



# Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 3 WEEK 3

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Monday 12th August

Deadly Cooking  
Partners in Learning 4/5  
Indigo

#### Thursday 15th August

Dress as a Farmer Day

#### Monday 19th August

Staff Development Day  
No staff at School

#### Wednesday 21st August

Book Week & Book Fair

#### Thursday 22nd August

Newcastle Permanent  
Maths Competition Y5/6

#### Monday 26th August

Deadly Cooking  
Partners in Learning 3/4  
Blue  
HIS Primary Public Speaking  
Competition ES1 Blackhill

#### Tuesday 27th August

HIS Primary Public Speaking  
Competition Stage 3 King  
Street PS Singleton

#### Wednesday 28th August

K-2 Possum Magic  
Excursion  
HIS Primary Public Speaking  
Competition Stage 2 King  
Street PS Singleton

#### Thursday 29th August

HIS Primary Public Speaking  
Competition Stage 1  
Bellbird Public School

#### Monday 2nd September

Deadly Cooking  
Partners in Learning 2/3  
Green

#### Monday 9th September

Partners in Learning 2  
Yellow

#### Monday 16th September

Partners in Learning 1  
Orange

#### Monday 23rd September

Partners in Learning K Red



### 5/6 Pink News

What a fabulous start to Term 3 5/6 Pink have had! We have welcomed Mr Harvey into our classroom for the whole term. He is completing his internship through Newcastle University and he is thoroughly enjoying being a part of our classroom.

We are loving our new furniture that arrived at the end of last term and it has made learning even more fun and exciting.

This term will see us learning about our world through Geography and Science, we are continuing on with our fantastic narrative writing and of course plenty of technology thrown in.



### ★ 5/6 Pink ★



## School Leader Breakfast

On Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July I had the pleasure of attending the annual School Leaders Breakfast hosted by the Mayor Mr Bob Pynsent, as part of Local Government Week with our four school leaders. The guest speaker was Damien Thomlinson, an Australian veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

It was while serving in Afghanistan with the 2nd Commando Regiment that Thomlinson's life was changed forever. In April 2009, whilst on night patrol in Southern Afghanistan, Damien's unit drove over an improvised Taliban bomb. Damien suffered horrendous injuries in the explosion, which resulted in both of his legs being amputated. The damage to his body was so severe his medical team claim it is a miracle he wasn't killed, and there were many times throughout his immediate treatment and beyond that medical staff did not think he would pull through.

Most people could not imagine recovering and moving on from something as debilitating as the loss of two limbs – but Damien isn't most people, and giving up is not in his nature. Instead of sinking into depression and retreating from the world, Thomlinson decided to treat the loss of his legs as another challenge to be overcome, a challenge that would forever change his life.

Today, Damien uses his experiences, passion for life and journey to inspire and motivate. He is one of Australia's most successful motivational speakers, has a best-selling autobiography, commits his time to a range of causes important to him, and was part of the ensemble cast of the Academy Award winning movie *Hacksaw Ridge*.

His triumph against adversity, positive attitude and ambition for the future continues to resonate with people from all walks of life. Above all, Damien's incredible journey stands as proof that no challenge is too great and that the ANZAC spirit truly is alive and well.

Our school leaders thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were awestruck at Damien's resilience and determination. A truly inspiring man!



## Attendance

K Red enjoyed their sausage sizzle on Wednesday for being the class with the best attendance in Term 2. I wonder who it will be this term?



## Development day Changes

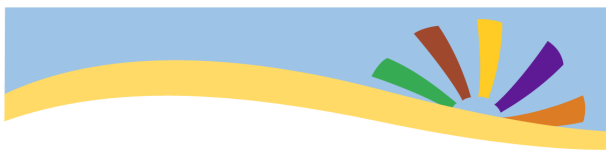
Just a reminder that the changed Staff Development Day will be held on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, being a pupil free day**, with no staff onsite. Please ensure you have made appropriate arrangements for this day.

## 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 provides our students, staff and community. To recognise this occasion, today we hosted a special assembly, focusing on the performing arts, with performances from our Dance Group and Choir. Thank you to Ms Cassidy and Miss Clayden for their talents, time and support of these groups. We are incredibly lucky to have staff members who devote time and energy to enable our students to have these wonderful opportunities and learn new skills.

## Dress as a Farmer Day

A note was sent home this week about our upcoming **Dress as a Farmer Day**. This initiative is supporting a local group, "The Little Juddies" who are working with the Baradine Country Women's Association (CWA) assisting approximately 130 families affected by the drought. Our SRC are also helping to run this, along with our P&C. It is being held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. Students can come dressed as a farmer for the day. Suitable footwear needs to be worn. Instead of money donations, we are asking students to bring a small donation of canned or dry food or bottled water.



