



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 5 February

Swimming Carnival

Friday 8 February

Assembly

Mon 11 & Tues 12 February

Kinder speech & language
screening

Tues 12 February

Meet the Teacher
Conferences

Friday 15 February

Storm Boy Excursion
Kinder Vision Screening

Friday 19 February

P&C Meeting

Friday 8 March

School Photos

Friday 12 April

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 29 April

Staff Return Term 2

Tuesday 30 April

Students Return Term 2

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome to everyone for the 2019 school year! It was lovely to see our students looking so excited to be back at school on Wednesday morning and we welcome four new students who have joined us in Year 3 from Stanford Merthyr Infants School. We also welcome a new teacher, Mr Nigel Richardson to our school. Our staff went to Weston Public School on Tuesday to receive some professional learning around Synthetic Phonics. We will be having another session this Saturday to complete this training.

Our Kindergarten students are currently completing their Best Start assessments and will officially start next Wednesday, 6th February.

We are all looking forward to having them join us next week!

The beginning of the year is a time when lots of notes and information is sent home by class teachers. Please make sure your child checks their bags each night to ensure this information gets to you. Our Skoolbag App and school Facebook page are other avenues we use to ensure this information is available. Our newsletters will go home each fortnight, in odd weeks, with whole school assemblies being held every even week on Friday afternoons. Newsletters are uploaded onto the Skoolbag App each fortnight.

2019 Swimming Carnival

Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the annual Swimming Carnival at Branxton Swimming Pool on **Tuesday, 5th February**. Year 2 students may attend, only if they are turning 8 years old this year and are competitive swimmers.

Students and staff will depart from Pelaw Main Public School at approximately 9.30am and return to school before 3.00pm.

Students are to come to school wearing their swimmers underneath their sports uniform, as there are limited change room facilities and time constraints. Students are required to also supply their own sunscreen, towel, wide-brimmed hat, spare t-shirt and underwear, as well as a packed lunch, drinks and recess. The pool canteen will be open on the day for drinks, ice blocks etc. However, we are asking that all students bring a packed lunch and a drink as sometimes the canteen can have lengthy delays. The P&C have very generously offered to pay for the buses, which has reduced the cost of the excursion significantly.

Parents and visitors who attend the carnival will need to pay an admission fee in line with the pool policy and pricing upon entering the pool. Students arranging their own transport will also need to pay the pool entry fee upon arrival. All permission notes and payment was due today. If you have not yet arranged payment, please pay the **\$3.50 excursion fee by Monday afternoon**.



CANTEEN

The canteen will reopen on Monday 4th February. We are still seeking volunteers, particularly for Fridays. If you can help, please contact the office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will start again on Thursday morning from 8.30am and will continue every Tuesday & Thursday each week. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who provide these services for our students!

Classes for 2019

Our total enrolment is around 200 students this year, which holds our entitlement of eight classes. The structures and teachers are as follows:

K Red - Miss Perry
 1 Orange - Mrs Wendt
 2 Yellow - Miss Clayden
 2/3 Green – Miss Beneke & Mrs Harris
 3/4 Blue – Mrs Grant
 4/5 Indigo – Mr Richardson
 5/6 Violet – Mrs Knight
 5/6 Pink - Mrs Brathwaite

When sending in payments for the office, and ordering lunch please use the student's colour class name.

School Leaders for 2019

School Leaders, Sports Leaders and our Aboriginal Education Team Executive will be inducted at our first assembly next Friday at 2.30pm. Parents of our new school leaders are invited to be part of the assembly when students receive their badges.

2019 Sport House Leaders

Thank you to all candidates nominated for Sport Leadership roles in 2019.

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected by the school students to be our Sports Leaders for 2019. They will receive their badges at next Friday's assembly.

Stanford

Captain - Cooper Kirby
 Captain - Chelsea White
 Vice Captain - William Hansen-Mould
 Vice Captain - Amber Offen

Hebburn

Captain - Kobi Dryden
 Captain - Lilly Ross
 Vice Captain - Kye Young-Bendt
 Vice Captain - Annabelle Harris

Richmond

Captain - Jackson McEwan
 Captain - Shae-Lee Nickerson
 Vice Captain - Angelo Plumbe
 Vice Captain - Lacey Sidebottom

Payments to the Office

Please ensure when you are making cash payments to the office that the money is in an envelope or snap lock bag. This should be clearly marked with the students name, class & what the payment is for. This helps prevent confusion and ensures money is receipted to the correct student. Payments can also be made by eftpos or via our school website.

Change of Sport Day

As of 2019, our sport day will be on a Friday. This was the result of the Facebook poll, staff and parent votes and a final decision made at the last P&C meeting. Whole school sport will be held every Friday morning from 9.30-10.30, in line with our Sun Safe policy. Assemblies will continue to be every second Friday afternoon.

Storm Boy Movie Excursion

This term Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes will be completing a novel study on Storm Boy by Colin Thiele. A remake of the film has been released at the cinema and we would like to take the students to view this film so we can complete a comparative study between the novel and the movie. Maitland Reading Cinema will be putting on a special screening for students. The Candy Bar will not be open for this visit.

Date: Friday 15th February 2019

Time: Leaving school at 9.20am and returning by 12.15pm.

Transport: Rovers Coach from Pelaw Main **Teachers**

Attending: Mrs Brathwaite, Mrs Harris, Mrs Knight, Mr Richardson, Mrs Grant **Cost:** \$18

Students are to wear their sport uniform.

Meet the Teacher Conferences

The school has scheduled Meet the Teacher conferences for Week 3 of this term, earlier than in previous years.

On Tuesday, 12th February, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher after school, to discuss any needs and give parents an opportunity to ask some questions.

These meetings will be held in our school hall. Information notes were sent home this week, to book your time. Please return them as soon as possible or contact your child's class teacher if you have not seen this note as yet.

Students in Kindergarten will receive a different note, as Kindergarten parents will be invited to attend an interview regarding the Best Start assessment reports.

Absences from School

If your child is absent from school, the Department of Education requires an explanation of the absence within 7 days. This is a legal requirement and one which is monitored closely by our Home School Liaison Officer. There are several ways in which you can notify the school of your child's absence; ringing on the day of the absence to inform the office staff, telling your child's class teacher when they return to school, using the absence note section of our Skoolbag App, and/or replying to the SMS message sent each day your child is absent. Any absences that are not explained after the 7 day period automatically become unexplained absences. These absences are monitored closely. Your cooperation of ensuring your child's absence is greatly appreciated.