



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 9th September

Deadly Cooking

Tuesday 10th September

KKHS Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 13th September

Assembly led by 1 Orange

Thursday 19th September

Stig Weymss School Visit
Yr2-Yr6

Friday 27th September

Last day of Term 3

Monday 14th October

First day of Term 4

Monday 21st October

Deadly Cooking Follow Up

Monday 28th October

AECG Meeting Mount View
HS

Grandparents Day

Wednesday 6th November

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Thursday 7th November

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Friday 8th November

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Monday 25th November

AECG Meeting Cessnock HS

Tuesday 26th November

AET Leadership Day SPCC

Monday 9th December

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 11th December

Year 6 Funday



★ 4/5 Indigo ★

This term 4/5 Indigo have been exploring 3D shapes! We have been working out the number of sides, faces and vertices (corners) on a variety of simple and complex 3D shapes. Students have loved the hands on building and problem solving activities in maths this term.

Enrolments for 2020

Our anticipated enrolment for 2020 is currently 175 students. Unfortunately, this means that we will be losing yet another class next year.

We will be entitled to have only 7 classes next year. If you know of any families, residing in our zone, who have yet to contact the school regarding enrolment next year, please direct them to contact the school as soon as possible. Also, if your circumstances change and you are leaving our school, please advise us immediately. Having accurate enrolment figures allows us to adequately cater for our students next year.

Staff Leave

Last week I had the pleasure of attending an International Conference in Melbourne about Professional Learning Communities. I travelled down with some other principals from the Cessnock network and it was a great opportunity to hear from highly regarded educational experts from around the world. Thank you to Miss Perry for relieving for me during this absence.

Mrs Milford, our Learning and Support Teacher is currently taking some long service leave for the rest of the term and is being replaced by Mrs Ford. Congratulations to Mrs Ford, who has successfully completed her university commitments and is now able to teach in NSW Public Schools. It is lovely to have Mrs Ford back in our school, albeit, in a slightly different role!



Partners in Learning

Mon 9th Sept **2 Yellow**

Mon 16th Sept **1 Orange**

Mon 23rd Sept **4/5 Indigo**

Reminder

Please note that only cash payments are accepted when purchasing school hats at the office.

Please also ensure payments are for the exact amount as change is limited.

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.

Parking

Once again, the Ranger recently visited our school to ensure parking is legally enforced. Please be aware of the restrictions and what each sign means, as fines are hefty and rarely well received!

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.

Parent Tell Them From Me Surveys

Every year our school participates in the Tell Them from Me Survey, where students in Years 4-6, staff and parents get the opportunity to provide us with some anonymous feedback. A letter will be sent home soon to those students invited to participate, with the option to opt out if they would like.

We also need as many parents as possible to complete the survey so we can get valuable information that influences planning for our school.

All parents are invited to participate and it will only take a few minutes. Mrs Knight will be coordinating these surveys towards the end of term and early next term and will try and catch some parents in the playground before and after school.

John Flemming

Mr John Fleming visited our school today, to review our progress and direction with Explicit Instruction. It is always an exciting time to be able to showcase the excellent work our teachers and students are producing.

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Father's Day Breakfast. From all accounts it was a great morning, with paper aeroplanes going everywhere! Thank you to Mrs Knight for organising the activities, to the P&C for providing the breakfast and to the volunteers for their help on the day with breakfast, raffle and/or stall.



Trivia Night

The P&C hosted a fabulous Trivia Night in our school hall last Friday night. It was a great evening, with lots of fun had by all who attended. Thank you to our P&C for organising this fundraiser, which was a great opportunity for our school community to connect. I believe it was extremely successful, with sponsorship and money raised on the night in excess of \$6,000. Thank you to Mrs Brathwaite for being an exceptional quizmaster – some of the questions were quite difficult! You will be pleased (or even relieved) to know that the teachers table were leading the way for some of the night, but clearly need to study flags of the world more! Congratulations to the winners, they proved to be a formidable force!



Rugby League

The students at Pelaw Main have had a fabulous 2 weeks of football. The juniors, senior girls and seniors played outstanding. Thank you to Mr McLaren and Mr Jackson for helping Mrs Beneke.



Deadly Cooking

The students at Pelaw Main have been cooking up a storm at Deadly Cooking this term.



P&C News

The Pelaw Main Public School P&C may be small, but it packs a fundraising punch. It has almost reached its 2019 fundraising goal of \$10,000, which is going towards building a cover over the outdoor play equipment. These funds have been raised through canteen, raffles and very generous donations from Orica and Our Voice Our Choice.

P&C President, Karen Hansen, said, "Our hardworking P&C are humbled by the generosity of local businesses. From big corporates like Orica and Our Voice Our Choice, to our local real estates, tradies and retailers; willing to help out our kids to have a better school environment."

Whilst the P&C have been working hard for the students, the students themselves have focused on community giving. The Student Representative Council (SRC) has this year organised awareness days for cancer (pyjama day), down syndrome (odd sock day) and most recently drought affected families (Dress as a Farmer Day).

School Captain, Tayah Haggerty (12), said "We think it is important that kids become aware of things that are happening in the bigger world. As school leader, I hope this inspires the next lot of leaders to keep raising awareness of important things".

REMINDER

KURRI KURRI HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 2020

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday September 10, 2019







4.30pm - 6pm

Venue: School Library



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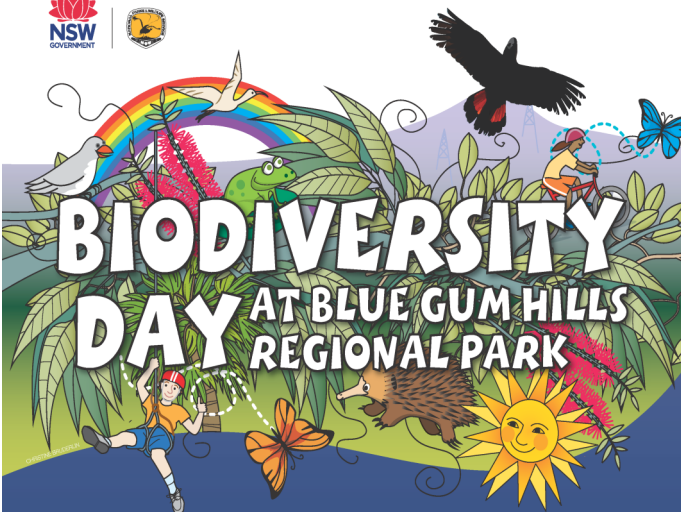
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BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Free Community Event
Bring a picnic and celebrate!

Thursday 3 October, 10am-2pm

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park
Minmi Road, Minmi

- Free sausage sizzle
- Live entertainment
- Native plants give away
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Culture walks
- Craft activities for all ages
- Interact with live animals
- Learn about volunteering in nature



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**Maitland
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25TH AUG &
8TH SEPT
11AM - 1PM

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