



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 29th July

Deadly Cooking

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Partners in Learning 5/6
Violet

Tuesday 30th July

Spelling Bee

Wednesday 31st July

School Leaders Breakfast

Thursday 1st August

Hunter Dance Festival

Monday 5th August

Deadly Cooking

Partners in Learning 5/6
Pink

Monday 12th August

Deadly Cooking

Partners in Learning 4/5
Indigo

Monday 19th August

Staff Development Day
No staff at School

Wednesday 21st August

Book Week & Book Fair
Newcastle Permanent

Thursday 22nd August

Maths Competition Y5/6

Monday 26th August

Deadly Cooking

Partners in Learning 3/4
Blue

Monday 28th August

K-2 Possum Magic
Excursion

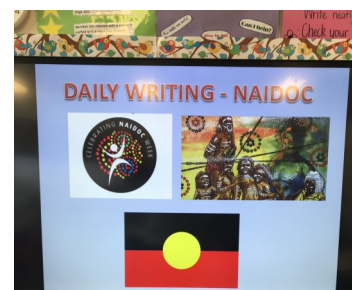


★ 5/6 Violet ★



5/6 Violet News

5/6 Violet were excited to return to school this term and see their friends and participate in some great learning. This term is going to be great! We will be exploring Australia's connection to other countries in the world and participating in some Drama. We have been reading a fantastic story called 'Kids Who Did' which is about kids from all over the world who have done amazing things. We also get to eat our yummy fruit and vegies while we listen to the story too. We were lucky enough to receive new furniture in our classroom at the end of last term. Our new collaborative setup is certainly working wonders in our room. We have been working hard to write some great complex sentences this week with the topic of NAIDOC which fit in well with our celebrations this week. The last thing we wanted to share was our class pet fish, Patrick. He is a special fish who came in the mail and we work hard to make sure he is looked after. Bye for now!



Partners In Learning

This term in Partners in Learning we return to the original format of class based sessions. These will be held in classrooms each Monday morning from 9:30-10:30am, with a different class involved each week. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program.

Attendance

At a recent Attendance check, our school received very positive feedback and praise about how great our attendance rates are. In Term 2 the overall attendance rate was 93.2% which is at an all-time high. Congratulations to all, for ensuring our children are at school as much as they can be! Every day counts! Congratulations to K Red, who once again were the winning class for the best attendance in Term 2. Another sausage sizzle is coming your way soon!

Staff Development Day Changes

Just a reminder that the changed Staff Development Day will be held **on Monday, 19th August, being a pupil free day**, with no staff onsite. Please ensure you have made appropriate arrangements for this day.

Office Changes

During the holidays some minor works were carried out in the office. A glass security door was installed and painting was done to ensure the entire main building was the same throughout. It all looks fabulous and makes the space much lighter and brighter. We are still in the process of getting things back into place but it is looking fantastic. Along with the new classroom furniture, the main building has never looked so wonderful!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews have been planned for Tuesday, 6th August from 3:30-6pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's report with the class teacher and review students' overall progress. More information about this was sent home separately on Wednesday and interview times confirmed by class teachers. Please contact your child's class teacher if you did not receive this information and you would like to arrange an interview.

Zone Athletics

The Zone Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Friday, 2nd August at Turner Park Athletics Field, Cessnock. Students who have qualified have been given permission slips, medical notes and codes of conduct. Please ensure you have returned these documents and the \$7.50 to the office by Monday 29th July, at the very

latest. Mr Richardson will be the team manager on the day. Please see him if you have any questions.

Education Week

Education Week is held in Week 3 of this term every year. It is a time to celebrate the wonderful opportunities our Public Education system provide our students, staff and community. To recognise this occasion, we will be hosting a special assembly on Friday the 9th of August at 2:30pm in the hall. This assembly will focus on the performing arts, with performances from our Dance Group and Choir. Families will also be invited to join their children for a picnic recess before the assembly. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

University Students

We are once again extremely fortunate to be hosting two students from the University of Newcastle who are in the final year of their teaching degree. Both Miss Rhiannon Avery and Ethan Harvey will be with us for all of Term 3. Miss Avery will be working with 2 Yellow and Mr Harvey with 5/6 Pink. Mrs Cath Ford is also back with us for the first four weeks, as she completes her final practicum through the University of New England. Mrs Ford will be working in K Red. We welcome them into our wonderful school and know that our students will enjoy this opportunity.

Narrative Writing

As part of our Explicit instruction pedagogy, our students have been learning how to write a narrative, using a specific structure. Whilst visiting some classrooms this week, I was thrilled to see how great some of these stories are and how much fun the students have had constructing them. Not to mention the rich vocabulary and complex sentence structures that are now making regular appearances in their writing!

I would like to share an almost finished narrative from 5/6 Violet.... I promise I will include the ending in the next newsletter!

The Mysterious Shadow

Zzzz! As the door snored open, Marcel the donkey popped up quickly eager to escape the zoo. The most marvellous monkey from the Moo Moo Zoo was always on the lookout for trouble. Little did he know that he was in extreme danger!

Mischievous Marcel the monkey had a long curly tail and he enjoyed doing cartwheels. His long curly tail was as striking as a swan. Just as Marcel was concocting an escape plan, a whoosh of wind blasted past his

enclosure as Penny the Pelican came to a rapid halt. "The cows are invading!" "Run!" squawked Penny. "Are you kidding?" replied Marcel. "Of course!" Penny retorted as she dashed off again. Marcel felt confused as his heart began to race.

