

# Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 7 Term 3

AUGUST 29 2011

## COMING EVENTS

<b>Tuesday 30th August</b>	Book Week Performance at Central Mangrove Public School
<b>Wednesday 31st August</b>	Life Education Van
<b>Thursday 1st September</b>	Fathers' Day Breakfast
<b>Friday 9th September</b>	Jump Rope for Heart JUMP OFF
<b>Monday 12th September</b>	Responsible Pet Education Session
<b>Thursday 15th September</b>	Schools Environmental Judging
<b>Monday 19th September</b>	3 day Jenolan Caves/Bathurst 4/5/6 Excursion
<b>Friday 23rd September</b>	End of Term 3

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### ANTICIPATED STUDENT NUMBERS for 2012

Attached to today's newsletter is a form requesting information for 2012. Please return one form per family so we can use this data when planning for 2012.

### BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS - Performance at Central Mangrove Public School on Tuesday 30th August

To celebrate Book Week 2011, we are visiting Central Mangrove Public School tomorrow to attend a performance called "TOTALLY AMAZING" which explores the book week theme of "One World, Many Stories". Notes were issued last week and are due back by tomorrow. Payment of \$10 covers bus and performance. Any student who has not brought back money and permission note will remain at school with one member of the teaching staff.

### LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM 2011

The On Wednesday 31st August, the Life Education van is visiting Peats Ridge Public School. The cost of this annual program is \$7 per student. Kindergarten experience a 1 hour session, 1/2/3 experience a 1 ¼ hour session and 4/5/6 experience a 1 ½ hour session. Permission notes were issued last Friday.

### FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

The P&C are organising a Father's Day breakfast this Thursday morning, 1st September. Please refer to the attached P&C note for further details.

## reminders

- **ENROL NOW for KINDERGARTEN 2012**
- **After School Sport Program - MONDAYS WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**
- **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>**

## ICAS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS for SCHOOLS - WRITING

Nine students from Peats Ridge Public School paid to complete in the 2011 Writing Competition.

Eight students received Certificates of Participation and one student received a Credit Certificate.

We congratulate Kaitlyn G., Anthony S., Monique G., Lily H., Tessa H., Tara L., Steven S. and Calib C. for achieving Certificates of Participation.

Special mention must go to Kayla H. in Year 5 for achieving a Credit Certificate. Kayla's result placed her in the top 25% of all Year 5 participants in NSW and ACT. Congratulations, Kayla.

## ICAS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS for SCHOOLS - SPELLING

Seven students from Peats Ridge Public School paid to be candidates in the 2011 Spelling Competition.

All seven students received Certificates of Participation. Congratulations to the following students who participated: Kaitlyn G., Sophie G., Monique G., Tessa H., Kayla H., Calib C. and Steven S.

## HUNTER CENTRAL COAST PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Tuesday, 23rd August our school was proudly represented by eight students across K-6. We congratulate them for their efforts on the day.

Kindergarten:	Harry M., Charlie L.
Stage 1:	Christian S., Tara S.
Stage 2:	Rose K., Monique G. (selected but unable to attend on the day)
Stage 3:	Kayla H., Tara L.



**INFORMATION PROVIDED by the Department of Education and Communities**

### Curriculum changes delayed in NSW

The implementation of national curriculum changes in English, maths, science and history for K-10 students will be delayed for NSW schools. The NSW education minister, Adrian Piccoli said more time was needed to ensure high standards were maintained. NSW schools can begin the planning phase for the new national curriculum by 2013, with the curriculum moving to the classroom teaching phase from 2014.

### Free app for homework and study

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children. Containing a range of fun applications including English, Maths, a spelling bee, times tables, technology A-Z and assignment starters, it's great for parents and students. Download it for free at: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications)

### PARENTING - Parent Line

We all know that parenting is challenging. Every parent struggles from time to time with every day issues or more complex ones. We know that because we have spoken to close to 10,000 parents in the last 12 months. The State Government funded helpline, Parent Line NSW (managed by CatholicCare) provides a unique free support service to parents across NSW.

Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to take calls from parents and carers about any parenting issue, from tips on how to manage the morning routine, to concerns about distant adolescents to complex challenges of living in blended families.

