



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 1

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

#### 5 March

Welcome BBQ &  
Information Night

#### 20 March

Start Smart

#### 21 March

Harmony Day

#### 29 March

Easter Hat Parade,  
Hunt & Raffle

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

We're so proud of the top effort our swimmers put in at the Small Schools carnival last Wednesday and I'd especially like to thank Mr Randall for being the chief organiser. At the Teaching Principals' Network meeting on Thursday we discussed the possibility of all students participating next year with novelty races and infants activities in the wading pool, perhaps at a different venue. We're interested to hear your thoughts on this. Our next carnival is Cross Country on 6<sup>th</sup> April and we'll start training soon.

### Small Schools Spectacular!

The biggest item on our meeting agenda was an exciting proposal by Maja Nova, a talented teacher at Wyong Creek PS, outlining a Small Schools combined dance musical at Wyong Arthouse on 6<sup>th</sup> September. The performance is called 'The Amazing Race' and follows two 'contestants' from each school as they visit different 'countries'. Peats Ridge has been nominated for Japan and Hawaii and we're already throwing ideas around for costumes, backdrops, music and fancy moves! We're planning a matinee and evening performance so pencil the date in your diary now!



### Tessellations



So, Where are we exactly?

While our swimmers were competing at the pool, the rest of us had a lot of fun creating some wonderful tessellations in Maths. We looked at lots of 2D shapes then concentrated on only those that tessellate (fit together with no gaps, like tiles). We studied amazing patterns in nature and even made our own hexagon-shaped honeycomb cells out of toilet rolls!

### Clean Up Australia Day

Our School Clean Up on Friday filled four small bags, mostly with rubbish thrown over the front fence from passing traffic. Everyone joined in with enthusiasm and we were careful to use gloves, tongs and cleaner Donna's special garbage grabber. We collected lots of plastic packaging, a beer bottle, hubcap, disposable nappy, an old bandaid and even a dental floss stick! In Maths this week, we're going to classify and graph what we found and discuss the results. As a Science experiment, we'll bury a variety of items to dig up next year and record decomposition rates. Who knew garbage could be so fascinating!

### Easter Raffle

Our P&C is planning another Easter Raffle this year and with Easter only three weeks away (earlier than usual, two weeks before the holiday break), it's time to bring in donations to the office. It's the first fundraiser for the year and a fun way to support the school.



## PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Responsibility –  
right behaviour  
in toilets*

### Welcome BBQ and Information Night



Everyone is invited along to our Welcome BBQ free sausage sizzle tonight and parent information session in P1's newly refurbished classroom. It's a good opportunity to chat with staff and hear about programming and plans for 2018. We hope you can come along!

Remember: BEE inquisitive!

*Ms Austin* Principal (rel)

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday I was lucky enough to go along to the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Gosford Pool. It was a glorious day, with the sun shining and clear skies. Being a small school, we did extremely well sending 8 students to the carnival. Jade, Brooke, Luther, Angel-Katlyn, Briony, Abbey, Noah, Kade all represented the school extremely well. Kade and Noah were extremely excited as this was their very first carnival now that they qualify as 8 year olds. Everybody did their very best on the day. Competition was tough on the day with some of the bigger of our small schools filling many of the qualifying places for the Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival. We were fortunate enough to have Jayda and Abbey qualify for the 50m freestyle event in the respective age groups which means they will both be going to the zone swimming carnival this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. Congratulations to all our competitors, we are super proud of you all!!



Mr Randall

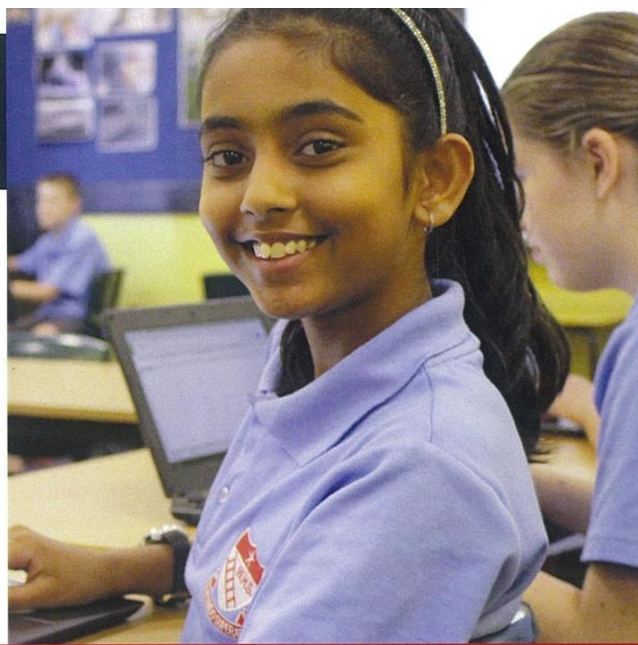
## Wyang High School

Achieving Success for Respectful, Responsible Learners

Our Information Technology Selective program allows our students to have access to industry standard state of the art technology and specialist teachers who extend their learning.

We aim to provide our students with the skills, knowledge and the ability to achieve success in their future learning pathways.

Our program endeavours to produce students who are equipped with Future Focused learning skills such as collaboration, innovation, adaptability and leadership within the field of information technology.

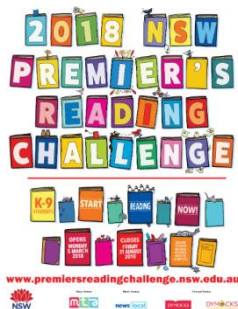


### Selective Information Technology Program information night.

**When:** Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March **Where:** Wyong High School MPC (school hall)

**Time:** 5.30pm – school tours to follow **RSVP:** 4353 1088 e- [wyong-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wyong-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au)





## 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) kicks off today and will finish on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. As mentioned on their website, the challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. All students in our school are automatically registered. However, if you do not wish for your child to participate due to any privacy reasons, please let us know. Children will be provided with a paper copy to record their books and we will log them online. All students who complete the challenge will receive an official certificate in Term 4.





