



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 8 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

Monday 4th Sept

P&C Meeting at 3:30pm in
the Library

Tuesday 5th Sept

Book Mobile visit

Wednesday 6th Sept

Book Fair, Book Week
Parade & picnic lunch

Friday 8th Sept

P2 performing at assembly

Tuesday 12th Sept

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 14th to

Friday 15th Sept

Stage 2 Jenolan Caves
Excursion

Monday 18th Sept

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Peats Pride Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

I hope all the new dads, super dads, step-dads, grand-dads and uncles in our school community had a wonderful day yesterday.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We know it wasn't possible for everyone to join us, but it was so lovely to welcome Ashley, John, Ben, Gary, Peter, Dimitri, Martin, Craig, Greg, Shaun, Vince, Mitch and Gramps Peter on Friday morning and treat them to a delicious bacon and egg sandwich whipped up by BBQ king GA Mr Pugh. Impressive handball skills were on display, proving that some dads haven't lost their touch since high school. Special thanks to our P&C for funding the event.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On Friday afternoon, a Scholastic truck delivered the heavy metal cases in preparation for our Book Fair display. All funds raised go towards buying new books for our library. You are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday for a picnic lunch, followed by our annual Book Parade. Judging of the 'Most Creative' and 'Best on Theme' student costumes will be by our talented CWA ladies. Hope to see you there!

Children's Book Council theme: ***Escape to Everywhere!***

Scholastic's theme: ***Reading Rainforest: Go Wild for Books!***

Time	Event
1~1:50pm	Picnic lunch with children and Book Fair (Miss Beck)
2~2:40pm	Book Parade in hall
2:40~4pm	Book Fair (or class with Mr Randall)

YOU CAN FIND
MAGIC
wherever you look,
SIT BACK AND RELAX,



ALL YOU NEED IS
A BOOK

-Dr. Seuss

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

RESPONSIBILITY

Care for all books

P2 CARES EXCURSION

Last Tuesday, P2 travelled to Palmdale by bus with Central Mangrove PS students to join in the PD/H/PE Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES) delivered by two NSW Police Officers. The day consisted of three components: a classroom lesson on road safety, an obstacle course to enhance their basic cycling skills and then a variety of real road situations on a safe, controlled road way. I heard Miss Beck was a strict patrol officer and quite a few students lost points on their 'licence'!

<https://www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/road-safety/cares>

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

While P2 was at CARES, I took P1 out onto the hard court to measure and compare heights with chalk, a metre ruler and loads of curiosity. We even approximated the height of the tallest tree- 30m! On Thursday, we're joining in Australia's first Outdoor Classroom Day. Over 70,000 kids in almost 900 schools across Australia have committed so far. It began in 2011 in the UK, and now across the world, more than 1.1 million children are involved. Lessons learnt outdoors, whether Maths, Science, Geography or Creative arts, often stay with us for life. Being outdoors helps children focus, builds a greater awareness of our environment, provides more opportunities to think independently, boosts creativity and imagination and gets children feeling challenged and excited by learning. Students who have the freedom to play outdoors- making friends of all ages, getting lost in the moment, testing their own boundaries, solving problems, having fun- are better prepared for whatever tomorrow throws at them. They're also more active when they play outdoors- essential for their healthy development and enjoyment of childhood.

**90% OF ADULTS
PLAYED OUTSIDE
EVERY DAY AS
CHILDREN. NOW
IT'S ONLY 30%**

Read more about the global movement and benefits at: <https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/about/>

Let's hope the weather is fine!

PREMIER'S REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

This Thursday is also the day when our four top spellers represent Peats at the Regional Spelling Bee, hosted at Lisarow PS. The level of difficulty always amazes me.

How would you fare attempting words like these?

Junior- muscly, abhor, budgerigar, deuce, carafe, lasso, cocoon, mollusc, quandary, tinea, acacia, quandary

Senior- cacophony, manoeuvre, farcical, harangue, tourniquet, emancipist, flannelette, troubadour, lustre.

