Principal’s Report

Another week to be proud of our students and the way they have represented their school in the wider community. Well done to Hayley R, Stella C, Tayah H, Jordan H, Paul J, Blake M, Amy S and Skyla B for representing the school at the Zone Public Speaking Finals at Nulkaba Public School. I’m sure the parents were very proud to see their children conducting themselves so professionally.

I also wanted to mention the success our school had at the recent Zone Athletics Carnival at Turner Park, Cessnock. All thirty of our representatives conducted themselves outstandingly well and several of our students have qualified to go further in the Hunter Regional Carnival held later this term. Can I also mention that, while joining in with the Partners in Print program with 3/4K last week, we had one of the best attended sessions by parents since I have been at the school. Community engagement, and spirit, at its best! Today is 3W’s turn, next week, 4L!

Education Week Community Awards

Congratulations to our Education Week Community Award winners, who received honours at our Friday Assembly this week.

Mrs Rowena Boughton – Outstanding Service to Community,
Miss Kayla Perry – Outstanding service to the school learning community and
Amy Stackman – Year 6 – Student Engagement across the school.

We are proud to have such wonderful, supportive members of our school community.

Canberra Excursion

The majority of our Stage 3 students will be travelling to Canberra on Wednesday, 3rd September to participate in a three day excursion around the nation’s capital. This is a wonderful life experience for our students and they will visit sites such as The Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. I bet they can’t wait!
Staff Movement
Mrs Ross returns to school this Monday, 11th August. Mrs Palmer will continue in her role from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Ford will return to her role on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Miss Roach will now be working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays while Mrs McLellan continues her leave up to the end of Week 7.

Our regular school counsellor, Lyn Osborne, will be on leave for the rest of this term. Our school welcomes Jill Paver, School Counsellor in training, to the relieving role. Jill will be working here Thursdays in even weeks and Fridays in odd weeks.

PBL Lessons
After our students received a lesson in having safe hands and feet, courtesy of a staff performance of the “Be Safe” rap, our PBL team has now decided to focus lessons on the expectations of students during eating time (lunch and afternoon tea). These lessons will be delivered throughout the term.

Songroom Music Camp
All of our Year 6 students have been invited to a Songroom Music ‘Camp’ next Monday and Tuesday at Kurri Kurri TAFE. Students will travel by bus to the TAFE each day and participate in a series of small group workshops based on creative and performing arts. Drumming, Music making, song making and hip hop are some of the workshop our students will participate in. These workshops will culminate in a performance from the students during the Tuesday afternoon workshop. What a great community opportunity for our senior students! Students received permission notes for this event last week.

Tree Lopping Timeframe
We continue to have our temporary fencing erected around the school grounds this week, while we await the tree lopping process. I have been informed that the trees will be coming down on Monday 11th August.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday night from 6pm in the staff room. Minutes from the previous meeting will be available on the website, and at the front office, on Monday.

Kindergarten Orientation
We have scheduled our Kindergarten Orientation dates for Term 4 and all families who have placed their child on the anticipated enrolment list will be receiving paperwork in the mail in the coming week. The dates are as follows:

- **Thursday, 30th October** – 2:15pm – Parent Only Information session
- **Thursday, 6th November** – First student orientation session + parent workshop and afternoon tea.
- **Thursday, 13th November** – Second student orientation session + parent workshop
- **Thursday, 20th November** – Third student orientation session + parent workshop

P&C Golf Day
P&C Fundraising are holding a Golf Day at Kurri Kurri Golf Club on Sunday 10th of August to raise funds for our school.
Cost: $50 pp (includes golf, breakfast & lunch)
There will be lots of prizes and raffles on the day.
Everyone is welcome!

Cessnock AECG Kullaburra Awards
The annual Cessnock AECG Kullaburra awards for Aboriginal students will be held next Wednesday, 20th September from 4:30pm at Kurri Kurri High School gymnasium. Four of our Aboriginal students will be receiving awards on the night. Miss Perry and I will be attending the ceremony.

Recycling Visit - K/1P & KH
Leanne Sanderson from Solo Resource Recovery will be visiting K/1P and KH next Thursday. Leanne will be speaking to the students about recycling and raising awareness about looking after our environment.
Partners in Print

The following link from the "My Little Bookcase" website, provides parents and carers with strategies to encourage reluctant readers:
It is a fantastic resource and contains some great ideas to help engage your children with reading.

Book Week and Grandparents Day

Our book week parade will be combined with Grandparents day on Wednesday the 20th August. The book week theme this year is Connect to Reading. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character.

There will be a Book Fair in the Library on that day starting at 9am until 10am for Parents and Grandparents, then the book parade will commence in the hall at 10am. It will reopen at lunch time for Grandparents and Students to purchase some books. By purchasing a book you are helping our Library to obtain new resources. There will be an interesting choice of books starting from $2. Cash will be the method of payment on the day.

We are asking that students bring in fresh flowers and some morning tea to share with their Grandparents, on the day please take the food and flowers to the staffroom. For families with more than one child you only need to provide one plate. Come along, have some morning tea & join the fun.

Breakfast Club

Parents please note, there will be no Breakfast Club on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

Eco Explorers Week 5

Zane W 4L, Paul 4L, Madison 3W and Summer 3W.

Assembly Awards

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

Principal's Awards: Amy Stackman and Emily Gordon.

Citizenship Awards: Kendall Alcorn and Cooper Fox.

Class Achievement Awards: Olivia T, Sienna, Jade L, Shelby J, Chelsea R, Hamish (K/1P), Kaleb T, Cody, Lilly H, Max J, Jayden S, Mason, Aidan S, Jay, Matthew, Lilly O, Sharnee and Jack O.


Live Life Well at School

Heart smart

Here are some healthy heart food tips:

- use margarine spreads instead of butter
- choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
- have fish at least twice a week
- snack on fresh fruit
- don't add salt to cooking or at the table
- enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals

Shaun Graham - Principal
PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: TUESDAY 12th August 2014
WHERE: STAFF ROOM
TIME: 6PM
ALL WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C FUNDRAISING

GOLF DAY

WHEN: Sunday 10th August 2014
WHERE: Kurri Kurri Golf Club
COST: $50 per person (includes golf, breakfast & lunch)
Breakfast served from 7.30am
Lots of prizes and raffles on the day!
EVERYONE WELCOME!