Due to our Sydney excursion being held this Friday, there will be **NO Baker, Baker**.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

"I not only want to be loved, I want to be told that I am loved." George Elliot

**YEAR 2 TRANSITION TO PELAW MAIN**

These are the dates of the remaining sessions.

Friday 21st November 11:30-3:15pm

**SONG ROOM CONCERT AT CESSNOCK**

The students are to be congratulated for their performances and for their excellent behavior last Tuesday at Cessnock Performing Arts venue. Thank you to the parents who came and watched. I'm sure you were very proud of your children. We performed in front of 7 other schools and many parents. Several children commented to me what a fabulous concert it was. They were amazed at the skills shown by Tenambit School's gymnastic group.

**MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT**

Thank you to Mrs Sellens and to Year 2 for organising this night that was enjoyed by all staff and students.
**Calendar of Events for Term Four 2014**

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**GRANDPARENTS DAY FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER**

We hope the grandparents enjoyed both the traditional and hip hop dances that were performed by our students. We all certainly appreciated the grandparents who shared experiences from their childhood. Thank you Darrell, John and David for cooking the BBQ and to Toni, Lynne, Odette especially for serving the food.

The raffle of $100 was won by Mrs Sheilds, Abby’s grandmother. Thanks to everyone for supporting the raffle.

**DAY FOR DANIEL MORCOMBE AND POLIO RESEARCH**

Students were shown a YouTube clip about Stranger Danger and had discussion in class about being safe. The students raised $105 for being out of uniform. This money is being sent to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and to Rotary Sunrise Club who support the eradication of Polio.

**KINDER TRANSITION PROGRAM**

The new kindergarten children for 2015 have now completed the first of the six transition sessions. They are loving the activities provided and are settling in to their new surroundings and making friends.

**MRS SELLENS ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Mrs Sellens started Long Service Leave yesterday and will return to school Tuesday 18th November. She is coming to the zoo with us on Friday.

**RESPONSIBLE PET CARE PROGRAM.**

We were very fortunate to have had Karen come last week with her poodle to discuss how to look after a pet responsibly. She also spoke on the need to be careful before patting dogs that the children don’t know.
FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
The staff would like to invite every family to come to school for a picnic tea and games at 5pm - 7pm on Wednesday 19th November. We are also inviting the families of our new students who will be coming to Kindergarten next year. This is a great night to relax, have fun and make new friends. Mr Ping assures me he will have some fabulous games for us to join in with after our picnic tea. Please see the attached note. We have invited our friends from Rotary to attend.

DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE
The P&C are wanting to do a Christmas Raffle. One of the prizes will be a Christmas Hamper. They are requesting parents to please donate goods suitable for a hamper, such as tinned goods, cakes, mince tarts, lollies, drink. Please ensure items have not gone past their use by date. Please send items into the school office.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING REQUIRED
Nicole Turner, Blayde’s mum, is asking if parents could send in to school any unwanted children’s clothing for either boys or girls for ages 0-12 years. She has a friend who is a foster career with several children in her care and is needing extra clothing for these children. It would be appreciated.

VOTE FOR PELAW MAINS SHORT FILM
Students from Pelaw Main Public School have been working hard to design their very own story board, to inform the community about the Water Wise rules. They were successful in being selected, as one of the nine finalists, and had a professional film crew at their school to film their story. The videos of all nine finalists will be showcased on the Water Catchers website www.watercatchers.com.au from Monday the 3rd of November. It’s here that you will be able to show your support and vote for Pelaw Main Public School’s video. The public votes will be combined with the judges’ scores to help decide the winner, to be announced on the 28th of November. Pelaw Main Public School have a one in nine chance of winning $10,000 for their school – so please make your vote count! Voting closes on Friday 21 November.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
The whole school is going to swimming lessons at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre for 10 days, beginning Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December. The cost for ten days pool entry is $32 per student. We are very grateful to our P&C as they have agreed to pay for the bus hire for 10 days which is $1500. If any parent needs assistance with this cost, please come and see me.

Children will leave school at 1:15pm, ready for their lesson at 1:45pm — 2:30pm. We are asking parents to please come to the pool to collect students at 2:45pm. There will be no bus returning to school. Students who go to OOHS or catch the bus at 3:45pm from school, will be able to drive back with a teacher, as long as permission notes are signed. Parents are invited to come and watch, but have to pay $2:40 at the pool, each day they come. If you want to swim with your child when lessons are finished at 2:30pm, you will need to pay $4:55 per day, plus another $3.20 for your child. Pre -schoolers have to pay $4:10, or $3:90 if you have a concession card. If you want your child to stay in the water after we finish, I will ask you to sign that I have handed over your child at 2:45pm. If you are not inside the pool by that time, your child will get changed back into school uniform.

Children will be divided into small groups of 5-6 students. All our teaching and non teaching staff get into the water and teach the students, as well as two swimming instructors who guide us in what to teach.

Children need to bring swimmers, a swimming shirt and towel each day to school.

The permission note is at the office. If you have any questions about the swimming program, please come and see me.

Anne Carr       Principal.
**ENJOY K/1P’S WORK ON AUSTRALIA**

*By Kadence*

The Australian flag has red, white, and blue on it. It also shows the southern cross.

*By Vincent*

The koala has little black eyes and sleeps for 22 hours a day. They are Australian marsupials.

*By Rani*

Our home is an island. It is called Australia. Australia has 6 states and 2 territories.

*By Mikey*

*By Chayse*
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!**

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;**
At the assembly on Friday 31st October 2014 these children all received awards.

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**READING AWARDS**

- **BRONZE AWARD**
- **SILVER AWARD**
- **GOLD AWARD**
- **DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD**
- **DOUBLE SILVER AWARD**
  - Jackson Ferry
- **DOUBLE GOLD AWARD**
  - Blayde Hoy
  - Alannah Winchester
- **ROYAL**
- **DOUBLE ROYAL**
- **PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**
  - Taylor Wells
  - Lauchlan Reynolds
- **STAR STUDENT AWARD**
STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

There has been another outbreak of head lice at the school.

We ask that you check your child’s hair on a regular basis and treat it accordingly. If everyone does this routinely, we can eliminate this ongoing problem.

Head lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed, however they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading:

We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair and look for the following signs:

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash
- Tiny silver-white eggs at the base of the hair shaft
- Small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify lice

Head lice can be treated quickly and effectively by simply following these steps:

1. Purchase a specialist head lice treatment and apply it according to the directions on the pack.
2. Examine all family members’ hair, and treat everyone found to have head lice at the same time.
3. Wash out treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs.
4. Repeat the treatment in 7—10 days if lice are still present or eggs are found within 1 cm of the scalp.

As a precaution, any items which may harbour lice such as bed linen, towels and combs should be washed in hot soapy water. To prevent head lice in the future, all family members should avoid sharing items such as clothing, brushes or hats from each other or from friends.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Duncan
Principal

Kurr Kurr & District
PRE-SCHOOL
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