It is the only free counselling service available to parents during any part of their parenting journey, at any time of the day or night, anywhere in NSW. It's convenient because parents can call when it suits them, they don't have to arrange child care to talk to a professional counsellor and they can call as many times as they need. As Parent Line is a not for profit organisation, and our funds go primarily into direct service, we always struggle to get the word out to parents about this unique support that is available to them. We are hoping that your school will support us in getting awareness about Parent Line out to your school community. We have a website for parents, carers and professionals ( [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au) ) with a range of tip sheets for parents about contemporary issues facing families today, some parenting stories written by our counselling team that normalise parenting challenges and some links to other NSW wide services.

We have free promotional items that we can send out to you – fridge magnets, posters and pamphlets. Please feel free to email us on [info@parentline.org.au](mailto:info@parentline.org.au) or contact our administration office on 8968 1102. Our telephone counselling line is 1300 1300 52 and is available for the cost of a local call from a land line.

Garry Standen  
Principal

## **BRISBANE WATER ZONE ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the zone carnival last Thursday and Friday. Anthony S. has qualified for the Sydney North Regional Carnival for shot put. We wish Anthony the very best of luck!

Shane Randall  
Sports Coordinator

## **ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 6, TERM 3**

### **Citizenship**

Monique G., Jayden V., Sophie G., Angus G., Daisy G.

### **Merit**

Connor H., Anthony S., Tessa H., Steven T., Tylar H., Dusten L., Sophie A., Connor B., Matthew K.

### **Library**

Sophie G., Thomas H., Mykalah P., Isabelle A.

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **Roster**

#### **Wednesday 31st August**

Chicken & Corn Soup with bread or Toasted Sandwiches - ham & cheese **\$3.00**

Served by: *Kate P.*

#### **Monday 5th September**

NO CANTEEN

Thank you to Annamieka for the pies last Wednesday and to Elise and Mandy for the yummy pizzas today.

## SCRIPTURE NEWS

Every year the Scripture students participate in the collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. The six items are placed into a Christmas decorated shoe box and shipped off overseas to children less fortunate than ourselves for Christmas.



### BRING ONE ITEM PER WEEK

**Week 2:**     *Something to Love* e.g. Teddy Bear, doll, soft toy, etc

All items must be new. Remember the items can't be too big as they have to fit into a shoe box with everything else.

For more information you can visit: [www.operationchristmaschild.org.au](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.au)  
or call Melinda on: 0408 701 144

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### A Mouse's Tale

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

### Drum Circle

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, from 6pm at 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 5<sup>th</sup> is free.

KCAEP Enquiries: Phone: 43761350 or see [mountainconnect.org.au](http://mountainconnect.org.au)



20 LANGFORD DR KARIONG

OPEN DAY SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

10AM - 2PM

FREE Pilates, Meditation, Yoga (Wu Tao)

FREE Info sessions: Chiro, Herbal Medicine, and more

FREE face painting, sausage sizzle, jumping castle

Call us on [4340 5154](tel:43405154), or visit our website for programme of events

[www.betterhealthpractices.com.au](http://www.betterhealthpractices.com.au)



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29 August 2011

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are currently determining our student numbers for 2012. Anticipated numbers have already been submitted. To assist us in gathering further data, we need to know if your child/children are returning to Peats Ridge Public School in 2012. Please note that the school will keep this information private and confidential.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated and will help our school to ensure another smooth start to the school year.

Please also encourage any neighbours or friends of in zone 2012 Kindergarten students for 2012 to enrol **now** by contacting the school office.

Please complete the form and return to school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011.

Yours Faithfully,

**Garry Standen**

**Principal**

Phone: **43731149** Fax: **43731076**

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*Academic Excellence*

*Respect for self, others and the Environment*

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## 2012 Enrolment Information - Peats Ridge Public School

Family Name: .....

Names of children returning in 2012.....

Names of children NOT returning in 2012.....

Names of children commencing Kindergarten in 2012.....

Parent Name: .....

Parent Signature: ..... Date: .....

# P&C FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST NEWS FLASH

Monday 29th August 2011

We would like to invite all our wonderful fathers and grandfathers to come along and join our students for a delicious breakfast to celebrate Fathers' Day.

Where: Peats Ridge Public School

When: Thursday 1st September 2011

Time: From 7:30am to 9:00am



The P&C will be providing egg and bacon sandwiches for breakfast.

For catering purposes could you please return the attached slip to school **tomorrow (Tuesday 30th August)**.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday morning.

Elise Kemp

P&C President

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## **P&C FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST - THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

Number of Egg & Bacon Sandwiches: \_\_\_\_\_