

# Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 9 Term 4

DECEMBER 09 2010

## COMING EVENTS

- 10/12/10** – Presentation Night
- 15/12/10** – Year 6 Fun Day
- 15/12/10** – Last Day of School for students

- 31/01/11** – Students return (Yr 1 – Yr 6)
- 01/02/11** – Kinder students start

## DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS,

This will be my last newsletter as Principal of Peats Ridge Public School and I would like to take the time to reflect on the year and my time at the school. In 3 extremely busy terms I have certainly found a special place in my heart for Peats Ridge Public School and its community and I hope I can be welcomed back into this community for many years to come, as I have been this year.

In taking the time to reflect on what the school has achieved this year, the list grew very quickly. It hasn't ceased to amaze me what a school of this size can achieve. Some of our significant achievements this year include; the building of our school hall, ground improvements (Basketball court, playground markings, cricket nets), Environmental links with Walkabout Park and Waterfall Springs, which led to a Gosford City Council Environmental award, the dance group performing at Laycock St Theatre, achievements in sport at Sydney North and NSW Athletics and in soccer and some outstanding academic performances with 2 students achieving distinctions in the UNSW competitions, 6 students involved in Gifted and Talented programs at Kariong High School and students representing at the Regional Spelling Bee. They are just some of the significant achievements but it has also made me so proud to see, day to day, the students achieving outstanding growth and development in all areas of school life.

The students at Peats Ridge are very lucky to have such a wide variety of programs offered to them, whether it is sporting, cultural or academic. My thanks go to the dedicated teachers and support staff who give up their time and go beyond their job description to ensure that the students have these opportunities.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I leave Peats Ridge. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school and wish the school every success in the future. Have a wonderful holiday break and a fantastic Christmas with your family!

**Ben Thomas**  
**Relieving Principal**

## Quote of the Week

*"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."* (Walt Disney)



## reminders

- **School Security phone:** 1300 880 021
- **School Phone Number:** 4373 1149
- **Email:** [peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- **Newsletter available online at our website:**
- <http://www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/home.node>

## FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS

A reminder that the last day of school for students this year is **Wednesday 15th December**.

## END OF YEAR CONCERT & PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our end of year concert and presentation night will be held tomorrow, Friday 10th December at Somersby Public School. All families and friends of Peats Ridge are invited to attend and enjoy the performances and award ceremonies. This is a chance to celebrate the achievements of our school and our students for 2010. At the conclusion of the formalities we will be having a light supper and a chance to mingle and celebrate the year. We ask that families please bring along a plate of food for this occasion. K – 4 are bringing savory and 5/6 are bringing sweet.

## SCHOOL EVALUATIONS

Last week a survey on Student Welfare was sent home to all families and we ask that you take some time to complete the survey and return it to school as soon as possible. Please remember that these surveys are designed to investigate how student welfare is implemented at our school and what improvements can be made. Your input is highly valuable in this process. Environmental Education surveys should also be returned.

Thank you for your cooperation with these evaluations and for your commitment to continuous improvement of our school.

## MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPION!

Congratulations to Oliver Bolton! Oliver has been competing in the Hunter Mountain Bike Competition this year. Last Sunday Oliver attended the presentation for his club and was awarded the overall champion of E-Grade Men. An amazing effort for an 8yr old! I'm sure we'll see Oliver competing for Australia one day.



## LIBRARY REPORT

There is no more library borrowing for 2010 but could students please return all outstanding library books before the end of term. Thank you.

Julie Blair,  
Librarian

## SCHOOL SHOES

### Comfort Shoe Warehouse - Westfield Shopping Centre, Tuggerah

In recognition of the community's support for our business, we have decided to mark down all school and sports shoes from December 15, 2010 to February 1, 2011. Customers will receive 20% off the recommended retail prices for all branded school and sports shoes.

Comfort Shoe Warehouse have Clarks Fitting Specialists who have extensive training and over 23 years experience. We carry the widest range of black school shoes and sports shoes in Australia, in full and half sizes, and up to five width fittings (from a narrow D through to the widest H).

The store is located next to Cotton On on the ground level. If you would like any further information about Comfort Shoe Warehouse phone 4355 4056.

## P&C REPORT

### Final Newsletter for 2010

Thank you to all the families who kindly donated gifts for the Xmas raffle. The hampers look amazing and we have great prizes to be won. Could you please return any unsold raffle books so we can sell tickets on Friday night. Just a reminder that any dish you bring on Friday night needs to be on a disposable plate if possible.

I would also like to thank local businesses who continue to support our school throughout the year; Peats Ridge Springs, Boral, Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park, Transpacific, The Australian Reptile Park, Glenworth Valley and Springs Golf.



Farewell to all our Year 6 students and their families who have been a part of PRPS for so many years. I would like to wish you all the best for the future!

Last, but not least, is to say farewell to Mr Thomas and to thank him for being such a supportive Teacher/Principal during his short stay at PRPS. Your dedication to our small community school was amazing and you will be sadly missed by all. All the best with your career.

Regards,  
Josephine Sparacino  
P&C President, on behalf of the P&C Committee

## CANTEEN REPORT

Thanks to Simone G. for the ever popular Lasagne on Friday and to Annamieka & John for donating the pies for canteen on Wednesday. As noted in the roster, canteen will be giving the kids a **FREE** lunch and a icy pole as a thank you for their delightful smiles and wonderful manners.

### **Roster:**

#### Friday 10/12/10

Christmas Lunch

Supplied by: Canteen  
Served by: Linda S., Toni A., and Lisa W.

#### Wednesday 15/12/10

**NO CANTEEN - Last Day for Students**

*Toni Allen and Linda Sutton on behalf of your Canteen Committee*



*Have a safe and happy holiday.  
See you in 2011*

