



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2

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

**26 June**

Kids in the Kitchen

**27 June**

Mariners Visit

**28 June**

Kids in the Kitchen

**29 June**

PBL Privilege Day  
Lemonade & Gummi Bears  
Pie & Sausage Roll Day  
No Assembly

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

Some very tired but happy Stage 3 students stepped off the coach last Wednesday evening and it was wonderful to welcome them home (did I see some tears?!). Mr Randall reported that their behaviour was exemplary and he raved about the accommodation and meals. It's such a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to make friends with others from Kulnura, Somersby and Central Mangrove in preparation for high school.

### Foyer: History on Display

You'll notice some big changes in the foyer when you visit next. All the plaques have been polished by our cleaner, Donna, and our GA, Mr Pugh, has hung them along the top of the wall so they sparkle in the light. The trophies and photo frames in the cabinet have been refreshed as well, and if you have time, please read the school history along the back. Last Friday, I received a lovely email from Mr John Innes, a former student from the 1930s and generous benefactor of the annual Innes-Rowland Prize for Science. It really made my week and I hope you enjoy reading it too. All the school photo albums since 1990 have been reorganised for display and we found some absolute gems while cleaning out the strong room: a beautiful school banner, now proudly hanging in the hallway, and two *Media Report* albums full of exquisite illustrations and fascinating tidbits. Hastings and Calloway's mum and grandma are helping me piece together some intriguing loose ends and sadly, it seems the honour board and Wollemi pine were both lost in the 2006 fire. The 1991 time capsule, however, should still be buried under the floor of the mud brick hut and we're looking into its retrieval and perhaps opening in 2021.

### Workplace Health and Safety and Upcoming Audit

Haylee, the Workplace Health and Safety consultant visited us again today to ensure we're all set for the NSW Audit Office's visit in Week 10. The audit is taken on the following modules:

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| * Journals   | * Student Attendance       |
| * Receipting and Banking   | * Child Protection         |
| * Procurement and Payments   | * WH&S                     |
| * Budgeting and Financial Position   | * Assets and Equipment     |
| * Leave and Establishment  | * Previous Audit Findings  |
| ...and it's a huge job for Mrs Riley to have everything up-to-date and ready in preparation: |                            |
| * Journals supporting records  | * Equipment Loans Register |

## PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

**Respect -**  
*Move quietly  
during  
transitions*

- \* Working with Children check declaration forms
- \* Record of quotations where applicable
- \* Copy of current year school funding allocation
- \* Equipment stocktake reports and working papers
- \* WHS Folder of Evidence
- \* 2017/18 Staff leave register
- \* Current year school budget
- \* EBS4 cash desk management reports
- \* Student Attendance records
- \* Staff Training records

With our School Administration Manager (SAM) hours reduced last term, it's amazing how much she manages to get done on a 5 day/fortnight and I thank her for all the extra time I know she's putting in after hours and at home.

### 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.

I had a delightful diversion on the way home from work last Thursday when I called in to see Bailey, Lexie & Laura's family business, Royale Orchids. The orchid displays were magnificent in preparation for their open weekend and I was fortunate enough to meet their amazing grandmother, Alice.



Thanks Lauren for another delicious canteen lunch! Last week, we enjoyed macaroni cheese with chicken and bacon - everyone's favourite. Staff also enjoyed a delicious pot of steaming hot soup on Tuesday thanks to Lauren's generous pumpkin presents and Mrs

Davis' fabulous cooking skills. We'll concoct some more home-made lemonade on

Friday and have a go at making gummi bears using our own citrus fruit, Peats Ridge honey, gelatine and special moulds.

Keep practising your Spelling Bee words Year 3~6 and start organising your villain or super hero outfit for our Walkathon fundraiser on the last day of term - just 2 weeks to go!

Hope to see you at our P&C meeting next Monday afternoon,

*Ms Austin* Principal (rel)

### Email recently received from Mr John Innes:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of May 29<sup>th</sup> last. It was kind of you to take some time out from your teaching duties.

