Principal’s Report

What a great start to the year we have had at Pelaw Main Public School. Our Kindergarten students and Year 3 students from Stanford Merthyr Infants School, as well as our new enrolments from other schools, have quickly settled in to the routines of our great school. Our School Captains’ and Prefects’ photos will be appearing in the Advertiser next Wednesday, a great thrill for them and their families. Our students also elected House Captains and Vice Captains last Monday, in preparation for their roles at our Swimming Carnival on Monday. The House leaders are as follows: Hebburn Captains – Amber Black and Liam Bower, Vice-Captains - Toni Woods and Simon Fallon. Richmond Captains – Chloe Geering and Boden Hallett, Vice-Captains – Lara Comerford and Lachlan Todhunter. Stanford Captains – Anja Atkinson and Ethan Evans, Vice-Captains – Annabelle Summerville and Jarod Franks.

Swimming Carnival
Please ensure that, if your child is attending the swimming carnival on Monday, that they are well prepared for the day. Sports uniform, sunscreen, swimmers, towel, wide-brimmed hat, spare t-shirt, jumper and drink, as well as a packed lunch and recess, are all items that will make your child safe and secure when participating in this excursion. Parents and spectators will need to pay an admission fee at the pool in line with the pool policy and pricing. Students will depart school at approximately 9.30am and return to school by 3.00pm. The canteen will be open on the day, however students will only have a limited time to purchase from the canteen. Please ensure you read the swimming carnival information note for further details about the carnival.

Positive Parenting Program
The school is running a Positive Parenting Program seminar, organised by Families NSW, on Thursday, 21st February from 9:30 - 2:30pm. I would encourage you to contact the school as soon as possible to book in to attend this great program. The seminar deals with raising confident, competent and resilient children and will be conducted by Mrs Jane Hodgson, SACC coordinator at Koe Nara, Cessnock.

Songroom
Our Songroom program begins on Wednesday with some teacher professional development. The students will begin to access the program on Wednesday, 20th February. Unfortunately, our original teaching artist, Lyn Bowtell, has been offered a country music tour program and won’t be with us but we have secured the talents of Claire Thomas, who will be our teaching artist for 2013.
General Information

Roll Marking
As of next week, all classes will be marking rolls electronically in the classroom. If your child is late or is going to leave early, your first point of call is the office. The office will have a dedicated computer to record your late arrival or early leave. It is important that you do go to the office for this information to be tracked.

Parking around school
A letter from Cessnock City Council arrived at school on Wednesday and it was a timely reminder for our school community to be aware that rangers are out in force in our area to ensure all drivers are parked legally in school zones.

Offences that I have noticed taking place are listed below with the subsequent fine and demerit points:

- Stopping in a bus zone – School Zone $298 and 2 demerit points
- Disobeying a No Stopping Sign – School Zone $298 and 2 demerit points
- Stop on or across a driveway - $165 and 2 demerit points.

These offences seem to be of most concern around our school. Please ensure these rules are followed for the safety and wellbeing of all our families.

Some of our neighbours have also requested that children and parents do not walk across their property, particularly in grassed areas that are in need of regrowth.

P&C News
The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 12th of February in the Hall at 1.45pm. Everyone welcome.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this week's assembly: Lachlan, Chelsea, Kobi, Georgia M, Jarod, Issac, Trixta, Trinity, Jordan, Jaida, Blake M, Ky, Chloe R, Makayla P, Tristan, Marina, Anya, Joseph, Sophie, Tahrlee, and Graham.

Congratulations also to Trinity Hawkins who received a Certificate of Merit.

Shaun Graham
Principal

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