



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 3

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

21<sup>st</sup> July

Drumbala

25<sup>th</sup> July

Book Mobile

27<sup>th</sup> July

Debating at Lisarow  
Public School

1<sup>st</sup> August

ICAS English  
Combined Scripture Service

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

How was your mid-year break? I hope everyone had a wonderful time and I look forward to hearing about your exciting escapades!

### Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Hayley (Junior) and Isabelle (Senior) for winning our Premier's Spelling Bee at the end of last term. This year, over 980 schools and an astounding 152,000 students entered the competition. I was so proud to see all Peats Ridge students have a go and there were certainly a few suspenseful moments! I wonder how many parents could spell words like capsule, tenor, complicity, dismal, twilight, commitment and turret correctly?! We're fortunate to have three keen reserves in Savannah, Briony and Brooke. We wish you all the best as you learn over 1000 words for the regional final!

### Pyjama Day Fun-draiser

Over the holidays, I called in at 2GO to hand over the \$60 Kendall House collected for 'Give me 5 for Kids' on our PJ Day- a large sum for such a small school. This charity supports sick children in local hospitals and Camp Breakaway. A top effort everyone (and you looked so cute and snuggly)!

<https://www.2gofm.com.au/give-me-5-for-kids>

### PBL Rewards Day

On the last day of term, we also picked and squeezed the remaining lemons on our trees to make delicious home-made lemonade again and P&C President Mel arrived with a tower of pizza boxes to make everyone's day - meatlovers and Hawaiian were certainly the favourites. Thanks Mel!

### NAIDOC Celebrations

At our special Rewards Assembly, Brooke and Jayda proudly read out their personal Acknowledgement of Country. They created it with Abbey and Hunter at the special workshop with Aboriginal educators Talara and Kirsten in Week 10. We look forward to hearing other students' acknowledgements at assemblies this term. In Week 3, Peats Ridge PS will be hosting the mountain schools' NAIDOC celebrations on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special P&C lunch order notes will be sent home soon and pupils are encouraged to wear jeans for our Jeans for Genes fundraiser with a yellow, black or red top.

### Staff Development Day

Staff had a very productive day yesterday, with guest presenters on PBL, an update on PEEL writing processes (an initiative across our learning community), further planning on C21st learning spaces and our library clean up. In the

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

### PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Responsibility –  
Prepare all  
your equipment*

afternoon, we attended mandatory CPR and anaphylaxis training at Somersby PS with other small schools' staff. These days are an important part of our professional learning and build collegiality across our mountain community.

### **WIRES visit**

We have a special visitor coming tomorrow - Casey, the Education Officer from the NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service. She'll be presenting a talk on living things and the environment to both classes and bringing along some special resources to share. I've heard Casey speak before and learned some fascinating facts.

<http://www.wires.org.au/>

### **Drumbala**

We've decided to book Drumbala the next two Fridays for drumming workshops in preparation for the Kariong Mountains HS Day of Excellence on Wed Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and our performance at the Country Fair on Sat Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. The benefits of drumming include coordination, fitness and confidence building - plus, it's a lot of fun!

<http://www.drumbala.com/drumminginschools.htm#275130798>

### **Country Fair Preparations**

On the topic of the Country Fair, I've attended the last two planning meetings and preparations have begun on our school art entries, performance and flower stall. We're considering adding a pet rock activity table and second-hand book stall as well, so please start donating any unwanted books in good condition and attend our next P&C meeting if you'd like to help on the day.

<http://www.countryfair.mangrovemountain.net/>

### **Education Week Open Day**

Week 3 this term is shaping up to be huge, with our combined Scripture service on Tue Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm in the Library (families welcome), the KMHS Day of Excellence on the Wed, NAIDOC on the Thu and our Open Day with Athletics trials on the Fri. Parents are invited to attend from 11am to join in a treasure hunt, visit classrooms, watch our athletics trials and stay for assembly. I know Mr Randall would appreciate some parent volunteers if you have the time.

It's certainly shaping up to be another action-packed term with loads of great learning opportunities ahead. All the best at your new school Wyatt!

*Ms Austin*

Relieving Principal





