

Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 10 Term 4

DECEMBER 12 2011

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Friday 16th December

Monday 30th January

Tuesday 31st January

Wednesday 1st February

Year 6 Celebration Day Out

End of Year Presentation Evening-Arrive at 5.15pm for a 6pm start

Year 6 "Parade of Honour" 2.45 p.m. in the hall. Parents welcome!!

Last day of Term 4 for students

First Day of Term 1 2012 for Years 1-6 Only

Kindergarten BestStart Assessment (by invitation letter)

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First FULL DAY for ALL Kindergarten

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2011

Wow!!!! It just seems like yesterday when I was writing my very first newsletter back in February as your new principal at Peats Ridge Public School. Everything was so new to me then. Now I can hardly believe I am writing the last newsletter for 2011 and at this point in time feeling very much a part of this whole wonderful community. Thank you to each and every family - children, parents and grandparents who have made my first year at Peats Ridge a wonderful time.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

At this very special time of year I would like to pay a very special and sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the education and care of our students and the everyday running of our school during 2011.

Mrs Jo Comensoli – our Senior Administrative Manager. Thanks Jo for keeping this school organised and for your amazing care, understanding and compassion for every student at the school.

Mrs Margaret Laird – our School Administrative Officer. Thanks for putting the newsletter together each Friday. Mrs Donna Hobday - our School Learning Support Officer. Thank you for your assistance in the classrooms, particularly in 1/2/3, this year.

To our teaching staff – Miss Deb Still, Mr Shane Randall and Ms Julie Blair – Thank you for your caring and dedicated approach to the teaching and education of our students. You are all awesome!!!!

Mr Colin Meader and his team – General Assistants who keep our grounds maintained, neat and tidy.

Mary, Jim, Nai and Mel for scripture every Tuesday.

reminders

- **School Security: 1300 880 021**
- **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>**

To our P&C and canteen workers. Thanks for raising money for our school and providing the wonderful lunch deals.

To our wonderful parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who take the time to work with the students either at school as classroom volunteers or at home listening to the children read or helping them with their homework – Thank you!!!!

To our beautiful Peats Ridge Branch CWA ladies – They make the “yummy” and “delicious” food!!!!!!

To our cleaners, our Busways bus drivers, our garbage collectors from Sita and everyone else associated with keeping our school functioning effectively I say “THANK YOU”.

I sincerely wish everyone a magical Christmas with their families, be they small or extended, a safe and exciting holiday time and a very happy and prosperous new year for 2012. See you all at the end of January.

PRESENTATION NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

(Arrive at 5.15pm for a 6.00pm presentation)

Please refer to the P&C note issued last Friday.

YES!!! This will be the very first Presentation Night to be held in the wonderful new school community hall.

YES!!! There may be some slight differences from previous Presentation Nights.

All families are invited to partake of some light refreshments before this year's Presentation night. **Please arrive between 5:15pm and 5:30pm.** Bring a plate of food to the hall and enjoy the next 30 minutes mixing with your friends and enjoying some of the delicious delicacies. Please remain inside the hall with your children once you have arrived. About 5:50 take your place on the seats in the hall. The boys and girls know where they need to sit. The presentation night will commence at 6:00pm. There will be a lot to get through and we are anticipating an eight o'clock finishing time. Parents and children may leave as soon as the evening is over. We look forward to seeing you there.

PRESENTATION NIGHT PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

With the new hall in operation, parents and visitors need to be very aware of parking regulations, especially for the safety of students and everyone who will be arriving at the hall. All traffic is to flow AROUND the hall from left to right. You will see some areas are partitioned off for safety reasons. The main parking area will be in the large circular area in the centre between the front turning circle and the hall. When that is full we ask that you drive up to the left side of the hall and park forwards, facing the hall. There is also some space on the right side of the hall but we ask that you drive right up the left side first and around the back of the hall till you see some more spaces facing the right side of the hall. You will be allowed to park around the 'old' residence as well. PLEASE BE VIGILANT of families walking around the hall.

P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There are lots of AMAZING prizes to be won so bring your money along on Presentation Night to purchase raffle tickets from our gorgeous P & C ladies. They will be selling tickets at the P&C Raffle table as well as walking around selling tickets during the light refreshments before the presentation. Good luck. I hope to hear your name or family wins a prize. GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!!!!

SEMESTER 2 REPORTING TO PARENTS

Semester 2 reports will be issued to students on Thursday 15th December.

YEAR 6 PARADE of HONOUR FAREWELL CEREMONY

The current Year 6 students will be formally farewelled on Friday 16th December at a special and memorable ceremony to be held at 2.34 pm in the Peats Ridge Public School Community Hall. Please refer to the attached flyer.

A SPECIAL FAREWELL to four families whose association with Peats Ridge Public School is ending with their children leaving Year 6. Farewell to the Livermore, Tselis, Sissons and Clarke/Camilleri Families. We will miss you!!!!!!

