

Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 4 Term 3

AUGUST 8 2011

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 10th August

School Photos

Monday 15th August

Jump Rope for Heart Launch

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

EDUCATION WEEK 2011 August 1st - 5th

Thank you to everyone – students, staff and parents and relatives. What a busy week we had at Peats Ridge Public School. I am sure that everyone in attendance at the Premier's Spelling Bee last Monday, the STAR FM morning radio broadcast and P&C breakfast, the classroom visits and the whole school assembly last Wednesday and at the athletics carnival last Friday witnessed the great atmosphere which surrounds the students lives each day, both academically, socially and in the sporting arena.



COMBINED EDUCATION WEEK SCRIPTURE SERVICE - THANKS

A very special thank you must go to Mary, Jim, Nai and Mel for the Education Week Scripture Service. These four wonderful scripture teachers were acknowledged with Education Week Certificates of Recognition for their ongoing dedication to providing religious education for many of our students at Peats Ridge.

reminders

- **ENROL NOW** for KINDERGARTEN 2012
- Payments due for KIDANSYS
- 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>

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

As you know, it is vital that we have up to date contact information for your family so we can contact you promptly in the case of an illness or emergency involving your child.

Attached to today's newsletter is a copy of the emergency contact numbers we currently have for your family. Please check all phone numbers / contact details and update if necessary. We require all forms to be returned to school, even if there are no changes, by **Friday 12th August**. Thank you for your co-operation.

2011 PREMIER'S SPELLING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who will progress from our school heats to the next level to be held at Wadalba Community School on Thursday 15th September. THANK YOU to Ms Still for preparing the spelling challenge lists and running the event last Monday.

Kindergarten	Harry M.
Stage 1	Lilly W. Tara S.
Stage 2	Karl W. Marcus S.
Stage 3	Connor H. Calib C.



P&C MEETING

Ms Ann Vine, Principal of Kariong Mountains High School will be attending the P&C meeting at 3:15pm on Wednesday 10th August. This would be an ideal opportunity for parents of students of any grade to find out more about our partner high school.

BATHURST JENOLAN CAVES EXCURSION - 2nd Newsletter Reminder

The date for the combined mountain schools excursion to Jenolan Caves and Bathurst is fast approaching. This is already Week 3 and the excursion departs on Monday 19th September (Week 10). Final Payments are due for payment at the office by **17th August**. There are still students at other small schools on a waiting list. If final payment is not made by that date, our school positions may be offered to others who are still very anxious to attend.

CENTRAL COAST DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Five Stage 3 students attended the annual Central Coast Drama Workshops last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to Jazz O., Kayla H., Tara L., Connor H. and Hiram P. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt many new techniques and drama related skills. Well done.

YUMMY MINI PIZZAS

May I thank the canteen mums last Monday who prepared the most delicious home-made mini pizzas on a muffin base, served with a healthy side of crunchy vegetables. They were a 'big hit' with the children who ordered on the day! I know I will certainly be ordering them again when they are on the menu.

INFORMATION PROVIDED by the Department of Education and Communities

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

United Nations' International Year of Youth celebrates International Youth Day on 12 August with the theme 'Dialogue and Mutual Understanding' which encourages positive communication between cultures and generations. Well as the global launch at UN headquarters in New York, there will be celebrations all over the world, highlighting opportunities and challenges for youth in different regions and countries. For more information and to get involved go to: www.facebook.com/UNyouthyear

Fun Science Experiments

With National Science Week starting on August 13, why not spark your child's interest in the natural world with some simple and fun science experiments at home? You can find plenty of ideas online. For example, Kidspot (<http://www.kidspot.com.au/schoolzone/Science-experiments-Science-experiments-for-kids+4372+314+article.htm>) has a great range of science experiments made from common household items including a mini volcano, a wave in a bottle, magic ink and even fake snot. Who could resist?

Garry Standen, Principal



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics carnival last Friday was a great success thanks to the fine weather and the use of Central Mangrove PS facilities. It was pleasing to see every student participate in many events and enjoy themselves. I want to commend our students on their excellent behaviour on the day, listening to teacher direction and showing what great attitudes we have at PRPS. As a result of the carnival we have an impressive team shaping up to compete at Friday's Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Mingara Recreation Club. All students competing on Friday will be notified on Tuesday and notes will come home with all the details. It gave all the teachers a great deal of joy to watch our Kindergarten students competing in so many events and having a great time doing so. I think it's fair to say that we have some future champions in our midst.



Events such as this are not possible without the support of staff and parents. On that note I would like to thank Mr Garry Standen, Mrs Reea Hawkins and a very special thank you to Mrs Jo Comensoli and Mrs Donna Ferris for their outstanding work at the recording and first aid tables and for supporting me in making this event run so smoothly. I would also like extend my gratitude and thanks to Mrs Melissa Mackay and staff from Central Mangrove PS for their help in organising this wonderful day and allowing us the use of the facilities at the school.



I would also like to say a huge thank you to our parents for their outstanding help to ensure our events ran smoothly. Thank you Mr & Mrs Livermore, Mr Tim Kemp, Mr & Mrs Hellyer, Mrs Leanne Johnson, Mr Glenn O'Shannessy, Mr Jim Glover, Mr & Mrs Sparacino, Mr Ned Mortensen, Mr Martin Atkins and a special thanks to former parent Mrs Anne Bolton for coming along on the day and helping run events and bringing Oliver and Lucas back to visit.

Shane Randall

Sports Coordinator

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MR RANDALL for his outstanding organisation and preparation which ensured a very successful carnival.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS-WEEK 3, TERM 3

Citizenship

Tylar H., Luke S., Sophie A., Rose K., Matt K.

Merit

Anthony S., Rachel S., Tessa H., Daniel A., Kaitlyn G., Lily H., Joshua P., Harry M.

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Wednesday 10th August

Meat Pies \$2.50

Served by: *Annameika L.*

Monday 15th August

Egg and Bacon Rolls \$3.00

Served by: *Josephine S. and Tracey L.*



P&C REPORT

Our next P & C meeting will be held this Wednesday 10th August at 3.15pm in the School Library. Ms Ann Vine, Principal of Kariong Mountains High School will be attending. This would be a great opportunity for parents to find out more about our partner high school.

Thank you.

Elise Kemp, P&C President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gosford City Council is taking the Food Waste Challenge.

Be part of it!

Did you know? The average NSW household wastes \$1036 worth of food each year which equates to **800 000 tonnes** of food, all going to landfill!

The Gosford Food Waste Challenge is a free, hands-on and innovative education program for the Gosford City community. It raises awareness of food waste whilst providing you with fun, simple steps for reducing your household's food waste. Run over three, two hour workshops, participants will learn essential food waste avoidance strategies such as shopping and food planning, portion sizes, cooking with leftovers and food storage and preservation techniques.

So take the challenge and register today, visit www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/environment for full details. Contact Gosford City Council's Environmental Education Officer on 4325 8222 if you have any queries.



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!