Principal’s Report

I would, firstly, like to apologise for my absence from school last week, on Thursday and Friday. I picked up quite a bad bout of tonsillitis and am still recovering. So I may still have intermittent absences throughout this week as well. That is why the newsletter has been delayed.

I would like to personally congratulate all of our school leaders, who received their leadership badges and signed their code of conduct forms last week, at our special induction assembly. Marty and Jemma, School Captains, did a great job running the assembly. They were ably backed up by Kendall and Tony, who ran the audio visual side of the assembly. Both of these tasks are tough jobs, and all four leaders did them with great maturity.

Thank you to our Sports Captains, who have begun the difficult job of handing out sports equipment to students at lunch and recess.

Our Sports Captains and Vice Captains are:

HEBBURN - Captains: Makayla P and William B
Vice Captains: Jordyn A and Kye H

STANFORD - Captains: Samantha F and Dylan F
Vice Captains: Keleigh S and Zane S

RICHMOND - Captains: Jordan W and Tiah C
Vice Captains: Jay O and Halle W

Mrs McLellan has also selected several students across the school, as Library Monitors. Congratulations on being selected for this very important role. Those students are: Kendall A, Tiah C, Jemma B, Samantha F, Samantha L, Taia E, Isaac T, Jordyn A, Makayla P.

Thanks to a mistake from me, The Advertiser will be running our school leaders photo again this week, with the correct names. The online version of the The Advertiser has published the correct version already. I apologise for this error.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten stay until 3:15 from this point on in the school term. They have had a great start to their education at Pelaw Main, with Mrs Harris and Mrs Wendt doing a wonderful job in providing the children with the best possible start. Both classrooms are very welcoming, warm and full of engaging learning.

P&C Meeting

We had another great turnout for our meeting last Tuesday night. The P&C have come up with a very novel plan on how to spend funds raised this year. More information about this will be coming out soon. The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 10th March, followed by the next P&C meeting for the year.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

A year 6 fundraising committee meeting will be held on Monday afternoon (today) at 3.30pm in 5/6G classroom. All parents of year 6 students are welcome.
PBL Awards for This Week
Be Safe  Jemima P
Be Respectful  Aidan S
Be an Active Learner  Koby M
Best Class Attendance  K/1W

Eating Out for Education
The Station Hotel ran a competition last year to design a logo for their new initiative, called Eating Out for Kids Education. Paul Jimenez, Year 5, was successful in winning the competition and his design will now appear on a fridge magnet being donated by the Station Hotel, to every family in the school. Ally Jane Hughes, Year 5, won second prize, after coming up with the innovative slogan that will go with the logo. The Hotel’s initiative will provide the school with $1 for every main meal purchased on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, if you nominate our school as your school of choice. So, if 10 people eat a main meal on a Tuesday night, for example, and they all nominate Pelaw Main PS, the school receives $10 that night. Sounds like a great initiative for fundraising.

Zone Swimming Carnival
10 students will be travelling to Cessnock Pool on Wednesday, 18th February to participate in the Zone Swimming Carnival. Transport will be by private vehicle. Mr Burley will be indirectly supervising students while at the carnival, however he will have a responsibility during the carnival, as part of coordinating the event.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School
A reminder to Year 6 students to return their expression of interest forms for High School as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Fees & Office Payments
Voluntary School Contribution fees have been set at $45 per family for 2015. These fees enable us to supply students with classroom resources, such as maths equipment, technology support and stationery. If you are able to make this payment, please do so at the school office.

When making payments at the office, please ensure the correct money is in an envelope, clearly marked with your child’s name, class & what the payment is for. The correct money would be appreciated as we don’t have change. Thank you.

Win $10,000 for our School
Australia: The Story Of Us
How you and your school can win
1. Watch Australia: The Story of Us on Channel Seven or its affiliates every Sunday, at 8.30pm
2. Go to Yahoo7.com.au/StoryOfUs and answer the 10 quiz questions related to that episode.
3. Sign up with your name and your school details (with parent/guardian consent).
4. Each correct answer contributes to the final score
Minor prize winners will be announced each week on the website
5. Five finalist schools in each state will be invited to tell us why they should win the grant
6. One winning school in each state will receive $10,000, thanks to iiNet.

Live, Live Well at School
Crunch & Sip is a flexible break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning session and are able to sip on water throughout the school day, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Shaun Graham - Principal

Kurri Kurri Pre-school Afternoon Tea
We would like to invite all children who attended Kurri Kurri Pre-school last year to attend our BACK TO PRE-SCHOOL AFTERNOON TEA. At: Kurri Kurri Pre-school When: Tuesday 17th February 2015 Time: 3.30 to 4.30pm Please RSVP by Monday 16th February

Kurri Kurri Parish
Parents and caregivers, do you have children in year 4 and upwards whom you believe are ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion? If so, there will be an information meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th February, at Holy Spirit Primary School, Kurri Kurri. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Brown on 47374574 after 5pm or mobile 0437 457 409.