INFORMATION PROVIDED by the Department of Education and Communities

Summer fire safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112

High School Orientation Information

Monday 5 December was the official Orientation Day for Year 6 students around the state. This is one of many opportunities your Year 6 child can be introduced to the high school environment.

During the holidays, have a look at the great information on the School A to Z website about starting high school and what to expect in the senior years. You'll find a wealth of tips and hints about moving up to high school, including a podcast you can watch together at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

You can also download a handy high school checklist at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php

Garry Standen
Principal

LIBRARY REPORT

Thank you

Thank you to Tara Livermore and also to Sue Wadick and her family for their generous donations of books for our library.

A reminder there is **NO** borrowing this week. Could all outstanding library books please be returned to school as soon as possible.

Julie Blair,
Librarian

P&C REPORT

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have donated items for our Christmas Hamper. A reminder that raffle tickets will be on sale at Presentation Night on Wednesday. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Presentation Night Supper - Wednesday 14th December 2011

Time: 5.15pm in the school hall

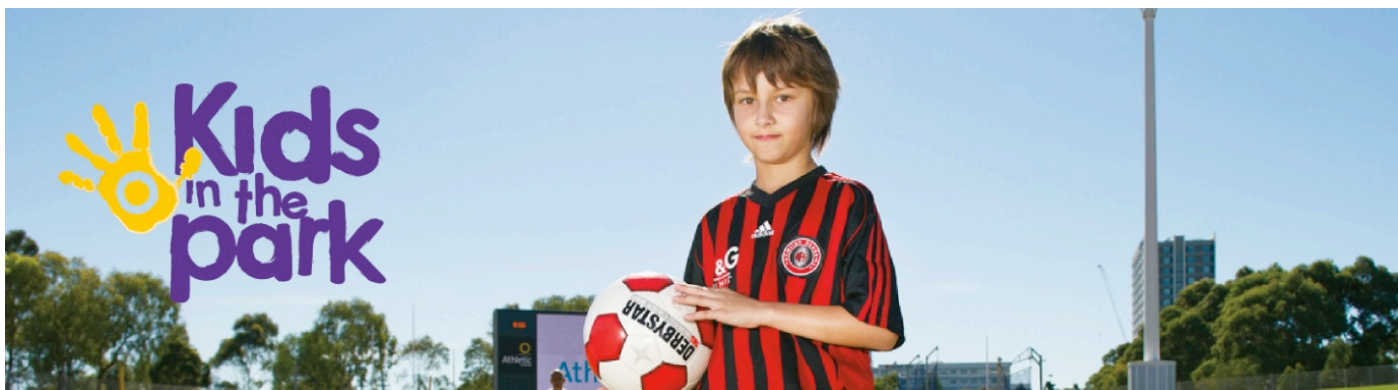
Years K-3: Please bring something savoury to share

Years 4-6: Please bring something sweet to share

P & C will be providing tea and coffee. Could all food please be on disposable plates.

Elise Kemp
P & C President.

COMMUNITY NEWS



SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Kids in the Park, Sydney's biggest school holiday program returns this summer with over 50 options of sports clinics, creative workshops and fun events to keep your kids active, challenged and entertained. A range of activities are free or cost under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's biggest playground these school holidays. See below:

AC Milan Soccer Camp, AFL free clinics, All day vacation care, ANZ Stadium Explore Tour, Archery & diving lessons, Bike circuits & flying trapeze, Cookie making and kite flying, Day and Residential Camps, Golf and Mini Golf, Monster Actions Sports Academy, Rugby League Clinic, FREE Segway Fun, Movies by the Boulevard, FREE Water playground, Writing Workshops, Swimming lessons and Splasher's, Tennis Camps, Phizz Kids Multi Sports, Digital Filmmaking & Kids in the Park Film Fest. Discovery Trails, Clue Trail and Amazing Chase FREE and lots more.....

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au or call (02) 9714 7888.

The 4th Annual

Mingara Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament

When: 11am to about 4.30pm Monday, January 16, 2012

(traditionally the third Monday in January)

Where: Mingara Recreation Club

Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi, (Central Coast, east of Wyong)

Who may play:

From Kindy kids to 17-year-olds (no minimum age).

Prizes:

More than a third of players will win prizes, which are awarded over a number of age groups. This is a non-profit tournament with all entry fees after minimal expenses to be returned as prizes.

Entry:

\$10 payable on the day

Players must pre-enter at glosh51@dodo.com.au or on **4390 8176**. Need player name and DoB plus parent e-mail address (if any) and emergency contact number. Entries close on Saturday, January 14.

Field limited to the first 50 entrants.

Beginners are very welcome, but must know the very basic rules of the game and how the pieces move.

Lessons will be given for those not familiar with chess clocks.