



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 Term 4
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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Every Monday: Newsletter
Every Tuesday: Scripture
Every Friday: Sport

Monday 6th Nov

P&C Meeting at 3:30pm in
the Library

Friday 10th Nov

PBL Rewards Day

Tuesday 7th Nov

KMHS Yr 11 Physics students
visit

Monday 20th November

Cycling Day

Tuesday 28th Nov

SRE Christmas Service

Monday 4th Dec to

Friday 15th Dec

Whole school Swim Scheme

Tuesday 11th Dec

PRPS Presentation Night

Friday 15th Dec

Year 6 Day Out
Last Day school for all
students and staff

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

The cicadas are certainly out in full force and at times, they're so loud, we can barely hear each other talk! Cicadas are among the loudest insects known to man and a swarm of them can be louder than a rock concert, up to 120 decibels! We're going to look at their fascinating life cycle in class. Did you know, 'cicada' in Japanese is 'semi'? I wonder if you know the answers to these 16 questions already...

The word *cicada* comes from Latin but what does it mean?

How many species are there worldwide and in Australia?

What's the difference between an *annual cicada* and a *periodical cicada*?

Where does a female cicada lay her eggs?

What do cicadas eat?

What eats them (their predators)?

How long does a growing cicada *nymph* stay underground? (puzzling fact: always a prime number!)

How deep underground do they live (not hibernating) and what do they eat??

At what temperature do cicada *nymphs* burrow their way back to the surface?

What does 'ecdysis' mean?

After shedding their *nymphal skin*, how long do cicadas usually live?

In a good year, how high might the population density of cicada *broods* be per hectare?

What are the nick names for green, brown and black cicadas? (maybe ask your grandparents)

Can cicadas hurt you (bite/sting)?

What are the different types of male songs/signals?

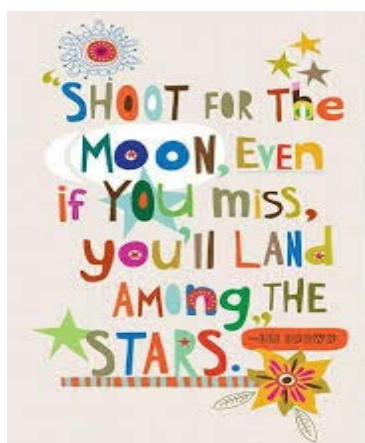
How many eyes do cicadas have?

If you're a budding biologist, here are some great websites to get you started...

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

RESPONSIBILITY

Be prepared for learning



<https://australianmuseum.net.au/cicadas-superfamily-cicadoidea>

<http://dr-pop.net/cicadas.htm>

<http://www.cicadamania.com/cicadas/australian-cicada-names/>

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/offtrack/inside-the-lifecycle-of-australian-cicadas/6075298>

Answers in next week's newsletter!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Everyone looked very handsome today for our school photo session and the weather was still enough for outside photos as well as those in the hall. If you have any queries or would like to change your order, please visit their website: www.msp.com.au

or contact: admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au

Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo day. Can't wait to see the proofs!

TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS FROM NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Next week, two 3rd year Teacher Education Students (TES) from the School of Education at Newcastle University will begin their placement at our school:

P1- Jake Thew

P2- Sarah Johnstone

All TES have undergone NSW Working with Children Checks, Child Protection Awareness and anaphylaxis training. It's important for schools to participate in teacher education programs in order to produce high quality graduates with personal attributes suited to teaching. A small school professional experience is unique and they often become our valuable pool of casual teachers. No doubt, you'll see them in the playground so please say hello and introduce yourself.

GOSFORD DISTRICT GARDEN COMPETITION

We were pleasantly surprised this morning to hear that Peats Ridge PS won second prize for Best Primary School Garden (Empire Bay PS came first). The cash prize of \$75 will be put towards our class vegie garden program. The judges made special mention of our wonderful garden tour guides, school captains Jade and Austin, for their warm welcome and professional manner- doubly good news! We'll save the formal award for our Presentation evening on Tue, 12 Dec.

