Principal’s Report
I would like to acknowledge the hard work being done by our Breakfast Club volunteers and students, who work tirelessly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to make sure our students have a healthy breakfast at school. This is a great initiative that would not be able to function without the sort of support that we receive from our parents and community members.

Careers Through Reading
Our Careers through Reading program, from the University of Newcastle, for Year 5 students, came to an end on Wednesday, with the presentation of a wonderful text called Hope. Our students had a great few weeks and are hopefully inspired to begin thinking about genuine career choices as they head towards secondary education in 2016.

PBL Expo
On Thursday, Miss Perry and Mrs Knight attended a Positive Behaviour for Learning Expo in Newcastle, to showcase the wonderful work our school community has done in implementing our school’s behavioural expectations and reward systems. The school was presented with an award for achieving great results across the Hunter and Central Coast school region.

Staff Movement
Miss Perry will be absent from school, from Thursday, 27th November until Wednesday, 10th December, due to medical reasons. Miss Roach will take K/1 during her absence. Several other staff members will take on Miss Roach’s timetable during this period.
Mrs Osborne, our school counsellor, will be at school on Wednesday, 26th November next week. Her next work day at Pelaw Main Public School will be Thursday, 4th December. These will be the only two days that Mrs Osborne will be based at the school for the remainder of the year.

School Reports
School Reports will be sent home to parents on Wednesday, 10th December.
Milo T20 Cricket
Several of our students will be travelling to Baddeley Park, Cessnock, next week to participate in a Milo T20 Blast Cricket Day. This gives our students the opportunity to participate in a fast, action-packed game where the involvement of all students is key to the success of the game. Students will be receiving permission notes before the end of this week.

Presentation Day
Our School Presentation Day will be held on Friday, 12th December. Many students will be rewarded for their outstanding achievements throughout the year, and our school leaders for 2015 will be announced on this day. How exciting!

Stanford Merthyr Infants School will be hosting their Presentation Day assembly in our School Hall on Monday, 15th December.

High School Orientation
Our Year 6 students, who are attending Kurri Kurri High School in 2015, will have their last Orientation session at the High School on Monday, 24th November. Students will be travelling by bus, leaving the school at 11:30am, before participating in a series of workshops at the High School. They will then be provided with afternoon tea and will return to school by 2:30pm.

School Plan
Our school is in the process of developing a new three-year School Plan, to provide strategic directions for the education and well-being of our students into the future. The School Plan team has P&C representatives, as well as school teachers and executive, to oversee the development of the plan. This team will hold its next meeting at 3:30pm in the school library on Wednesday, 26th November. We hope to be able to give the community some idea of our school’s strategic directions before the end of the year.

Mayoral Photographic Competition
Our two Mayoral Photographic Competition winners will be presented with their school cheques, by the Mayor, on Tuesday, 2nd December in a small assembly in the school hall. This assembly will be in lieu of our in-school PBL assembly held on Tuesday at 12:10pm.

Year 6 Fun Day & Farewell Dinner
The Year 6 Fun Day will be held on Wednesday, 10th December. Students will be travelling to Treetops recreation centre. The Year 6 students will then have their farewell on the night of Monday, 15th December. Students will be having dinner with the staff, and dancing the night away. Parents are invited to attend the presentation and dance part of the evening.

PBL Awards for This Week
Be Safe Hayley K/1
Be Respectful Rani 4L
Be an Active Learner Jordyn 5/6G
Best Class Attendance K/1
Class Party Day
Class Party Day will be on Tuesday, 16th December and Santa Claus will be making a special appearance on this day.

Last Day of Term
The last day of school, for students, is on Wednesday, 17th December. Staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Thursday, 18th December. School will be closed after that day.

School Resumes
School will then resume on Tuesday, 27th January, for staff. Students in Years 1-6 will return on Wednesday, 28th January and Kindergarten will start school on Thursday, 29th January.

Stranger Danger
I would just like to bring to your attention that I have been informed by police to make sure your children are aware of the dangers of talking to, and being approached by strangers. Make sure that you talk to your children about this, and give them some strategies to remove themselves from the danger, if they ever feel unsafe.
Don’t be afraid to say NO.
YELL and TELL – Yell “Help” or “I Don’t Know You” and go to the safest place you know.
One particular website, Safety4Kids, has some good information about children’s safety in general.

Eco Explorers Week 8
Aaron D KH, Lacey S KH, John J KH, Flynn 3W, Nathan 3W.

Parent Information Night KKHS
On Monday 24th of November at 6.30pm, an information night will be held at Kurri Kurri High School for Parents of students starting Year 7 in 2015.

Live Life Well at School
Say NO to Cyberbullying – Tips for Parents
• Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that both of you are comfortable with so your child knows what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.
• Establish one or two other trusted adults your child is comfortable in approaching about their concerns.
• Be aware of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.
• Keep the lines of communication open so your child will be comfortable about talking to you if something is worrying them. Help your child to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Guide their online activities and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.
• Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
• Discuss the kinds of sites that are ok to explore and those that are not and have clear rules about online activities.
• Help your child to block anyone who sends offensive content. Most social networking services allow users to block and report someone who is behaving badly.

Library News
Children who have books overdue will be given reminder notes this week. I would greatly appreciate it if parents could encourage their children to find and return all Library books and reading buddies as we are preparing to do our Stocktake. I do realise that there are some problems with some books and so if your child gets a reminder note and you can’t find the book at home then please ask your child to bring back the reminder note to me and I will look for the book in the Library. Thank you for your help.

Shaun Graham - Principal
Eureka Taekwondo
Traditional Martial Art For Self Defence
Just Turn Up Or Phone For Info, all ages welcome.
Starting At Pelaw Main School on Monday 9th February 2015
4.30pm to 5.30pm. 6th Dan Master Instructor Steve Turner
Ph: 0400 002951 or email: eurekataekwondo@gmail.com
Mondays 4.30pm to 4.30pm, 1 Free lesson

Child Dental Benefits Schedule
An Australian Government Dental Scheme
YES WE BULK BILL!!
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A, or other eligible
government payments can receive $1000
basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!