



# Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 1 WEEK 4

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### 26 February

Senior Boys Cricket

#### 28 February

Zone Swimming  
Carnival

#### 4 March

Snake Tails

#### 6 March

Meet the Teacher  
Afternoon from 3.30

#### 11 March

P&C AGM and  
Monthly Meeting  
1.40pm in the Hall

#### 14 March

School Photos

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

##### Mon 24 February

Pam Webb  
Sharon Jones  
Sarah Blackmore

##### Wed 26 February

Judy Mayer  
Sheryle Farley  
Kelly James

##### Fri 28 February

Judy Mayer  
Kelly James  
Sarah Blackmore

## Principal's Report

Our Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening is scheduled for Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30pm. Your child's classroom teacher will be sending a note home soon about organising a time to speak to you during this afternoon session, after school. We will do our best to coordinate your times, if you have siblings in different classes. This was a very successful event last year, with some very positive feedback from parents.

Parents of Aboriginal children will be invited to meet with their child's teacher during the day, on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. This will be to discuss your child's personalised learning plan for the year. There will be specific times allocated for parents to attend these meetings, but if you are unable to attend at the given time, an alternative interview can be arranged. You will not need to attend the parent evening meeting, if you speak to your child's teacher on this day.

Parents of Kindergarten children in Mrs Harris's class will meet with Mrs Harris to discuss their child's Best Start Assessment on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. Parents of Kindergarten children in Miss Perry's class will meet with Miss Perry on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Notes will be sent home shortly. This will be in lieu of the Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## Attendance

Congratulations to K/1P, who received a certificate and the right to host Ribbit for the week, for being the class with the best attendance in Week 3. Please ensure your child is attending school as often as possible.

## Active After School Sport

Active after School Sport on Wednesdays is now open to Year 2 students as well. If you would like your child to participate in the Tae Kwon Do activities, please collect a permission note from the office. Year 2 students have also been given a copy of the permission note, if they showed an interest in participating. **Just a reminder that Wednesdays' activities finish at 4:30pm.** The final session for this term will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Jewellery at School

As part of our School Uniform Policy, and, as published in our school information booklet, wherever possible, no jewellery should be worn to school. If earrings are worn, then only sleepers or studs should be worn. Dangling earrings, necklaces, coloured headbands, bracelets etc. are not part of our uniform. They are not necessary at school. Valuable jewellery can be lost or broken and can also be dangerous. Parent cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Merit Award System

I would just like to draw your attention to our merit award system that exists across the school.

The following poster gives you an indication of the system our school has in place to reward excellent behaviour.



## Partners in Print

Our next Partners in Print program will be on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30am in 3/4K. Information and an expression of interest will be sent home this week with students in 3/4K. We hope you are able to attend.

Partners in Print – 9.30am to 10.30am Fridays.

Week 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 3/4K

Week 7 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 4L

Week 8 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 5/6B

Week 9 – 28<sup>th</sup> March Year 5/6G

## Waste Free Lunch Day is Back!

Waste Free Lunch day is held every Thursday. This year it is more exciting as classes are working towards a special hot chip lunch at the end of term. Each Thursday 5 students are randomly chosen and if they have a waste free lunch, they receive a prize and 1 point for their class.

So far, 3/4K is in the lead by 1 point.

Some tips for waste free lunch day.

Buy in bulk – buy products in large packets and put portions into plastics containers that can be bought home and washed to use again.

Use plastic containers to store sandwiches instead of plastic wrap.

Use plastic drink bottles of water instead of poppers, milk cartons and juice bottles.

## School Uniform

Lowes Menswear at Cessnock have assured me that they will continue to stock Pelaw Main Public School uniforms, including the new tri-colour polo.

Several parents had difficulty accessing the new polo shirt from Lowes over the holidays and this communication breakdown has now been resolved. However, there may be a delay in the ordering of their stock.

The P&C do stock plenty of our uniform items and have them available for sale on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45am.

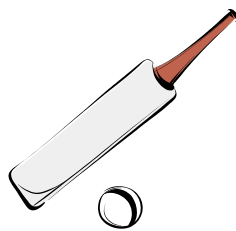
If any of these days do not suit, please contact the office with your details and a member of the P&C will contact you to arrange a time to pick up uniforms.

