



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2

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

#### 18-20 June

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

#### 21 June

Kids in the Kitchen

#### 22 June

Sydney North Cross Country

**No Assembly**

#### 26 & 28 June

Kids in the Kitchen

#### 29 June

PBL Privilege Day  
Lemonade & Gummi Bears  
Pie & Sausage Roll Day

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

Mr Randall and our excited Year 5 and 6s departed early this morning for Canberra with the other seniors from Kulnura, Somersby and Central Mangrove. I hope they've packed lots of warm clothes! We'll keep updating their travelogue on our school Facebook site for you to follow.

The chooks have had an exciting time too lately. Hastings and Calloway's mum Tarryn, kindly gave us a new hen and we're thinking of a suitable name for her.

Mr Pugh was surprised to see two bush turkeys roosting on top of the coop last week (the first he's seen on our grounds) and he was shocked to find a cat inside it Friday morning. Luckily, Pete the rooster defended himself and his girls well and the stressed out cat was relieved to be shown the door!



### Grant Succe\$\$

I'm happy to say we've had some success with grant writing lately. The National Science Week selection committee has awarded us \$400 for Science activities and the Department of Veteran Affairs awarded us a Community Commemorative grant for \$1500 to erect a new flagpole. The rusted top of our old one collapsed last year and we're planning to relocate the flagpole from next to the playground equipment to the garden in front of the office and make it a special feature.

After the popularity of the three Mariners' soccer clinics this term, Mr Randall also had a Sporting Schools grant approved for it to continue into Term 3. More good news is that he's been selected as an Invictus Games volunteer and there may be an opportunity for our senior students to visit as spectators. *Invictus* is Latin for 'unconquered' and the games promote the importance of sport in the rehabilitation journey of wounded war veterans.



The Sydney Games 20~27 Oct will see over 500 competitors from 18 nations compete in 11 adaptive sports:

<https://www.invictusgames2018.org/the-games/the-story/>

Other *irons in the fire* are a Life Education 'Growing Good Gardens' grant and the big one, a \$30,000 NSW Community Building Partnerships grant for a new school entrance and oven. Special thanks to our hard-working P&C President Lauren and Mrs Riley in the office for spending hours working on the paperwork with me. Fingers-crossed!

## PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

**Responsibility -**  
*Keep belongings  
clean and  
tidy*

### Small Schools' Soccer Knockout

Our two school leaders, Brooke and Jayda, were selected to participate in the PSSA Football Gala Day on Friday. Brooke wrote this quick report while waiting for the bus that afternoon:

*"We were a little bit late to Bloodtree Oval but we made it in time for training before the game. Jayda and I changed into the uniform and played with the Small Mountain Schools' team, made up of players from Kulnura, Central Mangrove and Somersby PS. We were the only girls! Even though we had some really strong and fit players (who'd even qualified for state!), we lost 1:4 to Kariong PS. It was really FUN! On the way home, Jayda's mum Amanda, shouted us a milkshake and hot chips and she's a really good driver. Thanks Amanda!"*

We're proud of you Brooke and Jayda!

### Workplace Health and Safety and Upcoming Audit

The Workplace Health and Safety consultant visited us on Friday to check and upgrade our systems and practices to ensure we're all set for the NSW Audit Office's visit in Week 10. We realise some of the changes and expectations seem onerous for our parents/carers/visitors (and staff!) but it's very important we comply with the Department and the law in regards to finance, staffing, attendance, well-being, WHS, performance, asset management etc. Just like any other sector, our school is accountable for its use of public funds - your taxes!

### Pre-school → Kindy Transition for 2019

Mrs Davis has finalised our Kindy Transition program and will start visiting our neighbouring preschools soon. From Term 3, you'll notice many of our special school events will be open to preschool visitors and at any time we welcome new families to pop in for a look and personal tour. A flyer will be ready soon to pass on to any prospective families you may know.

Mrs Davis and I attended the Central Coast's Women in Educational Leadership dinner last Wednesday evening and TV personality and social commentator Jane Caro was the guest speaker. Her passion for public education was inspiring. On Thursday night, I attended a Country Fair meeting and preparations are underway for this year's art display, student performance and stall. We've put up our hand for flowers and second-hand books again, so please send any in



and let us know of any flower grower contacts who may be willing to support us.

Thanks Lauren for another delicious, hot canteen lunch - everyone was licking their sticky chicken fingers! We made some more home-made lemonade on Friday and it was delicious - so much better and healthier than shop-bought! Quite a few P1 students have been keeping the tooth fairy busy lately too and I love watching our *toothless terrors* at play. I'm glad Noah's foot is healing well and he's off his crutches. It's always wonderful to catch up with ex-students and Hunter's lovely older brother and sister were special guests at our assembly on Friday, along with Brax's cute little brother Hudson.

Do you have your villain or super hero outfit organised yet for our

Walkathon fundraiser on the last day of term? Year 3~6s, remember our Spelling Bee is the day before - just 3 weeks to go!

Try not to miss the Year 5 and 6s too much this week!

*Ms Austin* Principal (rel)









