Principal's Report

Thank you for supporting our School Photo Day on Friday. Our students looked very proud to be members of this great school community and were very respectful of our school uniform. The decision to not wear the new polo shirt was based on the fact that it is, at the moment, not a required part of our everyday Summer uniform. However, it is wonderful to see many new students in the new polo shirt and I would like to remind parents of students in Year 5 and 6 who are going on the Easter Show excursion that they will need to either purchase one of these shirts from our Uniform Shop or have their child borrow one from the school uniform pool, prior to the excursion next Thursday.

P&C

The Pelaw Main PS P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th March. The executive positions have been filled as followed: President: Judy Mayer Vice Presidents: Kelly James and John Manderson Secretary: Rowena Boughton Treasurer: Tina Jones The Canteen Co-Ordinator is Judy Mayer and the Uniform shop will be maintained by Pam Webb.

Matt Woods has agreed to be the P&C representative on our school’s new Positive Behaviour for Learning team. The first meeting for this team will be held on Monday, 25th March from 3:30pm in the school staff room.

Cross Country

Our Cross Country will be held during Monday Sport time at Jacob’s Park. Students will be running in their age group, starting and finishing at separate stations to other age groups, avoiding congestion and confusion. The Zone Cross Country will be held on Wednesday, 27th March.

Staff News

In the past few weeks many of our teaching staff have undertaken numerous professional development opportunities that will provide our students with opportunities to succeed to the best of their ability. From time to time, your child’s classroom teacher will be away from the class to further develop their skills and knowledge of our education system and to provide the best possible teaching practices to our students. Some of the recent courses have been: Quality Teaching Workshop, Behaviour Support, Working with iPads in the classroom, Focus on Reading and Language Literacy Learning for Kindergarten. On Friday, our Kindergarten teachers will be attending a Music in the Classroom workshop. On Wednesday, Mrs Burton and I will be attending a conference at Maitland. Mrs Harris will relieve as Principal on this day.
Student Visitors
Starting last Wednesday and continuing until the end of term, three Year 6 students from Mulbring Public School, Zane, Jack and Hannah, will be visiting our school during the morning session. The purpose of their visit is to become familiar with some of our Year 6 students in preparation for High School next year. They will be participating in Library lessons and Songroom lessons with 5/6L.

School Fees
Thank you to the families who have already paid their school contribution of $43 per family. This money can be paid at the office and assists with the educational needs of our students.

Year 7 Placement for 2014
Just a reminder that the Expression of Interest forms for Year 6 to Year 7 placement in 2014 are due back at school by the 22nd of March.

Facebook
In recent weeks I have had conversations with several students in regards to the use of Facebook. Issues that arise on Facebook cannot be monitored by the school as it is happening outside of school, yet some of these issues are being brought to school, causing a lot of anxiety between some students. Under the rules for use of Facebook, a person must be 13 years of age. Therefore at this time, no student at Pelaw Main is 13 and under the rules should not have a Facebook account.

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28th March at 10am in the school hall. Students are asked to design and decorate their Easter hat at home and bring to school on the day of the parade. Traditionally, students in Kindergarten to Year 2 have decorated Easter hats for the parade. Students in Years 3-6 may choose to decorate an Easter hat, poster or mask for the parade. Students sit with their class during the festivities and parade in class groups. Pre-schoolers and toddlers will also have an opportunity to parade, so younger siblings and friends coming to the parade may also like to make an Easter hat at home. Our junior and senior choirs will perform during the parade, and the P&C Easter raffle will be drawn. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us for this wonderful event.

Easter Raffle
Raffle tickets have been distributed for the Easter Raffle. Each family received one book of five tickets at a $1 each. Please sell your tickets and return them. The prize draw is held at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March at the Hall. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return the unsold book to the Canteen. Donations for this raffle are still being accepted and you can drop them off at the Office anytime.

It’s A Bun-Raiser!
Easter means Hot Cross Buns! A note for a HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE has gone home. Half a dozen for $5. Flavours are Chocolate Chip, Fruit (no peel) and Fruitless. Return your order form and correct money by Friday 23rd March, or no later than 10am Monday 25th March. Pick up your order at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March. Some extras will be available for purchase on the day. Any uncollected orders will be resold to someone else on the day. No refunds will be given.

Eco-Explorers Week 8
Jemima Parsons 2H
Zac Brown 3W
Jackson Fitzgerald 3W
Ky Haggarty 3W

Shaun Graham
Principal