



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 7 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

Monday 28th Aug
Northbridge PS Senior
Band visit

Tuesday 29th Aug
P2 CARES Excursion

Thursday 31st Aug
NAPLAN online readiness
test for Yrs 3 & 5

Friday 1st Sept
Father's Day Breakfast &
activities

Monday 4th Sept
P&C Meeting at 3:30pm in
the Library

Tuesday 5th Sept
Book Mobile visit

Wednesday 6th Sept
Book Week Parade &
picnic lunch

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

There was some exciting news in P1 last week with Matteo becoming a big brother for the first time and Noah receiving a letter penned by the Tooth Fairy! It must have been a tooth of exceptional quality Noah and I can't wait to give your new baby brother a cuddle, Matteo.

RUMBALARA ENVIRONMENTAL ART DAY

Last Monday, eight lucky Stage 3 students were invited to attend the special Art Day at Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre to study botanical illustration and nature photography.

Here is an overview of the day by **Thomas**:

Mum dropped Brendan, Isabelle, Ryan and I at Rumbalara and after signing in we were introduced to the leader, Christine. We were put into groups and Jayda, Brooke, Harry and AK joined us.

After recess, we went on a bushwalk and took photos with an iPad each. We chose our favourite 20 pictures to upload onto a disc and our absolute favourite will be framed.

After lunch, we met an experienced botanical illustrator, Nicky, and painted with watercolours. We studied flowers and their parts and frozen bugs under a microscope and sketched them.

...and descriptions of their work by the rest of the group:

Angel-Katlyn- *It was awesome!! My favourite photo was that of a sparkly rock that looked like a galaxy full of stars. I painted daffodils and got to take some home for mum.*

Harry- *My absolute favourite was an extreme close-up photograph of moss on a rock. You could see each individual strand!*

SOME
Super Heroes
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called
DAD

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

EXCELLENCE

Actively listening to performers & speakers

Ryan- *My favourite was an extreme close-up of a banksia. I edited it and messed around with colours to make it more interesting.*

Brendan- *I took an extreme close-up of gumnuts. They looked like turpentine nuts but they were growing on little plants.*

Jayda- *I loved the photography too. I took a close-up of some orange berries and added special effects like brightness and background and experimented with colours.*

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

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY MATHS COMPETITION

Last Wednesday, five of our talented P2 mathematicians sat the NPBS Maths Comp for the first time- Savannah, Jade, Harry, Brooke and Jayda. The competition started over 35 years ago and continues to grow each year, attracting almost 19,000 students from 337 schools across Australia:

<https://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/community/primary-maths-competition>

The focus is on problem-solving skills and it'll be interesting to see how we fared.

BOOK WEEK AUTHOR WORKSHOPS

The Premier's Reading Challenge wound up last Friday and it's great to see how many Peats kids are keen readers. Some are even budding authors! The CBCA Short List 2017 includes picture books and books for early childhood, younger and older readers and is always worth a look for Christmas stocking ideas:

<https://cbca.org.au/short-list-2017>

Our annual Literacy budget includes the purchase of the top titles to introduce to the students in Library time and add to our resources of quality literature.

We've been very fortunate recently to hear first-hand from two well-known children's authors in the lead-up to our Book Week celebrations: Jacqueline Harvey and Kate Temple. Following, are two short reviews by P2 students on the Children's Book Council of the Central Coast author luncheon:

I attended the luncheon with Isabelle, Jade, Brendan, Harry, Thomas, Brooke and Jayda, Ms Beck and Ange. The author, Jacqueline Harvey, told us interesting stories about growing up and how she got inspired to write books. We learned about creating characters and how to get rid of boring ones if we have too many. I hadn't read any of her books but I really want to now. By Angel C

I found out that the author, Jacqueline Harvey wrote the best-selling series 'Alice-Miranda' and 'Clementine Rose'. She gave us tips on how to create good beginnings and endings to stories. They served fruit Tiny Teddies and sausage rolls for morning tea and the lunch was delicious- chicken or steak burgers with doughnuts afterwards. By Jade

And here are P1 students' responses on author Kate Temple's visit to our library last Thursday:

