Principal’s Report

It was so wonderful to see the great community spirit on Wednesday for our Annual Book Week Parade and Grandparents Day. The students looked absolutely fabulous in their costumes and it was impressive to see such a great crowd for this event. I received a lot of great feedback about how the school has such a great family orientated atmosphere. That is a credit to this community. Well done! Thank you to Miss Roach for coordinating the Parade and Book Fair, and thank you to Mrs Prior, Mrs Mayer, Mrs Webb and Mr McTegg for serving drinks and organising food for Grandparents Day morning tea.
**Debating Competition**

Congratulations to our two debating teams for participation in their respective debates held on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, our Year 6 team were narrowly defeated by Kurri Kurri PS and on Tuesday, our Year 5 team achieved victory against their Kurri Kurri PS opponents. Well done to Mrs Grant for organising this successful event. Thank you to Mrs Burton for adjudicating the Monday debate.

**Kullaburra Awards Night**

Congratulations to Georgia McTegg – Leadership, Chloe Huntington – Sports Award, Teia Murphy – Attendance and Kiarni Hallett – All-rounder, for being recognised by the Korreil Wonnai (Cessnock and Kurri Kurri AECG) at the annual Kullaburra Awards night held at Kurri Kurri High School on Wednesday evening.

**Partners in Learning Survey**

I would like to direct you to an online survey that we are conducting, to evaluate our partnerships with the community and to gauge how connected parents are with their child’s learning. Currently, we have 9 completed surveys; we would love to be able to get to 30, to give a realistic snapshot of our community’s feeling about the school. The survey link is on our website, in the News Section. It is titled Partners in Learning Survey. The username and password are below. It shouldn’t take more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete. If you would like to participate in the survey but don’t have a computer or internet access at home, please contact the school and we can arrange a computer for you to undertake the survey.

Username: pelawmain  Password: parents123.

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

The P&C will be hosting a Father’s Day Breakfast on Thursday, 28th August, from 8:30am. Dads and their children will be able to tuck into a bacon and egg or sausage sandwich for breakfast prior to school. The P&C will be drawing the Father’s Day raffle on this morning as well. The P&C distributed notes for families to indicate how many family members will be attending on the day, collect one from the office if you haven’t handed it in. Food will be available to all students and family members on the day. So come along for a lovely family get together on Thursday morning, 28th August.

**School Website**

Speaking of the website, there are some photos of our Book Week Parade in the Photo Gallery on the home page. There are also plenty of photos from last term’s Athletics Carnival.

**Regional Athletics Carnival**

Next Friday, 29th August is the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival to be held at Glendale Athletics Centre. Four of our students, Makayla P, Teia M, Ella B-W and Joel F will be competing at this carnival. We wish them all the very best in their events.

**Canberra Excursion**

Our Stage 3 students will be heading to Canberra on Wednesday, 3rd September for a two night excursion to 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!

**Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club will be returning on Tuesday, 9th September, as we have had confirmation that Red Cross will be funding the breakfast club at least until the end of the year. Red Cross requires volunteers to participate in a training session, being held on Tuesday, 9th September, from 9:15-10:30. If you are interested in participating in this breakfast club training, please contact the school to register your interest.

**Primary Mathematics Competition**

Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition on Wednesday, 27th August. There are some great prizes on offer. We wish the students all the best.
Recycling Visit - K/1P & KH

Students in KH and K/1P enjoyed their visit from Leanne Sanderson of Solo Resource Recovery last Thursday. It was very informative, raising the student’s awareness about recycling and looking after our environment.

Staff Movement

Mrs Corke will be going on leave from the beginning of Week 8, 1st September, until the end of the term. Miss Roach will be teaching Year 2 during this time. Mr Burley will take Miss Roach’s timetable on a Thursday and Friday during this three weeks. Mrs McLellan is expected to return to library duties on Monday, 1st September. We have missed her expertise around the school.

P&C Minutes

The minutes from the last P&C Meeting are now available on the school’s website. There is a link at the top of the home page to P&C Minutes.

Partners in Print

Partners in Print will be in 5/6B on Friday, 29 August.

Year 2 Home Reading

Congratulations to Eviee for 75 nights of home reading, Hamish, Brady and Issac for 100 nights, Kaleb M 125 nights, Trinity, Jordan and Cade for 150 nights. Well done, what a great effort!

Ashton Scholastic Book Club

Orders for this issue of Bookclub are due to the office, no later than Friday, 29th August.

It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form to the office with payment by the due date. Please make sure your order is in a secure envelope. Families can place multiple orders in the same envelope if needed. The books will arrive around two weeks after the order is sent.

You can also pay for your order online if that is an easier option for you. The website is on the order form. You pay by credit card, after nominating the school from a drop down box. You do not order the books online. You return the order to school, with the payment receipt number included. I then have to send this off with the order, as a record of your payment. No late orders can be accepted, as orders are placed over the weekend.

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school.
Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this week's assembly.
Principal's Awards: Emmy and Jarod.
Citizenship Awards: Brandon and Issac M.
Class Achievement Awards: Brodie, Lacey, Braydon, Kye, Fiona, Lilly R, Brady, Jayden D, Kiarni, Connor, Anastazia, Zac, Michael, Hannah, Tristan, Jarod, Reihana and Samantha.
Certificate of Excellence: Jayden S and Zac.

Father’s Day Stall
Our Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Tuesday, 2nd September, in time for our Stage 3 students to also purchase items for dads and granddads, before they head off to Canberra. All classes will have the opportunity to purchase items from our P&C Stall throughout the day.

Eco Explorers Week 7
Liam B 2C, Hamish W 2C, Shannen 4L & Halle 4L.

Shaun Graham - Principal