

# Peats Ridge Weekly



Week 5 Term 2

May 21 2012

## COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 22nd May**

**Tuesday 6th June**

**Monday 11th June**

**Monday 18th June**

**Tuesday 19th June**

**Thursday 21st June**

**Monday 25th June**

**Tuesday 26th June**

**Tuesday 27th June**

**Thursday 28th June**

**Friday 29th June**

ICAS (NSW Uni) Computer Assessment

ICAS (NSW Uni) Science Assessment

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

ICAS (NSW Uni) Writing Assessment

ICAS (NSW Uni) Spelling Assessment

Years 3-6 Excursion to CARES Bike Education Program in Wyong

Central Coast Dance Festival

Parent Teacher Interviews for K/1

Parent Teacher Interviews for 1/2/3

Parent Teacher Interviews for 4/5/6

Small Schools BALL GAMES DAY at Peats Ridge PS

Last day of Term 2 for students

School Development Day - Teaching Staff only

(This date was changed from Monday 23rd April)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### KARIONG MOUNTAINS LEARNING COMMUNITY CHAPTER BOOK LAUNCH

Last Thursday afternoon I had the pleasure to attend a chapter book launch at Kariong Mountains High School. This chapter book was collaboratively written during 2011 by senior students at the five partner primary schools and the Year 7 students from Kariong Mountains High. Each chapter was produced by a different school. The book was online and students could view the progress of the book as each school completed their contribution. The artwork in the book was produced by Year 6 students when the art teacher from KMHS visited the primary schools late in 2011. The final product of this major process was launched last week and can be viewed on the Kariong Mountains High School website. Log on to [www.kariongmountainshigh.com.au](http://www.kariongmountainshigh.com.au) and select "Community" from the top menu bar. Then select "Learning Community" from the side hand bar, then Kariong Mountains Learning Community

## Reminders

- Please return all spare red hats and check jumpers for correct names.
- Active After School Sport - Mondays and Wednesdays
- Tennis Fees are now OVERDUE - \$24 per child
- 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:

Collaborative Work from the side bar. Enjoy reading “ESCAPE”, especially Chapter 3, written by our own Peats Ridge students last year.

## **PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE**

This year we have registered two teams in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Our “Peats Ridge Ridgy Girls” team consists of Kayla H., Jazz O’S., Monique G., Tessa H. and Kate P. The other team, “The Peats Ridge Deadly Debaters” consists of Anthony S., Connor H., Jacob P. and Karl W. Last Wednesday our two teams battled it out against each other in the draw for Round 1 of the competition. Ms Sue Mc was our adjudicator. The “Peats Ridge Deadly Debaters” experienced success in their very first debate. This Wednesday, the “Peats Ridge Ridgy Girls” compete against Somersby PS. Good luck girls.

## **ALLERGY to PEANUTS**

Just a reminder to parents, carers and guardians that there are students at our school with an allergy to peanuts. Whilst they are thankfully, not anaphylactic, we would ask you to consider not sending any product to school with your children that may contain traces of peanuts (this includes peanut butter). Thank You!

## **LUNCH Vs RECESS**

At last Monday’s P & C Meeting it was decided by parents and supported by teaching staff to CHANGE the name of our first break in the day at 11:00a.m. to LUNCH and call our 1:00p.m. break RECESS. This will be reinforced to our students five days a week.

This will have very little impact on the children and they can choose to eat what they want from home and at which break they select. For many of our students they will continue present eating habits.

This means on CANTEEN DAYS, usually Wednesdays, the prepared canteen LUNCH will be served at 11:00a.m. This decision will enable the wonderful canteen parents and helpers to come to school at 9:00a.m. when children are dropped off at school and then collect lunch orders, prepare the lunches and serve at 11:00a.m. The helpers will be able to clean up and finish canteen much earlier than in the past. We hope this new change will encourage a few more canteen helpers.

## **CNS ELECTRICAL**

With our Hall hired on Tuesday afternoons, we have realised the need for addition external lighting at the front of the hall as you walk out into the dark. Cameron S from CNS electrical has come to the rescue and will install a new light which will be linked to the existing external security lighting. Thanks Cameron from the Peats Ridge PS community!!!

## **HEADLICE**

Have you used the East Gosford Clinic as mentioned in previous newsletters? There have been families who have already contacted and visited the clinic. How successful was your visit to the clinic? Any feedback would be appreciated. Drop a short note into the school office. We would like to hear your views on this service. Thank you.

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

### **Kids’ winter camps**

Bookings are now open for Kids’ Winter Camps run by the NSW Office of Communities (Sport and Recreation). Camps are a great way to boost children’s confidence, help them make new friends and encourage shy children out of their shell. Camps are offered around the state, including snow camps, fishing camps and cooking experiences. Camp packages include activities, accommodation, 24-hour supervision and nutritious meals. Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps.

For more info go to: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/)

## Healthy habits start young

Finding a sport or activity that your child likes to do is a great way to keep them active and motivated and in doing so, keep them healthy. Play for Life – Join a Sporting Club – is supported by the Active After School Activities Program. You can browse sporting clubs by location and type of sport and find one that suits your family. With over 70 sports to choose from, you're sure to find something that will appeal. For more info and to check out other great tips go to: [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/play-for-life-join-a-sporting-club.aspx](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/play-for-life-join-a-sporting-club.aspx).

Garry Standen  
Principal

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 4, TERM 2

### Citizenship

Lily F., Austin P., Sophie A., Storm K., Jared S., Kayla H.

### Merit

Danielle V., Daisy G., Gabrielle V., Thomas H., Ethan S., Daniel A., Marcus S., Jasmine O'S

### Library

Amelia T., Joshua P., Sorm K., Connor H., Anthony S.

## CANTEEN NEWS

We are happy to announce that canteen will once again be open this Wednesday. Since our first break is now lunch we will only be serving one meal at 11am.

### LUNCH \_ Toasties with choice of filling and a bottle of water \$3.50

**Ham, Cheese, Pineapple, Baked Beans, Spaghetti on Wholemeal Bread.**

Served By Elise K and Shannon F

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Australia's  
BIGGEST  
MORNING  
TEA**

***Thursday 24th May 2012 at 10am***

***Location: Peats Ridge Public School Hall***

*There will be a fashion parade sponsored by*

***One Stop Fashion of Erina &  
Raphael's of Terrigal***

*Many morning tea delights provided by local bakeries and*

***Danes Coffee***

Cancer affects a large number of Australians, both directly and indirectly every week. Everybody is welcome to come together for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to support everyone affected.  
Queries contact: Julie Skinner 0407 027 251