



Pelaw Main Public School NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 4th February
Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 5th February
Kindergarten 2020 start
Friday 7th February
School Assembly and
Leader Inductions 2:30pm
Thursday 13th February
Meet the Teacher

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to all for the 2020 school year! It was lovely to see our students looking so excited to be back at school on Wednesday morning and we welcome 9 new students who have joined us in Year 3 from Stanford Merthyr Infants School. We also welcomed about 8 new students to our school in the first two days, which was fabulous!

This year we welcome Mr Ethan Harvey, who will be taking one of our classes this year and Mrs Chris Jordison, who will be working in the office each Monday and Tuesday. Our Kindergarten students are currently completing their Best Start assessments and will officially start next Wednesday, 5th February.

The beginning of the year is a time when lots of notes and information is sent home by class teachers. Please make sure your child checks their bags each night to ensure this information gets to you. Our Skoolbag App and school Facebook page are other avenues we use to ensure this information is available. Our newsletters will go home each fortnight, in odd weeks, with whole school assemblies being held every even week on Friday afternoons. Newsletters are uploaded onto the Skoolbag App each fortnight.

2020 Swimming Carnival

Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the annual Swimming Carnival at Branxton Swimming Pool on **Tuesday, 4th February**. Year 2 students may attend, only if they are turning 8 years old this year and are confident swimmers.

Students and staff will depart from Pelaw Main Public School at approximately 9.30am and return to school before 3.00pm.

Students are to come to school wearing their swimmers underneath their sports uniform, as there are limited change room facilities and time constraints. Students are required to also supply their own sunscreen, towel, wide-brimmed hat, spare t-shirt and underwear, as well as a packed lunch, drinks and recess. The pool canteen will be open on the day for drinks, ice blocks etc. However, we are asking that all students bring a packed lunch and a drink as sometimes the canteen can have lengthy delays. The P&C have once again very generously offered to pay for the buses, which has reduced the cost of the excursion significantly.

Parents and visitors who attend the carnival will need to pay an admission fee in line with the pool policy and pricing upon entering the pool. Students arranging their own transport will also need to pay the pool entry fee upon arrival.

Here's hoping the weather is on our side and despite the fact we need rain, our carnival goes ahead! Any cancellation will be communicated via Facebook, Skoolbag and/or SMS.

Classes for 2020

We have had a chaotic start to the year, having to establish a class and organise an additional classroom on our first day back. However, this was absolutely worth it as we have not lost a class as we were projected too! Our total enrolment is around 195 students this year, which holds our entitlement of eight classes. The structures and teachers are as follows:

K Red - Miss Perry & Miss Beneke
 1/2 Orange – Ms Cassidy
 1/2 Yellow – Mrs Grant
 3 Green – Mr Harvey
 3/4 Blue – Mrs Brathwaite & Mrs Harris
 4/5 Indigo – Ms Adams
 5/6 Violet – Miss Clayden
 6 Pink – Miss Williams

When sending in payments for the office, and ordering lunch please use the student's colour class name.

Staffing

Our Assistant Principal's are working a 5 day fortnight on class this year. This will mean they will share alternate Wednesday's with their respective class teacher. Our Assistant Principals have many roles across the school and rather than having them being taken off class to do this frequently, we have organised things differently this year in order to ensure the least disruptions to classes and continue to build upon the fantastic results we had last year. If your child is in K Red or 3/4 Blue and you would like more information about how this will work, please arrange a time to meet with these teachers to discuss this further.

Mrs Sharon Wendt has just been offered two days a week for the rest of the year at Cooranbong Public School as an Instructional Leader. Sadly this means Mrs Wendt will not be returning to us this year, as she will work across two schools in the Instructional Leader role.

School Leaders for 2020

School Leaders, Sports Leaders and our Aboriginal Education Team Executive will be inducted at our first assembly **on Friday, 7th February at 2.30pm**. Parents of our new school leaders are invited to be part of the assembly when students receive their badges.

