**Principal’s Report**

How good is our Breakfast Club going? I had a bit of a wander around the playground on Thursday morning, watching the students engage in their breakfast and seeing new volunteers helping out for the morning. Even some of our students are handy little helpers to set up in the morning. A great initiative!

Just to remind you, our Breakfast Club is currently running on donations from the Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club initiative and from a very kind cash donation from Kurri Kurri Rotary. Eventually, the Breakfast Club will need to source more funding for this to continue, so if you have ideas about sources of funding, please contact the school.

**Volunteers needed**

We are in need of some parents/caregivers/friends who would like to volunteer some time serving breakfast to our students on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning. No experience is necessary, you just need to see our office to fill in a Working with Children’s check for volunteers (no cost) and give up about 1 hour of your morning, to help. Please contact the office if you are interested.

We need you!

**PSSA Knockout Cricket**

Well done to our Senior Boys Cricket team for winning their first game of the PSSA knockout cricket. It was a tough pitch to work with, considering the amount of rain that had fallen in the previous 24 hours. The team won the game against Abermain by 15 runs. Our next opponents will be Mulbring PS.

**Speech Pathologist**

The school has engaged the services of a qualified Speech Pathologist to undertake Speech and Language screenings for Kindergarten students. The screenings will begin on Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March and will also be held on Monday, 9\textsuperscript{th} March. Parent information has been distributed to all Kindergarten parents. Please ensure you return the note and questionnaire, promptly. Please be mindful that, if your Kindergarten child is already receiving speech therapy, they will not be required to undertake a screening.

**PLP Meetings**

Meetings for families to establish Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) for Aboriginal students have been organised for Thursday, 5\textsuperscript{th} March. Times have been allocated to families to meet with their child’s classroom teacher and establish the PLP. If you are unable to make the allocated time, please contact the school to arrange an alternative date.
Meet the Teacher
The school has scheduled a Meet the Teacher evening, for all parents of students in Years 1 to 6, from 3:45pm on Thursday, 5th March. Teachers have distributed notes for you to nomin ate a time to come and meet with them during this evening. These notes will need to be returned promptly, to provide you with the best possible time. During this meeting your child’s teacher will be discussing the goal setting process that we have established across the school in grades 3 to 6.
Parents of Kindergarten students will not have to attend this meet the teacher evening, as alternative dates have been arranged for you to meet with Mrs Harris and Mrs Wendt, to discuss the results of your child’s Best Start assessment. These meetings will take place on Thursday, 12th and Friday, 13th March. A note has been sent home to reflect this meeting.

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents
The survey is a great opportunity for our students, in Years 4 to 6, to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday, 6th March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Contact Details, School Fees & Office Payments
If all parents/carers could update their contact details by completing the slip on the back page of the newsletter and returning it to the office, it would be greatly appreciated.
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.
Department News
From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School procedures. Travel outside holiday periods is now counted as an absence. If travel is for 50 days or more, families may apply for exemption.
The only circumstances where exemption will be granted are the following:
- exceptional circumstances (including the health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate)
- the child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under the Public Health Act 2010.
- employment in the entertainment industry participation in elite arts or elite sporting events

Next School Assembly
Our next school assembly, to be held on Friday 6th March, will be hosted by 5/6G. I look forward to seeing them entertain us with their learning!

Upcoming Events
Year 6 have an Ice Cream Day fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, 12th March.
School Photo Day will take place on Friday, 13th March. Order forms will be distributed very soon.
The school will be holding a special Harmony Day assembly on Friday, 20th March, in lieu of our regular awards assembly.
Our Exemplary student Day will be held on Wednesday, 1st April, for all students who have displayed exemplary behaviour (0-1 visits to planning room) throughout the term.
Our School’s Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 2nd April from 10am in the school hall.

RNL Visit
The school will be receiving a visit from NRL representatives on Tuesday, 10th March. They will be encouraging our students to join with their local club and talking about the benefits of having an active lifestyle.

Live Life Well at School
Great reasons to be active
Being active is good for you in so many ways. It can provide a huge range of fun experiences, make you feel good, improve your health, and is a great way to relax and enjoy the company of your friends.
Some of the benefits of being active include:
- It’s a great way to have fun with friends and make new ones.
- It’s an opportunity for new skills and challenges.
- It can boost your confidence.
- It can improve your fitness.
- It can make your bones and muscles stronger.
- It can improve your posture.
- It can help you maintain a healthy weight.
- It improves the health of your heart.
- It can help you relax.
- It reduces stress.
- It can help you maintain healthy growth and development.

Partners in Learning
Thank you to the parents from 3/4C, who were last weeks visitors to our new Partners in Learning program, which is operating on a Monday morning this year, for coming along and enjoying the Reading AND Maths activities we are working on with the students. 3/4K will be hosting the program next Monday.

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.
Scholastic Book club
The new issue of book club will go home today, please return orders to the School by Monday 16th March.

Ride-on Lawn Mower for Sale
The school is putting our current ride-on lawn mower up for tender. If you are interested in buying this machine, please place your offer in an envelope, with your name, address and phone number, and hand it in to the office. On Friday, 6th March, the mower will be offered to the highest bidder. Details: Ride-on Cox Lawn Mower, 13.5 Hp Honda motor, 32” cutting deck, Hydra-static deck is approx. 10 years old. The key start is not working (has pull start), steering has excessive wear but is repairable, throttle cable is broken, cutting deck is in good condition.

Eco Explorers Week 6
Stella C 1K, Destiny B K1W, Jaida M 3/4K, Sophie B 2L

Parents/Carers - Please update your personal details and return this slip to the office.

Child/ren’s Name/s:...........................................................................................................................................................................

Parent/Carer Name/s:...........................................................................................................................................................................

Parent/Carer Phone 1:.................................................................Phone 2:...........................................................................................

Home address:...................................................................................................................................................................................

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Shaun Graham - Principal

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