



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

DIARY DATES

TERM 1

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

9/10 April

Parent/Teacher
Interviews

13 April

Peats Pride Assembly

Dear students and families,

It's been a very short week, with Easter Monday at the start, our Cross Country carnival at the end, and three very busy days in between. It's such a delight to open the Mangrove Mountain Community News and see the lovely smiles on the faces of our students and read the latest School Leaders' Report. If you don't receive the paper or would like an extra copy, just ask at the office.

How We've Grown!

Around this time last year, I invited all students to my office to get to know each other and measured their heights against a chart on my door. Last week, just before the painters removed all the markers and names, we re-measured everyone's heights and were amazed by the results. It proved to be a great Maths activity:

Name	2017	2018	Growth	Name	2017	2018	Growth
Brax	130cm	136cm		Beau	-	143cm	
Noah	117	124		Christina	130	138	
Logan	119	126		Ollie	135	141	
Kade	121	128		Matteo	136	143	
Hunter	130	134		Jayda	142	152	10cm!
Bailey	-	134		Luther	144	150	
Lexie	-	123		Bianca	143	146	
Abbey	120	125		Hayley	132	136	
Zoe	125	130		Angel-K	129	135	
Isabelle	140	144		Makayla	138.5	147.5	
Briony	138	146		Laura	-	157	
Brooke	151	161.5	10.5cm!!				

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Excellence –
Keep hands and
feet to yourself*



Brooke is not only our School Leader but leading the growth table too and Jayda is very close behind. Can you work out how much you've grown in 12 months?

Special Guest: Guy the Bee Keeper

Tuesday morning, bee keeper Mr Guy Challis visited classrooms to demonstrate first-hand the unique job of bee keeping and fill our heads with many fascinating facts about bees. We got to see inside a hive and hold the smoker and frames heavy with fresh honey. Guy is accredited with the Amateur Bee Keepers Association of Australia and it has an interesting website if you're thinking of taking it up as a hobby too: <https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/>



Afterwards, we taste-tested many different kinds of honey and used some interesting adjectives to describe each flavor eg 'minty', 'floral', 'light', 'sharp', 'caramel', 'nutty' and 'creamy'. Thank you to the Vella family for contacting Guy on our behalf and helping to organise his visit. Guy will be back early spring to place some hives behind the old residence so we can begin production of our own unique flavour!

Cooking Honey Bubble Crunch

The following day on Wednesday, we put on our chefs' hats and had a lot of fun making 'Honey Bubble Crunch' as a take home treat for our PBL Privilege Day activity. Everyone got to stir the melting butter, honey, sugar and vanilla then mix it into the Rice Bubbles, coconut and sesame seeds. In some cases, only half made it home- a testament to its yumminess!



InteractED Conference



Mr Randall missed out on the fun in the kitchen but he had a great time at Newcastle University's Tech Roadshow. The **Information Technology Directorate** and partners Adobe, Apple Ed, Google and Microsoft are supporting **school-wide change** in the effective utilisation of technologies and the aim of **interactED** is to guide leaders, empower teachers and assist administrators while providing valuable **networking opportunities**.

The themes of the three keynote speeches were: 'Minecraft: More than Just a Game', 'Immersed in the Future of Learning' and 'The Future of Education in the Cloud'.

I wish all staff could have attended and can't wait to hear his feedback at our next meeting. With our small budget, we spend our Professional Learning funds very carefully on programs that will most benefit students and their future outcomes. We're certainly gaining the most benefit from our new laptops and please catch Mr Randall for a chat if you'd like to hear more or have a look at the agenda here:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/ce0e1051-2e84-4d06-a73c-863c0a473daa/1/interactED.zip/InteractEDeventdetails.pdf>

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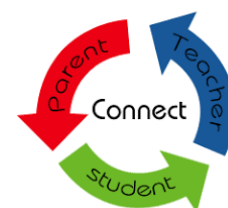


It's time for the Tell Them From Me Student Surveys again and information including opt-out forms were sent home last week. The short annual survey is carried out in class and provides a voice for our Year 4~6 students to guide continuous, informed school improvements. Their feedback plays a vital role in evaluating our school culture, outcomes and future directions. More information can be found at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/ttfm-surveys/student-survey>

Parent-Teacher Interviews

With the last week of term comes our Parent-Teacher Interviews this afternoon and tomorrow. We're hoping all parents will be able to meet with staff to discuss their children's progress and goals and look at some of their quality work samples. If the time slots this week are unsuitable, please contact Mr Randall or Mrs Davis to arrange an alternative time.



