

# Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 5 Term 1 FEBRUARY 21 2010

## COMING EVENTS

**24/02/11** – Parent Teacher Meeting, 6pm

**01/03/11** – Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

**03/03/11** – P&C 'Thank you' Afternoon Tea

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to thank the wonderful religious education teachers who give their time each Tuesday to teach scripture to many of our students. I would just like to ask parents to remind their children about one of our school core values, that of RESPECT. Please discuss respecting everyone who works within the school environment, in particular our scripture teachers. Ask your child if they behave beautifully during scripture sessions. On behalf of the scripture teachers, thank you for your support in this area.



## PARENT TEACHER EVENING - Thursday 24th February, 6pm

All parents are invited to visit classrooms this Thursday, 24th February at 6pm. Our three classrooms will be open from 6pm to 7pm for you to talk with Mr Randall, Ms Still and Mr Standen. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about class programs and procedures for the year. It is also an informal chance to say "Hi" to your child's class teacher. It is hoped that parents may be able to attend without the children, but in case you have real child minding problems, Mr Blair has very, very kindly offered to mind any students who turn up with their parents. They will be supervised in the library watching a DVD. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an evening for Parent Teacher Interviews. Items of a general nature will be discussed with all parents. If you have issues or concerns regarding your own individual child, please contact the school to make an appointment for an interview with the class teacher.

## YEAR 7 PLACEMENT for 2012 - REMINDER

All Year 6 students have received an Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School in 2012. These forms should have been completed and returned to the school office by last Friday, 18th February. As all Year 6 students are tracked to high school we require this form to be returned. You can certainly note on the form that placement in a NSW government school is not required, if your secondary school choice is elsewhere. There are still several outstanding forms that have not been returned. Please return to the school office or direct to Mr Standen.

### reminders

- After School Sport - Mondays & Wednesdays (weather permitting)
- 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>

## **P&C DAY THANK YOU**

P&C Day officially falls on Wednesday 2nd March. Here at Peats Ridge Public School we would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our magnificent P&C. On Thursday 3rd March at 3:15pm the staff of our school would like to thank all P&C members with an afternoon tea. We hope you can come along to the school library so we can say THANK YOU!!!! There will be a brief viewing of the inside of the new school community hall. Hope to see you there.



## **P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **- Advance Notice**

The P & C AGM for 2011 will be held on Wednesday 23rd March. The decision was made at last week's P&C meeting to hold this meeting in the evening, commencing at 7:00pm to enable as many parents as possible to attend. We look forward to seeing new members at the AGM.

The P & C members would also like to provide our parents the opportunity to complete a survey as to the time of day that the P & C meetings are held. Please complete the short P & C survey at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office. Thank You.

## **SCHOOL VISITOR and PARENT PARKING AREAS**

Now that the BER building worksite barriers have been removed at the completion of the hall building project, parents and visitors are once again able to drive beyond the round turning circle and park away from the area where the school bus drops off and picks up our students. This is particularly important around bus times of 8:30am and between 3:15 and 3:45pm. It has been reported by both the bus drivers and some parents that cars are restricting the turning capacity of the bus. Please consider the bus driver and park further up the road away from the turning circle. Parents are also reminded to reverse park so as when leaving the parking area, forwards direction will allow students to be seen. As always, the safety of your children is our major concern.

## **HEAD LICE CHECK AND TREATMENT WEEKEND**

Head lice is a continual issue in all school environments. Parents are reminded to keep a close watch on the hair of their children. There have been recent incidents of head lice being present in our school community. As discussed at last week's P & C meeting, this coming weekend, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February, is being designated as a whole school community check and treatment weekend. This means parents and guardians are requested to complete a check of all family members and carry out a treatment if head lice are observed. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to school as a record of the treatment. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter. P&C representatives are currently pursuing contacts at other central coast schools, gathering information on the best current school practices in the management of head lice matters.

## **UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) 2011**

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to enter the UNSW ICAS. This is the largest independent competition and assessment program for schools in Australia. It is also delivered to over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific and the USA. Students of any ability are entitled to enter although the competition is highly competitive. Students are awarded Certificates of Participation OR Credit, Distinction and High Distinction Certificates. Areas and fees are listed below for your information. The Writing task will focus on an aspect of the persuasive genre (exposition text which is the assessed genre in NAPLAN this year).

DATES for the competitions are listed for your information. Please do not enter a competition if planning a family holiday around these dates. The dates cannot be changed.

Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to school, with payment by this Friday, 25th February.

Once entries are received, the school will enter online. Tests are administered by Peats Ridge PS teaching staff. Parents receive a detailed explanation of student results.

Garry Standen  
Principal

## STUDENT EXCHANGE - SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Dear Peats Ridge Public School,

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit **secondary** exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

In June/July 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and South America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability. All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies ranging from playing musical instruments, drawing animations to horse riding. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Lorentzen, National Director, Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd, PO Box 1420 Mona Vale NSW 1660 T: (02) 9997 0700 F: (02) 9997 0701 W: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

## QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

What an outstanding response to our fundraising efforts for our northern neighbours. PRPS students had a great day wearing mufti and raising much needed funds for those affected by the devastating floods earlier this year. The barbeque was an outstanding success with students consuming over 60 sausage sandwiches, 60 bottles of water and 8 whole watermelons. As a small school we are extremely lucky to have the support of the community and businesses. I would like to thank you suppliers; Singo's Wholesale Meats and Bi-Lo Lisarow. Without them this day would not have been possible. In total PRPS raised \$303.50 for those in need.