Hastings- *I've read one of her books, 'Mike- I Don't Like', about a boy who didn't like anything. I liked drawing a pirate hat and when she read the big books.*

Brax- *I loved the maze and drawing a pirate hat on me.*

Clayton- *I just liked Kate reading her books to us.*

George- *I liked all of it!*

Shakia- *I want to be an author for kids one day. I've written, 'The Donkey on the Hill' and 'Crazy farm Animals' already.*

Kade- *I really liked the 'I Got This Hat' book. I liked every single hat and it had a funny bit in it.*

Noah- *I liked all of it too!*

Eli- *I liked the character maze. I got through it to the top side.*

Hunter- *I liked the 'Parrot Carrot' story and wearing all the different hats. I got to wear the husky snow hat.*

Abbey- *I liked all the books and the maze. My hat was really funny!*

Tiana- *We got to wear crazy party hats at the end. It was fun!*

Matteo- *Her books were really funny and we got to wear Viking hats!*

Ollie- *I liked drawing a hat on myself and the maze had a water slide to Hawaii!*

Our Book Fair resources will be delivered this Friday, with our Book Week parade and picnic lunch scheduled for next Wednesday, 6th September at 1pm. The CBCA theme is 'Escape to Everywhere' and the Scholastic Book Fair theme is 'Reading Rainforest: Go Wild for Books!' Remember, there are prizes for the 'Most Creative' and 'Best on Theme'. Some of your favourite character and costume ideas sound wonderful - I can't wait to see them!

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

Last Thursday, the KMHS transition program continued with the incoming Year 7 Advisor and team visiting our Year 6 students for an introduction and information session in the library. It went very well. Please see Miss Beck if you have any special requests or concerns regarding your Year 6 child. We aim to make the transition as smooth as possible.

ZONE ATHLETICS

On Friday, Mr Randall accompanied our Zone Athletics team to compete at Mingara. Congratulations Jayda for placing 2nd overall in discus! Jayda will be accompanying our successful Nigel Bagley relay team- Harry, Isabelle, Brendan and Jayda (again!)- to Sydney North Regionals at Olympic Park on September 11th. Train hard and good luck!

FRUIT & VEGETABLE MONTH

Fruit and Veg Month begins this week. The program is supported by NSW Health and it puts a positive focus on fruit and vegies. Australian children (and adults!) don't eat enough fruit and veg and that's why this year's theme will focus on the benefits of fruit and vegetables, investigating why we don't eat enough of them, and promoting the 'eat more' message to peers, families and the wider community. The website is a terrific resource with information on children and hydration, healthy recipes, lunch box ideas and solutions for fussy eaters:

<http://healthy-kids.com.au/parents/>

It's another busy week ahead, with the **Northbridge PS Senior Band** visiting and performing for us yesterday, Year 6 sitting the *Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID)* end-of-stage diagnostic assessments for Science, the P2 **CARES** bike safety excursion with Central Mangrove PS today, **NAPLAN Online readiness tests** for Year 3 and 5 on Thursday and our **P&C Father's Day breakfast** on Friday. We've catered for over 60 bacon and egg rolls so we hope to see lots of dads and grand-dads from 7:30am!

I also hope to see some of our community members at the **KMHS Comedy Night** on Saturday. It's for an excellent cause- us!

Ms Austin

Principal (rel)

P.S. Hola! Remember, if you are interested in your child learning Spanish after school in our hall for a very reasonable price, please respond to the flyer in this newsletter.

P2 SCIENCE DAY RECOUNT

Science Day at KMHS by Thomas Hellyer

The day started on the crowded bus on the way to the high school. When we arrived we caught up with old friends and played handball. Then when the science commenced it was first up...acid rain. Yes, legit acid; the type that burns! Anyway we got into groups of two and three, and, after a quick briefing we got into it.

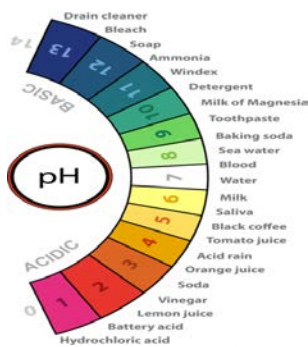
Science day by Angel Caddis

On Wednesday Years 5 and 6 went to Kariong Mountain High School for Science Day. The best activity of all of them I thought was when we made origami pots. We added dirt and a green bean seed to the pot. They are made so you can plant the whole pot in your garden, and obviously the seed will grow.

