



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 WEEK 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 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

Office Payments

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.

Library News

Welcome back to a wonderful year of reading! We have already started borrowing with all classes visiting the library this week.

Mondays are **1 Orange** – 1 book each, **2 Yellow** – up to 2 books each, **K Red** – 1 book each and **5/6 Pink** – up to 5 books each. **Tuesdays** are **4/5 Indigo** – up to 5 books each, **3/4 Blue** – up to 4 books each and **5/6 Violet** – up to 5 books each. **Wednesdays** are **2/3 Green** – up to 3 books each. Could families please ensure their children have library bags so they can keep their library books safe and dry. Library bags can also be used as a storage spot so children can remember where their library books are at home.

I am running Scholastic Book Club again and the first issue order was due back to school Wednesday 13th February. The orders usually arrive at the school during the week following the placement of orders. I then distribute the orders to the classrooms.

The picture shows students from 2 Yellow enjoying some shared reading time together. 2/3 Green enjoyed 'How the birds got their colours' and had great fun painting their favourite part of the story. Next, they will use MSWord to word process a sentence about their favourite part of the story.

I look forward to sharing the love of reading every day with your children through 2019. Tracy Foggett – Teacher Librarian

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday, 5th February at Branxton Pool. Despite the relentless heat, it was a fabulous day. As I mentioned on the day, in my 13 years at Pelaw Main, I have never seen such wonderful participation. The involvement and effort from our students made the carnival a highly enjoyable day for all.

We had 107 students attend the carnival, which would be the best attendance percentage we have also ever had. I would like to acknowledge the generous contribution of the P&C paying for the buses, which I believe has greatly



Partners in Learning

When	Class
Wk 4, 18 Feb	5/6 Pink
Wk 5, 25 Feb	5/6 Violet
Wk 6, 4 Mar	4/5 Indigo
Wk 7, 11 Mar	3/4 Blue
Wk 8, 18 Mar	2/3 Green
Wk 9, 25 Mar	2 Yellow
Wk 10, 1 Apr	1 Orange
Wk 11, 8 Apr	K Red

assisted students attending these events. For example, the cost of this year's carnival was \$3.50 compared to \$10 each in 2018.

A Junior Boy and Girl Champion, which include competitors of 8, 9 and 10 years and a Senior Girl and Boy champion inclusive of competitors 11, 12 and 13 years, will be announced and awarded medallions at a future assembly whole school assembly. Parents of these students will be notified prior to the assembly. This year the Sport House winner of the Swimming Carnival was Richmond, backing up from 2018! Thank you to Mrs Knight, Ms Cassidy and Mrs Milford for their outstanding organisation and coordination of the carnival.

Congratulations to Jade Lynch, Cooper James, Lilly-Jo Allen and Sarah Ford, for qualifying to participate in the Zone Swimming Carnival, which will be held next Wednesday. We wish them all the very best!



Nut Allergies

Pelaw Main Public School strives to be a nut free environment and we would like to remind everyone about the importance of this.

Nut allergies can be life threatening. It takes only the slightest smell, touch, or ingestion of nuts, or nut products to cause a potential anaphylactic reaction in some people. Products such as Nutella, peanut butter and snack foods containing nuts, should not be brought to school.

For the safety of our students, it would be greatly appreciated if you could keep this in mind when packing lunches for your child.

If your child does have these products they are asked to let a teacher know to ensure the safety and hazard elimination for students with severe allergies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bikes & Scooters

I would like to remind all parents about our expectations of students riding bikes and scooters to school, especially in the interest of student safety. Children are required to wear a helmet by law.

I have had some concerned citizens inform me of students riding dangerously on the roads around the school. If your child rides to school, please remind them about the expectations around being safe.

Music Bus

The Music Bus are excited to announce they are now a registered Creative Kids provider. A government initiative where every family in NSW with school aged children is eligible for a \$100 voucher towards lessons in 2019. This is the perfect opportunity to enrol and save almost an entire term's worth of fees.

To download your voucher, simply visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher then call 1300 168 742 or email creativekids@themusicbus.com.au to enrol.

Term 1 enrolments are still open, however, The Music Bus have limited availability so it is advised to book asap. Lessons include Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drums and Ukulele.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18), around half the price of a regular private lesson. If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus or for more info, check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.