I took a long look at the photo you included which pictured myself as a barefoot boy seemingly happy with his lot in life, notwithstanding that Australia was in the middle of World War 2. Apart from wondering what kind of future my other classroom colleagues may have enjoyed, I could not help but reflect on how lucky we all were to have received our initial education in a one teacher 'bush school'. To say the least, it was character building and instrumental in shaping the rest of our lives.

As a child I had a very pronounced stammer. My teacher at the time, no doubt in the hope of finding a cure, used to make me 'sing' long sum additions out loud. Whilst it didn't fix my impediment it helped to develop in me a fierce determination to do well in mathematics – a determination which I carried through high school in Gosford and then at Sydney University where I studied engineering.

The hardest battle I have ever fought in my life was trying to overcome that stammer, but I eventually managed to do so – to the point that only a few close friends would ever know the problem existed.

I mention all this because my main purpose in establishing the Innes-Rowland prize was to encourage young people to work hard and face up to the challenges which inevitably are going to confront them. Life has much to offer but it requires discipline and a desire to aspire to a sound education – and in these times of rapidly changing technology part of that education should include the building of a solid base in maths and science.





Gordon Rowland owned the farm next to ours. He was a bachelor and he took a great interest in matters which as a child I knew little about. Things like politics and the need to set high goals. My family was quite poor and when I needed a guarantor for my University Scholarship in Mining Engineering, Gordon didn't hesitate to put himself forward. I owe a great deal to his generosity and good counsel.

I am now 82 years old and life has been very kind to me. It has given me a wonderful wife and family, as well as an incredibly challenging and rewarding career in the minerals industry, across Australia and worldwide.

This said, I never forget those early years at Peats Ridge and I do sincerely hope that in some small way I can help a few others at your school go on to carve out great careers for themselves.

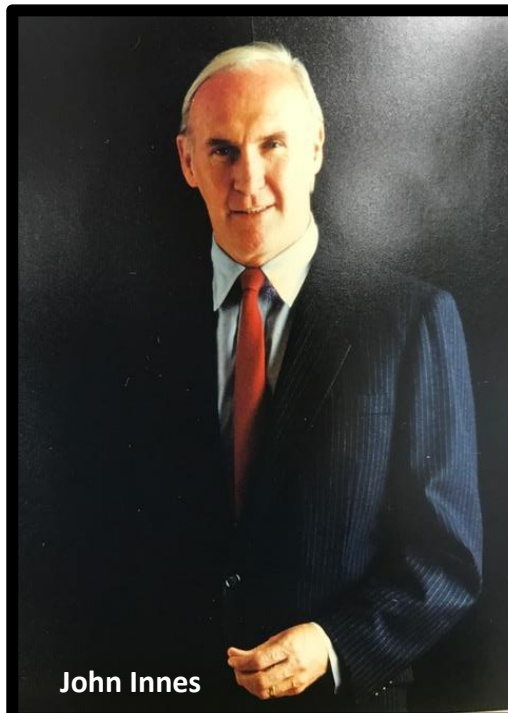
You mention Wyong Creek. I would think it quite possible that my father, who came out to Australia from Scotland as a young man and did things the hard way clearing his land by hand, may well have known past members of your own family.

Hopefully one day we may meet up. Meanwhile I wish you and your school all the very best for the future.

Regards,

John

PS. The weather here in Melbourne has been very cold and I think we are in for a long hard winter. Maybe I should go back and spend some more time in the Pilbara, WA's iron ore country, where it never gets cold



John Innes



Peats Ridge Public School – 1940

Back row – left to right – Richard Holme, Bruce Sinclair, Leslie Norris, Jean Innes, Sylvia Gallard, Colin Holme  
Front row – Max Davidson, Alex Innes, John Innes, Clem Gallard, Isobel Ross, Kevin Innes



# PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June**



Sausage Roll + Drink - \$4.00

Meat Pie + Drink - \$5.00

Potato Pie + Drink - \$5.00



Please place orders in the cash box in the office foyer.

**Thank you**



# CANTEEN NEWSFLASH

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**CANTEEN PRE-ORDER**



Please place your order in the office lock box by Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July if your child is having a cupcake next Wednesday.

This is to further assist our parent helpers and to minimise food wastage.

**Cupcake - \$1.00**

**Thank you**