Some other activities we did;

- We ate edible bowls
- We worked with fire
- We learnt how acid rain is made
- And we played handball

Science day 2017 by Joshua Page



On Wednesday Years five and six went to Kariong mountains High School for Science Day. My Favourite activity was acid rain. Acid rain is made up carbon dioxide witch comes from limestone, smoke and water. When it rains on limestone it develops more.

When it rains in lakes it kills all of the fish and stops any new species of marine life. If it is under ph7 it's acid.



SCIENCE DAY 2017

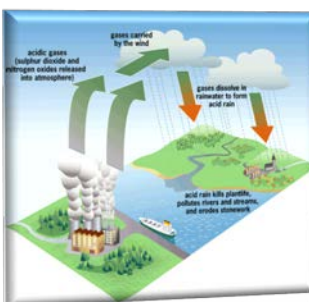
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16th August 2017 we went to the annual Kariong Mountains High School Science Day. One

of my favourite things was learning about acid rain and how it affects our environment around us. First we added lime stone and acid and then put a cork on with a pipe and put a test tube over the pipe with water in it and checked the acidity of the water in the test tube. The acid dissolves the lime stone and releases the carbon dioxide in the line stone witch goes back up into the cloud and makes more acid rain.

SCIENCE DAY 2017

BY RYAN PAGE



On Science day we did a lot of stuff like burning glass, lemon battery, acid rain and more but my favourite one was acid rain. It is a rain that can kill fish. I heard that acid rain rained on a river then the river was completely clear because all the fish were dead.

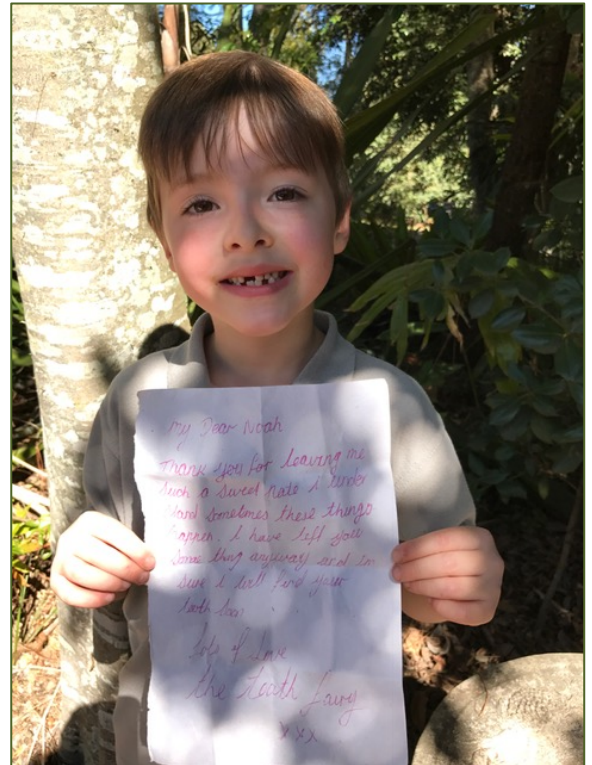
Acid rain can get even worse because it rains on lime stone. Then the lime stone gives out carbon dioxide flying in the air back to the sky and makes more acid rain. We did an experiment on it.

PHOTOS FROM WEEK 6

TREE DOWN



TOOTH FAIRY TIME!



