

# Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 2 Term 3

JULY 25 2011

## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 25th July**

**Friday 29th July**

**Monday 1st August**

**Tuesday 2nd August**

**Wednesday 3rd August**

**Wednesday 10th August**

**Tuesday 16th August**

KIDANSYS Dance Program Commences

Schools Tree Day

Premier's Spelling Bee (School Hours)

Combined Scripture Service 12:00 (Parents Welcome)

NSW Uni English Competition

Education Week 'Open Day'

STAR FM 104.5 Breakfast Broadcast Live from PRPS (7:00 to 9:00 a.m.)

Classroom Visits / MATHS Session 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Recess with your children - 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

School Photos

NSW Uni Mathematics Competition

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### WELCOME TO TERM 3

The students are to be congratulated for returning to school last week in such terrible weather conditions. They were kept inside for recess and lunch for four days in a row and ALL children accepted their responsibility to eat and play sensibly. I wish to commend every single student at our school for their marvellous approach to a difficult week. My two special words for Term 3 are HAPPY and HARMONY. In previous terms I have addressed RESPECT and SAFETY and will continue to reinforce these values at all times. The new words best describe the school I want Peats Ridge to be - A place full of "happy" students who are "happy" to come to school every day. All teaching staff here at Peats Ridge P.S. encourage harmony amongst all students at all times. In my eyes, this is every child getting along with every other child and accepting each other for who they are. I continually inform all students that it is their right to be happy and safe at school and that if anyone is "upsetting" them that they are to inform an adult – that adult may be a teacher or it may be you – the parent.



### WELCOME TO MS FERRIS

We welcome Ms Donna Ferris to Peats Ridge P.S. as our relieving Senior Administrative Manager for Term 3 while Mrs Jo Comensoli is on leave.

Ms Ferris already feels a part of Peats Ridge thanks to our warm and welcoming students. We know Ms Ferris will "love" being at our school.

### reminders

- After School Sport resumes this week
- 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>

## CENTRAL COAST PUBLIC AWARDS of APPRECIATION

Tomorrow, at 4pm at the Woy Woy Campus of the Brisbane Water Secondary College, two of our school community members will be recognised for their outstanding contributions to Peats Ridge Public School. We congratulate Mrs Jo Comensoli and Mrs Josephine Sparacino as they receive these prestigious public education awards. Their citations read:



Josephine Sparacino:

*"Devoted P&C President and generous supporter of Peats Ridge Public School. Canteen service, fundraising, hall committee member. Enthusiastic worker extraordinaire."*

Jo Comensoli:

*"Extremely valued Senior Administrative Manager. Outstanding commitment to serving the Peats Ridge Public School community. Highly motivated. Kind. Caring. Organised. Efficient."*



## EDUCATION WEEK 2011 - August 1st to August 5th

All parents, guardians and relatives are warmly invited to celebrate public education with us during Education Week 2011. Please note the following for your calendar:

Monday 1st August 1:00 p.m.

Premiers Spelling Bee (Library)

Tuesday 2nd August 12:00 noon

Combined Education Week Scripture Service (Library)

Wednesday 3rd August 7:00 a.m.

STAR FM 104.5 Breakfast Broadcast Live from PRPS 7:00 a.m. to 9:00  
P&C Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.

Classroom Visits / MATHS Sessions 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Recess with your children – 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

K-6 Assembly - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 (Library)

## 2GO GIVE ME 5 FOR KIDS

Following the thank you in the last newsletter to our community for raising money for Gosford and Wyong children's wards I am very, very proud to announce a final total of \$249 was raised by a school of our size. That is an amazing effort as there were only 55 students here on the day. THANK YOU to everyone once again for generously supporting this worthy cause.

