Principal’s Report

I would like to congratulate Jemma Black and Ebony Robertson, for receiving their Certificates of Excellence in the past couple of weeks. It is an amazing achievement to earn and collect the 100 Merit Cards over their time at Pelaw Main Public School. We now have 5 students on the display board inside the main classroom building, who have earned their Certificate since my time at the school.

I would also like to wish Makayla Patterson all the very best when she travels to the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre next Wednesday for the State PSSA Swimming Championships. Makayla will be participating as part of the Hunter Regional Swimming team.

More sport! Our Open Rugby League team will be travelling to Singleton next Tuesday to participate in the Steve Simpson Shield, which is a 7-a-side League round robin. We wish the boys all the best for an exciting and successful day.

And even more sport! Our school representatives for the Zone Cross Country will be travelling to Cessnock Racecourse on Thursday, 10th April to participate in their races. All the very best to these competitors as well.

Thank you to Mrs Palmer for organising our Bus Safety Day on Wednesday. All students need to experience bus travel, and the expectations that go with travelling on a bus. This is an integral component of our school’s road safety program. Thank you, parents, for supporting this event and thank you to Rover’s Bus Service, who donated the buses for the day.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday, 11th April from 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. Students will need to wear normal school uniform on the day.
Exemplary Student Day
Exemplary Student Day will be held on Thursday, 10th April. From 12:15 to 1:40pm, our Exemplary students, students who have had 1 or no visits to the Planning Room this term, will get a choice of activities to engage in with our teachers. At recess, all students will receive an ice block to thank them for their excellent behaviour. One Exemplary student from each class will also get to have a special lunch with the Principal at lunchtime on Thursday.

P&C News
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th April from 1:40pm in the school hall. All welcome. Raffle tickets have been distributed for the Easter raffle. Each family received one book of 5 tickets at $1 each please sell your tickets and return them. The prize draw is held at the Easter hat parade on Friday 11th April in the hall. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return the unsold tickets to the P&C box located at the office. Donations for this raffle are still being accepted and you can drop them off at the office at any time. P&C are selling entertainment books for $60 each, if you would like to purchase one please see Jodie Ross-Jackson or contact the office. 

Volunteers Needed - If anyone is able to help with the raffle at the Easter Hat Parade or at the Mother’s Day Stall and celebration (Term 2 Week 2) please see Jodie Ross-Jackson.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will closed for the first two weeks of Term 2. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Netball Umpire Needed
A netball umpire is needed for a Gala Day next Term. Please see Mrs Knight if you can help.

Breakfast Club
Our Breakfast Club will be holding a free sausage sizzle on Tuesday, 8th April from 8:30am, to say thank you to the students for their patronage this term. If you would like to help out on this morning, please contact the school by Monday afternoon to register your interest. There will be no Breakfast Club on Thursday.

Canberra Excursion
Parents are respectfully reminded that the Canberra excursion deposit is due by the end of term to secure your child's place on the excursion. Thank you.

Year 6 Fundraising
Our Year 6 fundraising committee will be selling ice cream cones for $1 each on Tuesday, 8th April at lunchtime.

Anzac Ceremony
I will be sending out an expression of interest next week for any children wishing to participate in the Kurri Kurri Community Anzac Day march this year. It would be great to see our students representing their school at this very special event. Keep an eye out for that note.

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day
Wednesday 7th May
Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services free of charge to schools across NSW and ACT as part of its commitment to child road safety.

The day looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children can better understand the forces that act on an object (humans) in motion (in cars or on bikes) so that road safety messages such as “Wear your seatbelt” become more relevant. Our students will be asked to decorate their bike helmets and wear them to school for the assembly at the beginning of the day.

Parent/Carer Workshop
Parents/Carers play a vital role in keeping their children safe on the roads and are invited to attend a Parent/Carer workshop at 2.30pm in the school hall. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes and in cars.
Live Life Well at School

Dairy foods are important for strong bones and teeth.

The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends children eat 2-3 serves of dairy foods, such as milk, cheese or yoghurt each day. Why not try including these high-calcium containing foods:

- Milk on cereal or a tub of yoghurt at breakfast.
- Cheese on crackers after preschool.
- Fruit smoothie as a drink.
- Custard and fruit or as dessert.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this weeks assembly.

Principal’s Awards: Hayley and Makayla P.

Citizenship Awards: Sacha and Emma C.


Certificate of Merit: Bailey, Amy B, Ky, Cooper, Anna, Aiden B, Makayla P and Marty.

Writer’s Festival

Bus Safety Day
Easter holiday activities @ your library
Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.
Tickets on sale late March.

Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2
Monday April 14  Cessnock Library  10.00 – 10.30  FREE
Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and a story – come and join the fun!

Easter Storytime – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 15  Cessnock Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Bounce up to this special Easter storytime – stories, songs and craft

Autumn Storytime – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 22  Cessnock Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Autumn stories, songs and craft

Easter Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8
Wednesday April 16  Kurri Kurri Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by Easter stories and craft

Autumn Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8
Wednesday April 23  Kurri Kurri Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by stories and craft

Easter Craft – ages 5-12
Tuesday April 15  Cessnock Library  2.00 – 3.00  FREE
Wednesday April 16  Kurri Kurri Library  1.00 – 2.00  FREE
Come along to this free Easter craft workshop - create a special Easter bunny basket, and learn how to transform a face cloth into an easter gift.

Movie & Craft Afternoon – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory – ages 5-12
Tuesday April 22  Kurri Kurri Library  2.00 – 4.00  FREE
Wednesday April 23  Cessnock Library  2.00 – 4.00  FREE
Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then create your own arrowroot biscuit masterpieces!

Kitchen Scientist Afternoon – ages 8+
Monday April 14  Cessnock Library  3.00 – 4.00  FREE
Wednesday April 16  Kurri Kurri Library  4.00 – 5.00  FREE
Warning – science experiments can be very messy! Wear old clothes to this hands-on kitchen science workshop, and take home your own bag of goo!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+
Tuesday April 15  Kurri Kurri Library  5.00 – 6.30  $5.00
Tuesday April 22  Cessnock Library  5.00 – 6.30  $5.00

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.