



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 Week 10

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 16th December

Last Day of Term 4
Out of Uniform Day

Thursday 17th December

SDD - No students or staff

Friday 18th December

SDD - No students or staff

2021

Wednesday 27th January

SDD - No students

Thursday 28th January

SDD - No students

Friday 29th January

First Day of School for
students in Years 1-6

Monday 1st February

First Day for Kindergarten
Students

Tuesday 2nd February

Swimming Carnival at East
Maitland Swimming Pool

Friday 5th March

School Photo Day

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year Graduation was held last Thursday night, and much to everyone's delight, two guests were allowed to be invited. We changed the usual order of events to work around all the changes, and it was the highlight of the year to be able to see our Year 6 students shine with their dance and have a great night.

Once again, I would just like to say a very big thank you to Miss Williams and Miss Clayden for all the hard work that went into organising such a fantastic night for our Year 6 students. We are all very grateful for the extra time and effort you give to provide our students with these opportunities. What is usually a big job, was made all the more challenging this year, trying to plan around guidelines and restrictions. A very big thank you to our P&C, who very generously donated funds to ensure all students could attend the night at no cost.

Also, a big shout out to Happi Chicken, who worked extremely hard to ensure all students had a delicious, individually boxed dinner. Also thank you to Munchkins Family Day Care for donating money towards the Year 6 Graduation cake.



Presentation Day

Last Friday, we held our annual Presentation Day, albeit somewhat differently than usual. As restrictions changed last Monday, we were able to invite some visitors, but were still restricted with numbers. For this reason, we still our staggered sessions, and parents of award winners were invited.

I would like to thank all the parents and guests in attendance for their cooperation and support of our guidelines. Also, I would like to thank Mrs Harris, who on top of all of the tasks associated with this end of year celebration, spent almost two days ringing parents and organising everything in line with our COVID Safe plan. A massive job and one that was appreciated by all.

I have included my speech for Presentation Day, for those who were unable to attend due to the restrictions. It is a reflection of the thanks needed to all, after a year like no other.

Good morning and welcome to our annual Presentation Day. We thank you all for being here with us today, and for your cooperation with all of the guidelines we have had to follow. Whilst it may look a little different this year, and we get to do it twice, we are thrilled to be able to have our invited guests join us.

Presentation Day is a chance to celebrate some of our students wonderful achievements, recognise their talents and abilities, encourage those who have shown great resilience, and most importantly to say thank you.

2020 has been a year like no other! We started the year, just like any other, and by the end of Term 1, we were all faced with massive uncertainty about the future and school, and life was not like we had ever known it. All of a sudden, your homes were classrooms, your parents were teachers and we were in lockdown. Before this year, none of us knew the term "social distancing", very few of us knew how to use Zoom and never before had we been told not to come to school!

Life most certainly changed this year – so many of our ordinary school activities have had to be changed or stopped...this week has been the first time in months your parents have been able to come into the school grounds. But, despite all the challenges 2020 has thrown at the world, there is so much more to be thankful for.

Firstly, our teachers! The role of a classroom teacher is a demanding one and one that continues to evolve each year – and 2020 can be no better example of this. During the early stages of the Corona Virus pandemic, our teachers had to virtually change the way in which they taught overnight! Within a matter of days, they taught themselves to use online platforms and worked tirelessly to ensure our children and families could continue to learn, at home and at school. I don't know how many parents have commented to me about how amazing it was and how hard it must have been –and I can tell you, it most certainly was nothing short of incredible! I cannot thank our teachers and support staff enough for their amazing efforts, resilience and ability to get the job done, no matter how hard! Teachers and support staff, I say a massive thank you on behalf of us all!

Secondly, to our parents...or should I say beginning teachers! What a year you have had! All of a sudden your lives changed dramatically this year too, with many of you trying to juggle work commitments and helping your children learn at home. Not an easy task and one that most definitely made many parents appreciate the role of teachers, with a newfound wonder and admiration! Thank you for all of your support, with helping your children continue to learn during lockdown, and for your patience and understanding as we all learnt how to navigate the new normal.



And finally, to our wonderful students! Your love of learning has continued to shine this year, despite some dark times. You all deserve to feel very proud of your achievements this year, regardless of whether you receive an award today or not. This year has thrown many challenges and disappointments – no excursions, and limited sporting events, just to name a few. But what you did have was resilience, strength and a great determination to continue learning. Every student in our school has achieved success with their learning this year and when you take your reports home on Monday, I encourage you all to celebrate your success and recognise your effort and hard work.

*As some of you found out last night, this year we say farewell to Miss Williams, who recently received a permanent position at Gillieston Public School. Miss Williams has been with us for the past 13 years, and as she likes to put it, is part of the furniture! She is indeed part of the fabric that makes our school a great place to be and her contribution and passion for our school, students and staff will be greatly missed by many. On behalf of our school community, we wish you all the very best and can't thank you enough for the support you have given us all over the years. Our loss is most certainly Gillieston's gain!
2020 - it's been a challenge, but we have survived and go into 2021, stronger than ever!*

*Thank you.
Mrs Burton*

Class Party Day

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions around sharing food, our usual Class Party day was yet another thing that looked different this year. To ensure we could have something for the students, we cooked an epic sausage sizzle for the whole school, which the children demolished, followed by an ice block! Thank you to Mrs Benic, Mrs Prior and Mrs Corke for their organisation of this.

Santa also paid us a visit, transported by the Kurri Kurri Fire Brigade, to hand out packets of lollies to the students!

