



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 20th November

Domestic Violence Walk
Cessnock

Thursday 21st November

Science and Engineering
Day Yr6

Friday 22nd November

Stanford Merthyr Yr3
Transition with 2/3 Green
Assembly – 4/5 Indigo
Little Juddies Toy Donation
Drive

Monday 25th November

AECG Meeting Cessnock HS

Tuesday 26th November

AET Leadership Day SPCC

Tuesday 3rd December

Yr6 Transition to KKHS

Yr6 Parent Info Night KKHS

Wednesday 4th December

2020 Leaders Speeches

Thursday 5th December

Year 6 Graduation
Kinder 2020 - Teddy Bear's
Picnic

Wednesday 11th December

Year 6 Fun day

Thursday 12th December

Presentation Day

REMINDER Yr2-4

Payment & Note for
swimming program is
due at the front office
ASAP.

Intensive Swimming

Monday 25th Nov
to
Friday 6th Dec

TADPOLES

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

3/4 Blue Class News

Hello from 3/4 Blue.

This semester, we have been inquisitively engaged in learning about figurative language to use in narrative writing. Figurative language includes similes, personification and onomatopoeia. Sometimes the competition is fierce, or cutthroat, to see who can come up with the best example to suit the text we are writing. You could say that as the lazy clouds crawled across the sky, or while the leaves twirled to the music of the wind, 3/4 Blue are sparkling like diamonds in the sun with our brilliant ideas.

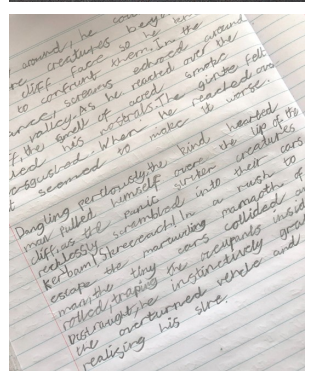
We have all made a Daily Writing PowerPoints during computer time, where we were able to use some of the interesting vocabulary we have learned, acquire new technology skills and share our PowerPoints with our class mates.

Our class was always cheerful during drama lessons while we created our puppet heads, although at times, it was a messy job. Sometimes silence crept into the classroom we were concentrating so hard. We have sewed their bodies and are beginning to make their costumes.

We love being in 3/4 Blue and will be as sad as a rainy day when the year ends.



★ 3/4 Blue ★



Principals Report

It is wonderful to be back at school after my leave, and I have certainly hit the ground running with camp last week and the bush fire activity this week. I would like to thank Miss Perry for her exceptional leadership of the school during my absence, Mrs Knight for her fantastic support in the Relieving Principal position and a wonderful team effort by all staff.

Bush Fire Emergencies

As you are all aware, our state and local communities have been ravished by bush fires and catastrophic weather conditions, with the frightening reality that summer has not even begun. Thank you all for your understanding and support during the temporary closure of the school on Tuesday. Whilst there was a small fire in Pelaw Main on Tuesday morning, we are all extremely relieved and grateful that our community was not under any direct threat, unlike many others. Departmental staff from Asset Management were onsite Wednesday morning to ensure there were no potential hazardous issues arising from the fire on Tuesday and the site was declared safe.

To clarify, in the event of catastrophic fire danger ratings, the school will consider temporarily closing, particularly if there is local threat and/or bush fire activity. The Department of Education works closely with the Rural Fire Service and determines whether it is safe for students and staff to be onsite. Sometimes this information changes, often at the last minute and your support and understanding of this ensures we are able to keep everyone safe based on this advice.

Our Bush Fire Safety information was sent out to families earlier this term. Please ensure you have read this so you have an understanding of our processes. It also contained a sheet to be returned, giving permission for your children to leave the school in the event of this emergency with people other than your identified emergency contacts. Please return this sheet as a matter of urgency if you have not already done so. If you need another copy of the information, please contact the office so we can arrange to send another one home.

Executive Director visit

On Wednesday, 6th November we had a visit from the Executive Director of the Regional North network, Mr Tim McCallum, along with the Director of the Cessnock Network, Mr Martin Rosser. This visit provided me with an opportunity to meet the Executive Director and share with him some of the many great things that happen at our school, discuss some of the challenges we have and plans for the future, as well as experiencing our school site first hand. We had a lot of students away at camp but we briefly had a chance to visit 2 Yellow, with some students sharing their fabulous writing, as well as sharing some Stage 3 writing books. Mr McCallum was extremely impressed with the pride and excitement of students to share their work with him, as well of the quality of writing they are producing. He also complimented the appearance of our school grounds, in particular the artificial grass area and said it was a credit to the hard work of the P&C who worked hard to fundraise for this. I also discussed with him the plans to level and turf our bottom playground and he agreed it would continue to enhance the engaging learning environment for our students.