The P&C have added a new item to the Sports uniform. The maroon A-line skirt with shorts are \$15 each.

## Senior Boys Cricket

The senior boys Cricket team are scheduled to play Mulbring Public School on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup>

February. As yet, we haven't received confirmation from council about ground hire, so notes will go out as soon as this is clarified. Mr Burley will be supervising the team on this day.



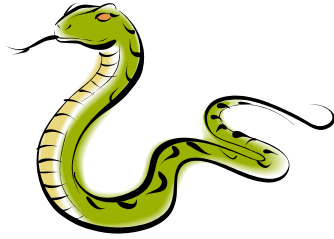
## Zone Swimming Carnival

The Cessnock PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Permission notes and competitor events have been sent home to the relevant students. A more detailed event list will be distributed prior to the carnival.

Good luck, super swimmers!

## Snake Tails

This term we have invited Snake Tails to come and talk to the children about reptiles. They bring a diverse range of reptiles including pythons, lizards and turtles.



They offer a hands-on and interactive show that aims to educate students about Australia's unique wildlife and our native reptiles. As children seem to be fascinated by reptiles it is advantageous to educate them about their dangers as well as their charms. We hope that every child will be able to attend this presentation.

**Date:** Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Cost:** \$6 per student

Please fill in the permission note and return it to the office with the \$6 by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## Breakfast Club

We would like to have a few more volunteers for our free Breakfast Club this year.



We hope to start running this every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45-9:15am, starting in March. Volunteers would need to start at around 8:30 to set up and finish at about 9:30-9:45. Please see Mr Graham to register your interest and for more information.

## P&C News

The AGM will be held at 1.40pm prior to our monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th March. If you are interested in holding an executive position please see Mr Graham or Judy at the Canteen for further details. You do not need to be a member of the P&C to attend the meetings.

ALL P&C VOLUNTEERS - please note - the \$4 levy must be paid and a NEW child safety form needs to be completed BEFORE you commence any activities within the school. Please see the Office asap to update your identification and pay your levy.

## 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.

## Live Life Well

**Great reasons to be active for children and parents:**

- ✓ boosts confidence
- ✓ improves fitness
- ✓ makes bones and muscles stronger
- ✓ improves posture
- ✓ helps maintain a healthy weight
- ✓ lowers the risk of heart disease
- ✓ reduces stress
- ✓ improves sleep
- ✓ reduces the risk of cancer
- ✓ improves self confidence
- ✓ teaches you new skills
- ✓ develops better motor skills
- ✓ makes a person happier with their body
- ✓ lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

## Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this weeks assembly.

Principal's Awards: Braydon Q and Marty.

Citizenship Awards: Skyla and Trinity.

Class Achievement Awards: Paul, Chelsea C, Olivia T, Brodie S, Hayley, Jake, Sophie B, Lilly S, Jayden D, Jade, Conner, Blake, Erika, Chloe R, Hannah, Chloe H, Angus C, Daniel and Jeorjia W.

Certificate of Merit: Chelsea W, Hamish W, Isaak C, Toby C, Jace, Ally-Jane, Ebony, Skyla, Kobi D and Mitchell P.

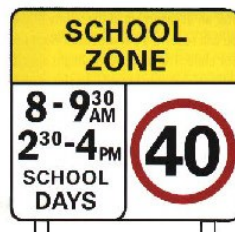


## Driving and parking safely near Pelaw Main Public School

School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicle traffic outside our school in Abermain Street. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of ALL children so...



- ☒ Always take extra care in the 40km/h school zone - slow down as there are many children around
- ☒ Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate
- ☒ Observe all parking signs at the front of the school - these signs help keep our children safe
- ☒ Always drop your children on the school side of Abermain St - use the turning circle to turn around.
- ☒ Meet your children on the school-side of the road, preferably at the school gate or under the cola - especially in wet weather
- ☒ Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you
- ☒ Always park rear to the fence on the Jacob's Park side of Abermain Street.



- ☒ NEVER double park or reverse your vehicle - this blocks the vision of other drivers and puts children at risk
- ☒ NEVER call to your children from across the road - teach them to wait until you come to them

