



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 26th August

Deadly Cooking
HIS Primary Public Speaking
Competition ES1 Blackhill

Tuesday 27th August

HIS Primary Public Speaking
Competition Stage 3 King
Street PS Singleton

Under 12's Rugby League
Competition Boys & Girls

Wednesday 28th August

K-2 Possum Magic
Excursion

HIS Primary Public Speaking
Competition Stage 2 King
Street PS Singleton

Kullaburra Awards
Cessnock

Thursday 29th August

HIS Primary Public Speaking
Competition Stage 1
Bellbird Public School

Friday 30th August

Regional Athletics Carnival
P&C Trivia Night

Monday 2nd September

Deadly Cooking

Thursday 19th September

Stig Weymss School Visit

Partners in Learning

Mon 26th Aug 3/4 Blue
Mon 2nd Sept 2/3 Green
Mon 9th Sept 2 Yellow
Mon 16th Sept 1 Orange
Mon 23rd Sept K Red

REMINDER

K-2 Excursion
Possum Magic
Wed 28th August
Civic Theatre Newcastle

Dress as a Farmer Day

A massive thank you to everyone who got behind our farmers and supported our recent Dress as a Farmer day. The kids looked fabulous and the donations were abundant! Bianca from the Little Juddies was overwhelmed and extremely grateful for the generosity and support our school provided the community of Baradine. It was a very proud moment to see just how much our little school could provide to help others in need! Awesome effort!



SASS Recognition Week

Next week is School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week, a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our public schools. Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they are unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions.

We are very grateful to our wonderful SAS staff and thank them for all they do to ensure students are safe, happy and achieving their best! If you see Miss Emma, Mrs Benic, Mrs Prior or Mr Harmes next week, make their day and say thank you!

Enrolment Policy

The NSW Department of Education has recently implemented a revised Enrolment Policy. You will no doubt be aware the effects this has had, and continues to have, on our school community. I have attached a fact sheet to this newsletter that explains these changes. Please note, this does not affect students already enrolled, only those seeking enrolment.

As we are over our enrolment cap, the 100 point residential address check is to be applied to new enrolments. If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact me through the office to arrange a time to discuss this further.

Parking

As you may be aware, the Ranger regularly visits our school to ensure parking is legally enforced. Please be aware of the restrictions and what each sign means, as fines are hefty and never welcomed.

Please be aware, you cannot stop in the **bus zone** during pick up and drop off times. The bus stop is along the front of the COLA.

The parks at the front of the school, designated as **15 minute parking**, enables people to leave their car, however, the time limit applies during the designated times. The **No Parking** area, located adjacent to Miss Clayden and Ms Beneke's demountables, is where you are permitted to stop to drop off and pick up during these peak times. You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle. Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our annual Father's Day Breakfast will be held next Thursday, 29th September. Get Dad or your special man and come along for a free sausage sizzle breakfast. Starting at 8am, there will be games and activities planned for a great morning at our School, finishing at 9:30am. All you mums out there – please come and help our P&C offer this celebration for the Dads. Helpers needed from 7am to 9:30am. If you are able to help cook or serve on the morning, please leave a message with the P&C or at the office. The Father's Day raffle will be drawn at the morning assembly, so please remember to get your tickets in! Thank you once again to our hard working P&C for helping to run this event.

Father's Day Gift Stall

The P&C will be holding a Father's Day Gift Stall once again this year on Thursday, 29th August. Thanks to Karen Hansen for gathering a great range of gifts for the kids to buy. See the note, which will be sent home early next week, for full range and pricing. But please note we will NOT have plastic bags available for purchases this year – can kids please bring their own carry bags. Have you got a couple of hours spare on that day, from 9.30am? Please come along to help out and see the kids enjoy making their purchases! Just drop us a note on our P&C Facebook page.



Library News Book Week 2019

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We had a tremendous time at our annual CBCA Book Week Assembly. Once again, the students were just great and I know I really enjoyed the creativity and fun. Our annual Book Fair was also supported this week by our families – thanks again, commission from sales went towards some extra resources for our library. Please enjoy some photos!



Also, Premier's Reading Challenge finishes August 31st, so if you are keeping your reading tally online, remember to finalise it.

Thanks, and happy reading, Tracy Foggett – Librarian

Education Week Picnic

Some wonderful photos from the education week picnic. Thank you to all who came to celebrate!



New School Hats

Wow – our new hats have arrived and don't they look amazing! The new school hats are reversible showing our sport houses. One side is our every day school hat with an embroidered school crest. The reversible side will have your child's sports house colour and embroidered house name. The coloured side will be worn on sports days and carnivals. These hats are available to purchase from our school uniform shop for the cost of \$15 each. Please also note that only cash is accepted for all P&C items and the correct amount is always appreciated as change is limited.



Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY PARTY IDEAS

Parents and teachers can shift the focus for school parties from unhealthy food to fun healthy food.

You could serve snacks with fun plates, napkins, cups or straws, or have a tasting party where children can vote for their favourite healthy snack. Why not try some of the following:

- Fruit kebabs
- Orange quarters – try them frozen in summer
- Fruit smoothies
- Melon balls
- Berries
- Frozen fruit blocks
- Apple slinkies
- Veggie strips with low fat dip or salsa
- Sandwiches
- Raisin bread
- Pikelets
- Rice crackers
- Scones
- Cheese cubes
- Low fat popcorn



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Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD: GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



KURRI KURRI
Little Athletics Centre



**2019/20 REGISTRATION
ON LINE FROM
1st AUGUST 2019**

**Registrations to be done online.
Go to www.lansw.com.au**



We compete on Friday nights @ 6pm. At Birralee Park, Heddion Street, Kurri Kurri. We welcome athletes from 3yrs (U/5) to 16yrs (u/17).

**Registration confirmation days.
Between 6pm & 7:30pm
At Birralee Park**

**Friday 16th, August
Friday 23rd, August
Friday 30th, August
Friday 6th, September**

COST

Tiny Tots (U/5): \$ 100 per athlete

U/6 to U/17: \$ 130 per athlete

You can use your 2nd Active Kids Vouchers if not already used.

Uniforms will be available for purchase
At registration confirmation days.

Please bring Registration paperwork with you and a copy of birth certificate for all **NEW** registrations.

1st competition night, Friday 13th September 2019.





Enrolment policy

Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

What are the changes?

The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at their buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means you will need to provide documents to verify your child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to your child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.



What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

There are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. In schools with available places, each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions around enrolment applications. Parents have a right to appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

But what do the changes mean for me?

What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school.

What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity** they will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional circumstances will need to be considered.

Your circumstances should be discussed with the principal of your local school who can assist you to negotiate an out-of-area enrolment if there are exceptional and compelling circumstances.

Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: DoEinfo@det.nsw.edu.au

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>

