



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 2 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

Every Monday: Newsletter
Every Tuesday: Scripture
Every Wednesday: Sport

31 July

Woolworths Excursion
Interrelate Evening

1st August

Amazing Race Tickets
on sale

3rd August

NAIDOC Day
No Assembly

6th August

Education Week Open
Day and Athletics

7th August

Public Speaking
Competition

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

I'm so proud of the way everyone has settled into Term 3 and the great teaching and learning I'm witnessing in the classrooms each day. Our new uniforms looked fabulous in the school photos this morning. Noah is looking very cool in his brand new specs and Bailey's two eye operations over the holidays went well, with his next check-up in eight weeks. We're all hoping for the best and siblings Laura and Lexie are enjoying a rest from doctors and hospitals. The P1 boys' crew were certainly happy to see him back at school!

Did anyone wake up 5am Saturday to see the longest lunar eclipse of the 21st century and the spectacular blood moon? The Earth's shadow covered the surface of the moon for 1 hour and 42 minutes (just 3 min short of the maximum). Mars was also at its brightest in 15 years, just up to the left of the moon. If you missed this rare astronomical phenomenon, have a look online:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2018-07-27/longest-lunar-eclipse-to-shine-bright-red-in-australian-sky/9959326>

Staff Development Day



We couldn't have wished for better weather last Monday for our Small Schools' Staff Development Day outing to Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre at Mougamarra Nature Reserve, Cowan. Everyone heartily agreed that warming ourselves around the campfire early morning, sampling home-made damper with native jams, was far better than meeting up in any staffroom. We joined teachers and ancillary staff from Jilliby, Somersby, Kulnura and Central Mangrove on a fascinating day expanding our cultural awareness around the Aboriginal education policy, geographical enquiry, bush tucker and resources and hiked to some amazing engraving sites and lookouts.

We were privileged to gain access as the reserve is closed to the public most of the year to protect sensitive natural and cultural heritage values. This year, the reserve is open from Saturday, 11th August 9am~4:30pm for six weekends to experience the extraordinary display of vibrant colours during the spring wildflower season. If you're interested, please visit:

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/mougamarra-nature-reserve/visitor-info#Best-times-to-visit>



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

Responsibility -
*Wear your full
school uniform
with pride*



Mariners' Soccer Clinics

For Sport this term, we're lucky to have the Mariners' Active Schools Program and community coaching team visit every Wednesday. Please wear your sports uniform on Wednesdays and make sure you have your hat and water bottle. Our School Leaders, Jayda and Brooke were devastated to learn they'd missed the first session. They had to attend a drama workshop for *The Amazing Race* instead. Sorry girls!

The Amazing Race – Tickets on Sale Soon!

Brooke and Jayda have a lot of lines to memorise in their lead roles and students have begun rehearsing their two dances from Japan and Hawaii. Each of the six small schools will perform items representing different destinations around the world. It's guaranteed to be highly entertaining and please see the flyer in this newsletter re matinee and evening ticket sales and performance times at Wyong's Arthouse theatre on Thursday, 6th September. A combined schools' rehearsal date has been set for Week 4 Wednesday, 15th August, at Somersby PS. A note will be sent home soon with details.

'Interrelate' for Years 3~6

Tomorrow evening, we're hosting *Interrelate* in our hall for all mountain school students Years 3~6. It's not too late to bring the note and money in if you'd like to attend. Even students who have already been told about *the birds and the bees* can



greatly benefit from the highly trained and skilled educators who have been teaching sexuality and relationship education to young people and their parents for over 90 years. *Interrelate* has a reputation for non-discriminatory and open teaching on sensitive issues including sexuality, gender identity, bullying awareness and respectful relationships. Stage 2/3 students will learn about body parts and their functions, reproduction, pregnancy and birth. Following, Stage 3 students (and Stage 2 students with parental permission) will develop their understanding of physical developments at puberty, and learn strategies for managing these changes. We're organising a BBQ beforehand and I highly recommend participation by our older students. To read more detailed descriptions of each program, please visit:

<https://www.interrelate.org.au/programs-services/schools>

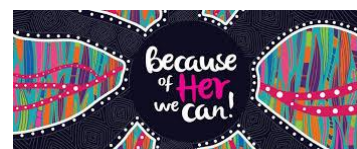


Thanks Rural Fire Service!

Weather permitting, our local Rural Fire Service will visit one afternoon this week to burn off the green waste piled high on the back oval. This will save the school a considerable sum and it'll be wonderful to have the oval back in action for our NAIDOC activities and Athletics Carnival.

Mountain Schools' NAIDOC Celebration

Talara Freeman, the Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer, popped by last Wednesday to finalise arrangements for the Mountain Schools' NAIDOC celebrations this Friday. Students from Somersby, Kulnura and Central Mangrove PS will be bussed to Peats for the day and split into Infants and



Primary, with four rotating groups in each. Activities will include a smoking ceremony, indigenous games, art



designs in nature, painting boomerangs, didjeridu and clapsticks, respect bands craft and cooking Johnny cakes. The canteen will be open and it's the largest annual fundraiser for our P&C. Get your orders in early! As the date also coincides with the School Leaders' *Jeans for Genes* fundraiser, students are invited to wear jeans (for a gold coin donation) paired with a red, yellow or black top.

'Kariong Mountains HS Visits

We are proud of the close relationship we have with our learning community high school. The Year 7 Advisor visited again today to talk with Stage 3 students and on Wednesday, I've been invited to attend KMHS Captains' Induction assembly. It's always inspiring to see ex-students in leadership roles and hear of their successes in high school. The following Wednesday, 8th August, our students are performing the Hawaiian

dance item as part of KMHS' Education Week 'Day of Excellence'. Everyone is welcome to attend and performance times are included in this newsletter.