Get Better Soon Bailey!

Laura and Lexie came to school Tuesday with the heartbreaking news that Bailey had flicked a sinker into his eye while fishing over the Easter break. It's quite a complicated injury and he's being treated by eye specialists at Westmead Children's Hospital. We sent him our best wishes on a special hug card we made to cheer him up and hope he was able to eat some of the girls' honey bubble crunch. Enjoy the fidget spinner Bailey and hope to see you back with both blue eyes bright and sparkling next term!

ANZAC Service

Families and friends are invited to join us for our ANZAC service which will be held on Friday 4th May. Unfortunately, our grant application for a new flag pole for the front of the office is still being processed so the service will be in the usual spot in front of classrooms. It would be



wonderful if students could represent our school at the local ANZAC service held at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club at 1:45pm Wednesday, April 25th, in the holidays. Please contact Mr Randall if you are interested as we'd love to unfurl our new school banner, donated by our wonderful P&C, and show our deep gratitude to our servicemen and women.



This week, Mr Randall will be relieving Principal again as I take some long service leave to visit my 91-year old Japanese mother-in-law with the family. I'll see you in Week 2 next term and promise to try to find something more popular than green tea Kit Kats to bring back this time! Have a happy and safe holiday everyone!!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)

Vouchers Due Tomorrow!

Our bags are being sent off tomorrow, so if you have any vouchers at home, please don't forget to bring them in.



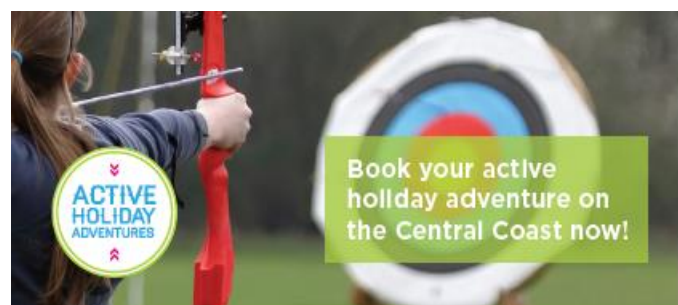
Small Schools Cross Country

The Small Schools Cross Country was held last Friday at Central Mangrove PS as you all know. What a marvellous day to be outside running around. The weather gods shone down on us and all the kids had a fantastic day. It was really pleasing to see all of our students get in and have a go, and have fun at the same time. You should all be very proud of your achievements!

Huge congratulations to Abbey, Jayda, Brooke, Laura, Bianca, Angel-Katlyn and Briony for qualifying to compete in the Brisbane Water PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival at Wyoming PS on Friday 25th of May.

A very big thank you to April and Wendy Batley for being our very supportive cheer squad and photographers on the day. There are lots of great photos being posted on the schools website and Facebook page in the coming days.





OFFICE OF SPORT AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Have an active holiday adventure on the Central Coast with our holiday activities for kids and teens.

Test your reflexes and see if you can hit a bullseye under the guidance of one of our trained instructors at Archery.

Learn to play tennis or improve your technique with our three-day Tennis Clinic, with lunch included each day.

Perhaps Parkour, a non-competitive physical discipline of training helping you move freely over and through any surface or terrain is your style - or you could try one of our Gymnastics Programs, with two days of fundamental movement and skills taught by our accredited coaches.

Surfing is ideal for beginner and intermediate surfers, teaching you all you need to know to tear up the waves. Learn about water safety, rips, currents and reading the waves and get hands-on training in how to mount and dismount, paddle and turn.

Central Coast Region

Archery
17 April - 10:00am to midday
24 April - 10:00am to midday

Tennis
18 - 20 April - 9:00am to 2:00pm
23 - 26 April - 9:00am to 2:00pm
(excluding Anzac Day public holiday)

Parkour
17 April - 2:00pm to 4:00pm
24 April - 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Gymnastics
23 - 24 April - midday to 2:00pm

Surfing
18 - 20 April (Umina Beach) - midday to 1:30pm
18 - 20 April (Avoca Beach) - 3:00pm to 4:30pm
25 - 27 April (Umina Beach) - 3:00pm to 4:30pm
25 - 27 April (Avoca Beach) - 10:00am to 11:30am

