



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

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

**Monday 4th Dec to
Friday 15th Dec**

Whole school Swim Scheme

Tuesday 5th Dec

KMHS Yr 7 2018 Transition

Friday 8th Dec

NO ASSEMBLY

Monday 11th Dec

Principal's lunch with Year 6
Peats Pride Assembly

Tuesday 12th Dec

PRPS Presentation Night

Wednesday 13th Dec

KMHS Band visit 1-2pm

Thursday 14th Dec

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday 15th Dec

Year 6 day out at
AquaSplash Water Park
Gosford Waterfront
Last Day school for all
students and staff

Mon/Tue 18-19th Dec

School Non-operational

Tuesday 30th Jan

First day Term 1 for
Years 1 to 6

Wednesday 31st Jan

First day Term 1 for
Kindergarten

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

The year is certainly winding down quickly, with our final P&C meeting last Monday, our SRE Christmas assembly and Bike Safety day on Tuesday, the small mountain schools' staff celebration at The Springs last Wednesday afternoon, Mr Randall's departure for Adelaide on Thursday to assist with the Pacific School Games (returning next Mon), the Year 6's Mini Market on Friday and Mr Thew and Miss Johnstone's last day of practicum. On top of all these variations to routine, teachers have been busy putting the final touches on school reports and they were edited over the weekend, ready for signing.

SRE CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

EXCELLENCE

Right behaviour at the swimming pool

School Swimming and Water Safety Program Begins

I hope everyone remembered their cozzies and towels today! The bus will depart school at 10:15am and return around 1pm each day. The Department of Education's intensive 10-day swimming program is run by highly qualified and experienced Austswim instructors and develops water confidence, safety and skills in swimmers of all abilities. Thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant subsidy organised by Mr Randall, the cost has been kept very low at \$32 so that all students can attend. With so much of our Aussie summer holiday time spent in and around water, it's vital that our children learn to swim and basic survival skills. More information can be found at:

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Association/AssociationLandingPage/103>

KMHS Year 6 Orientation

There's certainly no doubt that our Year 6 students are ready for high school with their final orientation day on Tuesday. Ms Kylie Gowans, a teacher from Somersby PS will be supervising our group of small school students on the day. Just a reminder that if your child is catching the school bus home there will be minimal supervision from 3:15pm onwards. KMHS bus information can be found at http://www.kariongmountains-high.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Busways_Kariong_Mountains_High_School_20151104_0724.pdf

If you've never been to the high school or would like to know more about it, please have a look at their website: <http://www.kariongmountains-high.com.au/>

Foot Golf Donation

Recently, Clubs NSW Central Coast in partnership with Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club held an inter-club Foot Golf charity event and chose to donate all money raised on the day to the four local primary schools. Along with the other principals, Mr Steve Collins (Kulnura PS), Mrs Kirsty Squires (Somersby PS) and Mrs Deniz Leslie (relieving Central Mangrove PS), I'll be attending the club Wednesday afternoon for the presentation of \$1000 to each school. This local support is greatly appreciated and special thanks to Boral for being our sponsor on the day.

Water is Cool in School

With our small winnings from the Central Coast Garden Competition, I've installed a filtered water cooler in the P2 classroom for all staff and students to use and it certainly got a work out on Friday! It's important for everyone to stay hydrated, especially on hot summer days and the students have been commenting on the yucky taste of our water since the start of the year. Poor hydration at any time affects how well a child's brain operates and his or her learning ability and behaviour. If kids are slightly dehydrated they may appear tired, complain of headaches and have a reduced ability to concentrate. The amount of water a child needs is influenced by the amount of activity they do, the weather temperature, and their diet and health. It's always important parents and teachers remind children to drink, but as a general guide, children up to 8 years of age should have a minimum of 4-5 cups of water a day and those above 8 years old require at least 6-8 cups of water a day. Water also helps prevent bladder, kidney and bowel problems with none of the health issues associated with drinks containing sugar, additives, sweeteners, acids or caffeine. Read more at: <http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/water.html>

Please pop in for a taste test and fill up your water bottle too!

