



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1231 Peats Ridge Road Peats Ridge 2250  
Ph: 4373 1149 Fax: 4373 1076  
Email: [peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018  
Week 3 Term 1

[www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## DIARY DATES

### TERM 1

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

**16 February**  
Floorball

**20 March**  
Start Smart

**22 March**  
Harmony Day

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

Last week was certainly full of drama! After many phone calls and calculations, our staffing entitlement for this year will remain at two full-time teachers which is wonderful news. Matteo and Jayda celebrated their birthdays and spoilt everyone with delicious cupcakes, then on Thursday, I strained my hamstring putting up an alphabet chart. It was very painful and the concern showed by my beautiful P1 students touched my heart. Mrs Riley drove me to Gosford Hospital for an X-ray and I hope to be back on my feet (literally!) very soon.

### First P & C Meeting for the year

On Wednesday afternoon, we held our first P&C meeting for the year in P1's newly refurbished classroom and lots of positive comments were made on the fresh, bright colours, modern design and flexible work spaces. P2 students are getting excited about the arrival of their new furniture soon too. With a bumper crop of tomatoes, strawberries and another delivery of Linda's delicious cucumbers, P1 had a lot of fun making fruit and vegetable kebabs as a special treat for our P&C mums- yum! We discussed staffing and class structures, our smart, new uniform, the new paint and flooring upgrade by the assets team which will start soon, our student leaders' column in the Mangrove Mountain Community News, swimming and cross country carnivals and home reading. Something to really look forward to is the combined small schools' musical booked for Thursday 6 September at Wyong's new Arthouse theatre, organised by a very talented teacher at Wyong Creek PS. Members also kindly agreed to renew our ABC Reading Eggs/Eggspress subscription- a highly engaging, multi-award winning online learning resource to boost students' reading success: <https://readingeggs.com.au/>

### CWA, CCC Mobile Library and Country Fair

It was lovely to catch up with our amazing CWA ladies last Monday and Kaye brought in a bird's nest and branches covered in slits from cicada eggs to fuel students' curiosity. This year's International PowerPoint Presentation competition is on Poland so please bring in any interesting objects or information on Poland or the names of any friends or relatives who might like to be guest speakers. Cathy from Central Coast Council libraries arrived in the Book Mobile the following day, packed to the rafters with shelves bursting with books for the children to borrow, then Thursday night, the Country Fair committee met to begin organising this year's event. I couldn't attend but we've offered to host the flower and book stall again, perform on the stage and enter lots of fabulous art.

### Bees are Amazzzzzing!

P1 and P2 students have been busy little bees researching and recording information on these un-bee-lievably efficient and valuable insects. I spent a fascinating few hours yesterday, watching my friend's family collect the heavy frames from their bee hives, uncap the honeycomb wax and spin them. We'll be sampling the end product this week. I'd love our students to witness this process too, so we're looking into placing a hive behind the old residence and please pass on the names of any local bee keepers who may be willing to give us a demonstration.

Bee on your best beehive-iour this week!

*Ms Austin*

Principal (rel)



### Welcome Mrs Amii Davis

I would firstly like to say thank you for welcoming me into the wonderful Peats Ridge community.

I have been teaching throughout NSW Public Schools for the last 8 years and am returning from maternity leave to teach P1 this year on Monday and Tuesday. I taught Kindergarten for 4 years and before my maternity leave was fortunate to work for the Macquarie Park Directorate on the Language, Learning and Literacy team. My role was to support teachers, including Mr Randall, in implementing L3 in various schools across the Central Coast including Peats Ridge, so I'm already a familiar face to most students.

I'm really looking forward to working with Mr Randall again and sharing P1 with Ms Austin. I'm also looking forward to getting to know the students and families that make up this wonderful school community even better.

### Coles Sport for School vouchers

This initiative is back on again! When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that we can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more gear we'll receive. Please bring vouchers to the front office.