Shane Randall, Classroom Teacher







## **ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 4, TERM 1**

### **Citizenship**

Eedon M., Rose K., Mia W., Karl W.

### **Merit**

Loghan C., Dusten L., Jared S., Belle A., Ryan P., Katina S., Jayden V.

## **P&C REPORT**

I have invited **Miss Michelle Stone** to join us next **Thursday 3rd March 2011 at 3.15pm** for a combined P&C afternoon tea & her Farewell Presentation.

This invitation is open to past and present families in the community who would like to say hi and/or thank Miss Stone for the tremendous work and effort she gave to our PRPS. Miss Stone is looking forward to seeing you all just as much as we are looking forward to seeing her.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss anything relating to our school or P&C. We like to encourage parent input and suggestions to make this school run as smoothly as possible for our children, parents and staff members.

I'm aware that parents are unable to attend P&C Meetings due to work commitments but we have decided that our Annual General Meeting will be held in the evening on **Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm**. An invitation will go out shortly. *Please note the date and time differs from what is on the Term 1 Planner.*

Thank you for your support.

Josephine Sparacino

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## **CANTEEN REPORT**

Thanks to Annameika L for the delicious soups on Wednesday and to Toni A. for the favorite Chicken wraps on Friday. Thanks also to Kate P. for mix & match Mondays, which is proving to be popular.

### **Roster**

#### **Wednesday 23/02/11**

NO CANTEEN

#### **Friday 25/02/11**

**Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese with garlic bread **\$2.50**

Supplied and Served by: *Linda S.*

#### **Monday 28/02/11**

MIX & MATCH SANDWICHES OR WRAPS **\$1.00**

*\*a choice of Vegemite, Jam, Honey, Ham, Tuna, Mayonaisse, Cheese, Egg and Lettuce on white or wholemeal bread.*

Supplied by: *Canteen* Served by: *Kate P.*

**Drinks:**

**\$1.30** chocolate or strawberry milk, orange juice, apple juice, tropical juice, brekky juice, apple/blackcurrant, juice

**\$1.00** water **\$1.20** sippa straws

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

**HEADLICE – CHECK & TREATMENT WEEKEND - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
(RETURN TO SCHOOL)**

FAMILY NAME: .....

Children's names: .....

- ☐ A headlice check was carried out on all family members this weekend
- ☐ All family members have been treated this weekend
- ☐ Our family would support a whole school plan in order to eradicate this problem

Parent Name: .....

Parent Signature: .....

Date: .....

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS - ICAS 2011**

STUDENT NAME: ..... GRADE: .....

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AREA	FEE	DATE	Tick if entering
COMPUTER SKILLS	\$7	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> MAY	
SCIENCE	\$7	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	
SPELLING	\$10	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> JUNE	
WRITING	\$15	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> JUNE	
ENGLISH	\$7	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> AUGUST	
MATHEMATICS	\$7	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	

TOTAL payment included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**P & C Meeting Time – Parent Survey**

Select ONE option below and return to the school office.

☐ Wednesdays 3:30pm

☐ Wednesdays 7:00pm

Additional Suggestions: .....

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **KARIONG WANDERERS JUNIOR RUGBY**

Kariong Wanderers Junior Rugby registrations still OPEN for new players.

Under 7's - non contact

Fees beginning at \$40

For more information please contact:

Craig Parker on 0431 195 009 or Scott Phillips on 0418 261 037

### **GOSFORD NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Register Now! Clubs affiliated with Gosford Netball Association are currently looking for 7,8 and 9 year olds who would like to join the Netta Competition this season. The Netta Comp is a modified game to allow girls to learn the game of netball. Games are at Adcock Park, West Gosford on Saturday mornings starting in April. Players in other age groups are also needed. Check out our website [www.gosford.netball.asn.au](http://www.gosford.netball.asn.au) or contact Leanne on 0424 198 352 for more information.

## **Try It – You'll Like It!**

### **Tips for encouraging children to eat fruit and vegetables**



- All Australians are encouraged to eat two fruit and five vegetables each day. But many children and adults do not eat this much.
- It is not possible to force children to eat more fruit and vegetables. The best way is for parents to eat and enjoy fruit and vegetables every day themselves. It may take time, but children learn best by watching their parents and family. So keep trying!
- All vegetables and fruits are healthy! Fruit and vegetables may be any colour, shape, texture or variety. They can be fresh, frozen, tinned or dried. They may be raw, steamed, blanched, boiled, microwaved, stir-fried or roasted.
- Try and offer fruit and vegetables at each meal and snack.
- Involve children in decisions about vegetables and fruit purchasing.
- Remember, any amount of vegetables and fruit is better than none, and always be on the lookout for ways to include more. Focus on variety, not just the amount – so lots of different coloured vegetables and fruit, particularly yellow, green and red. Some examples are melon, carrot, pumpkin, stone fruit, broccoli, spinach, berries, leafy greens and tomato.

Nutrition News Snippet 2010  
provided by Central Coast Health  
Promotion Unit & Nutrition Dept

**Live Life well**  
NSW HEALTH  
NORTHERN SYDNEY  
CENTRAL COAST  
AREA HEALTH SERVICE