

Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 5 Term 3

AUGUST 15 2011

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 16th August

NSW Uni Mathematics Competition

5/6 Visit to KMHS Science Day (Students not doing Uni Comp)

Wednesday 17th August

FINAL PAYMENT for 4/5/6 Jenolan Caves/Bathurst Excursion

Friday 9th September

Jump Rope for Heart JUMP OFF

Monday 19th September

3 day Jenolan Caves/Bathurst 4/5/6 Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS for 2012

We are now taking enrolments for students commencing Kindergarten in 2012. Please call at the school office to collect and complete an enrolment form. Please advise any neighbours or friends in our school zone to contact the school. We can only count students in our anticipated numbers if they have formally enrolled.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2012

Parents of our current Year 6 students need to return 2012 enrolment forms direct to Kariong Mountains High School. These should have been received recently in an information pack forwarded direct to families from the High School.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS for 2012

Discussed at the last two P&C Meetings was the re introduction of Voluntary School Contributions. Previously, families at Peats Ridge Public School have been requested to pay an annual textbook levy which no longer exists as we are a textbook free school.

All schools are able to request Voluntary School Contributions which are voluntary and NOT compulsory. There was a motion passed at the P&C Meeting dated, Wednesday 10th August, 2011. Please see below. The voluntary contributions will commence next year.

MOTION: It is proposed to re-introduce Voluntary School Contributions in 2012.

Contributions for 2012 to be set at:

1st Child	\$40
2nd Child	\$35
All others	\$10

reminders

- **ENROL NOW for KINDERGARTEN 2012**
- **Payment for KIDANSYS now due**
- **Please check your children's hair for head lice and treat if necessary**
- **After School Sport has commenced on FRIDAYS**
- **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>**

BATHURST/JENOLAN CAVES EXCURSION - 3rd and FINAL Newsletter Reminder

The date for the combined mountain schools excursion to Jenolan Caves and Bathurst is fast approaching. This is already Week 5 and the excursion departs on Monday 19th September (Week 10). Final Payments are due for payment at the office by **17th August**.

SENIOR DANCE GROUP

During Education Week, our Senior Dance Group comprising of Monique G, Tessa H, Kayla H, Jazz O, Tara L and Katina S performed at the Kariiong Mountains Learning Community Showcase. The girls are to be commended for their patience, positive attitude and resilience to be able to bounce back to the stage for a third time after experiencing sound problems with their music. The girls ended up as the last item on the program and they absolutely stunned the audience and received an enormous round of applause. Congratulations to you all.

PIES PIES PIES

Thank you to Annamieka and Caitlin L. for last week's delicious pies on canteen day. Keep a watchful eye on the newsletter to see when these homemade pies are on the menu again. Once again, a very special thank you to a very small group of parents who help keep our canteen functioning.

INFORMATION PROVIDED by the Department of Education and Communities

School Life Covered from A to Z

Practical help for parents and carers to assist their child's learning and development is now available as part School A to Z – a new online school community.

School A to Z, developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, includes a website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), free mobile apps and social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

The site is a go-to resource for parents looking for homework/study support and resources for their children, and includes hundreds of plain English definitions on classroom terminology, printable help sheets, 'how to' videos and advice from teachers and other experts.

School A to Z also includes:

- Helpful advice and information to support children's wellbeing, emotional and physical development, including healthy lunch box recipes.
- Resource and tips that encourage and promote safe and appropriate use of technology.
- Opportunities for parents and the community to contribute content, share ideas and join in discussions, including the School A to Z Facebook and Twitter channels.
- A translation aid for users from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The free mobile apps, developed for smartphones and iPad, will enable even the busiest of parents to have access to these resources.

Check out the School A to Z website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/schoolatoz) and Twitter account (www.twitter.com/schoolatoz)

Children's Book Week

Now in its 65th year, Children's Book Week from 20-26 August celebrates Australian authors and illustrators with activities at libraries and schools around Australia. This year's theme is: One World, Many Stories.

The benefits of reading to children from a young age are indisputable. If you'd like some inspiration, check out the Children's Book Council of Australia website which has some great reading and website resources for parents: <http://cbca.org.au/parents.htm>.

Peats Ridge Public School will be visiting Central Mangrove PS on Tuesday 30th August for a Book Week performance. More details nearer the date.

Garry Standen
Principal

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival last Friday. I was very proud of the behaviour of our students, they were a credit to PRPS. A BIG thank you to Josephine Sparacino for acting as our team manager. Thanks also to the parents who assisted with canteen.

The following students have made it through to the B.W. Zone Carnival which will be held on the 25th & 26th of August: Marcus, Anthony, Kaitlyn, Tessa and Taras. We wish them all the very best of luck! I am still awaiting confirmation about relay teams for all age groups.

A full list of results from our school Athletics Carnival will be published in next week's newsletter.

Shane Randall
Sports Coordinator

CAN YOU HELP WITH MATERIALS for I/2/3 ART?

If you have any old washers, bolts or springs at home that you no longer need could you please send them to school on **Thursday** as students in I/2/3 will be using these materials to create artworks in class on Friday. Thank you.

Julie Blair

ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 4, TERM 3

Citizenship

Monique G., Karl W., Chanyce P., Eedon M., Brendan H., Daisy G.

Merit

Kayla H., Anthony S., Jacob P., Jazz O., Daniel A., Marcus S., Rose K., Thomas H., Jade W.

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Wednesday 17th August

Chicken & Corn Soup with Bread or Toasted Sandwich with Ham & Cheese **\$3.00**

Served by: *Kate P.*

Monday 22nd August

NO CANTEEN

Wednesday 24th August

Meat Pies **\$2.50**

Served by: *Annamieka L.*

Thank you Josephine and Tracey for the yummy bacon/egg rolls and to everyone for their continued support of the canteen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

K.C.A.E.P.

A Mouse's Tale

Tuesday 27th September, 11 am, Kulnura Hall, Children's pantomime suitable for littlies and up to seven years old.


Drum Circle

Friday 26th August, from 6 pm, Kulnura Hall, spare drums available, gold coin donation to Cancer Council.

Belly Dancing, Beginners New Class

Tuesdays, 7.30 pm, Kulnura Hall. Attend 4 lessons and the 5th is free.

KCAEP Enquiries: Phone: 43761350, or see www.mountainconnect.org.au



GOSFORD CITY
Library

Be part of Kariong's history
TIME CAPSULE COMPETITION
"My life in Kariong Mountains today"

How to enter

1. Collect an entry form from the Kariong branch library or the bookmobile
2. Write a story of up to 150 words telling about your life today here in the mountains. Add drawings, any creative fun items, photographs, newspaper clippings, timetables from today
3. Drop your entry into the library with a completed entry form, in an envelope

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENT FOR BEST ENTRY IN THE
FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS:
5 - 8 years, 9 - 12 years, 13 - 16 years

Selected entries will be displayed at Kariong and Erina
branch libraries

All material will be kept in Gosford City Library
Local Studies collection, to be re-opened in 2025

For more information please visit Kariong branch library or <http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library>

Entries open to all children 16 years of age and under
Only 20 word entry required for children 5 - 8 years
Entries close 31 August 2011

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