

Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 8 Term 1

MARCH 14 2011

COMING EVENTS

16/03/11 – Science Day at Central Mangrove Public School

21/03/11 – Harmony Day

23/03/11 – P&C Annual General Meeting - 7pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

MARIE ANDREWS VISIT

Last Wednesday, the Member of Parliament for Gosford, Marie Andrews visited Peats Ridge Public School. She was welcomed by Rachel and Calib, our school captains. Mr Gary Rowe, Chairperson of the Hall Committee and Mrs Leanne Johnson, representing the school P&C toured Ms Andrews through the new hall.



Ms Andrews has been a strong supporter of the Peats Ridge Public School Community Hall from the initial concept about 5 years ago. She has assisted the Hall Committee in gaining government funding towards the hall. Ms Andrews was extremely impressed by the size of the new hall.

The Hall Committee is still finalising quotes for the hall flooring and stage as well as the installation of roof insulation and the internal painting. A storeroom is to be built off the hall and the chairs for the hall are available for delivery to the school. We are getting closer and closer to the completion of the work. It will all be worthwhile when we can at last take the students into the hall for many activities and special events.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The Student Representative Council met for the first time last Thursday. Calib and Rachel, as our school captains will lead the meetings. The Year 1 to Year 6 representatives were selected by their peers.

The following students are SRC members for 2011.

Kinder: Lucas, Year 1: Mishka, Year 2: Sophie, Year 3:

Daniel, Year 4: Logan, Year 5: Connor H, Year 6: Tara

Badges have been ordered and will be issued as soon as they arrive.

HARMONY DAY - Monday 21st March

Peats Ridge Public School will acknowledge Harmony Day next Monday. Students are welcome to wear clothes associated with their cultures. Keep it simple, appropriate clothing could include colours matching national flags or national costumes if available. Students may wish to bring something special from home to share with their class.

reminders

- Expressions of Interest & Deposit for 4/5/6 Jenolan Caves/Bathurst excursion
- After School Sport - Monday & Wednesday
- 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>

DEBATING TRAINING DAY

Last Friday, 11th March I accompanied Anthony, Connor H, Jazz, Kayla, Luke, Monique, Steven and Tara to the DET Arts Unit Debating Training Day held at Gosford Public School. My sincere thanks to Josephine, Linda, Lisa and Rebecca for assisting in transporting the students to and from the school. Congratulations to these students for representing Peats Ridge Public School. They are now experts on the three main areas of how to debate – Manner – Matter – Method. Each student took a role at the end of the day to debate “Homework Should Be Banned!” Well done to every one of you. Jazz was brave enough to open the debate for our school. Kayla took on an additional role of demonstrating “bad debating techniques” as well as being the last speaker in the debate. Tara “sold” Animal Cruelty Should Be Stopped and Anthony ‘Mustafa Amini’ had to give strong reasons why he should be the person to wear the ONLY life jacket on a sinking ship. A great day was had by all.....Who will be the great Peats Ridge debaters of the future?

LEADERSHIP FORUM

On Friday 11th March, Calib and Rachel attended the Wyong Council Chambers in Hely Street, Wyong, representing Peats Ridge Public School at the Central Coast Leadership Forum. Thanks to Linda and Helen for transporting the students on the day. Included in this newsletter is a brief article written by Calib and Rachel.

SCHOOL VISITOR and PARENT PARKING AREAS - A REMINDER

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.

A few cars have been observed obstructing the path of our Busways buses, mainly in the afternoon. You are able to go into the area further along the driveway where cars will not affect the bus turning circle. Thank you for your support.

KARIONG MOUNTAINS HIGH SCHOOL

Festival Drive, Mount Penang Parklands, Kariong

Last Wednesday, 9th March I took the opportunity to attend the Kariong Mountains High School Open Night, as advertised in last week's newsletter. This was an evening for our Year 6 parents and students to tour the facilities and gather information about our partner high school.

This was my first visit to the high school and I must say that my first impression was a very impressive one. The whole school complex is new, sparkling clean and exhibited outstanding, modern teaching facilities from science labs, music centres, drama and dance theatres, agriculture areas, food technology centres to woodwork and metalwork and visual arts centres. The entire evening was truly a magnificent experience. I am so excited to be associated with the Kariong Mountains High School Learning Community now I am the Principal here at Peats Ridge. I look forward to being part of a very positive Local Management Group comprising this high school, Kariong PS, Somersby PS, Central Mangrove PS, Kulnura PS and Spencer PS.

STUDENT PHONE CALLS

A growing number of students, mainly senior students, are asking at the end of the day to place phone calls to parents to see if sport training is on or off or even to arrange if their friends can go home with them after school. The school staff have no hesitation in assisting with students who are not sure what the instructions were that morning from their parent, especially our younger students.

We will always contact parents or even the emergency contact person if the parent is not answering, to check on the correct going home procedures. We cannot, however, condone the ever increasing use of the school phone by students to simply plan their afternoon. We seek parent support in this matter. Thank you.

Garry Standen
Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 7, TERM 1

Citizenship

Christopher K., Kayla H., Joshua P.

Merit

Dusten L., Daniel A. Lacey B., Matthew K., Tara L., Tylar H., Harry M.

Library

Tara L., Hiram P., Chanyce P., Eedon M.