Enrolments for 2020

At this stage we have approximately 186 students enrolled for 2020. This entitles us to 7 classes across the school. We are only a few students off holding 8 classes. This makes our staffing and planning for 2020 somewhat challenging and we may have to have a few different options in place for the start of the school year.

If you know you are moving out of the area or changing schools it would be appreciated if you could please communicate this to school as soon as possible, if you have not done so already to assist us with planning for 2020. If you know of people in the community planning to enrol for 2020 please encourage them to make contact with us as a matter of urgency. At this stage we are due to have one of our demountable classrooms removed, however, if we hold 8 classes then it will need to remain. Therefore, knowing exact enrolments is extremely important.

Camp

Last week we had 52 Year 3-6 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp near Tea Gardens. The students had a fabulous time, with many of them experiencing their first overnight excursion away from home. All students challenged themselves and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. The giant swing, dual flying fox and high ropes tested those with a fear of heights, whilst canoeing and mud world were a camp favourite. Once again, the teachers won in the commando night time activity and the students once again vowed to get them next year. A massive thank you to the teachers Mrs Knight, Mrs Brathwaite and Mrs Ford who attended – without their dedication, camp would not happen! I attended camp each night and must compliment the behaviour of our students, which was the best I have experienced in my many years of camp. Also, a massive thanks to Mrs Knight for her fabulous coordination and organisation of camp!



Parent Workshop

Last Wednesday night, Mrs Grant ran a parent session about Children's Social-Emotional Learning at Home from 6.30pm. Two parents attended and were worked hard by Mrs Grant and enjoyed the activities and content presented. Many thanks to Mrs Grant for her time in organising and presenting this opportunity for our parents.

Stanford Merthyr Spring Fair

This Sunday Stanford Merthyr Infants School will be holding a Spring Fair from 2-7pm. Some of our students start their school years here and if you are able to attend and show your support I know it would be greatly appreciated.

Little Juddies Donations

Once again, our P&C are asking for donations to support the Little Juddies Christmas Drought Run for several communities in western NSW suffering from the drought. The response we had for our Dress as a Farmer day was overwhelming and we appreciate any support you can provide.

Donations can be sent to school on Friday, 22nd November and placed on the Kindergarten verandah.

-Merilyn Burton, Principal



The Little Juddies
Christmas Drought Run
7 - 8th December

We URGENTLY
require Donations of:

IN DATE, Non Perishable Food
EG: - 10Ltr & 20Ltr Water Cartridges

- Dry Pasta & Rice - Pasta Sauce - Chunky Canned Soups
- UHT Milk - Long Life Custard - Pancake & Cake Mixes
- Continental Pasta & Rice - Cereal - Biscuits - Vegemite
- Honey - Jams & Spreads - Tuna & Salmon - Recipe Bases
- Canned Fruit - Canned Vegetables - Jelly - Dried Fruit
- Super Doopers - Lollies & Treats - Juice & Poppers
- Soft Drinks - Christmas Puddings - Christmas Stockings
- First Aid Supplies - Sunscreen - Moisturiser - Deep Heat
- Septic Safe Cleaning Products - Razors - Shaving Foam
- Deoderant - Baby Wipes for self cleaning - Aeroguard
- Ladies Hygiene Products - Tissues - Toilet Paper - Dettol
- IGA Gift Cards - Pre-Paid Visa & Eftpos Cards
- Children's BRAND NEW Toys & Gifts



For more Information

facebook.com/thelittlejuddies



T E D D Y B E A R S

Thursday 5th DECEMBER

PICNIC

*Are you going to school next year?
You, your teddy and a supervising adult are
invited to come and celebrate!
Bring a picnic rug, some morning tea and a hat.
See you there!*

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

TIME
9:00-11:00

WHERE
ROTARY PARK KURRI

FUN ACTIVITIES

JUMPING CASTLE

FACE PAINT

TAKE HOME GIFT

SANTA














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Summer Reading Club



Dream big.... READ!

Want to win prizes just by reading books? Join this year's Summer Reading Club at Cessnock City Library, kicking off on Monday 2nd December!

All you need to do is come into Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library anytime on or after Monday 2nd December, register at the front counter, pick up your Summer Reading Log, grab a book, and start reading! The more hours you spend reading, the more chance you have of winning a great prize at our Summer Reading Party in early February!

For more information, please call in to either Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library, or contact Sandy at Cessnock Library on 49934384.

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL Spring Fair



SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019

Rides!

Food!

2-7PM

Games!

Stalls!

Unlimited Rides Passes
Presale \$20 or
\$25 on the day
Individual Rides \$5 each



Fun for the whole family!





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