KATE TEMPLE - AUTHOR VISIT



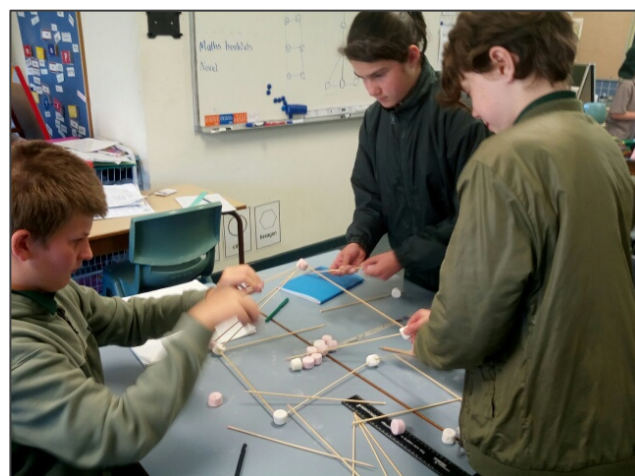
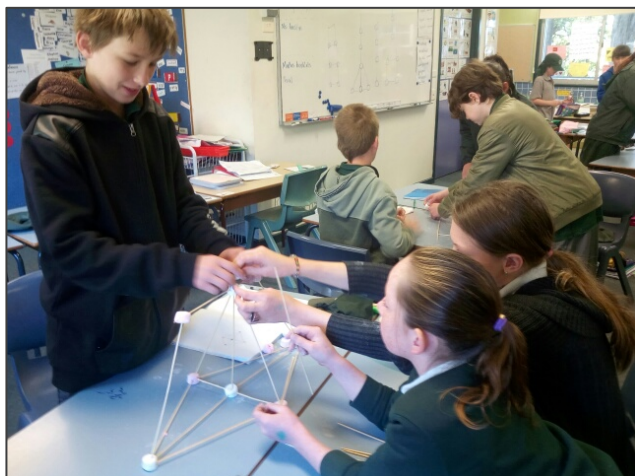
OUR EGGCELLENT COOK FOR THE WEEK



CHILDRENS BOOK COUNCIL AUTHOR LUNCH



SCIENCE WEEK MARSHMALLOW EXPERIMENT



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



In support of:

Kariong Mountains Learning Community



Dave Eastgate

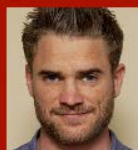
- Sydney, Melbourne, Edinburgh Comedy Festivals
- Dave Eastgate Live at the Enmore (Comedy Next Gen ABC)
- Maximum Choppage ABC2 (2014)
- The Moodys - ABC1 (2014)
- Open Slather - The Comedy Channel (2015)

"Ingenious, high-octane fanfare not to be missed" - Ed Fest Mag



Andrew Barnett

- One of Australia's best and most sought after Emcees.
- Opening act on Akmal's 2015 tour.
- NSW RAW Comedy Finalist
- Sydney Fringe Festival
- Adelaide Fringe Festival



Mat Wakefield

- Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out
- Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out

"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage

"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope..." (Weekend Notes)



Peter Meisel

- Australian Comedy Legend
- Opening act for Robin Williams to Arj Barker and Will Anderson
- 'Midday Show', 'Good News Week'

"I've seen Peter Meisel...quite simply soar" - Revolver

8pm - Saturday 2 September 2017

Kariong Mountains High School Hall

Festival Dr, Kariong NSW

Tix: \$30 at comedyforacause.net/KMLC 18+ Only

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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For More info please call Nathalie Roy 0430 286 590

Email nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au

Early birds receive a FREE membership pack value at \$50!! includes a spanish song book with cd and access to Babelzone.

ClubsNSW

Central Coast Region Charity Inter Club FootGolf Event

Monday September 25th from 10am Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club

\$200 per team (2 players)

10am Arrival for casual breakfast, coffee & instructions

10:40am GAME ON!

1pm BBQ Lunch & drinks

Dress: Smart casual sportswear, fully enclosed footwear and no soccer boots.

For ticket purchases www.stickytickets.com.au/55565

For more information on FootGolf see www.mmmclub.com.au



All funds raised will go to the four primary schools of the Mangrove Mountain precinct!

Entry is open to Clubs, Trade, Sponsors & local MM businesses.
Maximum number of teams: 50 (100 Players)

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12 Oct - 14 Dec 2017

Gosford Olympic Pool
Sat 1.30pm to 3.30pm
14 Oct - 16 Dec 2017

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FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



THIS FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

7:30AM – 9:30AM

BACON & EGG ROLLS

TEA & COFFEE



**FATHER'S
DAY**