2020 House Leaders

Thank you to all candidates nominated for Sport Leadership roles in 2020.

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected by the school students to be our Sports Leaders for 2020. They will receive their badges at this Friday's assembly.

Stanford

Captain – Daniel Fogg
 Captain – Lara Hodson
 Vice Captain – Jackson Alcorn
 Vice Captain – Stella Conrad

Hebburn

Captain – Andrew Anderson
 Captain - Lilly Harris
 Vice Captain – Coleby Crawford
 Vice Captain – Monique Harris

Richmond

Captain – Isaac Ferry
 Captain – Sarah Ford
 Vice Captain – Connor Lambert-Cambourne
 Vice Captain – Destiney Brown

Payments to the Office

Please ensure when you are making cash payments to the office that the money is in an envelope or snap lock bag. This should be clearly marked with the students name, class & what the payment is for. This helps prevent confusion and ensures money is receipted to the correct student. Payments can also be made by eftpos or via our school website.

Meet the Teacher Conferences

The school has scheduled Meet the Teacher conferences for Week 3 of this term.

On **Thursday, 13th February**, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher after school, to discuss any needs and give parents an opportunity to ask some questions.

These meetings will be held in our school hall.

Information notes were sent home today, to book your time. Please return them as soon as possible or contact your child's class teacher if you have not seen this note as yet.

Students in Kindergarten will receive a different note, as Kindergarten parents will be invited to attend an interview at another time, regarding the Best Start assessment reports.

Absences from School

If your child is absent from school, the Department of Education requires an explanation of the absence within 7 days. This is a legal requirement and one which is monitored closely by our Home School Liaison Officer.

There are several ways in which you can notify the school of your child's absence; ringing on the day of the absence to inform the office staff, telling your child's class teacher when they return to school, using the absence note section of our Skoolbag App, and/or replying to the SMS message sent each day your child is absent. Any absences that are not explained after the 7 day period automatically become unexplained absences. These absences are monitored closely. Your cooperation of ensuring your child's absence is greatly appreciated.

Parking Signs

The ranger has been around our school with greater frequency lately. We have been supplied with some posters by the council, outlining what the different parking signs mean and the fines attached to not adhering to these signs. These posters are located to the front fence on Abermain Street, in three locations. If you are uncertain about any of the parking signs and zones, please use this as a reference.

I am aware that some parents have been fined for reverse parking at the bottom gate on Aberdare Street. According to the communication from the council, parking in this area is parallel to the curb, which limits the numbers of cars safely parking in this area. From what I understand, there is no signage on display in this area. I have contacted the council to seek some clarification around this and will relay the information I receive.

In the meantime, please consider this information if you park down there, in order to avoid a hefty fine.

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PACKING AN EVERYDAY LUNCHBOX

Packing an everyday lunchbox does not have to contain fancy ingredients.

Make packing an everyday lunchbox easy by adding:

- **Crunch & Sip®:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables
- **Recess:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks e.g. rice crackers, yoghurt
- **Lunch:** Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients e.g. pasta, fried rice
- **Drink:** Water and/or reduced fat plain milk
- Don't forget to add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe

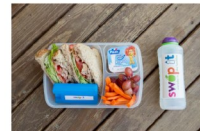
See our everyday lunchboxes below for ideas.



Crunch & Sip®: Capsicum sticks
Recess: Mini rice cakes, banana
Lunch: Multigrain wrap with chicken, cheese, carrot and lettuce
Drink: Water



Crunch & Sip®: Cherry tomatoes
Recess: Rice crackers, cucumber sticks and hummus
Lunch: Raisin bread sandwich with banana
Drink: Water, reduced fat plain milk



Crunch & Sip®: Carrot sticks
Recess: Yoghurt, grapes
Lunch: Whole meal sandwich with tuna, tomato and lettuce
Drink: Water

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