PLANNING FOR 2018

The Director recently notified John Carters and myself that we will remain relieving in our current positions until the end of Term 1, 2018. I understand the frustrations of many parents hoping to return with a permanent Principal but assure families that we are in regular, close contact and will inform you as soon as we hear more. Discussion around our new School Plan 2018~20 is underway and we would love your input. Please attend our P&C meeting next Monday to add any suggestions and hear the latest on school staffing. With the recent announcement of over \$11,000 for Principal Support, things are looking much more hopeful.

'BRIGHT SPARKS' ENERGY TRAILER VISIT

Rumbalara's 'Bright Sparks' Energy Trailer is visiting us on Friday to involve both classes in STEM experiments. Please have a look at this YouTube clip to see the fun we'll have:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0bvXisoQ0w>

Lastly, we send a special greeting to Logan who's convalescing at home after breaking his leg on the trampoline last week. What a champion to still make it along for school photos today in a wheelchair! We miss you and hope you're back at school soon.

Ms Austin

Principal (Rel)

FROM THE OFFICE

I have asked to give all our Year 6 parents a reminder from Kariong Mountains High School as follows:-

"Year 7 Information Evening is being held on 8th November 2017 between 6:30pm-8:30pm. Could any enrolment forms that haven't been returned be completed and returned to KMHS as soon as possible."

Don't forget that all accounts can be paid through our Parent Online Payments (POP). Just follow the link on our school website <http://www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Thank you.

Kate Wilson

School Admin Manager



I hope your week is filled
with Smiles and Sunshine!

CANTEEN - Thursday 2nd November

Please hand in your order on the morning of Wednesday 1st November if your child is having a lunch order this Thursday.

This is to help our parent helpers and to minimise food wastage.

NO ORDERS ON DAY OF CANTEEN

WEEK 4 MENU

Chicken Schnitzel burger

(with tomato, lettuce & cheese)

& your choice Tomato, BBQ sauce or Mayo + drink

\$5.00

PHOTOS FROM WEEK 3





BaRK Reading Program

BaRK is a free eight-week program to assist reluctant readers. Children practice reading aloud on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog from the Delta Society.

Dogs are great listeners!

When reading to a dog, children enjoy an environment of unconditional acceptance and emotional support. Our animal assisted reading program removes stress and peer pressure for the reluctant reader. BaRK makes reading fun.

How does BaRK encourage reluctant readers to read?

A bond is encouraged between child and dog by having the same child read to the same dog each week. The dog allows children to gain confidence and self esteem by providing his/her love and attention in an atmosphere free of criticism.

What type of students will benefit from BaRK?

The BaRK program is beneficial to all children struggling with their reading. This confidence building program also benefits children who lack self esteem or who are shy. Any primary aged children experiencing difficulty in reading may be nominated for the program by a teacher or parent.

How does it work?

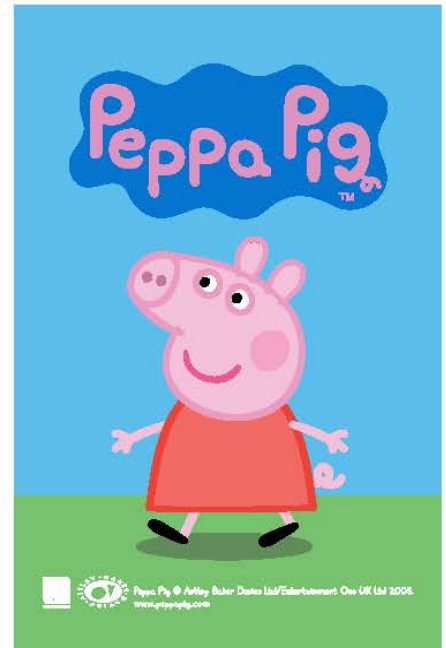
BaRK offers an eight week program during school terms. Each session is fifteen minutes. Families must commit to the full eight week program. For more information please contact Kincumber Library on 4304 7337 or 4304 7641.



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CCKDO 2017 THEME

COMMUNICATION IS THE ESSENCE OF RELATIONSHIP
AND DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

DON'T MISS CENTRAL COAST KIDS DAY OUT 2017



SUN 5TH NOV

10-3PM KARONG MOUNTAINS HIGH SCHOOL

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE RAIN OR SHINE DON'T MISS THIS ONCE A YEAR EVENT

ADULTS \$7 KIDS \$3 tickets online or at the gate
CCKDO 2017 PROGRAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

www.cckdo.org for what's on