## NAIDOC DAY THANK YOU

A very, very big thank you must be given to Ms Still for her wonderful organisation of the mammoth event on our NAIDOC Day celebration. She was ably assisted by Mr Randall, Mrs Comensoli and the visiting trainee teachers Ms Hoppe and Mr Scally. We welcomed students and staff from Spencer, Central Mangrove and Somersby Public Schools. Thank you to our parents for the payment for the children to watch the indigenous performance. The students learnt so much information from Djarren. By far the hardest workers on the day were our parent helpers and P&C members who ran the canteen and organised the lunch orders for the students from every school. Many thanks to Elise and Tim K., Anne and Nigel B., Simone G., Annameika L., Leonie F., Kim R., Josephine S., Toni A. and Tracey P. for 'slaving' away all day. Your assistance in making the day a big success was very much appreciated. Thanks also to anyone else who was involved and my apologies if I have overlooked you!

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

OH & S is an enormous part of any business and is no different here on a Department of Education and Communities site. If you as parents ever notice safety hazards around the school as you are coming and going, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention. We are continually upgrading areas of the school to ensure the safety of your children.

For example, the protective covering which was purchased to cover the metal flagpole to prevent students running into metal and the chain across the driveway to prevent vehicles approaching our playground areas.

1. **Classroom parent helpers** may go direct to the classroom but must sign the visitor register available at the classroom door.
2. **All other parent**, guardian or any other family members who are visitors to our site for more than a few minutes at the office **MUST** report to the front admin office. This includes canteen helpers.
3. **Canteen helpers**, after signing on at the front office, must also sign on in the P&C register in the canteen. Parent helpers in the canteen are covered by the P&C Association insurance. You will **NOT** be covered for an accident if you have not signed the P&C register before commencing work.
4. **Approved** 2 step stepladders are to be used if you need to reach higher items whilst on site.

### **REMEMBER TO WRITE IN THE TIME on the sheet WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SITE.**

Yes! It sounds like a lot of rules and regulations, but just as we have your children's safety as a priority so do we also consider your safety as a parent on DEC land. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

**PARENT HELPERS** – All parents are required to complete a Prohibited Declaration Form once before helping out on site. There is a register kept in the front school office. Please ask if you are not sure if you have completed one.

## **SCIENCE COMPETITION**

Special congratulations to Logan J. in Year 4 for achieving a CREDIT in the NSW Uni Science Competition. All other students who entered the competition are to be congratulated for receiving Participation Certificates.

## **NITBUSTERS**

Our P&C will soon be providing information on the DEC and P&C approved program, "Nitbusters" which will commence here at Peats Ridge P. S. later this term. This program is aimed at aiding the eradication of headlice within the school community. I trust you, as parents, will support this worthwhile program. Please address any concerns or comments to our P&C members.

## **KIDANSYS**

Kidansys, is a dance program well known to you all at Peats. I am looking forward to watching my students during these dance sessions which form part of our Term 3 PD Health PE program. The weekly cost is \$2 per student and the program runs each Monday for 9 weeks. The total cost of \$18 is due now. Notes were issued to students last week. I have decided not to ask P&C to subsidise the cost of this program but rather ask their help to subsidise a more substantial cost to you for the annual School Swimming Scheme Program held towards the end of Term 4.



## **HALL UPDATE**

Polished floors and a stage..... If you were to "sneak" a look into the door of the hall you would be absolutely amazed to see the most "shiny and polished" new floor and stage you could ever imagine. There is a storeroom built on each side of the stage as well as a wheelchair access ramp to the stage. From the outside you will see an awning on the front of the hall to cover the entry. The hall is so near to completion now. Just a few skirting boards and a bit more painting and we will be on our way to using the hall.

I anticipate an official ceremony to open the hall will take place late September, this term, or if not, very early into Term 4 after the next holidays.

## BORAL - THANK YOU

You may or may not be aware that the timber for the flooring and stage was donated by BORAL Timber. The road base that was set around the hall in the July vacation (500 tonnes) was also donated by BORAL – Peats Ridge Quarry.