Ms Austin
Principal (rel)



Welcome Phoenix and Nixon!

Year 6's AMAZING Mini-Market

What a wonderful day Year 6 organised for everyone on Friday, raising an astonishing \$658! Jade and Isabelle will be glad to never see another token again. Here are some highlights mentioned in class this morning:

Hastings- I won a slinky for good dancing at the disco and loved Brendan and Ryan's variety races 'cause I came second in the final.

Brax- I threw water balloons at everybody and got hit by Ollie and Hunter lots of times!

Shakia- I got about 1000 water balloons off Harry and Josh and threw them at Hunter, his mum Leslie and my mum!

Kade- Jade painted my face with a ninja and a skull, Isabelle sprayed my hair red and gold and I won a bouncy ball in the disco.

Noah- I had a skull painted on my face, yellow and green hair and ate a pie. It was yum!

Eli- My favourite part was destroying Izzy, Matteo and Zoe to bits with the water bombs. They got soaked!

Hunter- I loved water bombing my brother Chanyce! I won a book for coming first in Tom's paper plane final and \$5 and a handball for coming first in Austin's obstacle course.

Abbey- I put in more than ten guesses for the lolly jar with Miss Johnstone but I still didn't win it! It was my favourite stall with the disco.

Ollie- I bought three pairs of sunglasses off Mr T, had my face painted, my hair sprayed red and water bombed Izzy and Eli heaps!

Matteo- Jade painted a skeleton on my arm, I bought lots of my mum's yummy cup cakes off Mrs Kingma and threw lots of water bombs at Zoe, Eli and Isabella!

Christina- I liked getting my face painted as a pussy cat with a pink nose and whiskers, purple and pink sprayed hair and my nan bought me lots of sweets.

Violet- I got saturated by Josh and Harry, had my forehead painted with a skull and bought a sausage roll off Monique and Sophie.

Isabella- I was drenched by water bombs, had my nails painted pink, ate lots of sweets, had great fun on the obstacle course and won a prize at the disco.

Zoe- I threw lots of water balloons at the boys, ate for ice blocks and won a prize of lollies at Angel's disco. I really had a lot of fun!

Beau- I loved popping water balloons on people's heads and getting purple hair spray. I bought blue sunnies and a fan.

Briony- I had my face painted green, my hair sprayed pink and purple, my nails painted fruit salad colours and the disco was amazing!

Hayley- The disco was really funky and entertaining. I had a rainbow painted on my face, pink hair and won a prize in the variety races.

Savannah- I absolutely loved the disco! I knew the words to every song they played and won lots of prizes.

Makayla- The air-conditioned disco and variety races were lots of fun. I bought a fan and an ice-block and had my hair sprayed pink.

Brooke- Bronte was hilarious trying to jump the hurdles in the variety races. I got my hair bun sprayed green, with purple on one side and pink on the other. I guessed 166 lollies and won the whole jar! They're all gone already!

Angel-Katlyn- I was a helper at the disco and loved the water balloons. I got saturated which was great fun on such a hot day.

Jayda- I helped at face painting and loved it. Logan's green dinosaur face was my best effort. He looked so cool!

Bianca- I had a butterfly painted on my face with pink and purple hair. The disco was nice and cool and the meat pie was delicious even though it was so hot outside.

Luther- I had my hair sprayed green, my face painted as a wolf and I won a whole bag of lollies at the disco. I bombed Shakia with a water balloon and she got me back.

Of course, it wouldn't have been possible without the help of parents and it was great to have so many families and friends join us. Thanks to Mr Thew, Miss Johnstone, Mrs Kingma, SLSO Monique and Sophie for providing valuable extra hands and of course, Miss Beck for coordinating it all flawlessly.

Top job Year 6: Isabelle, Angel, Jade, Brendan, Thomas, Harry, Austin, Josh and Ryan!





BIKE SAFETY DAY



MEET AGNES FROM NORWAY









