



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

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

16 March

No Bully Day

20 March

Start Smart
Financial Literacy

21 March

Harmony Day

23 March

Earth Hour Schools' Day

29 March

Easter Hat Parade,
Hunt & Raffle

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

Our small school was a hive of activity last week with Central Coast Council graders cleaning our drains on the road, electrical taggers checking all our equipment, a cleaning contractor's meeting and the department's asset team visiting to check everything is ready for painting and carpeting to begin next Monday. The freight company phoned to confirm that P2's new furniture will arrive Tue and Shane from Fantasea is booked to refit the foyer aquarium under the display cabinet, freeing up space for a feature wall to highlight student achievements and quality work. We can't wait until it's all done!

Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Night

Mr Randall didn't disappoint our families with yet another delicious sausage sizzle to welcome everyone on a cool and wet evening last Monday. Following my general overview for the year, Mrs Davis outlined P1's program with a particular focus on Literacy skills and Mr Randall explained the significant changes in P2- almost becoming a paperless classroom with the new technology and webtools being introduced to the students. Thank you to all parents (and kids) who attended and I am happy to go through the PowerPoint presentation with anyone who couldn't make it on the night.

Clean Up Australia Schools' Day

We used the opportunity of Clean Up Australia Schools' Day to engage in some interesting STEM (Science/Technology/English/Maths) research. Students predicted which type of garbage would be the most common and where most would be found. We split into two groups and scoured the grounds for any rubbish we could find, no matter how small. Last Tuesday, we sorted the four bags of waste into different types- recycling (glass and plastic bottles, aluminium cans), paper/cardboard (snack boxes), rubber (balloon, tubing, hair tie), ceramics (broken tiles), cloth (rags), metal (hubcap), hard plastics (containers, straws) and over 200 pieces of soft plastic (shopping and ziplock bags, popper straw wrappers, snack packaging)! Things we found hard to classify were an old softball, a disposable nappy, chewing gum, cigarette butts, a used band-aid and dental floss pick. Inside a hoop, we placed 18 items made from a wide variety of materials and we buried them 40cm under the ground. Next year on Clean Up Australia Day 2019, we're going to dig them up to see how they've decomposed. What do you predict will happen?

National Day Of Action Against Bullying

Teaching about bullying is embedded in our curriculum and every day we reinforce our school values related to respect and inclusion. We take it very seriously and ensure that children know they are heard, that their feelings matter and that the issue will be investigated fully. This Friday, we'll take part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying to raise awareness, define what it is, discuss the types and some effects of



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Respect –
Bullying?
No way!*





bullying and how to report it. Please inform a staff member immediately if you have any concerns. Bullying is never OK and this website offers excellent support for parents <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents/Pages/ChildBeingBullied.aspx>

Harmony Day

As a fitting follow up, next Wednesday we'll celebrate Harmony Day. Everyone is invited to wear a national costume or orange mufti and we're hoping to have some guest speakers from Poland, thanks to our Catholic SRE teachers who mentioned the two new priests are Polish. Please mention to staff any other community members who may be willing to be our special guests.



P&C Easter Raffle and Hat Parade

The first batch of donated Easter eggs arrived at the office this morning- thank you Calloway and Hastings! Please start bringing them in for our P&C. It's the first fundraiser of the year and a fun way to support the school (our P&C AGM is this afternoon). Hayley mentioned she's started decorating her bonnet already for the parade. Remember, there'll be lots of great prizes!!

I love how inquisitive and observant our students are and lately we've noticed lots of fascinating things in the playground: 1000s of spiderlings clinging to protected webs, fresh fungi in the shadows, mosquito larvae wriggling in ponds, flowers filled with pollen and two super strong green ants dragging a dead bee down into their nest. Nature is amazzzzing!



Don't BEE a bully!!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday 9th March, the BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival was held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy. We were fortunate enough to have 2 students from Peats Ridge competing at the event. Abbey M competed in the 8 Year Girls 50 metre Freestyle event and Jayda M competed in the 11 years Girls 50 metre Freestyle. Both girls did their best on the day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Congratulations on making it to zone Abbey and Jayda, we are all very proud of you.

Mr Randall

