



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 WEEK 8

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24 June

Boys' PSSA Soccer
Career & Health Quest

25 June

Girls' Touch Football

26 June

Exemplary Student
Day

27 June

Last Day of Term 2

14 July

Term 3 Staff Return

15 July

Students Return

22 July

P&C Meeting
6pm in the Staffroom

23 July

The Big Samba

Playgroup Dates

Term 3

August 12th, 14th,
19th, 21st, 26th, 28th
September 2nd, 4th,
9th, 11th.

Term 4

October 21st, 23rd,
28th, 30th.
November 4th, 6th,
11th, 13th, 18th, 20th.
10am-11.30am
In the Hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 23 June

Judy Mayer
Sarah Blackmore
Rowena Boughton
Sharon Jones

Wed 25 June

Judy Mayer
Tammy Whalan
Sheryle Farley

Fri 27 June

Judy Mayer
Deanne McTegg
Sarah Blackmore

Principal's Report

Thank you for making this term such a wonderful learning experience for all of our students across the school. We had a lot of busy weeks, jam-packed with interesting learning opportunities for our students.

I appreciate the community support around things such as P&C Meetings, Canteen, Breakfast Club, transporting students, helping at sporting events, organising your child for excursions, attending Partners in Print or simply helping out in your child's classroom now and then. I hope this support continues next Semester.

Attendance

Ribbit was able to spend the week in Kindergarten this week, after they received the best attendance for the term. Please ensure your child is coming to school every day.



Connected Classroom Speeches

Stage 1 students will be participating in a series of speeches in conjunction with Stanford Merthyr Infants School and Nillo Public School on Monday, 23rd June, from 9:30am. This event will be held in our Connected Classroom and involves the students presenting a speech to three separate audiences via video-link. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students. We wish them all the best.

KKLC Drumbeat Group

Two of our Year 6 students, Nura and Damon, will be performing with the Kurri Kurri Learning Community Drumbeat group, on Thursday, 26th June. They will be travelling with the group to Bellbird Public School and Cessnock East Public School, to perform to the students in those schools. What a great opportunity for these two young boys! More performances will be held by this group early next term.

Girls' Netball Cup

Thank you to the parents who were able to help out with transport to the Girls' Netball Cup on Tuesday. I hear that it was a very exciting, but tiring, day and our girls' team gained a lot of experience from the day.

KKHS Transition

Well done to our Year 6 students for the way they presented themselves at Kurri Kurri High School on Wednesday, as part of their transition to Year 7 in 2015. Thank you to Mrs Grant, Mrs Burton and Mrs McGowan for supporting the students on the day.

Red Cross Breakfast Survey

I have attached a survey from Red Cross, in relation to breakfast habits of your children. We are looking at getting sponsorship from Red Cross as of next term, to fund our Breakfast Club, so we need to have as many surveys completed as possible to give them feedback about our school community. If you return your survey to the office, you will receive a chocolate frog, on behalf of Ribbit (he is feeling generous at the moment!).

Drumbeat

Our Girls' Drumbeat group performed at the Kurri Kurri Early Childhood Centre yesterday.

The Boys' Drumbeat group will be performing for the students at Kurri Kurri Pre-school on Thursday, 26th June.

Mural Workshop

Three of our Aboriginal students will be participating in a workshop at Kurri Kurri High School on Monday, 23rd June, to design a mural with other students from the Kurri Kurri Learning Community. This mural will then be placed on display at the High School during EDFEST and beyond.

Exemplary Student Day

Exemplary Student Day will be held on Thursday, 26th June. From 12:30pm, students with exemplary status will get to participate in games and activities with staff, on a rotational basis. At the end of the activities, just before recess, students will enjoy an ice block with their peers. Students who have received one or no visits to planning room are eligible to be exemplary.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Career & Health Quest

All of our Stage 3 Aboriginal students will be visiting Kurri Kurri High School on Tuesday, 24th June to participate in the Career and Health Quest Expo. Approximately 20-25 presenters will host information stations allowing small group discussions with students about University, TAFE, Apprenticeship options and pathways, specialist health topics and career pathway information. Aboriginal role models will also be presenting from a number of different fields.

Public Speaking Competition

Our School Representatives for the Hunter Public Speaking Competition will be practising their speeches in front of the whole school on Wednesday, 25th June, from 12:30pm. These students will have already been notified of their achievements.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of school for Term 2 is Friday, 27th June. A small newsletter will go home on this day, however, dates for events in Term 3 will appear on the website as they become apparent. School Students will return to school on Tuesday, 15th July.

The Big Samba

Performance : The Big Samba, Wednesday 23rd July

In Week 2 next term, our school will be hosting a performance, "The Big Samba", which is a hands-on musical teamwork show based on Brazilian Carnival street music. This show is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year Six. Reviews from other schools have been very positive.