Glancing around, Marcel the monkey saw a mysterious shadow hiding behind a rock in his enclosure and Marcel knew his escape was going to be foiled. In the distance, there was a faint mooing sound of cows coming closer, ready to attack. The smell of spoilt milk and chewed up grass was becoming stronger by the second. Marcel felt excited and revved up as he prepared to take on whatever was coming at him. As Marcel sees the shadow moving from behind the rock, he says, "Reveal yourself!" The shadow responds with, "I can help you defeat the cows."

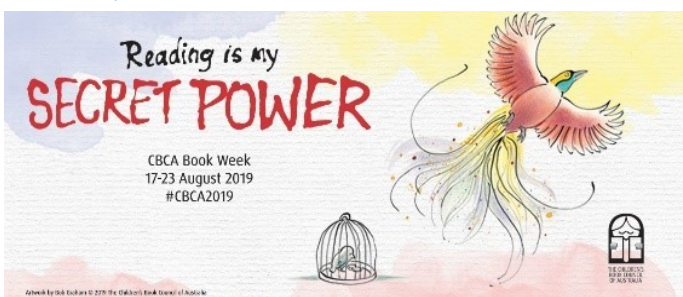
Thinking rapidly, Marcel the monkey started to panic and armed himself with a banana gun before creeping slowly towards the mysterious shadow. Bazam! Bazam! The cows were just outside the enclosure with their milk shooting missiles, aiming to attack Marcel. Their rancid milk was coming over the fence like a nasty waterfall whilst hooves banged against the enclosure's door. "Oh no!" yelled Marcel as he dashed towards the rock. "This is utter madness!" The mysterious shadow passed him a package and disappeared. Feeling confused and wondering what to do, Marcel slowly opens the package.

To be continued next newsletter.....

Hunter Dance Festival

The Hunter Dance Festival will take place this coming Thursday on the 1st of August. Please ensure all costumes have been paid for, permission notes returned, and tickets for the performance purchased.

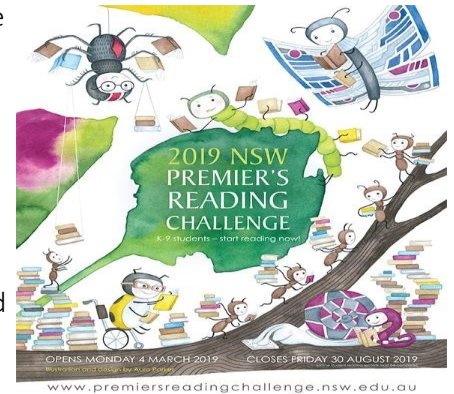
Library News Term 3



I am so excited! We are celebrating Children's Book Week of Australia this term. As always, we will enjoy a special dress-up parade—the theme this year is 'Reading Is My Secret Power' - I know lots of students are already looking forward to the parade (time of parade to be confirmed)! We will also be hosting a Book Fair from the

company Red Gum. Both events have been booked for Wednesday 21st August, 2019. We will have book sales before school, and during the day to suit families. Please feel free to drop in and have a browse. Remember every dollar you spend goes directly towards a commission which we use to resource our library collection. I look forward to catching up with our wonderful families.

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on August 31st. Students in Yrs 3-6 only have to read 20 books (5 personal choice, 15 from the prescribed list. So get reading everyone!



I also unpacked our latest delivery of books from our subscription to Australian Standing Orders—don't they look great. These books will be ready for borrowing Wk 2/3.

Happy Reading!

Tracy Foggett — Teacher Librarian





The Catholic and Anglican Parishes of the Kurri Kurri and Cessnock areas warmly invite

The Principal, Staff and Students of Pelaw Main Public School

To the 9th Annual

BLESSING OF OUR LAND

'In unity we raise our voices to the Lord'

At 11:30am for 12:30pm

Sunday, 25th August 2019

Pokolbin Community Hall

128 McDonalds Road, Pokolbin

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St. Paul's After-School Group

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Kurri Kurri has an After-School Group for school aged children. All children are welcome.

While your children are with us, they will hear Bible stories, complete craft projects, play games and have a healthy afternoon tea.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

When: 3:30 to 5:15 pm
Thursday afternoons during School Term

Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall
118 Lang Street
Kurri Kurri

Please contact Mother Theresa Angert-Quilter on 0408 762 651 or Pamela Menzies on 0457 329 437 for more information.

All volunteers hold a current Working with Children Check and Safe Ministry Training Certificate.



Kids Meetup @ Kurri Kurri Library

Tuesday afternoons Term 3 2019

What? 6 x FREE weekly sessions for kids who like stories, words and making things. Bookings are for all 6 sessions.

When? Weekly from **Tuesday 13th August 3.45 pm to 4.45pm**

13th August Collage picture making! Jeannie Baker style

20th August MadLib storytelling game

27th August Missing! A mystery story and drawing

3rd September Talking about your fave books

10th September Creative writing

17th September Crafty activities celebrating Book Week

Where? Kurri Kurri Library Meeting Room

Who? Kids and teens 9 years and over
Limit of 10, bookings essential

How? Contact Kurri Kurri Library 251 Lang Street
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