



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 10 Term 2

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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

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

2 July
Tennis

3 July
Kids in the Kitchen

5 July
Spelling Bee
Kids in the Kitchen

6 July
Assembly
Reports go home
Walkathan

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and families,

With the passing of the winter solstice, the end of Term 2 and Semester 1 has arrived and looking back, I can't believe what we've managed to squeeze into half a year. Thank you to our community members and parent helpers and drivers for making it all happen. Building on this vital partnership just makes our super little school even stronger!

2018 so far...

It all began with our 2018 Welcome BBQ and Information Night, followed by Clean Up Australia Day, CommBank's Start Smart financial literacy workshop, special guest Liz Jasolski giving our Harmony Day a special Polish focus, our combined Easter service, parade, raffle and egg hunt, ANZAC service, visits by guest bee keeper Mr Guy Challis, Life Education and the Rural Fire Service, our annual Mother's Day craft, BBQ lunch and stall, Anh Doh's illustrator workshop at Somersby PS, Pyjama Day, video conferences on mini-beasts, sustainability, NSW parliament, biosecurity and Reconciliation Week, NAPLAN for our Year 3s and 5s, ICAS tests for our GATS students, Stage 3's GRIP Leadership day and the long-awaited arrival of new furniture for P2. Whew!

In Sport, Floorball was a big hit (pun intended!) in Term 1, and Mark improved everyone's tennis skills with the Hot Shots program in Term 2. The three Mariners' clinics were so popular, their ACTIVE program will kick sport off in Term 3 (pun intended again). Combined with the other Small Schools, we held our Swimming and Cross Country carnivals and Soccer Knock Out. These days are always great fun.

Staff have been particularly busy with professional learning focussed on Quality Teaching Rounds, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), Maths in STEM and the new Learning Progressions replacing PLAN. Mr Randall also attended the Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Conference, InteractED at Newcastle University, a PD/H/PE workshop and EduTECH at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. Mrs Davis also attended an Early Childhood Network meeting and STEM workshop and Mrs Riley has been on a steep learning curve with me, sitting through many hours of Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) and enterprise Financial Planning Tool (eFPT) training- as fascinating as it sounds! Two lovely Japanese teachers from Sydney University visited for lesson observations and our new Mooney Mooney Director, Ros McCallan-Jamieson was likewise greatly



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

***Excellence -
Complete tasks
to
high quality***

impressed when she popped in. We also welcomed a new School Counsellor, Ms Leah Varley, who's created a Senior Girls' Club. KMHS' Transition Team has already made two visits with Year 6 and Mrs Davis' 2019 Kinder Start Program is underway.

For our Term 1 PBL Privilege Day we made delicious honey bubble crunch, and for Term 2, yummy little gummi bears. We're becoming expert at making home-made orange and lemonade and our Year 6 leaders are doing a fantastic job at running Kids in the Kitchen each week. Meat Pie Fridays have been another fundraising success (though sausage rolls are far more popular) and our P&C President Lauren has spoilt us with lasagne, sticky chicken and mac cheese hot canteen lunches.



We've hosted regular meetings by our P&C and Country Women's Association (CWA) and attended meetings for the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and Country Fair. Munen Muso continues to train in the hall and the CC Council Book Mobile visits fortnightly. We've applied for quite a few grants and have been successful for two so far- \$400 towards Science Week activities and \$1500 for a new flagpole.

Of course, the BIG events have been the Small Schools' Stage 2 Zoo Snooze excursion, Stage 3's Canberra trip and infrastructure upgrades by the assets team. Upcoming, is our performance in 'The Amazing Race' at Wyong's Arthouse and leads, Brooke and Jayda, attended a drama workshop with the others from Kulnura, Central Mangrove, Somersby, Jilliby and Wyong Creek. Get ready for big things in Term 3!!

PBL Privilege Day

On Friday, everyone earned the PBL privilege to join in making home-made orange-ade and sour gummi bears using our own citrus fruit, Peats Ridge honey, gelatine and special moulds. We're slowly building up a store of kitchen utensils for cooking lessons eg juicers, whisks, jugs, bowls, cutting boards, and plan to make more healthy treats in the future, particularly when our kitchen garden starts producing.



