



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

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

6 June

Central Coast Mariners visit

8 June

Pyjama Day Fundraiser
No Assembly

13 June

Mariners Visit

18-20 June

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

22 June

Sydney North Cross Country
No Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

As we sort through all the photos, trophies, awards and plaques found in the foyer, office, library and strongroom, it's wonderful to reflect on the long and strong history of our school and the colourful characters in its past. Many of the mountain's pioneering families are represented – the FitzSimons, Innes and Kemps in particular – and this week, I wrote a letter of thanks to Mr John Innes for his very generous donation of \$2500 to the school and included some photos of the past and present. Each year at our Presentation Evening, the Rowland-Innes Prize is awarded to a student who has excelled in Science and I believe he and his forebears would be delighted to see our students working on their new Chromebook laptops and STEM activities in our bright, refurbished classrooms. We hope to finish re-organising the foyer display cabinet this week and Fantasea aquariums have begun designing a new cabinet for our fishtank to fit underneath. Special thanks to Mrs Riley in the office, Mr Pugh our General Assistant and Donna our cleaner for the extra time and effort they've put in to get things looking spick and span since the assets team left.

Visitors – Good and Bad!

Last Monday, 2 Japanese teachers studying at Sydney University, Rumiko-sensei and Miyako-sensei observed our classes in action as a requirement of their course. They were extremely impressed by our students' ease with technology and Matteo demonstrated how to log in using a QR code. On Tuesday, a very confused dirt bike rider trespassed onto our school grounds making a lot of noise and as a precaution, we gathered all students in the library in a *lockdown* until the police had him apprehended near Kulnura. Like all schools, we rehearse and evaluate emergency procedures each term so there were no surprises. Staff from Kariong Mountains HS visited Year 6 again as part of their ongoing transition program and I visited Somersby PS to welcome home the Stage 2 Zoo Snoozers. They had a fabulous time and Mrs Davis didn't look *too* sleep deprived!

CC MarinersACTIVE Schools Clinic

This Wednesday, next and in Week 9, MarinersACTIVE schools program will be visiting Peats. It's a free, fun and dynamic program headed by an experienced community coaching team. Students improve their skills and have fun with their classmates in the fun, inflatable pitch.



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

Respect -
*Speak kindly to
each other*

Program benefits include:

- Maximum fun
- No Cost
- Maximum participation
- A participant pack for each child involved

Read more about it here: [https://www.ccmariners.com.au/newcastle-permanent-marinersactive-schools-program](https://www.ccm Mariners.com.au/newcastle-permanent-marinersactive-schools-program)

Pyjama Day Fundraiser

2GO's Give Me 5 for Kids is back for 2018 and the Central Coast Local Health District once again will be the major beneficiary. Our Year 6 Leaders chose it as the major fundraising event this term. For a gold coin donation (or more!), students are invited to wear their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns to school on Friday. The canteen will also be open for meat pie and sausage roll orders and we're going to make our own lemonade and gummi bears with fruit harvested from our garden. We'll help raise much needed funds for equipment and services which will go directly to the care of children on the Central Coast. 100% of the funds donated will help care for children across the Coast. Read more about this terrific initiative at: <https://www.2gofm.com.au/give-me-5-for-kids/back-for-2018>



Harvest Festival



Last night, I was pleasantly surprised to see our school feature briefly on Ch 7 Sydney Weekender promoting the Harvest Festival over this long weekend. There was footage of a performer on stage in our hall from last year. Although we're not a venue this time, our lovely CWA ladies met in the hall this morning to finalise organisation for their Devonshire Tea stall at the Union Church hall- something I can highly recommend! There's lots happening all over the mountain and I hope to see you there. <https://www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/discover-wyong-shire/harvest-festival-central-coast>

Remember to get your PJs and coins ready for Friday!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)

Zoo Snooze Wrap Up

What a fantastic two days Stage 2 had exploring Sydney on both sides of the harbour - walking along the foreshore of Circular Quay and also in the National Park near Mosman down towards Bradleys Head. Afterwards, we began our amazing encounters with Vivid and the animals at Taronga Zoo, including a behind-the-scenes look at the Sumatran tigers and the koalas. We got to meet a long-necked turtle, spotted python, a rescued possum and the Tasmanian devils. Our students were fantastic and enjoyed the opportunity to meet other students from Somersby, Kulnura and Central Mangrove.

Some anecdotes from the students about our experiences:

Christina: The most interesting part of our experience at Taronga Zoo was when I went to the Tiger Trek.

Beau: The most interesting fact I learnt at the Zoo was that baby koalas eat their mums' poo.

Ollie: I loved going to The Rocks Discovery Museum. It was cool to see all the interesting old things.

Matteo: I liked seeing the monkeys. It was funny when he was scratching his bum.

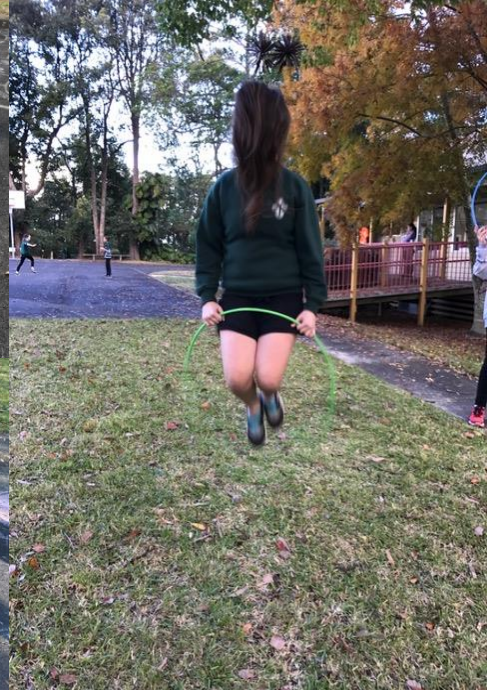
Isabella: When I was sitting down to eat lunch with my friends at the Opera House, a bird came up to my bag and took my lunch. Mrs Davis had to chase the bird to get it back!

Zoe: I thought it was funny when the bird took Isabella's lunch!

Abbey: I liked when we went to The Rocks Discovery Museum and we got to see lots of old things like what they used to eat food off.



Amii Davis - Organiser





We're holding the *CUA School Walkathon* as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **Friday 6th July**. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise **\$5000** for **Brain Cancer Research and STEM Resources for our school**.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. Once you have the form, jump online at schoolfundraising.com.au and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

The *CUA School Walkathon* is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while being healthy, all while helping the school raise funds.

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down on the day.

If you have any questions about the Walkathon please contact Mr Randall.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!