A note went home with each child during the week with further details and a permission note. If you would like your child to participate, please return the permission note and payment to the office as soon as possible.



Boys' Soccer

The Boys' Soccer team will be playing Abermain Public School on Tuesday, 24th June in the PSSA Knockout. Boys will have received their note by the end of the week.



Girls' Touch Football

The Girls' Touch Footy team will be playing Cessnock West on Wednesday, 25th June from 10am. Girls will have received their note by the end of the week.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will be holding a free sausage sizzle on Tuesday from 8:30am, to say thank you to the students for their patronage this term. There will be no Breakfast Club on Thursday.

Home Reading

Congratulations to Jordan, Trinity, Kaleb M and Cade from 2C for completing 100 nights of home reading.



Semester One Reports

Just a reminder that student Semester One Reports will be handed out on Wednesday, 25th June. If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, once they are distributed, please make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher.

P&C News

Thank you to all the students who participated in "Red Day" on Thursday. We Raised \$299.45. These funds will contribute to helping the school upgrade the P.A. system in the hall. The next P&C Meeting will be held at **6pm** on Tuesday, 22nd July in the school staffroom. Don't forget the P&C Fundraising Golf Day to be held on Sunday, 10th August at Kurri Kurri Golf Club. Flyers have been sent home and are around the school for further information.

Canteen News

Menus have been distributed today with some new products we are trialling. The most popular items will be added to the menu. Try something new!



Live Life Well at School

Rainy day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- play hide and seek
- play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
- have a dance competition or disco at home
- set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

Eco Explorers Week 9

Chloe B 3/4, Jaida 3/4, Shelby K/1 & Hayley K/1.

Assembly Awards

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

Principal's Awards: Damon and Nura.

Citizenship Awards: Paul and Jamie.

Class Achievement Awards: Jasper, Emmy, Cody, Trey, Nissa, Bailey, Alexis, Sacha, Bella, Olivia F, Reegan M, Daniel, Ky, Aydan O, Seth, Taia E, Jack O, and Tahlia H.

Certificate of Merit: Jayden M, Riley C, Ebony, Coleby, Hunter, Cameron, Jade, Bradley, Tahlea F, Reegan M, Trinity, Kyra, James, Ella, Matthew, Trixta, Cody, Issac M and Cade.

Sacramental Program - Holy Spirit Catholic Church

If you have a child in Year 4 or upwards who has been baptised Catholic, and would like them to be enrolled in the Sacramental Program to make their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion in 2014 there will be a Parent information night on Wednesday 23rd July at 7pm at Holy Spirit School, Barton Street Kurri Kurri.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Brown on 49374574 after 5pm.

July Holiday Activities @ your library

No phone bookings, tickets on sale early June. Numbers strictly limited

"FROZEN" MOVIE & CRAFT – ages 5-12

Monday June 30	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Monday July 7	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies followed by craft

MODEL BUILDING COMPETITION – ages 5+

Tuesday July 1	Cessnock Library	12.00-1.00	FREE
		2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Wednesday July 2	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 2.00	FREE
		3.00 – 4.00	FREE

Be part of the great annual Cessnock Library model building competition with those famous plastic bricks!

ART WORKSHOP WITH CASSCAR ART STUDIO – ages 7+

Thursday July 3	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00-12.00	\$8.00
	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	\$8.00

Create an imaginative sculpture using organic and traditional sculptural materials and techniques with local artist and teacher Sandii Walker.

TROY MURPHIE MAGIC SHOW – ages 5+

Friday July 4	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$5.00
	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$5.00

What tricks does he have up his sleeve? Prepare yourselves for an hour of magic and mayhem with the Maitland Wizard.

KNITTING NANCY WORKSHOP – ages 8+

Monday July 7	Cessnock Library	11.00 – 12.30	FREE
Wednesday July 9	Kurri Kurri Library	3.00 – 4.30	FREE

What is a knitting nancy? Find out, decorate one and learn how to use it in this free workshop – materials and tools provided.

DREAMTIME STORYTIME – ages 2-8

Tuesday July 8	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
	Kurri Kurri Library (in Rotary Park if weather permits)	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Special dreamtime story time to celebrate NAIDOC week – stories, songs and craft

DREAMTIME RHYMETIME/STORYTIME - ages 0-8

Wednesday July 9	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
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Songs, rhymes and dancing – as well as a special dreamtime storytelling session

ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP – ages 5+

Tuesday July 8	Kurri Kurri Library	11.00 – 12.00	\$5.00
	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$5.00

Learn about Aboriginal Art and its symbols in this hands-on workshop presented by Les Elvin, local Aboriginal artist.

TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP – ages 10+

Thursday July 10	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.30	FREE
	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.30	FREE

Come along and learn the traditional aboriginal art of basket weaving with Michelle Earl – materials and tools provided.

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

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