As part of the high school transition program for Stage 3 students, the annual KMHS Science Expo and evening will be held Week 5 Wednesday, 22nd August, and the Sports Gala Day the following Wednesday, 29th August. Later in the year, the Year 11 Physics elective students will visit again to amaze us all with hands-on experiments and hi-tech gizmos. Special congratulations to Jayda on recently being selected into the KMHS 2019 Year 7 Selective Class for gifted and talented students. Her selection is the result of being placed in the top rankings of all marked primary student papers. Fantastic news Jayda!

Education Week Open Day- All Welcome!

Next week, we'll celebrate all that's great about public education in Education Week.

The theme this year is: *Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world.*

In his address, Mark Scott, the Secretary of the Department of Education said, "A young child who started school in kindergarten this year is going to leave our school system in 2030 and he or she is going to spend the vast majority of their working life in the second half of the 21st century...Our schools are very future focused preparing and equipping young people with the skills and the knowledge and the capabilities they need to lead and flourish in tomorrow's world." Reflecting on these words, Peats Ridge is well-placed to deliver his vision and we'll open our classroom doors on Monday, 6th August to demonstrate our commitment to creating a wonderful world where our students flourish. After lunch, community members are welcome to join in the fun of our Athletics Carnival with long jump, discus, high jump and shotput field events on the program. Extra helping hands always appreciated! On Tuesday, visitors are welcome again to join the audience for our Public Speaking Competition and on Wednesday, we'll be travelling to the high school to perform at the Day of Excellence.



As a treat on Friday, *The Super Pollinators* have been booked for a Bee Hotel workshop. Each family group will assemble a timber bee hotel to take home using simple tools. Following a timely request by the P&C, this day will also BEE a mufti fundraiser for drought relief.

Public Speaking Competition

Students will receive the topics list today in preparation for the Premier's Public Speaking Competition on the Tuesday of Education Week. All students Kindy~Year 6 will participate to the best of their ability and two finalists from each stage will represent Peats at Warnervale PS on Thursday, 16th August, Week 4. Speeches should be original and in students' own words. Older students can refer to points on palm cards and remember to use gestures, facial expression and your voice for maximum effectiveness and audience engagement.



Walk-a-thon Sponsorship Money Due!



Mr Randall is keen to finalise the paperwork and more than a few students are keen to finalise their prizes, so please return your sponsorship forms and money asap (unless completed online- thank you). Even if you weren't able to raise any funds, please return your forms.

Pre-school → Kindy Transition for 2019

Our Kinder Start program kicked off today with an information session for parents. Prospective kindergarten students will begin their half-day visits in Week 4, Monday 13th Aug 9am~12. Starting with our NAIDOC celebrations this Friday, many of our upcoming special school events will also be open to preschool visitors and at any time, we welcome visitors to pop in for a look and a personal tour. A flyer is available at the office to pass on to any new families you may know.



Book Week Preparations

I know Week 6 still feels a long way off, but Tuesday 28th August is when the Book Fair will arrive at Peats and we'll hold our annual picnic and parade that afternoon. This year's theme is 'Find Your Treasure' so we're asking students to come dressed up as pirates with prizes for the meanest, toughest and ugliest pirates ever and the best pirate voices. Ahoy! Start practicing now me hearties. Find ye a swashbuckling cutlass and a Jolly Roger and heave ho!!



Have a terrific time on your Woolworths excursion tomorrow P1 and I look forward to hearing your highlights of the day. Try to find out what they do with all the old, rotten fruit and vegetables for me and ask if the plastic bag ban is working.

Have heaps of fresh food fun!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)

Canberra Excursion

After completing the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra students and families were eligible for a rebate from the Australian Government.



The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Day of Excellence Wednesday 8th August - Week 3		
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY- Martin Braun PRINCIPAL WELCOME- Mr. Scott White		
11:15am- 1:00pm		
Act	School	Type
1	Kariong Mountains High School	Vocal Performance
2	Somersby Public School	Performance
3	Peats Ridge Public School	Dance
4	Kulnura Public School	Vocal Performance
5	Kariong Mountains High School	Guitar Instrumental
6	Central Mangrove Public School	Dance
7	Somersby Public School	Dance
8	Kariong Mountains High School	Vocal Performance
9	Kariong Public School	Dance
10	Kariong Public School	Vocal Performance
11	Kulnura Public School	Dance
12	Kariong Mountains High School	Musical Performance



NAIDOC CELEBRATION @ PEATS RIDGE PS

Friday, 3rd August

LUNCH ORDER

School: _____ Class: _____

Students Name: _____

Item	Cost	Quantity
Meat pie - sauce included	\$3	
Potato pie "	\$3	
Sausage roll "	\$2	
Hot dog "	\$2	
Fruit juice popper "	\$1	
TOTAL		

This lunch order form MUST be attached to a lunch paper bag and returned to your school with payment by Monday 30th July.

Adults can also place an order. Please provide a separate bag for each order.

Bring extra change for over the counter sales of lollies, chocolates, ice blocks and other treats from 30c - \$2 each

Come on the adventure of a lifetime as teams of two embark on an adventure that will take them to 18 destinations around the world, covering nearly 50 thousand kilometres!

THE AMAZING RACE SMALL SCHOOLS

Who will have the right combination of strategy, strength, skill, and teamwork to win the ultimate prize?

Get ready to set off on The Amazing Race Small Schools.

Thursday 6th September

2:30pm Matinee Performance - \$15

6:00pm Main Performance - \$20

THE ART HOUSE

19-21 Margaret St, Wyong NSW 2259

Book at the box office or www.thearthousewyong.com.au

