



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 3 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

7th August

Combined SRE service
Parents welcome @ 12:30pm

8th August

Day of Excellence &
Performance at Kariong
Mountains HS

9th August

Public Speaking
Competition

10th August

Drought relief mufti day
Bee Hotel incursion
Pie Day

13th August

School Athletics Events

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

We're about to begin a run of three very busy weeks in Term 3- Education, Science and Book Weeks- with many opportunities for community involvement, so we hope you can visit and join in the fun!

Education Week Open Day

When the Secretary of Education, Mark Scott, announced the theme, *'Today's schools- creating tomorrow's world'*, he added, "The way that public schools are future-proofing their students to succeed in the 21st century will be the focus of Education Week 2018."

Visitors are welcome to arrive from 11am today, and between 11:30~12:20pm, our classrooms will be open to experience 21st century learning first-hand.

Students must wear their school sports uniforms and visitors are welcome to stay for a picnic recess and / or lunch. The canteen will also be open to sell left over snacks from NAIDOC Day.

Due to the welcome rain, our Athletics field events have been postponed to next Monday, starting at 12 noon. Hope you can make it!

Friday Week 4, on the 17th August, Mr Randall has organised the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival at Mingara and Mrs Davis will accompany K~Y2 students to Somersby PS for the infants carnival. A note will be sent home later this week.

The Amazing Race – Tickets on Sale Now!

Over half the tickets have already been sold for the evening performance so get in quick if that's your preferred time (the matinee session still has ample). Students have been busy rehearsing their two 'Amazing Race' dances from Japan and Hawaii whenever they find a spare moment. 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. Combined schools' rehearsal dates have been set for Week 4 Wednesday, 15th August, at Somersby PS and a final dress rehearsal at The Arthouse, 11~2pm on Week 7 Tuesday, 4th September. We're hoping to book KMHS' Hi-ace minibus for both rehearsals to assist with transportation. A note will be sent home soon with details.



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

**Respect -
Respectful
behaviour in
toilets**



Public Speaking Competition

Please note that our Public Speaking Competition has been moved from Tuesday to Thursday this week and I look forward to being the adjudicator. Two finalists from each stage will represent Peats at Warnervale PS in Week 4. Many useful hints and resources can be found here:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/debating-and-public-speaking-resources>

Judging will be based upon the following skills and techniques that enable you to become an effective public speaker: Manner, Matter and Method.

Manner- includes eye contact, vocal expression (pace, rhythm, pitch, volume, pauses), gesture, stance, body language and the use of palm cards. Follow these tips:

Be natural.

Always look at your audience.

Change the tone and volume of your voice but still keep it natural.

If you have to think about a gesture, then don't do it.

Use palm cards not pieces of paper.

Make your palm cards small enough to fit into the palm of one hand.

You're not allowed to sing, dance, use props or pretend to be someone else in public speaking competitions.



Matter- keep these in mind when preparing your speech:

When choosing a topic, choose one that you like and know a lot about, but also one that your audience might be interested in.

Be original. That's what distinguishes one speech from others.

Have a message or a point of view in your speech.

Don't list possible solutions to a problem and leave the audience to decide.

If you ask a question during your speech, make sure you answer it.

Method- how a speech is organised and includes things such as:

beginning

middle

ending

timing.

Having a well-organised speech will help you make an effective speech.

A brief, strong beginning and end will capture your audience's attention.

Develop the subject or theme of your speech in the middle.

Timing refers to how long it takes to say your speech. Make sure you can deliver it in the time allowed if there is a limit. To check the timing, rehearse the speech as if you were delivering it to your audience.

Mind your Language- your language (the words, phrases and sentences you use) will have an impact on how well you communicate with your audience.

Persuasion: Learn some persuasive language techniques that will help to win your audience to your point of view.

Formality: Find out how public speaking differs from our everyday conversations.

Speak it: Explore some differences between the way we speak and write.

