



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 WEEK 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28 July

Debating Workshop

29 July

EDFEST

31 July

Author Visit

1 August

Zone Athletics Carnival

Beanie Day Fundraiser

10 August

P&C Golf Day

18 October

P&C Shopping Trip

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 28 July

Judy Mayer
Sarah Blackmore
Rowena Boughton

Wed 30 July

Judy Mayer
Tammy Whalan
Sheryle Farley

Fri 1 August

Judy Mayer
Kelly James
Elena Peters

Principal's Report

I was very humbled by the great community involvement in the P&C Meeting on Tuesday night. We had a large number of parents attend the 6pm meeting and it is hopeful that we will continue to have such good attendance in the future. There were many productive discussions in moving forward to raise money for our students to have the best possible learning environment throughout their education at Pelaw Main. Thank you for showing your support. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th August, once again, at 6pm. Just a reminder that, if you haven't paid membership, you are welcome to pay it at the school canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before, or at, the next P&C Meeting. Membership is \$4.

The Big Samba

The students have had two fabulous days of creative arts and culture in the past week. Wednesday's Big Samba performance was just out of this world, a loud cacophony of percussion could be heard all across the school throughout the afternoon session. I trust your child enjoyed the workshop, if they attended.



NAIDOC Day

Our students were fabulous on Thursday, in joining with our neighbouring schools, Mulbring and Stanford Merthyr, as well as several Kurri Kurri High students, to celebrate NAIDOC day. Miss Perry organised a very special event, and a great day was enjoyed by all.



GATS Education Project

Fifteen selected Year 6 students have been participating in a Gifted and Talented education project in conjunction with Kurri Kurri Learning Community as an extra initiative for their transition to High School. These students are participating in a project to design a new suburb just outside Pelaw Main, in the current Hunter Economic Zone. The students' projects will be on display at Kurri Kurri High School on Tuesday night, from 5:15pm, as a part of the Kurri Kurri Learning Community EDFEST celebrations.

EDFEST Choir and Dance Group

Our Choir group and Dance group will be performing at EDFEST at Kurri Kurri High from 6pm on Tuesday night. Students are asked to meet Mrs Knight and Mrs Simpson on the grass beside the gymnasium no later than 5:30pm. Notes have been distributed to the relevant students. There will be an art show in the gymnasium from 5:15pm. Several of our students will have art on display. All parents are welcome to attend.

Staffing for Semester 2

The school executive have made the decision to continue with Mrs Farrell teaching 5/6B, most likely until the end of the year, and Mrs Grant will continue in her role as relieving Assistant Principal until the end of the year, while Mrs Beveridge continues her leave.

Debating Workshop

On Monday, our school will be hosting a Debating workshop for 16 students across the Kurri Kurri Learning Community. Four of our students from Year 6 will be participating in a workshop coordinated by a former DEC consultant. This training will lead to the students participating in a debating competition across the Learning Community later in the term. This workshop will be held in the school hall.

Work Experience Student

Amy Pryor, Year 10 student at Kurri Kurri High, will be undertaking a work experience placement at our school next week. Amy will be working in various classrooms throughout the week. We wish her all the best.

Playground Maintenance

As I mentioned last week, our playground area has been disrupted by some temporary fencing that has been placed around several trees that our maintenance team are trimming or removing in the near future. I apologise for this inconvenience.

Bulldogs/Goannas Cup

Several of our senior boys and girls will be participating in the Bulldogs/Goannas Rugby League Cup on Wednesday, at Kurri Kurri Sports Ground. This competition is open to all Cessnock and Kurri Kurri schools. The first game for Pelaw Main will be from 10:20am. They will be involved in at least four games throughout the day. All the best, boys and girls!

Author Visit

On Thursday, 31st July, Cessnock City Library has arranged to visit our school with a guest author/illustrator to read stories with the children, to celebrate Education Week. From 2:15pm, students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to listen to Gus Gordon talk about his books. Gus's books will be on sale after the presentation.

Beanie Day

Next Friday, 1st August, students are asked to wear a beanie to school for a gold coin donation.

The day is to raise awareness of brain cancer and funds raised will be donated to the Mark Hughes Foundation and the Hunter Medical Research Institute. It's perfect beanie weather, so help raise some money!



Zone Athletics

Some of our students will be travelling to Turner Park, Cessnock on Friday, 1st August to compete in the Zone Athletics Carnival.

Travel to the carnival will be by private transport.

The starting time is 9.30am and we are required to be there by 9.15am at the latest.

Students are asked to wear sports uniform. Each child should dress in warm clothes and bring a packed recess, lunch and drink. (A canteen will also be operating). Permission notes need to be completed and returned to the office by Tuesday 29th July. Best of luck to all the competitors!



Canberra Excursion Reminder

Just a reminder that final payments for the Canberra excursion are due at the office by the 8th of August. Thank you to all the families who are making regular payments or have already paid in full.

Partners in Print

During Term 3 we will continue to run our parent involvement program for reading. This term 'Partners in Print' will be for students and their parents/caregivers in classes 3W, 3/4K, 4L, 5/6G and 5/6B.



Partners in Print will be held on allocated Friday mornings, with a different class involved each week. Teachers will lead small group activities based around reading or vocabulary activities, with parents/caregivers and their child. In small groups, teachers will work with the students and model a strategy that parents and caregivers can use at home to support children's reading and language development. Parents and carers will watch how the teacher works with the students and then work with their own child one-on-one to practise the strategy they observed the teacher implement. The process is child centred, relaxed and enjoyable. Please find below a timetable for classes to participate in Partners in Print for Term 3. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program. We would like one parent/carer for each child to come along on the day to work with their child. These sessions will be held in the classrooms from 9.30-10.30am.

Week 3 – 1 st August	Class 3/4K
Week 4 – 8 th August	Class 3W
Week 5 – 15 th August	Class 4L
Week 6 – 22 nd August	Class 5/6G
Week 7 – 29 th August	Class 5/6B

Assembly Awards

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

Principal's Awards: Georgia M and Jamie H.

Citizenship Awards: Jazmine B and Tyler.

Class Achievement Awards: Savanah, Coleby, Trevor, Angela, Lilly R, Toby, Kynan, Braydan T, Summer M, Cooper M, Tyler, Kayla A, Zane S, Shilah, Jeorjia W, Damon, Emma C and Seth.

Certificate of Merit: Imogen, Skyla, Mitchell P, Lilly H, Emmy, Olivia W, Mia B, Brodie S, Jayden S, Jaida M, Isabel, Nayte, Alex, Sacha, Max S, Tyler, Tony P, Zac, Conner A, Olivia T, Jordan H and Koby C.

Live Life Well at School

Fundamental movement skills

There is evidence that children with poor fundamental movement skills such as jumping, skipping, leaping, kicking, throwing and catching are less likely to be active. Give your kids a head start and teach them these skills.

A running game to try at home

Frost and Thaw

Equipment: Nil

Playing Space: Grassed area

Number of Players: from 3 up (the more the better)

One child is Frost and the other is Thaw. Frost tries to tag as many of the other players as possible.

Once tagged, the children freeze on the spot. Thaw can melt these players by tagging them. The children then join in the game again.

Eco Explorers Week 3

Isaack C K/1, Alex H 1K, Koby M K/1 and Kye K/1.