If you're interested to see more of the most commonly misspelt words over the last few years please visit:

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

Competition	Time	PRPS Entrants
Junior	9:30~11:30am	Hayley and Savannah
Senior	12:30~2:30pm	Isabelle and Jade

We wish our brilliant girls the best of luck!

NORTHBRIDGE PS SENIOR BAND VISIT

Another treat last week was a visit by the Northbridge PS Senior Band. The first comment I heard as their students stepped off the bus was, "Wow! They have *real* grass!" and they were amazed at the size of our ovals and beautiful, natural grounds (their school just has asphalt and astro turf). Our Kinders - and some of the bigger kids- couldn't sit still during each item and it was delightful to watch them bop along to the beat (check out the videos uploaded onto Facebook). The school certainly has a vibrant music program with many talented and dedicated musicians. Mr Randall cooked everyone a delicious BBQ lunch and new friendships blossomed. Some of our Peats students even shed a tear as they farewelled the bus! We were given a hearty reciprocal invitation so we'll look into it for next year...

STAGE 2 JENOLAN CAVES EXCURSION

I hope our Stage 2 students have started packing for their Jenolan Caves trip next Thursday and Friday to check there are no last minute items on the list they might need to borrow or buy. Miss Beck will be the accompanying teacher along with staff from the other mountain schools. It's guaranteed to be a ton of fun and I'm looking forward to hearing of their adventures.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Term 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews also begin next week. We're hoping for 100% engagement so please return notes soon and if Tue 12th and Mon 18th September aren't suitable, please contact Mr Randall or Miss Beck for an alternate time or organise a phone chat to discuss in depth the progress of your child.

I know for some of our lucky families it's a common occurrence, but I was thrilled to discover a **satin bower bird** has started to build his bower next to the office and decorate it with blue bits and pieces he's collected from our playground. I remember being fascinated by them as a member of the Gould League at Budgewoi PS many years ago but had never seen one in the wild. It's certainly not something many schools can lay claim to!

Lastly, Mr Randall, Monique and P1 farewelled little Josh last week as he is moving to Niagara Park PS. We wish you all the best in your new class, Josh!

Ms Austin

Principal (rel)



FROM THE OFFICE

Just a reminder that full payment for the Stage 2 Jenolan Caves excursion is due back by this Friday 8th September. If your child is not attending, please let me know.

Also, please try and support the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club's FootGolf Event on Monday 25th September (First week of school holidays). They are putting on this event for us so if you can either sponsor or get a team of 2 together, remember that it's for a very worthwhile cause. Us!!

Kind regards,

Kate Wilson

School Admin Manager

Sponsorship

Clubs NSW - Central Coast Region has partnered with our club to hold the first Inter Club FootGolf charity Event. We chose to donate all money raised on the day to the four local Primary Schools.

We ask that you help support this event by sponsoring one of the 9 holes on the day.

Package \$200.00 ex gst

- Advertising on the Clubs in house T.V.
- A Thank You on our Facebook page with link to your business if available
- Opportunity to leave flyers in our main foyer
- Must provide own signage at the hole
- Voucher to play FootGolf as a thank you from the club
- Mention in the school Newsletter

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!

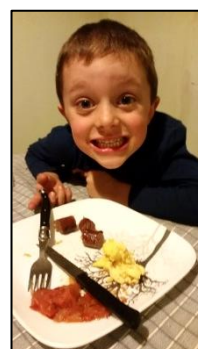
Entry is open to Clubs, Trade, Sponsors & local MM businesses.
Maximum number of teams: 50 (100 Players)

PHOTOS FROM WEEK 7

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



OUR EGGCELLENT COOKS FOR THE WEEK



P2 CARES EXCURSION



RUMBALARA ART DAY



NORTHBRIDGE PS BAND VISIT



OUR BOWER BIRD