Connections: Learn some techniques to connect your ideas together.

Learn not to worry about making some mistakes!

One aspect of good communication is speaking clearly. But everybody stumbles now and then.

Try saying each tongue twister twice clearly with correct word pronunciation.

Top Ten Twisters

Cheap ship trips

Truly plural

A big black bug bit a big brown bear

Canned cod comes completely cooked

Bonnie burned the brown bread badly

Eight grey geese grazing gaily in Greece

Six thick thistle sticks

The sun shines on the shop signs

Tom threw Tim three thumb tacks

Weak writers want white ruled writing paper

Let's Make Bee Hotels!

To kick off Science Week, we've invited *The Super Pollinators* in for a workshop this Friday so each family can make a bee hotel for local, native bee species:

<http://kidsconnectingnature.com.au/the-super-pollinators-aussie-native-bees/>

Their presentation stimulates curiosity and reinforces essential environmental themes such as,

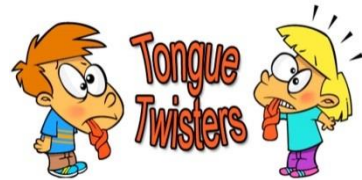
Bee diversity, needs, behaviour and life cycles

The importance and process of pollination

Local species and ecosystems

Agricultural productivity and human wellbeing

Threats to bees



Helping our Drought-Stricken Farmers



NSW farmers are battling a crippling drought and they need our help to survive it! The government's Combined Drought Indicator (pasture growth, soil moisture and rainfall) shows more than 75% of the south-east is in drought or at the onset. Concerned P&C members raised the idea of a fundraiser at our last meeting and we've decided on a mufti day this Friday, with students invited to wear a farmer's hat. Donations of any size will be gratefully accepted for Rural Aid to help buy hay,

water and groceries for farming families in need: <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/>

Woolies Excursion

Students in P1 (and Year 4 helpers) were very excited last Monday to go on their first excursion of the year. Mrs Davis organised for Peats to borrow the KMHS Hi-ace minibus and thanks Lauren for transporting the remainder of the students. Mrs Davis commented that everyone's behaviour was excellent.

I caught these snippets upon their return:

Calloway- We got to eat starfruit and it was so yummy. I made a little snowman with the dough. I got a free apple and I remembered I had to pay for the strawberries in my bag a bit late!

Lexie- I loved EVERYTHING but I didn't like funny hat we had to wear (hair net)!

Brax- I liked going into the freezing cold freezer and I bought some strawberries.

Hastings- I liked going into the freezer full of freezing boxes too. I bought blueberries.

Hunter- I liked the bakery the best. We got to play with the dough and it smelled soooo good, I wanted to eat it. I bought some strawberries.

Noah- They had a big machine for recycling and it flattened all the cardboard boxes. I bought a starfruit.

Bailey- I bought a passionfruit. The gooey dough felt really nice.

Kade- I liked the ice-cream freezer and touched a massive ball of dough. I bought blueberries.

Abbey- My hands got really sticky with the dough in the bakery. We went into a freezer with pies and a coolroom with lots of milk. I bought blueberries.

Zoe- My favourite part was trying all the different types of fruit and I like the starfruit. I bought some strawberries and ate a free banana.

Christina- The best part about it was hearing where products come from and how they end up on your plate. I bought an apple, two passionfruits and strawberries.

Izzy- I really enjoyed trying the new types of fruit and going into the freezer. The natural coconut was delicious. I bought strawberries.

Back at school, students made and shared healthy, delectable fruit kebabs- yum!

'Interrelate' Evening

Last Tuesday evening, we hosted 'Interrelate' in our hall for all mountain school students Years 3~6. Even some students from Kariong PS attended. As you can imagine, playground chatter the next morning was quite subdued and here are some reflections:



Brooke- We discussed everything in the car on the way home (lucky Amanda!) and said Jess was the perfect presenter because she had a great sense of humour. I'm sure everyone learned A LOT!!

