Meet The Teacher Meetings

Next Wednesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, from 3:45pm, teachers from Year 1 to Year 6 will be meeting with parents in our school hall, to discuss their children’s goals for this year and to generally have a meet and greet. Please ensure you lock in a time for a visit. Year 6 parents will be selling sausage sandwiches and drinks at the hall, on the night. Sausage Sandwiches - $2, Sausage and Egg sandwiches - $2.50 and drinks - $2. The money donated will go towards Year 6 fundraising.

Personalised Learning Plan

Families of Aboriginal students will be invited to school on Wednesday to participate in the development of their child’s Personalised Learning Plan. Each student will have an allocated time for themselves and their parents to meet with the teacher to discuss this plan. The Student Goals that have been sent home will be added to this plan.

Kindergarten Meetings

Parents of Kindergarten students have been invited to participate in an interview with their child’s classroom teacher next week. Interviews will involve a discussion about your child’s Best Start Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. A report has been generated from this assessment to identify where your child is at with their learning and what they need to do to move on. Mrs Harris will be conducting interviews on Thursday and Mrs Wendt on Friday.

Director Of Public Schools

The Director of Public Schools, Hunter Network, Mr Bryan Campbell, will be visiting the school on Tuesday, 1\textsuperscript{st} March from 9:30am. He will be discussing the goals and strategic directions that the school has for this year, as well as having a look in a few of our classrooms to observe all of our wonderful active learners.

Partial Absences

The school is now sending letters home for partial absences, so if your child is late to school without an explanation, an absences letter will be sent home the following week, asking parents to explain their child’s partial absence.

Photo Day

School Photos will be held on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} March. Photo envelopes will be sent home next week and 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.
What Is Bullying

I had this excerpt, from a Parenting Ideas publication, forwarded to me this week. “What is bullying? Do we mix it up with teasing and other forms of mean behaviour?” It’s an important topic that needs clarification.

Teasing refers to annoying, hurtful behaviour that is used to get a reaction from someone else. Teasing can be persistent in nature, but not always. It’s generally an attempt to get under a person’s skin. It can involve name-calling; it can be personal and hurtful in nature. It can also infringe on another person’s rights. But generally teasing doesn’t have the key ingredients that make up bullying.

Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person or group by another. It involves three elements – intent to hurt or harm; power imbalance; and repetition over time. It takes many forms and guises including physical aggression; verbal abuse; emotional aggression (or blackmail); intimidation; harassment and exclusion. Bullying needs to be taken seriously. But we also need to be discerning about bullying behaviours.
Eco Explorers Week 6
Angelo P 3/4A, Jake H 3/4A, Coleby C 2/3M, Chelsea C 2/3M.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is Saturday 21st March, to celebrate its 15th Anniversary, we will be having a Harmony Day Assembly on Friday 20th March. As orange is the colour of harmony we are asking all children to come to school on this day dressed in something orange.

Great Aussie Bush Camp
An expression of interest form was sent home this week for children in grades 3-6. If your child is interested in attending the camp please complete form and return to the office.

Power Sentences by 5/6L
One day the gorgeous lady and the newborn baby were looking out the cream coloured window like they were staring at beautiful, bright pink flowers.

By Halle 5/6L
Early one day, the gorgeous, short-haired mother held her cute little baby as she stared quietly into the abyss of the dark forest, like a meerkat scavenging for dinner.

By Paul 5/6L
In the wet morning the fat ginger cat vigorously leapt at the colourful butterflies like it was a lion pouncing at its prey.

By Riley 5/6L

P&C News
The next P&C AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March in the staffroom at 6.00pm.

Zone Swimming
Congratulations to all the students that attended the zone swimming carnival today on their outstanding effort and excellent behaviour in representing Pelaw Main Public School. A great day was had by all.

Live, Life Well at School
**Great reasons to be active for children and parents**
- boosts confidence
- improves fitness
- makes bones and muscles stronger
- improves posture

 Shaun Graham - Principal
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