I am continually amazed with the fantastically strong community links here at Peats Ridge and wish to publicly thank BORAL for these outstanding donations. I would also like to acknowledge your previous principal, Mr Gary Rowe for his mammoth organisation in liaising with BORAL to arrange these donations.

## COCA COLA AMATIL - THANK YOU

Coca Cola Amatil must also be thanked for their generosity of over \$20 000 towards the completion of our new hall.

Peats Ridge Clubrooms have also generously donated towards the hall over the past year. THANK YOU to all these great community groups.

## COLES DOCKETS-WOOLWORTHS DOCKETS -McCAIN BARCODES

No matter where you shop or what you buy, you have the opportunity to assist the school in raising additional equipment and resources. Last year you saved so many COLES vouchers that we were able to significantly increase our PE equipment. The Coles Vouchers will be reintroduced in the next few weeks. Once again, these will be redeemed by us for sports equipment. WOOLWORTHS are also offering a points reward system on your dockets. These will be redeemed for educational resources. A flyer was sent home recently re saving the barcodes on the McCain range of products. Peats Ridge P. S. has registered for all three systems. We hope you and your relatives and friends will help us out again this year. There will be three boxes displayed in the school foyer once these systems commence. Thank you in anticipation of your support in these ventures.

Wishing you and your children a fantastic Term 3.

Garry Standen  
Principal

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school carnival scheduled for this **Thursday, 28th July** has unfortunately been postponed due to the condition of the oval after the past weeks heavy rainfall. The carnival will now be held on **Friday 5th August**. The venue will remain the same and I would like to thank Central Mangrove P.S. for allowing us the use of their ovals. Further notes will be sent home before the carnival updating the information. The pre-ordered lunch orders for this Thursday will be now be served here in our school canteen.

Shane Randall, Sports Coordinator

## LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back on **Friday 5th August**.

Julie Blair, Librarian

## HELPERS WANTED FOR CLUBS

We have only had one response so far and we won't be able to run Clubs this term unless we have more helpers. CLUBS will be on Thursday afternoons at the end of Term 3 (weeks 6-10) and the beginning of Term 4 (weeks 1-4) at this stage. If you have a skill or talent that you can share with a small group of students please complete the return slip at the end of today's newsletter and return it to school by **Friday (29th July)**. The activity needs to be suitable for a small group that can be run over a number of weeks.



Some examples of previous groups are; photography, art, beading, craft, gardening, drama, dancing, environment group (weeding and mulching, worm farm, etc).

Julie Blair

## **KINDY ART**

In art this term Kindergarten students will be focusing on “PLACE” in the unit “No Place Like Home”. Kindy had a great time creating “Our Street”.

## **ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 10, TERM 2**

### **Citizenship**

Hiram P., Steven T., Marcus S., Mykalah P.

### **Merit**

Jazz O., Connor B., Storm K., Jazmin P., Kaitlyn G.

### **Library**

Eedon M., Jared S., Tessa H., Kayla H., Logan J., Monique G., Jazmaine T.

## **CANTEEN**

\*Please see the canteen insert attached to today’s newsletter.

### **Roster**

Thursday 28th July

Pre-ordered lunches from Athletics Carnival only.

### **Star FM P&C Breakfast - Wednesday 3rd August**

P&C will be providing egg and bacon sandwiches for breakfast on this day. For catering purposes could you please fill in the tear off slip below to give us an indication of how many sandwiches your family wishes order. **Please return to school by 1st August.** Money for sandwiches to be paid on the day.

***Elise Kemp, P&C President***

## **RETURN SLIPS**

### **HELPERS FOR CLUBS - TERMS 3 & 4**

I can help with Clubs on Thursday afternoons. My proposed activity is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **STAR FM P&C BREAKFAST ORDERS - 3RD AUGUST 2011**

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

Number of Bacon and Egg Sandwiches required: \_\_\_\_\_