Sports

Sophie G., Chanyce P., Anthony S., Marcus S., Katina S., Connor H., Monique G., Jazz O., Tessa H., Tara L., Dusten L., Oliver B., Steven T.

Environment

Calib C., Luke S., Tylar H., Anthony S., Christopher K.



SMALL SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the recent Small Schools Swimming Carnival held at Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool. Throughout the course of the day Peats Ridge students achieved some amazing results, particularly Anthony S. who was overall age champion for 10 year old boys. I am sure you will agree that this is an outstanding result considering the competition from other mountain schools.



As a result of the day's outstanding achievements both Anthony and Marcus qualified for the District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 7th March. Both boys swam extremely well at the District carnival, considering the level of competition from other schools, and qualified for the upcoming combined Primary and Secondary Sydney North Regional Swimming Championships. Congratulations boys, outstanding effort!!

I would like to thank Annamieka and Donna for helping with transport and Josephine Sparacino and Linda Tselis for volunteering their time to work as team managers for our school. Thanks also to Alf for being our official photographer. Without the support of parents events such as this would be very difficult to run and make it hard for small schools like ours to compete. Congratulations once again to all competitors and a BIG thank you to our great parents.

Shane Randall, Sports Co-ordinator



LIBRARY REPORT

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders are due back at school by **Friday 18th March.**

Julie Blair, Librarian

CANTEEN REPORT

Thank you to Tracey L. for the cute mini pizzas on Friday. Thanks also to Kate P. for Mix and Match Monday. There will be no canteen on Wednesday this week as all students will be away on an excursion.

Roster

Wednesday 16/03/11

NO CANTEEN - ALL STUDENTS AT CENTRAL MANGROVE P.S. SCIENCE DAY

Friday 18/03/11

Chicken Nuggets with Garlic Bread **\$3.00**

Supplied and Served by: *Anne B.*

Monday 21/03/11

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

Toni Allen and Linda Sutton on behalf of your Canteen Committee

LEADERSHIP DAY REPORT

On Friday Rachel and I went to a Leadership Forum. Tuggerah Public School welcomed us then the mayor of Wyong, Doug Eaton, gave a fabulous speech. He told us how to be a good leader by showing responsibility and great pride. Then there was a kid who is the junior world juggling champion and he was epic. Gavin Morris from NBN News was there and he told us all about how to be a leader and that you have to know what you're doing. He was a cool weatherman. Next was Dick Smith and he was an adventurer. He talked about CASHED;

Communicate

Ask

Simple

Honesty

Enthusiasm

Discipline

Dick Smith was greeted by Prince Charles! There's lots more we can't fit in.

Written by Rachel and Calib.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KARIONG WANDERERS JUNIOR RUGBY

Kariong Wanderers Junior Rugby registrations still OPEN for U7's to Grade. U7's is non contact. FEES beginning at \$40. For more info please contact Craig Parker: 0432 195 009 or Scott Phillips: 0418 261 037.



Gosford City Council in partnership with Finesse Cycling is offering free cycling courses throughout March to build confidence and encourage people to 'get back on their bikes'. There are 8 courses on offer for anyone to attend. You may attend one or more if necessary. Please ask when calling.

Each course is of one day duration with sessions designed to increase your cycling knowledge, build on existing skills and encourage confident cycling.

Courses cover; Bike Basics, Basic Skills, Controlling your Bike, Turning and Cornering, and Basic Bike Maintenance, all designed to get YOU Ready for the Road!

Numbers are limited to 10 persons per course & bookings are essential. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 19th March or Sunday 20th March
Saturday 26th March or Sunday 27th March



Each Course

Starts: 8.30am / Finishes: 3.30pm

Location:

CARES Facility, Palmdale Rd, Palmdale

Bring your bike & helmet or hire them for the day for just \$20.

Light lunch & refreshments provided.

Booking is essential.

Contact Finesse Cycling email:

bookings@finessecycling.net

or call mobile 0414 210 926.

For more information on cycling contact Gosford City Councils Cycleways & Pedestrian Safety Officer on 4325 8802.



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

Invitation

*All members of the community are invited to
Peats Ridge Public School*

2011 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 23rd March 2011 @ 7pm

To be held in the Peats Ridge School Library

*** Tea, Coffee & Supper provided ***

** All positions will be declared vacant.*

**If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to nominate a member you can complete the attached
"Nomination form".*

*Closing date for Nomination form will be: 3pm on Wed 23rd March (Nomination can be handed in at school
office)*

**You must be a financial member to vote at an AGM
(ie: gold coin payment)*

**You don't have to hold a position in the P&C to attend meetings.*

Your suggestions & feedback are important.

We look forward to seeing you support your children school.

Thank you.

*Josephine Sparacino
P&C President*

P & C Committee
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 23rd March 2011 – 7pm

Nomination Form

Persons nominating or seconding must be Financial Members of the Association at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

The form must be signed by all parties prior to the commencement of the AGM.

The form must be lodged by Wed 23rd March 2011 – 3pm

Members may nominate themselves, but must obtain a Seconder.

As a current Financial Member of Peats Ridge Public School

I hereby nominate

_____ *(name)*

for the position of: (select one only)

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President

☐

Vice President

☐

Treasurer

☐

Secretary

☐

Canteen

Nominated by: _____ *(your name)*

_____ *(signature)*

Seconded by: _____ *(name)*

_____ *(signature)*