

# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec to  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Whole school Swim Scheme

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
PRPS Presentation Night

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
KMHS Band visit 1:30-  
2:30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Year 6 day out at  
AquaSplash Water Park  
Gosford Waterfront  
Last Day school for all  
students and staff

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**School Non-operational**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
First day Term 1 for  
Years 1 to 6

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**  
First day Term 1 for  
Kindergarten



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

Students have been hand-picking and feasting on delicious strawberries and raw beans from our garden lately and the baby tomatoes are nearly ready. It's great to be able to supplement lunch boxes as everyone has been commenting on how starving they are after swimming!

### SWIMMING SCHOOL IS COOL IN THE POOL!

We got off to a rather cool and cloudy start last Monday, but the weather has gradually warmed each day and it's amazing to see the swimming progress students are making.

Here are their highlights and personal goals:

#### Starfish Group-

Hastings- My goal is definitely to learn how to do doggie paddle and do freestyle without a noodle.

Brax- I'm working on big arms, breathing and kicking with a kickboard. I'm going to buy Warheads spray at the kiosk on Friday!

Christina- I like doing laps and doing doggie paddle over my noodle.

Zoe- I love wearing my favourite swimmers and I only like it when the water is warm. I want to swim a little bit further...

#### White Group-

Shakia- I need to start working on my breaths for freestyle.

Kade- I can do freestyle for 80km. My goal is 99km!

Noah- I know how to do freestyle and everything!

Eli- My favourite bit is treading water. I can do 30sec and I'm aiming to go over 1 min. I like freestyle too.



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*RESPONSIBILITY*

*Clean up your space and belongings*

**Hunter**- I like back scull and always do it in my pool. I want to learn how to dive.

**Ollie**- I'm learning back scull. It's a bit hard.

**Matteo**- I like back scull and treading water. I've done them my whole life!

**Beau**- I can swim freestyle about 25m and my goal is 100m. I never knew back scull existed and love doing it, and treading water too.

### **Green Group-**

**Violet**- My goal is to tread water for 6min.

**Savannah**- Treading water is my favourite. I can do 5min and I'm learning survival strokes.

**Angel-Kathlyn**- I LOVE swimming and I'm getting better at freestyle. On the last day we get to do fun activities.

**Bianca**- I don't like cold days and I'm working on my breathing.

**Austin**- I like swimming but I don't really like swimming school. I'm in the same group every year!

### **Blue Group-**

**Jade**- My goal is to swim 50m freestyle without stopping and do the dolphin or mermaid move.

**Luther**- I want to be in the very top group. I'm really good at treading water but need to improve my breathing.

**Brooke**- I want to improve my diving and swim 200m or more.

**Isabelle**- I want to improve my diving and ace butterfly!

**Briony**- I want to improve at everything! I loved spending at the kiosk on Friday. I bought a sausage roll and sour stuff.

**Angel**- I want to improve my breathing technique in freestyle and my backstroke.

**Ryan**- I'm trying to hold my breath underwater longer in freestyle.

**Tom**- I'm pretty well fine at everything and just keep improving my speed and style.

**Brendan**- I go to squad at Gosford Pool every week and my butterfly is improving.

## **OUR BOYS WITH BROKEN BONES - LOGAN AND JOSH**

Unfortunately, two of our boys have had to stay high and dry and miss out on the fun due to injuries, but it was lovely to catch up for a chat...

**Logan**- I broke my leg on the trampoline and it really hurt like a million, trillion times! I was in a wheelchair but now I've got red plaster. I really missed the kids at school and playing handball, but I can play now even with my leg in plaster! I loved the Year 6 Mini-Market- getting my hair sprayed red and Jayda painted a green Indominus Rex dinosaur on my face with big teeth. It looked really cool and I tried not to wash it off. The chocolate cake was goood and people signed my cast.

**Josh**- I fractured my wrist on Bike *Safety* Day which is kind of ironic! I put on the brakes and skidded into the ground. Two years ago I broke my other arm! It was really painful for two days then it felt better. I still got to run my water balloon stall with Harry at the Mini-Market but the worst thing is not being able to join in Swimming School, especially when it's hot. I just get to dip my feet and watch everyone else having fun!



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS AND BELL TIMES

We've experienced ongoing bus issues all year and I've regularly raised concerns with the drivers and the company, along with Miss Beck and Mr Randall, and Mr Carters last year. Sometimes the morning bus arrives as early as 8:15am and in the afternoon, the bus isn't arriving until 3:35 or later. It was proposed at our last P&C meeting that the bell times be changed to better suit the bus schedules and address concerns over children's safety:



School Schedule	Time
Bus and student drop-offs	After 9am
School begins	9:30am
Break 1	11:30am~12 noon
Break 2	2~2:30pm
School ends and student pick-ups	3:30pm
Bus arrives	Approx 3:35pm

Points to consider-

- \* PRPS morning bus run is the last, yet the drivers sometimes depart too early, leaving our students stranded at their bus stops, parents flustered trying to organise lifts and students arriving late to class or missing the day altogether.
- \* Morning duty begins 30 min before class (8:30am), however, when the bus is early it cuts into valuable lesson preparation and staff meeting time.
- \* At other times when it is too early, the morning bus waits with the children on board down the road.
- \* Our attendance records show that quite a few students arrive late to class each morning.
- \* Often students are hungry by Break 1 and eat lunch, having their snacks at Break 2. Two equal breaks means the children can have lunch earlier if they like. At present Break 2 is 10 min longer than required.
- \* Our late pick-up register shows that quite a few students are picked up more than 10min after the bell each afternoon.
- \* The drivers are arriving later in the afternoon than at the start of the year as they are pulling over and cleaning the bus between the Wadalba school run and PRPS.
- \* It is preferable to minimise the time the children wait unsupervised, and sometimes off the bus, for the HS bus at Calga.

