



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

DIARY DATES

TERM 2

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

12 June
Bookmobile

13 June
Mariners Visit
ICAS Spelling

14 June
ICAS Writing

18-20 June
Stage 3 Canberra
Excursion

22 June
Sydney North Cross
Country

Dear students and families,

No doubt it was a busy weekend on the mountain with the Harvest Festival and I hope everyone had a great long weekend. Our school wasn't open as venue this year, but I kindly ask that community members keep an eye on our grounds whenever you drive past as there have been break-ins at two other neighbouring schools recently. I met a few more old-timers last week: Donna Hobday, a new CWA member and Jessa Levy popped in to show off her *alma mater* (former school) to a friend. Jessa attended Peats with her brother John in the 1990s and was thrilled to bump into her old classmate Tarryn, Hastings' and Calloway's mum. Donna had all four of her children attend Peats and Mr Randall commented that each one was an outstanding school citizen. Special congratulations to our CWA for winning first place for the Agricultural & Environmental Branch Report Award, based on their wonderful community support and our school in particular.

Stage 3 GRIP Leadership Day

Last Monday, Stage 3 attended the annual GRIP leadership Day at CC Leagues Club with the other small mountain schools. GRIP is an independent organization that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students. A successful grant application covered the cost of the bus and Year 6 registration and our P&C subsidised Year 5.

More about the primary School program can be found at:
<http://www.gripleadership.com.au/content/primary-program/gigbk8>

Savannah- I really loved going to GRIP. It taught me a lot about leadership and it was FUN!!

Hayley- The GRIP leadership day was a great way to learn how to be a good leader. It was great fun and I think I learnt a lot.

Makayla- It was great fun and I think I learnt a lot about being a good leader.

Briony- The GRIP leadership day was really fun and lots of funny things happened. I really enjoyed the day.

Laura- The GRIP leadership day was a great experience. My favourite part was playing games and learning at the same time.

Brooke- I learnt to lead like a strawberry- that means to be the same inside and out.

Bianca- I learnt that as a leader I am not going to lead like a watermelon and be a strawberry instead.

Angel-Katlyn- I learned that a good leader leads like a strawberry.

Jayda- I learnt about being a TRANSFORMER as a leader.

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

***Excellence -
Return sporting
equipment when
finished***



Girls' Club



On Tuesday, our lovely new School Counsellor, Ms Varley, held the first 'Girls' Club' - a small social skills group for Year 5 and 6 girls based on the PD/H/PE syllabus. This is what the girls had to say afterwards:

Hayley- Ms Varley is really nice and it was fun. We called our group, *Intelligent Kids*. We made name tags and had to think about as many feelings as we could.

Savannah- My favourite bit was the robot activity where we had to write about emotions.

Laura- I liked that we got to work with partners.

Briony- I liked adding emotions to the robots and drawing them on their faces.

Bianca- I liked learning about our emotions.

AK- It was interesting to learn about feelings, especially when you're left out.

Jayda- We had to decide if we were an explosion or a bottle when it came to feelings and I'm a bit of both.

Brooke- I liked learning about all the different emotions. I'm an exploder!

Makayla- It was really good because I learned about my feelings and how to cope.

It will be held twice a term for an hour and cover topics such as: recognizing and managing feelings, problem solving and friendships. Its purpose is to equip our older students with positive coping skills and resilience to navigate setbacks and transition successfully to high school. Ms Varley is also delivering the same program to other small mountain schools. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mariners' Soccer Clinics



Wednesday, we had our first of three Mariners' Soccer Clinics and even though it rained, everyone still had a great time in the hall- we're so lucky to have it! Our littlies were very excited to tell me all about it:

Noah- It was SICK! All of us had a good time.

Bailey- I LOVE soccer so it was great fun.

Lexie- I loved EVERYTHING!

Hastings- The start was quite boring but the end was fun when we were all playing.

Brax- I loved the last bit playing real soccer and I scored a goal!

Hunter- I scored two goals and the coaches were really good.

Kade- Our team scored 13 goals!

EduTECH 2018



Mr Randall was in heaven all day Thursday at the huge EduTECH congress at Darling Harbour, gaining the latest information on digital technologies and getting hands-on experience with 3D printers, robotics, drones, augmented and virtual reality and interactive touch screens and tables. It's an annual event where the entire education and training sector gather together to learn, debate, exchange ideas and be inspired by the very latest in education thought leadership. Next year, we're looking into Stage 3 attending as a STEM excursion.

To gain some idea of the scale and variety of exhibitors at the expo please visit- <http://www.edutech.net.au/2018-Floorplan.stm>

Pyjama Day Fundraiser

On Friday, we came to school rugged up in our jim-jams, dressing gowns, slippers and ugg boots to support 2GO's Give Me 5 for Kids. Our gold coin donations raised \$45 for Central Coast Health equipment and services which will go directly to the care of local children. It was a perfect winter's day to enjoy a hot pie and sausage roll from the canteen and our home-made lemonade was delicious. In Terms 2 and 3 we plan to continue *Meat Pie Fridays* as a school fundraiser.



Finally, I'd like to send our best wishes to Bailey and his family as he prepares for his eye operation next Thursday. His lens will be removed and cleaned, then after it has healed, he'll be ready for a follow-up op on his retina. Big hug from all of us, Bailey.

Stay warm and cosy everyone!
Principal (rel)

Ms Austin