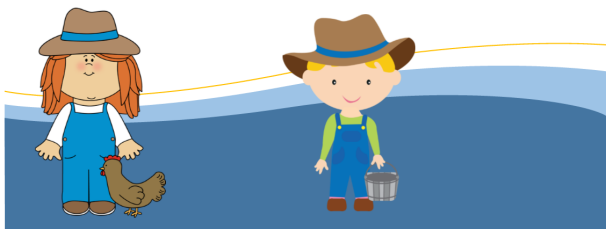
## Dress as a Farmer Day



To get behind a local group "The Little Juddies", who are supporting approximately 130 families in drought ravaged Baradine, we are holding a Dress as a Farmer Day. Children may come to school dressed as a farmer for the day. Suitable footwear must be worn.

The cost for this out of uniform day will be a donation of suitable canned or dry food or bottled water to assist these families in need.

Thursday, 15th August 2019



## Thank you Ms Whitelaw

At last Friday's assembly we bid a special farewell to our fabulous Ms Ann Whitelaw. Ann has been with us since 2011, in many different roles, starting as an SLSO in classrooms and intervention, before she then moved into the office. During this time, Ann has been one of the faces and voices on the other end of the phone, helping our staff, students and parents in so many ways. Since gaining the SAM position at our school, she has taken on a tremendous amount of training to transform the way in which many administration systems in our school operate.

Whilst this was a massive undertaking, Ann always managed to do it with a smile and a calm and happy disposition. Ann was also the brilliant graphic artist behind our new letterheads, certificates, newsletter and of course, she designed our wonderful Ribbit! As the video demonstrated, there are so many things we will miss about Ann and we wish her the very best in her new role, knowing her future will be as bright and wonderful as she is!

The P&C presented Ann with a gift in recognition of her service and support of our school. Ann wanted to share her thanks in the following message:

***To Mrs Burton and the staff, students, P&C and community of Pelaw Main Public School,***

***Thank you for inviting me back to assembly for that warm and wonderful farewell. I was moved! What a positive way to finish the week!***

***The video of students and staff being interviewed was a highlight... I'd love to see what was edited out!***

***Your love and support during my time at PMPS has been so appreciated and I will miss being part of the Pelaw Main picture and all the people in it.***

***I will still maintain my links with the Kurri Kurri Learning Community through my own children, so I won't be a stranger!***

***Keep my name in the heart 3/4 Blue! I'll be checking it's still there when I come back to visit!***



## 5/6 Violet -The Mysterious Shadow Continued...

Marcel knew that he had to open the box quickly before the cows made it to his enclosure. He started ripping into the box like a ravenous cheetah. Pieces of paper and cardboard were flying through the air. Inside the box were hundreds of Tiny Turbo Turtles and a set of instructions, which said to place the turtles on the ground, sprinkle with water and tell them where to go. Marcel made a snap decision! He had heard in the zoo from the Meerkats that cows are scared of turtles. He went to the edge of the enclosure and placed the turtles on the ground. He poured his water dish over the turtles and they quickly expanded to giant turtles. "Go and attack the cows" He ordered. Like a flash the turtles took off speedily towards the cows. Squeals and screaming were heard as the cows jumped around on their back legs and ran away never to be seen again. As Marcel sat back and relaxed in his enclosure, pondering who the mysterious shadow was, he heard the faint sound of clucking coming in the distance. Marcel stood up and screamed "Oh no not the chickens!"

## Book Week 2019

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating book week on Wednesday the 21st of August. This years theme is 'Reading is My Secret Power'. We are looking forward to all of your creative costume ideas!

## NAIDOC Day

In Week 1, students were taught traditional Aboriginal culture through art making, symbols and games to raise awareness and recognise the traditional owners of the land.



A special thank you to Miss Mansfield and her team at Kurri Kurri High School who ran an art rotation for our students on NAIDOC day.



## Good for Kids good for life

### CHOOSE WATER

How much water should our kids drink everyday?

1—5 years	1.25L
6—12 years	1.5L

600ml soft drink = 16 teaspoons, 64g

500ml energy drink = 13 teaspoons, 52g

600ml sports drink = 9 teaspoons, 36g

Large frozen drink = 20 teaspoons, 80g

#### TIPS TO DRINK MORE WATER

- Show children that you enjoy drinking water
- Drink water with every meal
- Take a refillable bottle when you go out
- Pack water for school
- Encourage drinking extra water when they play sport
- Limit buying sugary drinks

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