Changes to School Year for 2021

Recently, the NSW DoE announced changes to school development days. To support a strong start to 2021, school staff will now have two school development days at the beginning of Term 1. For 2021, students will return to school on Friday 29 January. Kindergarten students will start on Monday, 1st February.

School Development Day Variation

Students and staff finish school for the year on **Wednesday, 16th December**. No one will be onsite on the Thursday or Friday, as staff will have worked additional hours, attending various training, throughout the year.

School Reports

Semester 2 Student reports were sent home yesterday afternoon. Please contact the office to make a time to meet with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding information in reports.

Swimming Carnival

Our 2021 Swimming Carnival has been confirmed for **Tuesday, 2nd February at East Maitland Swimming Pool**. Notes went home with students on Thursday last week.

The cost of entry is \$3.80. Please ensure your child has returned the signed permission slip and money to the office by Friday the 29th of January.

Our P&C have made an ongoing commitment to pay for buses to our carnivals, which is absolutely fabulous.

PCYC School Holiday Program

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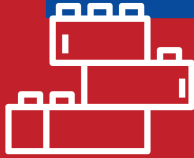
9am-4pm, For ages 5-12yrs
 \$38 per child sibling discount available
 Book Today 4991 1407
 Enrol for 3 or more days and you can use your creative kids voucher



Monday 21st December
 Soccer, Creative Craze, Gymnastics

Tuesday 22nd December
 Creative Building, Multi Sports, Free G

Wednesday 23rd December
 Gymnastics, Creative Craze, Hockey



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Week 1

Monday 4th January
 Multi Sports, Creative building, Free G

Tuesday 5th January
 Creative Craze, Multi Sports, Gymnastics

Wednesday 6th January
 Creative building, Multi Sports, Archery

Thursday 7th January
 Multi Sports, Creative Craze, Free G

Friday 8th January
 Rock Climbing, Free G, Soccer

Week 2

Monday 11th January
 Soccer, Creative Craze, Gymnastics

Tuesday 12th January
 Creative building, Multi Sports, Free G

Wednesday 13th January
 Creative Craze, Multi Sports, Archery

Thursday 14th January
 Multi Sports, Rock Climbing, Creative building

Friday 15th January
 Free G, Hockey, Creative Craze

Week 3

Monday 18th January
 Multi Sports, Creative building, Free G

Tuesday 19th January
 Creative Craze, Multi Sports, Gymnastics

Wednesday 20th January
 Creative building, Multi Sports, Archery

Thursday 21st January
 Multi Sports, Creative Craze, Free G

Friday 22nd January
 Rock Climbing, Free G, Soccer

Monday 25th January
 Multi Sports, Creative Craze, Free G



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Week One - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances					
Monday 14-12-20	Tuesday 15-12-20	Wednesday 16-12-20	Thursday 17-12-20	Friday 18-12-20	
Last Week of School 2020			Recyclables & Craft	Dress Up & Party Day	
			<p>With party pies and sausage rolls for lunch \$1.50 each</p>		

Week Two - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances					
Monday 21-12-20	Tuesday 22-12-20	Wednesday 23-12-20	Thursday 24-12-20	Friday 25-12-20	
Cards & Wrap	Cooking & Gifts	Ornament Creations	Service Closed		

Monday 04-01-21	Tuesday 05-01-21	Wednesday 06-01-21	Thursday 07-01-21	Friday 08-01-21
Kids Choice	Icy Smoothies	Rockpool Adventures	KFC Lunch	Aboriginal Art
Welcome to 2021! Child driven program	Chillin' with ice & summer fruits to keep cool	justdreamproductions.com.au are coming out with their rockpool of creatures at 10am	Walking in small groups to purchase their own lunch.	Creation of an indigenous artwork on our footpath, with Aunt Judy
		\$5	Bring cash \$	

Week Two - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances					
Monday 11-01-21	Tuesday 12-01-21	Wednesday 13-01-21	Thursday 14-01-21	Friday 15-01-21	
Recycled Crafts	Water Play Day	Tropical Day & Home made PIZZA	Bike & Scooter Day	Gaming Championship	
Finding ways to reuse recyclables & learn about recycling	Bring your swimmers, towel and change of clothes to cool down with water play!	Wear your best hawaiian shirt, & does pineapple go on pizza?	*NO HELMET, NO RIDE* Kids can ride bikes all day (pending the UV rays) plus chicken wraps for lunch	Testing our board game skills	
	\$2 Fish \$2 Chips	\$3 each	\$3 each		

Week Three - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances					
Monday 18-01-21	Tuesday 19-01-21	Wednesday 20-01-21	Thursday 21-01-21	Friday 22-01-21	
Ice Brick Challenge	Bike & Scooter Day	Graffiti Dan Mural	Movies in the hall	Water Play Day	
Design own sandwich		With professional artist 'Graffiti Dan' we'll create a mural on our shipping container	On the projector screen, bring a pillow to chill out and eat popcorn	Bring your swimmers, towel and change of clothes to cool down with water play!	
\$3 each	*NO HELMET, NO RIDE* Kids can ride bikes all day (pending the UV rays)	\$5		\$2 Fish \$2 Chips	

Week Four - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances					
Monday 25-01-21	Tuesday 26-01-21	Wednesday 27-01-21	Thursday 28-01-21	Friday 29-01-21	
Oz Day Celebrations & Sizzling	Australia Day Public Holiday	Talent Show	Kids Choice	First Day of School 2021	
Oz Day theme dress up		Children will show off their variety of talents	Child driven program		
\$2.50 each					



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Before School Care

6:30am – 9:00am

After School Care

3:00pm – 6:30pm

Vacation Care

6:30am – 6:30pm