



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

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

22 May
P & C Meeting

25 May
Zone Cross Country

30 - 31 May
Stage 2 - Zoo Snooze

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

It's wonderful to be back and a delight to watch our playground change through the seasons. The huge liquid ambers along the back oval are turning on a magnificent autumn display again and the chooks seem very content in their up-scaled coop. The assets team has finally finished their scope of works but sadly, one of them skittled poor Bluey, our blue-tongue lizard. A micro-bat also got trapped in our hall. I wonder if mum Amanda's potted herb has already met its demise as well?! Congratulations to our P&C for a fabulous Mother's Day stall and President Lauren for wrapping the gifts so prettily. Unfortunately, with a vomiting virus sweeping through our students starting last weekend, many of our mums spent their special day cleaning up messes or in bed themselves! On Thursday last week, we had 8 students absent and of course, all staff are reinforcing hand washing and using tissues.

NAPLAN

Some of our old hands at NAPLAN gave our Year 3s and 5s sound advice before the tests began on Tuesday:

Brooke- It's fun and educational so enjoy it. Do your best!

Jayda- Don't worry about it!

AK- It's fun. Good luck!

Bianca- Don't think about it too much.

Beau- Just get through it.

Christina- Try your best and read the questions carefully.

Isabella- Go to bed early and eat a healthy breakfast so you're ready to do your best.

Interestingly, a quick poll revealed the following.....



My Favourite Test Paper	Votes
Language Conventions (spelling/grammar/punctuation)	II
Writing	I
Reading	I
Mathematics	IIII

...which is great news as the media has been full of reports regarding the unpopularity of Maths lately. After each test, the students relaxed with a Zooper Dooper under the big tree and everyone seemed pleased with their efforts. Well done, all!



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Excellence -
Follow staff
instructions*



An Afternoon with Jules Faber



On Wednesday afternoon, Stage 2 and 3 students travelled to Somersby PS for a workshop with award-winning illustrator Jules Faber. It was a terrific opportunity to meet the creative whizz behind Anh Do's wildly popular WeirDo series and Kaboom Kid. It was interesting listening to the different reviews and reflections in the playground the following morning:

Briony- Jules made lots of funny jokes and it was great how he taught us how to draw.

Hayley- Jules the illustrator was really talented and I got to draw WeirDo.

Christina- It was really interesting drawing WeirDo. Jules made it look so easy. I thought it would be really hard but he taught us lines were the most important thing in the drawing world. When cavemen were alive, they told their friends about their drawings and that's how they told their news.

Abbey- In the middle of the talk, Jules picked Mr Randall to draw a caricature of his face. Everyone laughed. He showed us how to start drawings with simple lines.

Savannah- It looked really weird when he first started drawing Mr Randall. He looked like an egg head!

Beau- It was funny when Ollie said Mr Randall's eyelashes look like a girl but it got blamed on me! Time went really fast because it was so much fun.

AK- Jules showed us how to draw step-by-step and we got to take our picture home. The funniest bit was when he drew Mr Randall's facial hair!

Brooke- What was really good, was that we got to draw with him. We drew the character WeirDo from the books and 3 people concentrated very hard- Jayda, Emma from Central Mangrove PS and Hayden from Somersby. They got to make up a cartoon with Jules and it only took six minutes.

Jayda- At the end of Jules' presentation, the teachers picked a student from each school to help him design a cartoon. I was one of them and I chose 'Running' as the theme. The other kids picked 'The Beach' and 'Fisherman'. It was really funny because he drew a shark with human legs. It was hilarious!

Ollie- I didn't like it that much. He just kept talking and it was boring. I haven't read any WeirDo books yet.

Matteo- I loved the colouring in and drawing. Driving home with Beau's dad was a lot of fun.



Staff Professional Learning

With some of the broadest and most comprehensive reforms to education underway presently, there are many opportunities for staff to engage in professional learning and many are mandatory. Mrs Davis and I will attend a workshop on Monday, introducing the new Literacy and Numeracy progressions which will soon replace the PLAN continuums (or *continua*) for tracking student learning. Mr Randall will attend another in a fortnight. Mrs Davis will also attend a STEM workshop this week, Mrs Riley and I have to complete six hours of on-line training on the new Enterprise Financial Planning Tool and we're all attending a PD/H/PE workshop on Tuesday afternoon and a Small Schools Network meeting at Kulnura PS on Wednesday afternoon. Every student is entitled to an excellent education guided by dedicated, well trained and well supported teachers and I'm very proud of our small staff at Peats and their commitment to maximising your children's future opportunities and lifelong learning.



New Things

Students were excited to see a pile of boxes in the foyer last week, full of new tennis equipment, funded by the Sporting Schools program. I'd like to thank Hastings' and Calloway's generous grandmother for donating a fabulous play kitchen for P1 to enjoy and a few more furniture pieces have been ordered for P1 and P2 to make their transformation into *flexible learning spaces* complete. I also met our lovely new Director of

Educational Leadership, Roslyn McCallan-Jamieson, who now leads our new school network 'Mooney Mooney' (includes the other small mountain schools). We've started to revamp the school foyer to make it brighter and more welcoming and also welcome any suggestions you might have for other improvements around our school.

Get rid of that bug everyone!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)







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Gosford Unit Community Open Day

Come meet your local volunteers

Saturday May 26

10am - 2pm

A free, fun family event with free BBQ

Walk through the unit, check out the vehicles, boats and equipment used in emergency situations. Get hands on with interactive displays, children's activities and get a photo with Paddy the Platypus!

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