

Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 8 Term 4

NOVEMBER 28 2011

COMING EVENTS

Friday 2nd December

Monday 5th December

Tuesday 6th December

Friday 9th December

Wednesday 14th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Last day of Swimming Scheme

Kariong Mountains High School Orientation Day for Year 6 students

Student Leader/School Captains Speeches and Elections

Silver and Gold Level Privilege Day Out

End of Year Presentation Evening 6.00 p.m.

Year 6 Celebration Day Out

Year 6 "Parade of Honour" 2.40 p.m. in the hall. Parents welcome!!

Last day of Term 4 for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

GOSFORD CITY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the official launch of the brand new bookmobile "Mobile Library" which has been serving Peats Ridge Public School and many other small schools. The children at Peats Ridge will be so fortunate to be able to utilise the services provided by this bookmobile. The bookmobile visits every second Tuesday and all students have the opportunity to visit and borrow books. Books are also provided to our teaching staff on related topics and units of work.

SCHOOL EVALUATIONS

Thank you to all families who have returned surveys. It is not too late to return the surveys which were printed on blue and buff coloured paper and were attached to the Week 6 newsletter.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Wow!!! What great swimmers. Congratulations to all our boys and girls who are attending the special swimming scheme at the moment held at Gosford Pool. The weather has not exactly been ideal swimming weather. There have been quite a few brave and shivering 'souls' at the end of the session. I went along with the swimmers last Wednesday and was incredibly impressed with the wonderful behaviour of most students on the bus, at the pool and in the water. Well done everyone!

SCHOOL CAPTAIN NOMINATION & ELECTION PROCESS

All Year 5 students are invited to submit nomination forms for Student Leaders / School Captains and House Captains for 2012. Nomination forms were issued to Year 5 students last week.

reminders

- WEEK 9 will be the LAST WEEK of Active After School Sport for 2011.
- School Phone Number: 4373 1149
- Email: 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>

The roll description for a student leader is:

- To provide leadership to the student body
- To represent and speak publicly on behalf of the student body at school functions at meetings and on selection committees as required
- To represent the school at community functions, school occasions or as directed by the Principal
- To act, dress and behave in a manner suited to the role.

The candidate needs to address the following criteria:

- Demonstrate an ability to **uphold** the school's core values and the code of conduct.
- Participate **positively** in school activities.
- Demonstrate **pride** in the school and wear the school **uniform**.
- Display an ability to **speak effectively** and **articulately** as is appropriate to the given social setting (personally, publicly, to peers, to mixed ages, informally & formally).
- Demonstrate an ability to effectively **communicate in writing** appropriate to the social setting and audience.
- Demonstrate **consistency in behaviour** and **attitude** that has the endorsement and support of peers and the broader school community.
- Display an ability to effectively contribute and participate as a **team member** (student leadership).

Year 5 candidate leadership speeches will be held on **Tuesday 6th December**. Voting will occur immediately after these speeches.

INFORMATION PROVIDED by the Department of Education and Communities**Australia Day film and photography competitions**

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp. The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?'

There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera.

Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au.

Healthy lunchbox ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school. The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas.

The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive. And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.

Go to www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes

Garry Standen
Principal

SPORT REPORT

Week 9 will be the last week of the After School Sport Program for 2011. A BIG thank you to our Community Coaches Kerrie Jones, Glenn O'Shannessy and Bree Dwyer. Any parents wanting to be trained as After School Coaches please drop into the office and see me.

Shane Randall, Sports Coordinator

LIBRARY REPORT

There have been a number of changes to library days over the last few weeks due to changes in the school schedule. Students have still had the opportunity to borrow (they have been given a loan bag from the library). Sorry if this has caused some confusion amongst parents and students.

The current library schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

Week 8 K & 1/2/3 Thursday 4/5/6 Friday

Week 9 K & 1/2/3 Tuesday 4/5/6 Thursday

Week 10 there is no borrowing this week **ALL Books** to be returned

Belated thank you to Rose for all her help at the Book Fair.

Julie Blair, Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club
& Golf Course

18 Hallards Road Central Mangrove
Club : (02) 4373 1129
Proshop : (02) 4373 1075

December 9

Christmas Toy Raffle

Over \$2,000 worth of toys to be won, 6 numbers for \$1
Draw starts at 7.30pm

December 16

Christmas Ham Raffle

Over 40 half hams to be won, 6 numbers for \$1
Draw starts at 7.30pm

December 23

KIDS Christmas Party

Jumping castle, music, games and a visit from Santa
5pm - 9pm. Visit the club for full details

Annual junior holiday chess tournament

Monday, January 16



Mingara Junior Chess Group will again welcome young players from across NSW at its annual summer holiday tournament. The tournament, in its fourth year, attracts many beginners as well as experienced players. All that is needed is a very basic knowledge of the rules and how the pieces move.

Regardless of ability or results, each junior will play seven games and will have the chance to win prizes for solving chess puzzles between rounds. Tournament prizes are given in several age divisions.

The event is non-profit, with all entry fees to be returned as prizes. The field will be limited to the first 50 entries received. To enter, parents should contact Gary Losh on 4390 8176 or at glosh51@dodo.com.au. The entry fee is \$10, payable on the day. Entries close Saturday, January 14.

Entrants will receive by e-mail some examples of the type of puzzles they will be asked to solve and some clues on how to solve them. The tournament, open to all players under 18 on the day, will run from 11am to about 4.30pm on **Monday, January 17**, at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi. It will be rated by the NSW Junior Chess League.