Principal’s Report

Happy Father’s Day to all of our Dads, Granddads and father figures this Sunday. We had a very good response to both our BBQ breakfast last week and our Father’s Day Stall this week. On behalf of the school, we wish you a very happy day on Sunday, spend time with your children and enjoy the moment!

The school staff had a wonderful morning tea on Friday for our fabulous School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) to celebrate SASS week. This group of staff are very valuable in our school and are at the forefront of planning and evaluation for the future of this school. A nice celebration of their efforts!

State PSSA Softball

Emily Gordon attended the State PSSA Softball championships for the third year in a row last week. Played on Sydney’s northern beaches, Emily was representing the Hunter Region Girls team. Emily played in 10 games over the course of three days and was vote player of match during the tournament, earning herself a trophy in the process. A great experience for this very talented athlete! Well done, Emily.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results will be distributed to parents on Monday, 8th September. If you wish to discuss your child’s results with either myself, or your child’s classroom teacher, please make an appointment through the school office. Once the school has been able to analyse the data, we will share our successes, and areas for improvement, with the community.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday evening from 6pm in the school staff room. It would be great if you were able to come along and have a say in our fundraising ideas for the school.
Canberra Excursion
Our Stage 3 students return from Canberra today, after their 3 day excursion. News and photos will be in next weeks newsletter.

Partners in Learning Survey
We only have 10 responses to our online parent survey. 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.

Staff Movement
Mrs Corke is currently on Long Service Leave until the end of term. Miss Roach is teaching 2C up until the end of term. Mr Burley will take Miss Roach’s teaching roles on a Thursday and Friday until the end of term. Miss Simpson leaves us this week, to take up a role in other employment. Her Tuesday teaching load will be taken by Mrs Janetzki for the rest of the term. Miss Roach will be taking the school dance group, leading up to the Songroom concert on the 28th October. Mrs Burton and I will be attending a New Scheme Teacher Accreditation workshop at Maitland District Office next Tuesday. I will be returning to school at 1pm, Mrs Burton will be out for the whole day.

Awabakal Excursion
Kindergarten and K/1 will be participating in an excursion to the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre on Thursday, 11th September. This excursion complements the learning that students have been participating in this term, about caring for the natural environment. Students will be leaving by bus, from school, at 9:15am and returning by 3pm.

Cyberbullying Presentation
Stage 3 students will have the privilege of listening to a presentation from local Police Youth Liaison Officer, Michael Steele, on Tuesday morning. Senior Constable Steele will discuss topics around social media and cyberbullying, in preparation for Year 6 transitioning into High School.

Regional Spelling Bee
Four of our students will be travelling to Tenambit Public School on Thursday, 11th September, to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee Competition. Paul J and Shanen B from Year 4, and Ebony R and Taia E from Stage 3 will be participating. We wish them all the best. Mrs Scheinecker will be the escorting teacher.

Kurri Kurri High School Transition
Year 6 students will be travelling to Kurri Kurri High School next Wednesday to participate in their second orientation session. Students will rotate over a series of subject lessons, in preparation for High School next year. Students will be travelling by bus, leaving school at 11:30 and returning by 1:30pm.

School Assembly
Our next School Assembly is Friday, 12th September. The assembly format was held back due to the Canberra Excursion. 1K will be hosting and performing at this assembly.

Car Parking
I realise how difficult it is to park at the school during the morning and of an afternoon. It has been brought to my attention by the council parking inspector, from a visit he had to the school last week, that our community is unaware of the parking requirements at the front of the school, beyond the rear to kerb sign that exists on the opposite side of the eastern entrance gate. Past that sign, heading east, cars are required to be parked parallel to the kerb. It is not signposted, because it is a standard road rule, unless otherwise stated.
Live Life Well @ School

Fruit and vegetables as sources of nutrition

- Fruit and vegetables are good sources of vitamin A. Vitamin A is found in large amounts in dark green, yellow and orange fruit and vegetables e.g. carrots, pumpkin, spinach and rockmelon. Vitamin A keeps skin and eyes healthy and also defends the body against infection.

- Fruit and vegetables are good sources of vitamin C. Vitamin C is found mainly in fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, capsicum, broccoli, cabbage, citrus fruit, rockmelon and kiwi fruit. Vitamin C helps your body to absorb iron from food.

- Fruit and vegetables are good sources of folate. Folate is found in green vegetables, dried peas, beans and lentils.

- Fruit and vegetables are a good source of fibre. High fibre foods are filling so they help satisfy appetite for longer.

Eco Explorers Week 9
Tahrlee 3/4K, Harris 3W, Jorja 4L & Graham 4L.

Breakfast Club
Our Breakfast Club will be returning on Tuesday, 9th September. A training session will be held for volunteers by Red Cross following Breakfast Club from 9:15-10:30. If you are interested in participating in this training, please contact the school to register your interest.

Shaun Graham - Principal

PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: TUESDAY 9th September 2014
WHERE: STAFF ROOM
TIME: 6PM

ALL WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Mulbring Cricket Club

Is seeking Junior and Senior players for the upcoming season.

The club will have Milo cricket for boys and girls ages 4–8yrs, which will be held on Thursday afternoons, also for the juniors their are under 10 and 12 teams, and hopefully enough for an under 14’s team. Senior players are also invited to fill 1st, 2nd and 4th grades teams.

Enquiries to Craig Wyborn 0409 780 687

Lantern Making Workshops at Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Libraries

Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries will be running free lantern making workshops in the lead-up to the Spring Awakening Festival at Cessnock TAFE on Friday September 12. Come along and make a beautiful paper lantern to be part of this very special annual event.

There will be two workshops – the first will be at Cessnock Library on Tuesday September 9 at 4 pm, the second will be at Kurri Kurri Library on Wednesday September 10 at 4 pm. All materials and tools provided – places are limited, so contact Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library now to reserve a spot. For further enquiries or to make a booking, call in to either library or ring us at Cessnock Library on 49934399 or Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638

Register Now for Quick Kicks

A fun, relaxed football experience for GIRLS ONLY aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4! All skill levels are welcome and you receive a free ball and a unique design Quick Kicks jersey.

Registrations open 1st August so visit www.quickkicks.com.au to find a centre near you.