Principal’s Report
I am pleased, once again, with the parental and community engagement that exists within this school community. We had over sixteen parents in our 3/4K classroom, for Partners in Learning, last Monday. Partners in Learning is now offering parents the opportunity to work with Maths activities, as well as Reading Comprehension activities, to better support their child’s education.
5/6G will be hosting this initiative next Monday, from 9:30am.
Our Meet the Teacher evening was another great success on Thursday evening. This is the third year that we have hosted this important event, and our parent attendee numbers have increased each time. Thank you for your support.
One of the goals within the Department of Education and Communities’ Local Schools, Local Decisions reform agenda, is for schools to create “Strong partnerships between the school, its teachers, parents and community that make a positive contribution to student learning.” I believe we are doing a great job in heading towards achieving this goal.

P&C AGM
Don’t forget the P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th March at 6pm, followed by the next P&C Meeting. This will be held in the school staff room. There are some significant fundraising events that will be discussed during this meeting, so if you wish to make a contribution, please come along and join in the conversations.

School Photos
School Photos will be held next Friday, 13th March. Photo envelopes will need to be returned on the day of the photos, not before. If you would like a family photo envelope, they are available from the office.

Playgroup
Playgroup will recommence on Tuesday 10th of March from 10am-11.30am in the hall. Further playgroup dates are listed in our “Dates for the Diary” section of the Newsletter.

Boys Cricket
Our Boys’ cricket team will be playing two games next week. On Wednesday, the boys will be playing against Mulbring PS at Booth Park, in the PSSA Knockout competition and on Thursday they will be playing in the first game of a round robin series, called the Reg Kelly Shield. This game will be against Telarah PS. We wish them all the best.
Quality Teaching
For several years now, Pelaw Main Public School has incorporated the Quality Teaching Framework into all classroom programming. This model of teaching practice has been developed as a framework for teachers’ professional self-reflection and for school improvement practices in NSW public schools. With the aim of improving teaching practice and hence student learning, the model is available for use by schools and teachers to focus discussion and critical reflection on the teaching and assessment practices that take place in classrooms. The model is based on a sound research understanding of how teaching and school improvement can promote improved student learning outcomes.

Over the next few newsletters, I will be including two elements each week, from this framework, to allow parents to gain a better understanding of how teachers approach programming and delivery of our curriculum. Included with this element descriptor is a snapshot of how you can incorporate this framework around learning outside school. I hope you gain something from these snapshots. The first two are below:

Dimension 1 – Intellectual Quality – Elements:

Deep knowledge

Deep understanding

NRL Visit
The school will be hosting a visit from NRL representatives, next Tuesday, 10th March between 2:15 and 3:15pm. Students in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to hear about the benefits of an active lifestyle, in joining with a local rugby league club, as well as hear about how to be a fan of rugby league!

Ice cream Day
Year 6 will be holding an ice cream day fundraiser on Thursday 12th March. Ice creams will be for sale for $1 each at recess.

Year 6 Fundraising Meeting
There will be a Year 6 Fundraising meeting on Monday at 3.30pm in the 5/6G room.

PBL Awards for This Week
Be Safe Mia W
Be Respectful Tayah H
Be an Active Learner Tyler H
Best Class Attendance 3/4K
Staff Movement
Mrs Lenore Sparkes, our Instructional leader for K-2, will be returning to school on Wednesday, 11th March. Mrs Sparkes and I will be attending an Early Action for Success conference on Thursday, 12th March, and Mrs Burton and Mrs Sparkes will be attending the same conference on the Friday. I will be at school on Friday, 13th March.

Upcoming Events
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.

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.

Live Life Well at School
Fitting More Fruit and Vegetables Into Your Diet
If you’re not eating at least two pieces of fruit and five servings of vegetables each day, now’s the time to start. Although there’s no single “miracle” food to prevent or cure cancer, scientists know fruit and vegetables have some protective effect against this and other diseases. They also know that people who eat few fruits and vegetables have higher rates of cancer than those who don’t. Although some people think they can get the same benefits from vitamin and mineral supplements, this isn’t true. Vegetables and fruits don’t just contain vitamins and minerals, but also many other substances which are important for good health and which you won’t find in a pill.

Add fruit at breakfast
Bananas, kiwi fruit, strawberries or dried fruit combine well with breakfast cereal. In a hurry? A piece of fruit with bread, toast or cooked rice makes a good quick breakfast - so do smoothies or milkshakes, made by adding soft fruit to milk and yoghurt in a blender.

IGA School Fundraising
Every family will be receiving a community benefits card in relation to fundraising for the school. Please see the ad on the back page of the newsletter for details.

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

Eco Explorers Week 7
Mia W 1K, Harris B 3/4K, Lara H 1K, Kayla F 2L.

Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this weeks assembly.
 Principal’s Awards: Noah C and Jayden M.
 Citizenship Awards: Shelby J and Keleigh S.
 Library Awards: Alex H and Max S.

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

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