

# Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 10 Term 1

MARCH 28 2011

## COMING EVENTS

- 05/04/11** – ANZAC Service, 9.30 am
  - Combined Easter Scripture Assembly, 12 noon
- 06/04/11** – Years 1 to 6 excursion to 'The Rocks'
- 08/04/11** – Easter Hat Parade, 11.00 am - All Welcome
  - Last Day of Term 1
- 27/04/11** – Staff Development Day
- 28/04/11** – Students return for Term 2

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### WONDERFUL STUDENTS

As the term comes to and end we would like to publicly acknowledge the fantastic students of Peats Ridge Public School. Throughout Term 1, Mr Randall, Miss Still, Mrs Blair and I have been observing a tremendously positive atmosphere develop in both the playground and in classrooms.

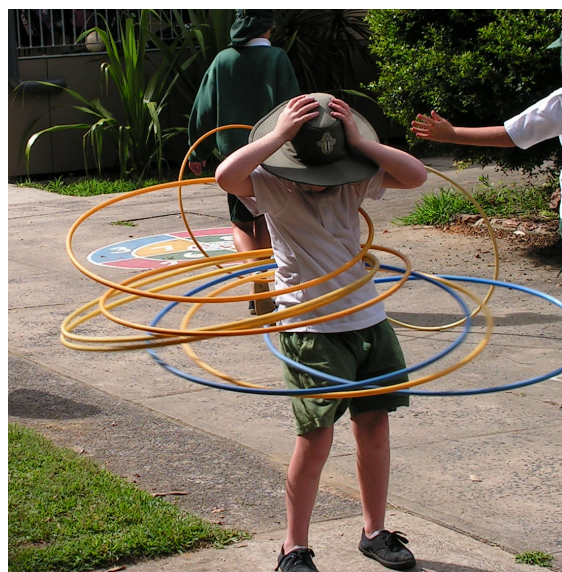
All students K-6 have settled into routines extremely well. Last week, we particularly acknowledged "Harmony Day" as celebrated by people from all walks of life on the 21st March. Here at Peats Ridge we experience HARMONY every day. The students all get along well together and must be congratulated for impressing the teachers more and more every week. Our Kindergarten students have 'magically' grown up overnight into amazing, sensible, settled and hard working students. Well done especially to them. Congratulations to ALL our hard working students. Ask them what they have achieved this term. Ask them to teach you something they have learnt at school this term. We are very proud to be their teachers.

### ANZAC SERVICE

On Tuesday 5th April at 9:30 a.m. the school will hold an Anzac Service as Anzac Day falls towards the end of the school vacation. This will be held in the school library and Mr John Cook will be in attendance from the Mangrove Mountain RSL Sub-branch.

### COMBINED EASTER SERVICE

All students who usually attend scripture lessons will attend a combined Easter Scripture Service on Tuesday 5th April at 12:00 noon. We thank the wonderful scripture teachers for their work at our school this term. Thanks Mary, Jim, Nai and Mel.



## reminders

- **NO AFTER SCHOOL SPORT IN WEEK 11**
- **Return permission notes and payment for Years 1-6 excursion to The Rocks**
- 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>

## **EASTER HAT PARADE**

The annual Peats Ridge Public School Easter Hat Parade will take place on Friday 8th April. This is the last school day for Term 1. Parents, guardians, grandparents and other family members are invited to join us at 11:00 a.m. to watch all students parade in their hats which will be made at school. Each student should have brought in a bag of useful materials today (old, new, recycled, scraps etc) from home to use when creating their hats. Students will commence making their hats this week. Please send in a bag of materials if your child did not bring theirs today. Some examples of things could be magazines, cardboard, coloured papers, crepe papers, tissue papers, feathers, buttons, sequins, old scraps of materials. Thank you for your support. The students will be able to show off their individual creativity and design abilities on the day.

## **MONEY PAYMENTS/COLLECTIONS**

Peats Ridge parents...You are amazing!!!! Thank you to all our wonderful, wonderful parents who have read the newsletters and are sending in money in the appropriate manner. Not only is it easier for staff here who collect the money but it is ensuring the money arrives safely at school. Thanks again for your assistance and great support in this matter. a

## **4/5/6 JENOLAN CAVES EXCURSION DEPOSITS**

A second reminder to parents to return initial notes and a deposit of \$50 in order to hold a place on the excursion in September. This is being organised by Central Mangrove PS. Please bring this money in as soon as possible. Once Central Mangrove PS receive numbers of students attending from each of the mountain schools and two coaches are full there WILL be NO further positions available. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, get your note and deposit in NOW.

## **SPORT FOR TERM 2 - TUESDAYS**

Yes!! Another change of sport day just to confuse our dear parents... Sorry...

As mentioned at the P&C meeting last Wednesday night we will be implementing a sports skills program commencing in Term 2 involving tennis skills and general ball handling skills. Mr Mark Presdee, from Sport in Schools Australia will conduct three sessions (one for each class) each Tuesday morning for a period of 8 weeks. All equipment required is provided by Sport in School. There will be a cost of \$20 for the entire term's program. Sport will occur between 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Recess will be 15 minutes later during Term 2 to enable the three sessions in the morning.

