to-date information at school about your child's religious placement, to ensure they are placed in the correct group.

Attendance

Congratulations to 3W and 4L, who received a certificate and the shared responsibility of hosting Ribbit this week, for being the classes with the best attendance.



Healthy Lunchboxes

Good eating habits begin in childhood. For children to keep up their energy levels and get through a hectic day at school, they need to eat a variety of foods. Try to include fruit and reduced fat milk, or another reduced fat dairy product, in the lunch box every day.

Here are some ideas:

- Snack** - pikelets with margarine spread and jam
- Lunch** - reduced fat cheese and chutney sandwich, with fruit in season and water
- Snack** - half a corn on the cob (pre-cooked and wrapped)
- Lunch** - ham, mustard and tomato sandwich, with fruit in season and water
- Snack** - small tub reduced fat yoghurt (plain or fruit)
- Lunch** - tuna, lettuce and avocado in a wholegrain roll, with fruit in season and water
- Snack** - small can or tub of fruit
- Lunch** - chicken and lettuce rolled up in Lebanese bread, with fruit in season and plain, reduced fat milk in a thermos (to keep it cold)
- Snack** - vegie sticks (e.g. carrot, capsicum) with a small tub of salsa dip
- Lunch** - peanut butter sandwich, with fruit in season, small tub reduced fat yoghurt (plain or fruit) and water.



Rugby League Visit

We had a very positive visit from the NRL Development Officers, and Knights legend, Danny Buderus, last Tuesday. They came with a message about anti-bullying and to also promote the game of Rugby League in our local community. We also had an appearance on the NBN news that night. The students were very excited to tell me! Mrs Lantry's class and Mrs Knight's class had a photo with Danny, as well!



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at this weeks assembly: Anna, Mitchell P, Shilah, Keleigh, Lacey, Coleby, Shelby, Taize, Fiona, Cooper M, Jordan H, Sarah, Reegan S, Anezca, Jaida, Brodie H, Jorja C, Shanen, Brandon, Annabelle, and Jackson. Congratulations also to Max Johnson, Hamish Wright, Jazmine Blair, Chelsea Craine, Shaun Cumming, Cade Timmins, Kaleb Mann, Tahlea Franks, Jayden Smith and Trinity Hawkins who received a Certificate of Merit.

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
0448 386 708 for details.

Swimming Carnival 2014