Jayda- It was interesting learning about all the weird body parts and I understand what's coming with puberty now.

Abbey- It was funny when Matteo answered all the questions. I never knew that when babies start forming, they have a little tail, fingernails, body hair and even open their eyes!

Briony- The lady who ran it was really good. She was really funny and answered ALL our questions. At the end of the first session, we did a play and it was so funny because the 'husband' didn't want to rub the 'mother's' back after her waters broke!

Christina- Was it disgusting or what?! It was very gross, but educational.

Zoe- I didn't like it much. It was soooo embarrassing- all the pictures and private part words. I was about to vomit!!

Matteo- It was very funny and interesting about babies. The BBQ was really yummy and I mean YUMMY! I had two sausages on a roll.

Special thanks to Mrs Cullen, the new Principal at Central Mangrove PS for organising the event and Mr Randall and son Fletcher for manning the hotplate- a big job!



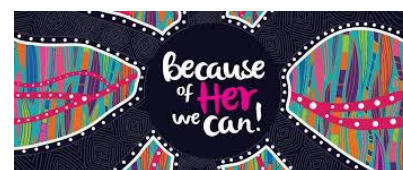
'Kariong Mountains HS 'Day of Excellence'

Last Wednesday, I was honoured to be invited to KMHS' Captains' Induction assembly, along with Member for Gosford Leisl Tesch, Member for Robertson Lucy Wicks, former Member for Robertson Jim Lloyd, and our Director Ros McCallan-Jamieson. It's interesting that so many members of the outgoing and incoming leadership teams attended small mountains schools and we should all be proud of the 2018~19 Girls' Captain-elect, Monique Gatt- Hayley's sister and an ex-captain of Peats. Congratulations Monique! The Boys' Captain-elect, Casey Dutton attended Somersby PS and the outgoing Captain, Oliver Rickards, attended Central Mangrove PS.

This Wednesday, students are performing their Hawaiian dance item for the first time as part of KMHS' Education Week 'Day of Excellence'. Everyone is welcome to attend and performance times are included in this newsletter. Please let us know if you can assist with transportation.

Mountain Schools' NAIDOC Celebration

What a fabulous day was had by everyone on Friday! Peats hosted the annual Small Mountain Schools' NAIDOC celebrations and students from Somersby, Kulnura and Central Mangrove PS joined in the fun. The day started with StarFM giving us a shout-out on the radio then a smoking ceremony by the Freeman mob. Our Federal Liberal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks, greeted everyone and presented gifts to Stage 3 students from Parliament House. Representatives from each school then gave their own personal Acknowledgement of Country. Throughout the day, groups rotated around eight activities: indigenous games, designs in nature, painting boomerangs, didjeridu and clapsticks, respect bands craft and cooking Johnny cakes. Thanks to the hard work of our wonderful P&C, \$687 was raised by the canteen. All the



meat pies, potato pies, sausage rolls and hot dogs were soon devoured and eyeballs nearly popped out of heads when they saw the swirly iced cupcakes, scrumptious chocolate fudge and humungous lolly bags! Mr Randall and Mr Pugh worked like crazy to make the day a success and Mrs Riley was kept busy in the office and sick bay. \$30 was also donated by students for *Jeans for Genes* medical research. Well done Peats on a super effort!

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 BY THURSDAY please (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 gets underway next Monday with the first lesson 9am~12. Many of our upcoming special school events are 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



On Tuesday 28th August in Week 6, 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!!

What a treat to have our article on the front page of the Mangrove Mountain Community News the day the Director visited. I also received some wonderful Education Week news this morning when Brooke handed me her letter of acceptance into KMHS' selective Year 7 class for 2019. Mr Randall is chuffed that two of his students made the cut and now Jayda won't feel so alone. Congratulations Brooke!



Have a fabulous Education Week everyone!!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)

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

PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY

Friday, 10th August



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





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