Please discuss these points and the proposed changes with family and friends and let me know your thoughts and suggestions.

## MR RANDALL AND THE PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES



As many of you know, Mr Randall was away last week at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. NSW was represented strongly with 470 athletes across 11 different sports. There were many major highlights, including the Opening Ceremony, the NSW Track and Field team's medal haul and witnessing so many athletes with disability take part in inclusive sports at such a high level. Most events were live-streamed and available on YouTube or visit the website:

<http://pacificschoolgames.edu.au/about/>



## FAREWELL YEAR 6!

Our eight Year 6 students bound for Kariong Mountains High School had their final orientation day last Tuesday and feel more than ready for the transition next year. Harry gained a placement in Wyong HS' Year 7 IT Selective Program and more information for prospective students can be found at:

<http://www.wyong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/it-selective>

Today, our seniors are invited to a special Principal's Lunch as a thank you for all the hard work and great results they've achieved this year. Thanks to Mel for organizing the delicious pizzas!

On Thursday evening, parents and staff will farewell them formally at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club (downstairs function room) and I'd like to thank Miss Beck and the Year 6 Farewell organising committee in advance for the time and effort taken to make this such a memorable night. I hope they've included tissues as I'm sure there'll be a few tears!

On Friday after Swimming School, Miss Beck is accompanying them to AquaSpash inflatable waterpark along Gosford waterfront followed by fish and chips, using some of the proceeds raised at the Mini-Market and Kids in the Kitchen. Have a look at the fun they'll have:

<https://aquasplash.com.au/central-coast/>

The remainder will be used for their gift to the school. I wonder what it will be...?



## SEE YOU AT OUR PRESENTATION EVENING!

Final touches are being made in preparation for our Presentation Evening tomorrow and we hope to see everyone there- starting 5pm with the P&C BBQ. I can't believe how many awards we have for such a small school and remember to bring some coins along for the Art Auction and P&C Raffle!

An equipment list has been included in this newsletter, just in case you're stuck for ideas for Christmas stocking fillers, and here is our School Security number just in case:

Hopefully, no-one will need to use it.

Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas, New Year and holiday season!

*Ms Austin*

Principal (Rel)

## OUR BOYS WITH BROKEN BONES





# PHOTOS FROM WEEK 9

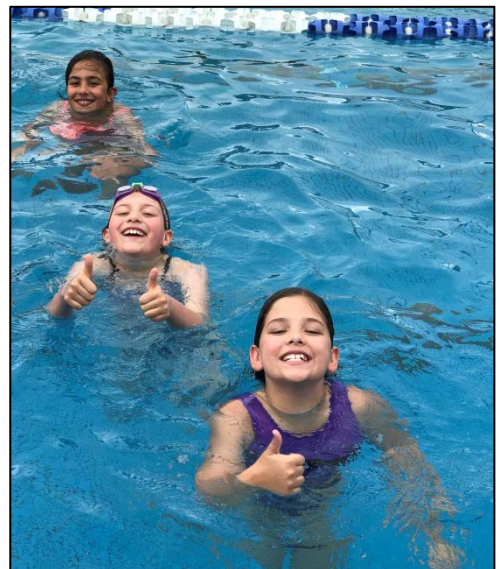
## STRAIGHT FROM THE GARDEN



## MMMC FOOTGOLF SCHOOL DONATION



## SWIM SCHOOL



# Let's get Organised for Learning 2018!

Please **LABEL** all items with your name.

Equipment	Check	P1	P2
Pencil Case		Yes	Yes
2 HB lead pencils		Yes	Yes
Coloured Pencils		Yes	Yes
Sharpener- <i>barrel preferred</i>		Yes	Yes
30cm ruler- <i>cm &amp; mm markings</i>		Yes	Yes
Eraser		Yes	Yes
Glue Stick		Yes	Yes
Water bottle		Yes	Yes
Ear/headphones		Yes	Yes
USB stick- <i>min. 4gb</i>		Yes	Yes
2 red pens		No	Yes
2 blue/black pens		No	Yes
3 different coloured highlighters		No	Yes
Textas		Optional	Optional
Dictionary and/or thesaurus		No	Optional
Box of tissues- <i>for use in classroom</i>		Yes	Yes
Paper towel roll- <i>for use in classroom</i>		Yes	Yes
Liquid hand soap- <i>for use in classroom</i>		Yes	Yes
Library bag - <i>\$10 from uniform shop</i>		Yes	Yes
School Hat – <i>\$10 / \$13 from uniform shop</i>		Yes	Yes