## **UNIFORMS**

The senior uniforms were discussed at last Wednesday's P&C meeting. It was stated by several parents that the 'white' shirt for Years 5 & 6 was not a serviceable colour for 'active' students and that maintaining white shirts for all five days a week was difficult. The decision was made to survey families re the grey shirts being for Kindergarten to Year 5 boys and the Year 6 specially designed shirt being available for purchase earlier than usual, say by the end of Term 1 each year so Year 6 students can wear this on days other than sport day. The sport uniform will remain the same for all students. Year 5 girls uniforms will also remain unchanged. No final decision will be made until all families are surveyed. The current Year 6 students will be finalising designs for the Year 6 shirt by the end of Term 1 and orders will be placed as soon as possible after that. Please contribute to the final decision by completing the survey at the end of this newsletter and returning to school by the due date. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **NITBUSTERS - HEADLICE PREVENTION**

The "Headlice" treatment weekend held on 26th / 27th February, as suggested by P&C was a success and has certainly aided in the control of headlice throughout the school community. The P&C have researched into the "Nitbusters" Program which is currently implemented in many Central Coast schools. Over half of all our families responded to the recent newsletter survey and 14 families supported the introduction of a regular headlice check program to assist in minimising the problem across the school community.

The P&C propose to implement this program at Peats Ridge Public School and will shortly be providing information packs and permission notes to all families explaining how the program works.

## **FINANCIAL LITERACY - STARTSMART PROGRAMS**

The Commonwealth Bank have contacted the school and will be presenting two free sessions on “Financial Literacy” to students in Years 1-6. Dates have been booked for early June.

## **INTERRELATE FAMILY CENTRES**

The school has received a ‘flyer’ re some upcoming courses held on the Central Coast. The ‘flyer’ will be available for parents to view in our office. The courses are titled, “Being a Dad”, “Self Esteem” and “Parenting Teens” For more detailed information go to [www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au) or call (02) 43638050 for dates, times and costs.

Garry Standen  
Principal

## **SCHOOL MARQUEE**

In 2010 our school received a grant from the Premier’s Sporting Challenge to construct cricket nets on the back oval and to replace one of our basketball posts, refurbish the other and re-mark our court. We had a small amount of money left with which we were able to purchase a school shade marquee. The Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park at Calga generously donated \$300 towards the cost of the marquee, which enabled us to have our school logo and emblem screen printed on it. As you can see from our photo, the whole school fits under the shady roof! We can now use this at all sporting/ outdoor events. We hope to order some side panels in the near future to increase the sun protection factor.



## **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM**

The active after School program is drawing to a close for Term 1 and so far everyone has enjoyed the activities each afternoon. Active After School Sport will commence again in Term 2 Week 2 and will be on Monday and Wednesday. We will be exploring the opportunity of introducing a third day of Active After School Sports on a Friday and possibly running a soccer clinic with former Socceroo and Olyroo, Clayton Zane.

Shane Randall

## **ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 9, TERM 1** **Citizenship**

Isabelle A., Rachel S., Rose K.

## **Merit**

Daisy G., Mia W., Connor B., Kayla H., Daniel A., Sophie A.



## CANTEEN REPORT

### Roster

#### Wednesday 30/03/11

School Pies \$2.50

Supplied and Served by: *Annamieka L.*

#### Friday 01/04/11

Fettucine Carbonara with salad and fresh bread \$3.00

Supplied and Served by: *Rebecca V.*

#### Monday 04/04/11

#### **MIX & MATCH SANDWICHES OR WRAPS on white or wholemeal bread**

*Vegemite, Jam, Honey* \$1.00

*Ham, Tuna, Mayonaise, Cheese, Egg and Lettuce* \$2.00

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

## P&C REPORT

Our AGM was held last Wednesday and I wish to advise you of the P&C Executives for 2011:

President: Elise Kemp

Vice President: Josephine Sparacino

Treasurer: Leanne Johnson

Secretary: Simone Glover

Canteen Committee: Anne Bolton, Annamieka Livermore & *position(s) vacant*

I have enjoyed my role as the P&C President for the past 3 years and I am happy to continue supporting the P&C Committee once again.

Congratulations to all the new Committee Members.

***We are currently looking for one/two Canteen members to assist Anne & Annamieka with Canteen. If you have any questions/suggestions please do not hesitate to contact one of the P&C members for further details. New ideas are always welcome.***

### Easter Raffle Donations

Every year we ask for parents support by donating an Easter Item to create our huge Easter Hamper. Items such as an Easter Egg, bunny rabbit toy etc etc would be greatly appreciated as every item counts to make this raffle successful & fun. Items can be handed into the office no later than the end of this week in order for the Hampers to be created. The raffle books will be sent home with next week's newsletter once I have all the hampers ready. I already have an IPOD shuffle to raffle. This was kindly donated by Crisco Hampers.

Parents are welcome to join us Next Friday for the Easter Hat Parade followed by lunch.

Thank you,  
Josephine Sparacino

Lunch for children and adult visitors needs to be pre-ordered & returned by Wed 6/4/11 for catering purposes. Please fill in the order slip at the end of this page.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**NEW Coffee/Barista School** - Shop 12, Carbow Arcade, 134 Mann Street, Gosford

The Sydney Coffee School will be coming to the Central Coast. We will be opening our doors on the 4th of April 2011. Courses from \$50. 16 to 20 students only per class (everyone has their own machine). Our facilities are safe & secure and fully air-conditioned.

Lots of fun! No experience necessary! No age restrictions!

Please visit our website for course structures and images: [www.thesydneycoffeeschool.com.au](http://www.thesydneycoffeeschool.com.au) or phone: (02) 4369 2998

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PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I agree that Year 6 students may order their Year 6 T-shirt early in the year to be worn on all non-sport days from Term 2 each year.
- ☐ I agree to changing the Year 5 senior boys shirts from white to grey for non-sport days
- ☐ I wish to keep the senior boys uniforms as they are now.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

28.03.2011

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Peats Ridge Public School  
Easter Lunch Order - Friday 8th April 2011

Egg & Bacon Sandwiches \$3.00 each x (qty) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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