Explicit Instruction

This year we are continuing to work with John Fleming with his Explicit Instruction model. Classes are now doing drills and warm ups in Reading, Writing and Maths. This year we have also introduced Genre Writing, focussing on persuasive texts in Term 1. Students have started learning the structure of introductions when writing texts to persuade an audience. We look forward to sharing some of these in the near future.

On Tuesday, 26th February, John Fleming will be visiting our school to observe and model lessons and to provide us with some feedback.

Parent Concerns

Whilst I always try and make myself available to talk to parents regarding concerns they may be having with their children, usually I am not the best person to talk to first regarding the concern, as I do not have the information you may be after. Our Assistant Principals are as follows:

Miss Perry – Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 classes and teachers – K Red, 1 Orange and 2 Yellow

Mrs Harris – Stage 2 classes and teachers – 2/3 Green and 3/4 Blue

Mrs Brathwaite – Stage 3 classes and teachers – 4/5 Indigo, 5/6 Violet and 5/6 Pink

Mrs Brathwaite - will also be dealing with Planning Room incidents.

The following table may be of use in determining the first port of call. When issues arise, we all want them to be resolved as quickly as possible, and talking to the person with the most information is often the quickest way. Naturally, if the issue isn't resolved to your satisfaction, please don't hesitate to ring and make an appointment to discuss it with me further.

Guidelines for Consultations

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	Directly contact your child's class teacher either by a note or a phone call to the office to arrange a suitable time to discuss progress. If a meeting with the Principal is required contact the office.
The welfare of your own child	For minor issues directly contact your child's class teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, etc, please contact the office.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the supervisor or Principal for playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the teacher directly in the first instance. For more serious concerns, contact office to arrange an appointment to see the Principal.

Partners in Learning

The Partners in Learning Program will operate again this year. It aims to develop a three way partnership between parents, teachers and students to support and encourage learning to its full potential.

Partners in Learning will be held in the classroom each Monday morning from 9.30 – 10.30 am, with a different class involved each week. Classroom teachers organise demonstrations and activities that reflect teaching and learning. You are invited to come and join in with your child.

Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program.

Emergency Contact details & Statement of Account

We are sending home student details information to be checked by families and returned to the office with any changes. This information helps us keep our records up to date and have the correct details for contacting parents & emergency contacts.

A statement of account has also been sent home for our voluntary school fees & any class items that may need to be paid for. Thank you to the families who have already made payments. These funds go towards purchasing valuable resources for our students.

Come along to Uke School for kids!



Kurri Kurri: 26/2, 5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4

Cessnock: Booked Out!

Time: 4.00 to 4.30pm

Age limit: Children 8-16 years

Learn the basics of ukulele playing at this FREE 6-week introductory course – parents and caregivers will be treated to a performance at the end of the final lesson! Instruments provided, but you're welcome to bring along your own.

WESTON JFC



WE WANT YOU!

WJFC CURRENTLY HAVE ALL GIRLS AND MIXED TEAMS FORMING, WE NEED A FEW MORE PLAYERS IN EACH AGE GROUP TO COMPLETE OUR TEAMS. REGISTRATION INCLUDES SOCKS, SHORTS AND A JERSEY WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME ON THE BACK! U5S-U7S ALSO RECEIVE SHIN PADS AND A BALL!!

CONTACT ANITA FOR MORE INFORMATION

0403 580 314 or westonjfc@huntervalleyfootball.net.au



BUILD. CREATE. IMAGINE.

Come and join us at our free monthly Lego Club during school terms.

ages 5 –16

all abilities welcome

KURRI KURRI LIBRARY

3rd Monday of the month, 4-5pm

CESSNOCK LIBRARY

3rd Thursday of the month, 4-5pm

The Lego Club is in partnership with Ability Links NSW



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

For more information, check out our website or phone

Cessnock Library

65-67 Vincent Street
CESSNOCK 2325
Phone: 4993 4399



Cessnock City Library
Start here. go anywhere...

Kurri Kurri Library

253 Lang Street
KURRI KURRI 2327
Phone: 4937 1638

Website: libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Good for Kids good for life



ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time!
Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids to apply



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