



# Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 4 WEEK 1

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 21st October**  
Deadly Cooking Follow Up  
**Monday 21st October**  
ATSI Transition Day  
**Friday 25th October**  
Assembly - Captains and  
Prefects  
Day for Daniel  
**Monday 28th October**  
AECG Meeting Mount View  
HS  
Grandparents Day  
**Wednesday 6th November**  
Great Aussie Bush Camp  
**Thursday 7th November**  
Great Aussie Bush Camp  
**Friday 8th November**  
Great Aussie Bush Camp  
Assembly - Captains and  
Prefects  
**Friday 15th November**  
Stanford Merthyr Yr3  
Transition with 2/3 Green  
**Friday 22nd November**  
Stanford Merthyr Yr3  
Transition with 2/3 Green  
Assembly - 4/5 Indigo  
**Monday 25th November**  
AECG Meeting Cessnock HS  
**Tuesday 26th November**  
AET Leadership Day SPCC  
**Thursday 5th December**  
Year 6 Graduation  
**Wednesday 11th December**  
Year 6 Fun day

### Partners In Learning

When	Class
28th Oct	K Red

### TADPOLES

Friday 9:30-11am  
weekly until Week 8.

Paperwork to be  
handed in to the  
office ASAP.

## 2/3 Green Class News

Last term, 2/3 Green students worked diligently to improve their narrative writing skills. This is a piece of writing that the class constructed together. This sample also shows the wonderful vocabulary the students have been learning and using in their own writing.

### The Leopard

Sprinting quietly as the snow fell, the lean, large leopard worked rapidly, eager to catch its prey. The most graceful, majestic, athletic wild cat from the high mountains of China was always on the lookout for its next feast. Little did she know that her next victim was too powerful. The lean, large leopard had camouflaged fur and she enjoyed racing through the rocky mountains while chasing ibex and blue sheep. Her eyes were as green as emeralds. Just as the snow leopard was devouring its meal, a shadow of a hunter appeared. He felt exhilarated about finding such an elusive beast. The lean, large leopard's heart began to race!

Glancing around, the predator saw the hunter's gun and she knew that she had to run. In the distance, the leopard heard the echo of other hunters firing. The smell of gun powder filled the mountain air. The petrified leopard felt the bullets whizzing by. As she ran as quick as a flash, the leopard felt a pain in her hind leg. She kept going until she reached an extremely steep cliff.

Spying quietly, the lean, large leopard looked for an escape route. CLICK! BANG! As the predator turned around, she saw several hunters aiming at her, each with a shotgun. Oh, no! As a shotgun bullet came towards the snow leopard, she quickly tried to dodge it. The predator felt distraught and hoped she could outsmart the hunters. The lean, large leopard knew she had to zigzag as fast as lightning to escape the powerful bullets. She made a snap decision to jump off the cliff edge. The leopard leaped into the icy, cold water and swam to safety. She then found her family at the end of the icy river.



★ 2/3 Green ★



2/3 Green have also been utilising think boards in Mathematics to aide with worded math problems. The students have thoroughly enjoyed a different approach in breaking down worded problems into four easy steps whilst using the think boards.

## Relieving Principal's Report

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed some extra time at home with your children! Mrs Burton is recovering well from surgery and is looking forward to returning in week 4. This term is already shaping up to be a busy one! As the weather warms up, please ensure that your child packs a water bottle and applies sunscreen before coming to school. Sport has changed to the first hour of a Friday morning, from 9.30-10.15am, in line with our sun safe policy.

## Kindergarten Orientation & Tadpoles Program

Today our little tadpoles had their first transition session. Throughout this 8 week program, students engage in play based sessions that focus on school readiness, school environment and staff familiarisation.



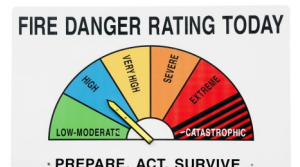
## Bushfire Safety Information

We are well into bushfire season, with severe fire rating conditions yesterday. Last term I worked with the Department of Education's Work Health and Safety Consultant to revise our current bushfire plan as Pelaw Main Public School is identified as being in a bushfire prone area. This means that the school has been assessed as being in an area of land that can support a bushfire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack.

The school is aware of its responsibility to implement prevention strategies prior to, and during the bush fire season.

To ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued, for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained by a bush fire assessment of our school, arranged by the Department.

Fire danger ratings are released on the NSW Rural Fire Service website each day at 4.30pm, for the following day.



Throughout the bush fire season the school will liaise with Emergency Service Agencies during the time of the year when the risk of bush fire is at it's highest, and gather information on fire activity and monitor bush fire conditions through the media and online resources. Please listen to the local radio stations for bush fire or weather warnings for advice and notification of any possible school closure, and check the Fires Near Me app and Rural Fire Service website.

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If students are already at school and bush fire conditions dramatically change, based on current conditions on any given day, an informed decision will be made as to whether the primary action for the school will be to take shelter and remain on school premises or evacuate to an off-site location.

If evacuation to an off-site location is decided, **Kurri Kurri Public School (Lang St, Kurri Kurri) is our new off-site evacuation site.** Buses will be organised to transport students to KKPS.

Please ensure that you have downloaded the **Skoolbag app** to your smart phone, and have liked the school's Facebook page, as well as updating your contact details and email addresses, in case of an emergency. The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides a range of useful information at: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). There is also the Fires Near Me Mobile App which can be found in iTunes or Google Play. Further information can also be found at NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/bushfire-safety>.

## Grandparents/Grandfriends Day Invitation

**WHO:** Grandparents or Other Grand Person

**WHAT:** A celebration of being grand and a chance to spend time with your grandchildren.

**WHEN:** Monday 28th October 2019 from 11:30am. Bring a rug and sandwich and join us for lunch in the playground, then come into class with us until 1pm.

## Great Aussie Bush Camp

Camp term is finally here!!

Camp will be held in Week 4 from **Wednesday 6th of October to Friday 8th of October**. This week, final payment reminders were sent home informing parents that the last payment must be made by Friday 18th October. If this is a problem, please speak with Mrs Knight as soon as possible.

Medical notes and camp information were also sent home this week. Please make sure you complete all questions on the medical notes and return to Mrs Knight by Friday 25th of October. If you have any questions regarding camp, please see Mrs Knight.



## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

- \* Wear something Red to school
- \* There will be Daniel Morcombe Red Wrist bands available to purchase in the morning for \$3. Any left overs will be available to purchased at assembly.

## Good for Kids good for life HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it is important that kids get consistent messages at school and at home. As part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the Good for Kids team provides support to school canteens to create healthy canteen menus.

How can parents help?

Below are some ideas to use at home that support the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life.

- **Swap sugary drinks with water.** For a twist try adding sliced or frozen fruit, herbs or vegetables to the water.
- **Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in compiling a shopping list, and help with meal preparation and cooking.
- **To add flavour to meals** use your favourite herbs and spices. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids. Easy to grow herbs include mint, chives, thyme and basil.

For more ideas visit [healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au](http://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au) and search 'parents and friends'