'Share Our Space' Grant

As part of the Community Use of School Facilities Policy, School Infrastructure NSW is rolling out the *Share Our Space* program to open school playgrounds, ovals and sports courts for general use over the next three school holiday periods. This is an opportunity to provide the local community with more access to play areas and green space that would otherwise be closed over the upcoming winter, spring and summer breaks. Funding for the program will include daily cleaners, a full-time security guard at each participating school and a bursary of \$5,000 for school use. The roll out will be limited to 120 schools and we have registered interest for Peats to take part. An Assets Services Officer visited today to evaluate our site suitability and discuss signage, vehicle access and parking, bunting, advertising, pedestrian safety, bin collection and lawn mowing. Read more about the program at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/media-releases/opening-up-ovals-and-playgrounds-for-community-use-as-part-of-\\$290-million-package](https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/media-releases/opening-up-ovals-and-playgrounds-for-community-use-as-part-of-$290-million-package)

Spelling Bee Invitation Thursday

Parents and community members are invited to join P1 in the hall audience Thursday to cheer on Stage 2 and 3 at our annual Premier's Spelling Bee. Students have been revising their word lists for weeks and the final rounds are always nail-biters! Peats has also been selected to host the regional final in Week 7 or 8 next term- another opportunity to show off our wonderful facilities. If you consider yourself an expert speller and ever wondered how you'd fare in the senior competition, please have a look at last year's video:

<https://www.smh.com.au/video/video-news/video-nsw-news/could-you-have-won-the-nsw-premiers-spelling-bee-20171108-4ztxw.html>



Good luck everyone!

Walkathon Picnic Lunch Invitation Friday

Please join us from 11:30am on Friday for our Walkathon fundraiser, family picnic lunch and end-of-term Peats Pride assembly. The theme is 'Villains and Super Heroes' and everyone is invited to join in the fun and fitness. A chill-out tent will be



available as a rest area, serving oranges and lemonade to recharge your batteries. Keep collecting sponsors and make sure you wear comfortable footwear.

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.



Our hardworking GA, Mr Pugh, has been toiling through a long list of jobs lately, but locating the 1991 time capsule stumped him. Upon closer inspection inside the old Mud Hut, it became apparent that at some point the floor was cemented over and it'll take a jackhammer in 2021 to dig it up! On the bright side, we've added cleaning out and repairing the Mud Hut to his list as it's a great space (sorry Chris!).

Enjoy a wonderful winter break with your family and friends,

Ms Austin Principal (rel)



CANTEEN NEWSFLASH



Wednesday, 4th July

CANTEEN PRE-ORDER



Please place your order in the office lock box if your child is having a cupcake or hot milo on Wednesday.

This is to further assist our parent helpers and to minimise food wastage. Cupcakes will also be available to purchase on the day.

Cupcakes - \$1.00 Hot Milo - \$1.00

Thank you



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Evolving Wetlands – Dinosaur Exhibition

Hunter Wetlands Centre brings the past to life with Evolving Wetlands, an interactive exhibition showcasing a unique collection of dinosaur fossils and replicas.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 9.30am to 1.30pm daily. Young dino fans can also try Dinocraft, go Dino spotting and check out our resident reptiles.

Special dinosaur-themed meals available at the wetlands café.

More details at: www.wetlands.org.au

Entry: **adults \$8; children (3 to 12 years): \$5**
(incl entry to exhibition & Wetlands); under 3 free



DinoDay Tours

Dinosaur fans aged 7-12 years book in for:

- Exhibition tour and talk with palaeontology expert
- Dinocraft
- Dino Dung (seed bombs to take home) making
- Dino Spotting on a guided tour
- Reptile Encounter

When: **Wednesday 11th, Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th July**

Time: **9.30am – 12.30pm**

Cost: **\$20 per child**

Booking essential

Book online:

wetlands.org.au/dino-day-tours/

or phone the Hunter Wetlands Centre:

4951 6466




BaRK

for reluctant readers

Dogs are great listeners!

This eight-week program provides an innovative approach to help primary school children practice reading aloud on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog from the Delta Society.

The 15 minutes sessions help to remove stress and peer pressure by creating an environment of unconditional acceptance and emotional support to make reading fun.

As spaces are limited, families must commit to the full eight week program.

Call 4304 7641 or 4304 7337 for further details and bookings.



Bateau Bay | Erina | Gosford | Karing | Kincumber | Lake Haven
Tuggerah | The Entrance | Toukley | Umina | Woy Woy
centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/jointhelibrary



say cheese

School Photo Day is

30 July 2018

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Check out our trolley bag fundraiser!
Orders due back at school by Wednesday, 25th July.



TROLLEY BAGS FUNDRAISING

NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS

All major supermarket chains are phasing out the single-use plastic bags. So there has never been a better time to find a reusable system that works for you.



TROLLEY BAGS ARE A SYSTEM OF 4 BAGS THAT CAN HELP YOU PACK YOUR SHOPPING IN HALF THE TIME AT THE SUPERMARKET CHECKOUT.

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STUDENT ORDER FORM

School Name:	
Student Name:	
Student Class:	

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
 1 x TROLLEY BAGS ORIGINAL	 1 x TROLLEY BAGS BUNDLE ORIGINAL + COOL BAG	 1 x TROLLEY BAGS EXPRESS
\$30	\$40	\$30
ORDER CITY	ORDER CITY	ORDER CITY
TOTAL OF EACH OPTION	TOTAL OF EACH OPTION	TOTAL OF EACH OPTION
TOTAL OF ORDER		

Please place any orders with money into the cash box in the office foyer by 25th July.

