Principal’s Report
It is with great pleasure that I share with you the news that our school has been selected as one of nine finalists in the Hunter Water “Water Catchers Competition”. The storyboard and script that several of our students developed, under the guidance of Miss Perry, will be professionally filmed to go in the running to win $10000 in water saving products. Very exciting news.

KKLC Debating Competition
Our Year 5 and 6 debating teams will be travelling to Mulbring Public School to participate in the second round of the Kurri Kurri Learning Community Debating competition. Mrs Grant will be supervising our teams while they are at Mulbring Public School. We wish both teams all the best.

Mayoral Photographic Competition
Our school is participating in the Cessnock City Council Mayoral Photographic Competition. Students from each class will have the opportunity to be entered into the competition. $500 is up for grabs in four categories, with prizes of first ($300), second ($150) and third ($50) being awarded to the winning schools. Mayor Bob Pynsent will be addressing our Monday morning assembly, to inform the students about the competition. The theme for the competition is “Spring”. Classroom teachers are giving students every opportunity to have entries in before the school holidays, but if you would like your child to enter independently, details are on the Cessnock City Council website. Entries close on Friday, October 6th, during the school holidays. http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/news/springphotocomp

Raise Your Hand For Anaphylaxis Awareness
This company is offering a $10000 educational grant, or $5000 runners up grant, simply by asking you to ‘raise your hand’ for anaphylaxis awareness by visiting the following website and voting for our school. Simply visit www.anaphylaxis101.com.au/raiseyourhand and select our school from the drop down menu. You are able to ‘raise your hand’ once every day during the course of the competition. The two schools with the most hands raised by 18th December, 2014 will be the winners of the grants. So get cracking!
Canberra Excursion
On Wednesday the 3rd, 5/6 went to Canberra for three days. We got to school at 6:15 ready to put our bags on the bus. By 6:30 we were off to Canberra. It was a long ride there but we got there. Straight away we went to the AIS and got a tour of it by a wrestler. After the tour, we got to go into the game room. THAT’S WAS COOL. After that we went to Ainsley Lookout and we got a school photo. When we left there, we went to the War Memorial and I got to lay a wreath at the pool of reflection. Then we went to the hotel for tea and desert and then to the Australian Dinosaur Museum. The next day we went to the Electoral Education Centre and we got to vote. We went to the High Court of Australia and then we went and had our lunch. Next we went to Parliament House and we talked to Joel Fitzgibbon and asked questions. At night we went to bowling. IT WAS FUN.
On the last day we went to the Australian Mint.
By Jarod

The bus ride for Canberra was 6 hours long! We left at 6:30am and arrived around 12pm. When we arrived in Canberra we visited the Australian Institute of Sport. We saw where all of the professionals train for their games. After the Australian Institute of Sport we went to see the Australian War Memorial. Jarod and I got to lay down a wreath at the base of the pool of reflection for appreciation for all of the lost soldiers.
After the War Memorial we went to our motel, The Gold Creek Resort. We had dinner then went to the National Dinosaur Museum. The tour guide ruined the fun of the movie Jurassic Park for me! We went back to our rooms until morning.
After breakfast we went on a bus ride to the Electoral Education Centre. We learnt how the electoral system runs.
After the Electoral Education Centre we had morning tea then went to the High Court of Australia. It is massive!
We had lunch then had a small tour of the National Gallery of Australia. It shows there is always a story behind something. After the National Gallery of Australia our coach driver took us on a tour of the Embassy District. After the Embassy District we went to Parliament House, we saw the House of Representatives (I’m glad Tony Abbott wasn’t there!) by Ebony
Regional Spelling Bee Finalists

Yesterday, Paul, Shanen, Ebony and Taia represented our school in the 2014 Regional Spelling Bee finals. They were great ambassadors for Pelaw Main Public School. Congratulations to the four of them! They have done us proud!

Exemplary Student Day

Our Term 3 Exemplary Student Day will be held on Thursday, 18th September from 12:15-1:40pm. Each student who has behaved in an exemplary manner throughout the term (1 or no visits to planning room) will be able to choose from a number of fun activities to do during the middle session of the day. One child from each class will participate in a Principal’s lunch on the day. Parents will be notified if your child has been selected to have a special lunch with the Principal on Thursday.

Stanford Merthyr Year 2 Transition

Stanford Merthyr Infants School Year 2 transition days will be held on Friday week 3, 4 & 7 of Term 4.

Kindergarten Orientation

Dates for our Kindergarten Orientation are as follows:

**Thursday, 23rd October** – 2:15pm – Parent Only Information session

**Thursday, 30th October** – First student orientation session + parent workshop and afternoon tea.

**Thursday, 6th November** – Second student orientation session + parent workshop

**Thursday, 13th November** – Third student orientation session + parent workshop

School Arrival Times

I would like to remind families that no student should be arriving at school before 8:45am, unsupervised. Teaching staff are rostered to begin morning supervision at 8:45am. Please ensure that your child does not arrive before 8:45am, unless they are under parental supervision.

Bike Safety Day

On Tuesday, 16th September we will be holding a Bike Education Day. Volunteer cyclists who raise money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will come to our school and discuss bike safety with all of our students during the morning session in the Hall. Our guests will then work with our Primary students (year 3-6) who have brought their bike to school for the day and supervise safe riding strategies. Because the RTA recommends children under ten years of age do not ride on roads, K-2 students will not be participating in the skills activities. Students bringing their bike MUST also bring an Australian Standards approved helmet, a road worthy bike and wear school shoes or joggers. Please ensure a safety check is carried out on your child’s bicycle before the day. Students will not be permitted to share bikes on the day. Parents and carers need to work out a suitable way for students to transport their bike to and from school. With parent supervision, students may ride their bike to school for the day.

Year 6 Fundraising - Mini Fete

We will be holding a Year 6 fundraising meeting in the school Library next Monday 15 September at 3.30pm. The Year 6 Mini Fete fundraiser will be held on Friday 19th September (last day of Term 3). See back page for more details.

Eco Explorers Week 9

Trinity 2C, Sasha 2C, Alexis 2C & Issac 2C.
Live Life Well @ School

Healthy teeth
Clean a child’s teeth twice each day with a soft toothbrush and a low fluoride children’s toothpaste. Children need help to clean their teeth until they are about six years old. Remember snacks don’t have to be sweet. Plain popcorn, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit with yoghurt, dip and veggie sticks, corn on the cob, pumpkin scones, and fruit salad cups are all tooth friendly snacks.

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

Principal’s Awards: Ky H and Braydan T.
Citizenship Awards: Elliya and Chelsea C.
Library Awards: Ebony, William C, Kendall, Emma, Koby C, Douglas, Samantha L and Lilly O.
Certificate of Excellence: Amy B and Zane S.

Shaun Graham - Principal

Kurri Kurri Junior Cricket
Rego days at Kurri Central on Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th September 5-6pm and Saturday 27th September between 10 and 11am. New players need their birth certificate or copy.