



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

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

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,

We had our first foggy morning last Wednesday and spied our first toadstools – signs that autumn is on its way, though yesterday certainly didn't feel like it! The school grounds looked spectacular in the mist and I'm amazed at how beautifully they're kept by our GA Mr Pugh (only 3 days/fortnight) and Donna, our cleaning genie. We're also harvesting the last of our tomatoes and strawberries – that is, if the big, fat grubs we've found don't eat them first!

P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held Monday afternoon. Congratulations to our newly elected executive team: President/Secretary Lauren, Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Jodie and Lesley and Treasurer Leanne. The whole school thanks you for volunteering your time and energy. At Peats, we firmly believe parents are vital partners in the education of our children and rely on your valuable support. Plans are already well underway for a Mother's Day stall and Bunnings BBQ fundraiser later in the year. Please keep sending in donations for our P&C Easter raffle baskets!



P2's New Furniture

There was a lot of excitement Tuesday afternoon when P2's new furniture finally arrived. Mr Randall has a snazzy, stand-up computer desk, jelly-bean 'engine room' table, laptop bar with six stools, new red and blue chairs and two jotter tables. P1 also

has a new jelly-bean table and two wobbly stools-proving very popular! The rooms are looking really fresh and colourful. Research has shown that the physical classroom environment is extremely important and flexible and innovative design features help stimulate creativity, collaboration and future-focused learning. Here's just one article, but there are many more:

<https://www.bfx.com.au/blog/education/the-learning-environment-the-third-teacher>

School Facelift Begins!

Timed perfectly with the arrival of the new furniture, the assets and maintenance team began work today. After studying the swatches last week, the whole-school voted for grey carpet and 'pebble' walls with 'holly green' doors and accents- in sync with our school colours and logo. Carpenters are repairing decks, the canteen entry floor and window surrounds, painters will repair the gyprock and paint the walls in the foyer, toilets and office, carpet layers will lay new office carpet and the lino joins in the canteen and classrooms will be repaired. This will create some disruption to classes and at times, we may have to move lessons outside or to the hall. My office and Sick Bay will be re-located to the Library for a short time (I



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Responsibility –
Be safe
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hope). Works will be cordoned off and staff will be extra vigilant to ensure student safety.

Bullying? No Way!!

On Friday, united with other schools across Australia, we celebrated the eighth National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students defined bullying, then discussed the types and effects of bullying, strategies, support and prevention. Thank you P2 students for your assembly presentation and the Prime Minister's thank you message can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/malcolmturnbull/videos/10156350363246579/>

Start Smart Incursion

On Tuesday, the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart team will visit the school to continue their Financial Literacy program with both classes. Founded in 2007, it reaches over 550,000 students each year- the largest program of its kind in the world.

<http://www.startsmart.com.au/home/about-us/>

The interactive, educational workshops are designed to motivate and inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money. Such an important Maths life skill!



Let's Celebrate Harmony Day!

This Wednesday, everyone is invited to wear a national costume or orange mufti as part of our annual Harmony Day celebrations. Australia is the most successful multicultural country on earth and we have many different cultural backgrounds and languages represented by just our small school. Read more at:

<https://www.harmony.gov.au/about/>

To complement the research P2 is undertaking on Poland for their CWA PowerPoint project, we've invited Liz Jaskalowski to be our guest speaker. Liz's children attended Peats Ridge PS many years ago and she was P&C President, so we're keen to show her around and hear some stories from the past. As a treat, Oliver and Margaret are also making traditional *pirogi* dumplings for us to taste and Aussie meat pies and sausage rolls will be available from the canteen.

Get your lunch order in asap!

