



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

15th August

ICAS Maths
CC Awards of Appreciation

16th August

Stage 3 Science Day
@KMHS

17th August

CC Public Speaking Finals
PBL Rewards Day

22nd August

Book Mobile visit

23rd August

NPBS Maths Competition
Years 5 & 6

24th August

Author visit

28th August

Northbridge PS Senior
Band visit

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

The strong winds and showers blew us back into winter last week and I know many students have jumpers and jackets in our Lost Property tub- please have a look through it tomorrow and stay warm everyone!

Brax is keeping warm and healthy with a fluffy omelette- yum!

It's great to see Mrs Wilson our School Administration Manager (SAM for short), back in the office today after being seconded to Wamberal PS for a few months and we thanked and farewelled Mrs Riley on Friday for filling in the busy role and sprucing up the Library.

SCIENCE WEEK

Stage 3 enjoyed one of the highlights on our mountain schools' calendar last Wednesday - KMHS Science Day and Expo. With the other four visiting schools, we rotated around the following sessions:

Session	Concept	Science Focus	Activity
A	Production of acid rain	Biology	Reaction between limestone and acid
B	Complete and Incomplete Combustion	Chemistry	Towards clean and sustainable fuels
C	Expo display	Display of Science Projects	Set-up of Science Week displays for the evening Expo
D	Food and packaging	Food Sciences	Food and packaging poster
E	Electricity production using sustainable systems	Physics	- Hydrogen cars - Solar cells - Energy from your body
F	Sustainable farming	Agriculture	Growing plants using sustainable methods

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

RESPONSIBILITY

*Walk on hard
surfaces*

Here are some personal reflections on their learning:

Angel-Katlyn- I really liked making the origami seedling pots. Hopefully, I'll grow some yummy green beans.

Angel- I loved the farming activity in the Horticulture Lab, planting seeds to add to our garden at home (and playing afterwards at Isabella's house was fun).

Jade- I like planting things so the sustainable farming activity was my favourite.

Brendan- I liked creating the acid rain and watching the chemicals mix.

Thomas- I liked catching up with my friends from other schools and making the fan and helicopter rotate using solar panels.

Harry- I liked all the experiments, especially burning stuff to prove complete and incomplete combustion.

Austin- My two favourites were acid rain, because I got to make different solutions with different pH levels, and sustainable agriculture because we could take the seeds home to grow.

Joshua- The acid rain experiments were great. It can kill forests and life in the lakes.

Ryan- I liked making the paper pots best because I just love making stuff!

Unfortunately, the day clashed with the Soccer 5s Gala Day, but it sounds like the girls had just as much fun...

Brooke- We won 2 out of 3 games and made it into the semis, then won. We came second place so didn't get a trophy. I scored a goal too- someone kicked the ball and it bounced off my thigh!

Jayda- I scored a goal- again- and it was way better than playing against the boys!

Isabelle- It was awesome because I got to play soccer all day...but it was exhausting!

We continued with the Science Week theme for our mid-term PBL Rewards Day activities and had a lot of fun extracting DNA from strawberries and making colourful fluffy slime- a huge hit (sincerest apologies if it's now stuck in your carpet or dog)!

AWARDS OF APPRECIATION

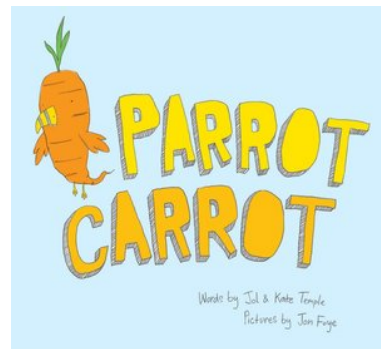
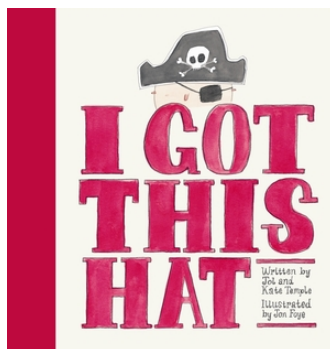
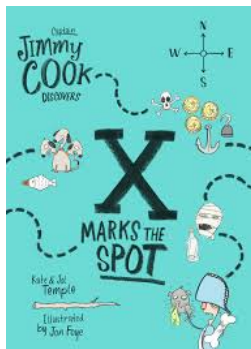
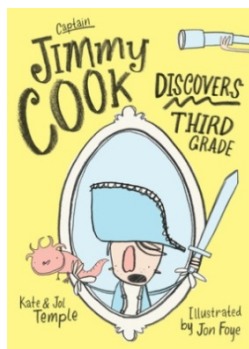
On Tuesday afternoon at Berkeley Vale Campus, I watched proudly with Darren as Lesley P received a citation for ongoing and outstanding service to the schools P&C, sport and community events from the Director. Our lovely SRE teacher, Mel, also received an award on stage. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who contribute so much to the school and most importantly, to our students.

BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISITS

Eight lucky P2 participants attended the Children's Book Council Author Luncheon last Friday with Ms Beck and parent driver Ange. Jacqueline Harvey, author of the best-selling Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose series presented an inspiring workshop with her well-travelled characters. Her new website is wonderful and in Fun Stuff, you can enter your name to find out what it would be in the land of Alice- Miranda and Clementine Rose:

<http://jacquelineharvey.com.au/>

On Thursday, children's authors Kate and Jol Temple will entertain both classes about 'writing silly books for kids'. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Even though Book Week is officially celebrated now in Week 6, our Book Fair will be delivered in Week 8, with our Book Parade and picnic lunch scheduled for Wednesday, 6th September. Have you started working on your favourite character or costume ideas yet?

RUMBALARA ENVIRONMENTAL ART DAY

More lucky Stage 3 students are attending the special Art Day today at Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre to study botanical illustration and nature photography. The day is supported by the Arts Council to benefit gifted students in the creative arts. I look forward to seeing their amazing creations!

http://www.rumbalara-e.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/230888/231169/art_day_flyer_2017.pdf

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

On Thursday, our high school transition program continues with the incoming Year 7 Advisor and team visiting our Year 6 students for an introduction and information session. The 'Jumpstart' program for vulnerable students will begin late October.

HOLA! INTERESTED IN LEARNING SPANISH?

One of our Kindy parents has expressed an interest in their child learning a second language and is looking into organising Spanish classes after school. There are many benefits to developing bilingualism and this short article explains seven cognitive advantages to learning a foreign language:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationopinion/10126883/Why-learn-a-foreign-language-Benefits-of-bilingualism.html>

Please respond to the flyer in this newsletter if you are interested.

Best of luck to our Zone Athletics competitors for Friday - Savannah, Jayda, Isabelle, Brendan, Harry, Jade and Angel-Katlyn. Beat your personal best!!

Ms Austin

Principal (rel)

WEEK 5 PHOTOS

KMHS SCIENCE DAY



PUBLIC SPEAKING



CC APPRECIATION AWARDS



PBL REWARDS DAY



OUR EGGCELLENT COOK FOR THE WEEK



Fun Languages



SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We're introducing a FUN new **SPANISH** program for all the Kindergarten up to year 6 students at Peats Ridge PS starting Term 4.

60 minutes sessions - after school every Monday afternoon during school Term.

Play-based language learning with fun activities, craft, drama, puppets, music and games!

Program designed especially for primary aged children.

Experienced native Spanish Teacher. Cost is \$15 per class for one child- for families \$10 per child - payable by the term.

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