



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 10 Term 2

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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

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

27th June

Book Mobile visit

28th June

Stage 2 & 3 Premier's
Spelling Bee

30th June

PBL assembly & Rewards
Pyjama Day
(gold coin donation)
Reports go home

**THERE WILL
BE NO KIDS
IN THE
KITCHEN THIS
WEEK.**



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Responsibility –
Prepare all
your
equipment*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

Firstly, I'd like to say well done to Bianca for doing her very best at the Sydney North Cross Country Carnival last Tuesday in miserable weather and to our soccer team for displaying great sportsmanship against the stronger side,

Laguna PS, on Friday.

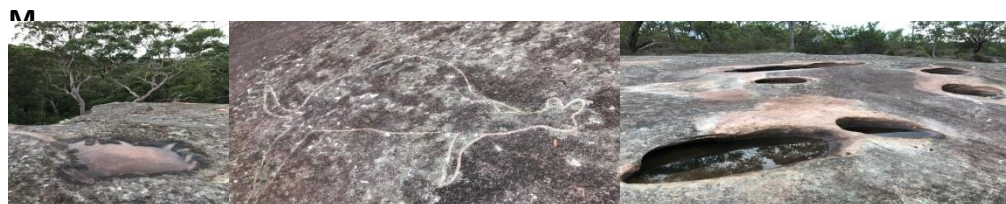
In Zahra's honour, everyone looked fabulous in red to commemorate World Refugee Day, with special mention to Harry and his dyed red hands and Brooke with her vibrant red hair. We're so proud of you all!



NAIDOC Celebrations

This week we've invited Aboriginal guest speaker, Talara, to lead workshops with staff and students in scribing their own personal Acknowledgement of Country. These will be read to open the small schools' NAIDOC celebrations, hosted at PRPS in Week 3 next term. I was fortunate last Wednesday afternoon to attend a special meeting and smoking ceremony at the Darkinjung Land Council's Bells Rd development and later, climbed the rock escarpment with the elders to view the recently unearthed rock carvings, wells, axe grinding grooves and caves. The mountain is covered in amazing sites like this one and I'm hoping to organise an excursion later so students can appreciate, respect and conserve the many sacred areas surrounding us. Read more about it at:

<http://coastcommunitynews.com.au/2017/01/new-environmental-facility-proposed-aboriginal-land-council-land/>



Mental Health

On Friday, I attended a Mental Health Forum and Expo at Kariong Mountains HS. The presenters were excellent, highlighting the latest research and implications for teachers on attachment disorders, the Circle of Security, sensory interventions, children of parents with a mental illness, emotion

coaching, self-regulation and the impact of ACEs (adverse childhood experiences) trauma on social skills and learning- the greatest single predictor for health, attendance, behaviour, attendance and academic performance.

Some interesting, recommended websites include:

<https://self-reg.ca/> by S. Shanker <http://www.zonesofregulation.com/index.html> by L. Kuypers
<https://acestoohigh.com/> where >18 year olds can calculate their resilience score

Please ring or catch me at school if you would like confidential support or information on local resources and services available to families. With 3 million Australians living with anxiety and depression, it's something that affects everyone.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Parents and carers are invited to join P1 in the hall audience at 11:30am Wednesday as Stage 2 and 3 pupils take part in the annual Premier's Spelling Bee. The competition was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way to engage kids in spelling and improve literacy. In 2016, over 136,000 students from more than 940 schools participated! All P2 students studied the word lists for homework last week and will have a go to see who is the next Peats Ridge PS champion. More info can be found at:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/premiers-spelling-bee>

PBL Rewards Day and Assembly

Parents and carers are also invited to attend our end of term assembly on Friday afternoon, when our next round of special PBL and Peats Pride awards will be presented. For a gold coin donation to 2GO's 'Give Me 5 for Kids' June charity, children can wear their pyjamas to school and as a reward for great behaviour, join in a special craft activity with me. Hint: I've been collecting lots of big cardboard boxes...

Half-Yearly Reports

Attendance data will be added today then reports sent to the printer. Students have begun decorating their envelopes, ready to take them home on Friday. I can't believe how quickly the first half of the year has flown by and how many wonderful, hands-on experiences were provided by staff to engage students in deep and meaningful learning.

Kindy Reminiscences

As we approach the end of Semester 1, it's interesting to hear from our six beautiful Kindy boys as to what have been the highlights of Big School thus far...

Hastings - meeting new friends, when you be good you get free time, Mobilo, football with the big kids, Dojos and learning new words.

George - playing with Mobilo, the playground equipment, basketballs and counting up to 100.

Josh - playing with the blocks and my friends.

Brax - Lego, counting up to 100, writing stories and painting.

Logan - being with my big brother and all the space to run around!

Clayton - using the computers, basketballs and being with my big sister.

If you know of any 4 or 5 year olds planning to start school in 2018, please refer them to me or the front office where information packs are ready and waiting.

Adios Big George!

Sadly, it's time to farewell another member of P2 as George relocates to Newcastle. His creative energy and hilarious hijinks will be missed by all, leaving a big hole in the classroom (literally in the playground bushes!) and in our hearts. Please come back and visit us soon!

Remember, the first day of Term 3, Monday 17th July, is a pupil free day and classes resume on **Tuesday 18th**. Have a safe and happy mid-year break everyone!

Ms Austin

Relieving Principal