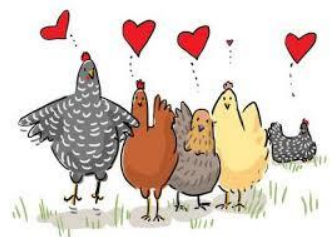
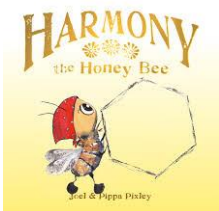
Earth Hour Schools' Day

This Friday, we'll be switching off non-essential lights and devices and trying to use as little electricity as possible as part of Earth Hour Schools' Day. You can get involved in Earth Hour at home too 8:30pm Saturday by switching off your lights for an hour and joining millions of Australians taking part in the world's largest global environmental movement. In case you think you'll be bored, here are nine fun activities that are sure to deliver a good time completely off-grid! <https://inhabitat.com/9-fun-things-you-can-do-during-earth-hour-2012/>



On a sad note, our brown hen *Cheeky* passed away last Monday. She was a good little layer, so if anyone has a replacement hen they'd like to donate, just let us know.

Ms Austin Principal (rel)





CANTEEN DAY

Celebrate Harmony Day on Wednesday
with a meat pie and/or a sausage roll.

Meat pies & sausage rolls \$3 each

Please bring correct money in an envelope with your name and
order written on the front
and give to Mr Randall or Ms Austin
(office money box is temporarily out of action due to refurbishment)

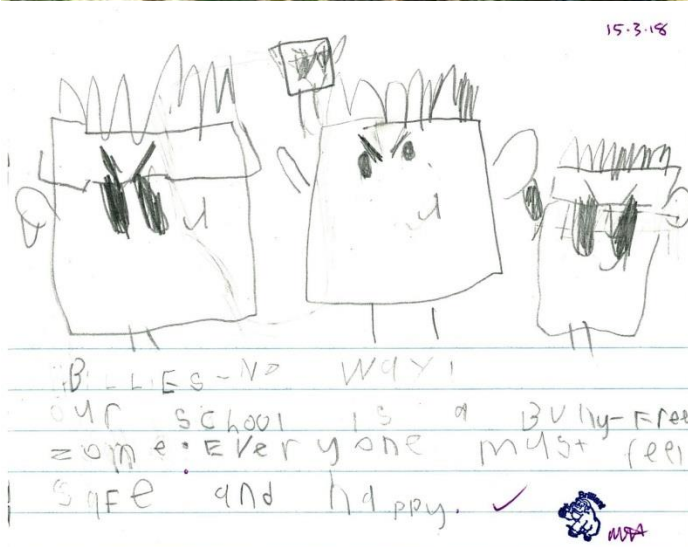


Look at our healthy lunches!





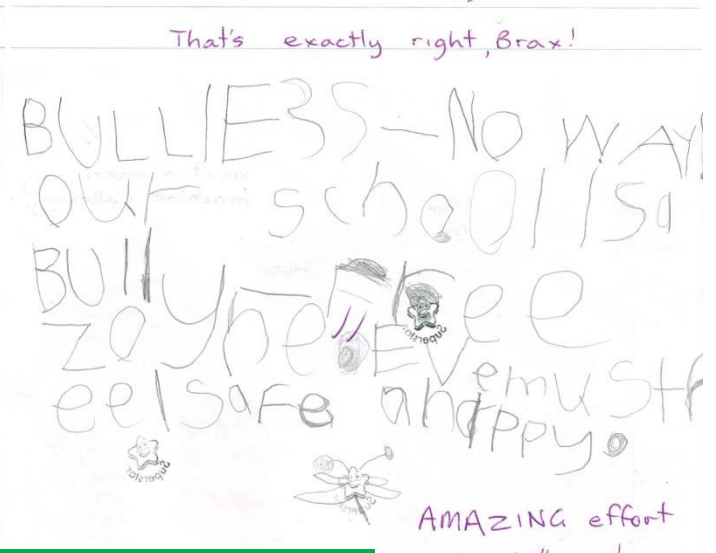
Garden grubs!



That's exactly right, Kade!



That's exactly right, Brax!



AMAZING effort Callaway!

P1 is a bully free zone!