

Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 11 Term 1

APRIL 04 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** – School Development Day (Staff Only)
- 28/04/11** – Students return for Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

TERM 1 COMES TO AN END

There is a very busy week ahead as Term 1 comes to an end on Friday. It is a little hard to accept that a whole term has passed us by already. Today, all students experienced a session on bus travel safety presented by staff from Busways. Tomorrow we will hold our Easter Scripture and Anzac Services. On Wednesday Years 1-6 will go to the Rocks for their excursion and on Friday we have the Easter Hat Parade. Don't forget to pre order your lunch if you are attending on the day. The children will have an early recess at 10:30 on Friday, ready to commence the parade at 11:00 a.m. Around 12:00, parents and visitors are welcome to have lunch in the playground with the students. P&C Easter Raffle tickets go home today. Thank you to parents who have already sent in some amazing gifts for the raffle. Please find the Term 2 Planner on our website.

Once again, I would like to publicly thank the wonderful students, parents and community members for welcoming me so warmly to the Peats Ridge Public School community this term. I wish you all a happy and safe vacation time with your children. Due to the Anzac Day holiday on Tuesday 26th April and the School Development Day on Wednesday 27th April, we will see the students return on Thursday 28th April.

SCHOOL SECURITY – Phone 1300 880 021 if you notice anything unusual as you are passing by the school in the holidays.

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 at the school ANZAC memorial garden and Mr John Cook will be in attendance from the Mangrove Mountain RSL Sub-branch.

COMBINED SCRIPTURE EASTER SERVICE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter all students who usually attend scripture lessons will attend a combined Easter Scripture Service in the library on Tuesday 5th April at 12:00 noon.

reminders

- **NO AFTER SCHOOL SPORT THIS WEEK.**
- After School Sport will resume in Week 2, Term 2
- Tennis Program starts in Week 2, and will run every Tuesday for 8 weeks
- 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>

EASTER HAT PARADE

The annual Peats Ridge Public School Easter Hat Parade will take place this 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 the students parade in their hats which have been made at school. The students will be able to show off their individual creativity and design abilities on the day.

YEARS 1-6 “ROCKS” EXCURSION

A reminder that the Rocks Excursion is on this Wednesday. Please ensure all Year 1-6 students arrive around 8:30 a.m. so we can mark the roll and be on our way by 9:00 a.m. Please refer to the excursion note and pack recess, lunch and drinks for your child/children attending.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS FROM HOME

Students who bring small electronic items like iPods, MP3s and mobile phones etc have been asked to sign them into the school office at the beginning of the day and sign them out again at home time. This ensures the item is kept safe during the day and avoids the item being dropped, damaged, misplaced or stolen.

Thank you to the fantastic students who are already signing in these items. If you ever need to contact your child during the day for any reason you are always welcome to phone Mrs Comensoli in the office and she will pass on your message.

SPORT FOR TERM 2 - TUESDAYS

A reminder for parents and guardians that sport will be on Tuesdays in Term 2.

INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR PARENTS by the DET

The arts unit

Is your child developing their skills in music, dance, drama, visual arts and speaking competitions to their full potential? Or are they missing out? The arts unit is a leader in arts education and one of the specialist programs within the NSW Department of Education and Training. High profile public performances, exhibitions and competition opportunities exist for your child with a range of statewide initiatives on offer for students in Kindergarten to Year 12. And what's more, in 2011 you can apply for one of these programs online.

Go to www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au to check out the full range of creative arts, performing arts and public speaking activities your child could get involved in. Register for the arts unit e-newsletter to keep up-to-date with the latest opportunities! www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/new-opportunities-arts-unit

School holiday tips

Holiday reading

Looking for holiday reading? If you are unsure of an appropriate book for your child, why not try something from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Great lists of books in various categories sorted by age group can be found at: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Farm safety

Provide a safe and secure play area for children and supervise them to reinforce the following safety rules:

- always wear seatbelts or child restraints in farm vehicles
- don't ride on tractors, all-terrain vehicles or on the back of utes
- always wear helmets when riding bikes, motorbikes and horses.

More farm safety tips at www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/_assets/main/documents/survival_kit/farm_safety.pdf

School holiday activity ideas

If you are looking for something to entertain the kids during the holidays, here are some inexpensive ideas that will keep them entertained:

- flying a kite
- helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own
- helping to organise a family barbeque or picnic
- practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- playing with the family pet
- helping to organise a garage sale
- making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

More ideas at www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/_assets/main/documents/survival_kit/activities.pdf

Free entry for primary school kids to NSW museums and galleries until 26 April

Primary school children in NSW can visit landmark arts and cultural attractions for free with the Kids' Adventure Passport until April 26. They can touch fossils at the Australian Museum, picnic in Elizabeth Farm's historic grounds, or explore the galaxies at Sydney Observatory. Several major venues are outside the city centre, and regional museums and galleries across NSW are welcoming passport holders.

Passports are available at all participating venues, listed on the website at www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au. Children who collect three stamps can earn a certificate of achievement. And if they return their passport slip by 3 May with one stamp or more they go into the draw to win prizes.

Visit www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au for information about venues and prizes or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Garry Standen
Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 10, TERM 1

Citizenship

Katina S., Lily H.

Merit

Connor H., Anthony S., Jazmin P., Jared S., Mia W., Austin P.

Library

Jazmin P., Tara L., Connor H.

Sports

Eedon M., Tara S., Mia W., Oliver B., Ryan P.

CANTEEN REPORT

Roster

Wednesday 06/04/11

NO CANTEEN - YEARS 1 TO 6 at "THE ROCKS"

Friday 08/04/11

EASTER HAT PARADE BBQ LUNCH (**Must be pre-ordered**)

Bacon & Egg Sandwiches **\$3.00**

Supplied by: *P&C* Served by: *Josephine S.*

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

Canteen will resume in Week 2, Term 2.

Anne Bolton for the Canteen Committee

P&C REPORT

Easter Raffle

Each child will be given a \$10 book of raffle tickets to sell for the Easter Raffle which will be drawn this Friday at the Easter Hat Parade.

Thank you so much for to Crisco Hampers and the families who have already made a donation towards the Easter Hamper. Tomorrow will be the final day to make any donations to our Hamper.

Could you please return any unsold tickets so we can sell them on the day. Thank you. Remember not to forget your camera on Friday. The children always do an amazing job with their Easter Hat creations.

Easter Lunch on Friday

Bacon & egg sandwiches for **\$3.00**. Lunch must be pre-ordered by children and parents. Please fill in the order slip below and return it by Wednesday 6/4/11 for catering purposes.

Josephine Sparacino
P&C Vice President

Peats Ridge Public School

Easter Lunch Order - Friday 8th April 2011



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

= \$ _____

Family Name: _____

Nikki Medwell

Inbound Exchange Administrator

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Become a WEP Host Family

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2011. Our students from Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Japan, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!