



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

13th August

School Athletics Events

15th August

The Amazing Race Rehearsal
@ Somersby PS

16th August

ICAS Maths
Public Speaking Competition
@ Warnervale PS

17th August

2 – 6 School Athletics
Events @ Mingara
K/1 Athletics
@ Somersby PS
NO ASSEMBLY

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

We certainly celebrated Education Week and our teaching and learning successes at Peats last week, with something on *every* day. Many community members have commented on our recent article on the front page of the Mangrove Mountain Community News regarding Mr John Innes, a student here in 1940! We've sent a copy to him in Melbourne and I know he'd be overjoyed to know how many locals loved reading his letter and remember his family. I'm still digging up history on the school and thank Hastings' and Calloway's Grammy, Jan, for helping me.

Education Week Open Day



Today's
schools –
creating
tomorrow's
world

Thank you to all the family members who popped in for a visit last Monday to witness first-hand - 'Today's schools-creating tomorrow's world'. Seven mums, one dad and five little siblings visited classrooms, chatted with

teachers and enjoyed a picnic lunch. Thanks for joining us!

Not that we're complaining at all about the rain, but the timing was a disaster for our Athletics events afterwards (high jump, long jump, discus and shot put) and they'll be re-run early this week in preparation for the combined Small Schools' Athletics Carnival on Friday.

Special Combined SRE Service

In recognition of Education Week, our Special Religious Education teachers held a combined service for our students and families on Tuesday. We are very grateful for the tireless efforts of our SRE community volunteers and I thank them for their caring commitment to our students.

Kariong Mountains HS 'Day of Excellence' Performance

On Wednesday, the whole school performed our 'Hawaiian' item on stage at KMHS for the first time. What a thrill! We weren't able to book the KMHS Hi-ace mini-bus this day (it was being serviced), so thank you to staff and parents for transporting students to the venue. The audience was entertained by the many talented students across our Mountains Learning Community, including Kariong PS and HS and our four small schools, performing guitar instrumentals, dance, singing and band items. Next year, I hope to have the Ridgy Didge Bush Band re-formed!



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Excellence -
Excellent
behaviour for
visitors and when
visiting*

Public Speaking Competition

Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Like the Spelling Bee, every student participated in our Public Speaking Competition on Thursday and this made me very proud. Topics ranged from Refugees to Pokemon, Transformers, Global Citizenship, Snakes, Favourite Movies, Sisters, Cats, Sharks, Twelve Pets, 'Fortnight' game and comic character 'Harley Quinn'. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Peats at the Area 6 Finals at Warnervale PS on Thursday:

Early Stage 1	Calloway Nester	'A Cool Dinosaur'
Stage 1	Hastings Nester	'Spinosaurus'
	Bailey Hipkins	'Pokemon'
Stage 2	Beau Noonan	'The Australian Flag'
	Ollie James	'Australia is the Luckiest Country'
Stage 3	Laura Matthews	'Asylum Seekers'
	Brooke Bowman	'Multiculturalism'

Helping Farmers and Bees

Education Week wound up on Friday with a special visitor, Abbie, and 'The Bee Pollinators' incursion (fully funded by our \$400 Science Week grant). We revised everything we'd learned this year about bees and learned many new facts. Abbie brought along lots of interesting models and displays, including a little box of bee poo. We all had a smell! The highlight was constructing wood and bamboo Bee Hotels and decorating them with colourful, painted flowers. They look fabulous! We'll seal them with varnish this week and they'll feature in our KMHS Science Expo display next Wednesday evening. In spring, each family will get to take their beautiful Bee Hotel home and hopefully create a happy habitat for (stingless) native bees.



With bees being vital to food production, it was fitting to hold our P&C Rural Aid mufti day on Friday. Our students looked right at home in their farmers' clobber and hats and we raised an amazing \$130 for drought-stricken farmers, their families and livestock. Canteen proceeds also went towards the cause- thanks Lesley!

Central Coast Awards of Appreciation

As a finale to Education Week, the Central Coast Awards of Appreciation will be presented by the Regional Directors at Terrigal HS Tuesday evening. Last year, Ange Hellyer and Lesley Pope were nominated by the staff in recognition of their wonderful support over the years. This year, parents Mr Paul Gatt and P&C President, Mrs Lauren Taylor were chosen for their commitment to improving our school. Everyday, we are focused on building stronger links with our families and community and know how vital they are for our school to thrive.

Welcome 2019 Kindies!!

Our Kinder Start program is underway, with the first half-day classroom visit to P1 this morning by our 2019 prospective kindies and their parents. Welcome to Peats!! The second session will be held 9am~12 next Monday. We've opened many of our upcoming special school events to visitors and at any time, we welcome new families to pop in for a look and a personal tour. A flyer with these dates and Mrs Davis' business card is available at the office to pass on to anyone who may be interested.



The Amazing Race – Tickets on Sale!

To showcase the wonderful talents of staff and students at the six small schools in

our learning community- Jilliby, Somersby, Central Mangrove, Wyong Creek, Kulnura and Peats- preparations are gaining momentum for 'The Amazing Race' extravaganza at Wyong Arthouse theatre on Thursday, 6th September. The first combined rehearsal at Somersby PS this Wednesday will begin at 9:30am. Notes have been sent home and are due back tomorrow. We've been able to book the KMHS Hi-ace mini-bus again but would still appreciate some parent drivers (please have driver's licence, car rego and green slip copied for the office as well as a completed Declaration for Volunteers, also available at the office). Students from Peats Ridge PS will perform two dances representing the country destinations of Japan and Hawaii. It's guaranteed to be highly entertaining and the flyer in on the back of this newsletter with website details for booking matinee and evening ticket sales and performance times. Please bring friends and family- my parents are looking forward to it! Extra A3 and A4 size posters have been printed. Please see me if you can display one in a local business.

Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

Our four fantastic mountain schools will meet up again this Friday to compete at the annual combined Athletics Carnival. Primary students will meet at Mingara with Mr Randall and Infants students will have a fun day at Somersby PS with Mrs Davis (our SLSO Monique is on leave for two weeks). Parents are most welcome to come along and a canteen will be open on the day. Please ensure all students wear their full sports uniform, joggers and hats with a water bottle. Notes have been sent home and are due back this Wednesday.



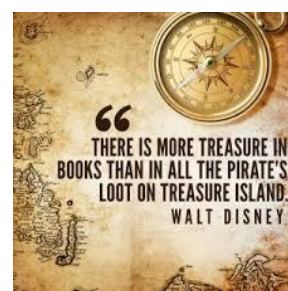
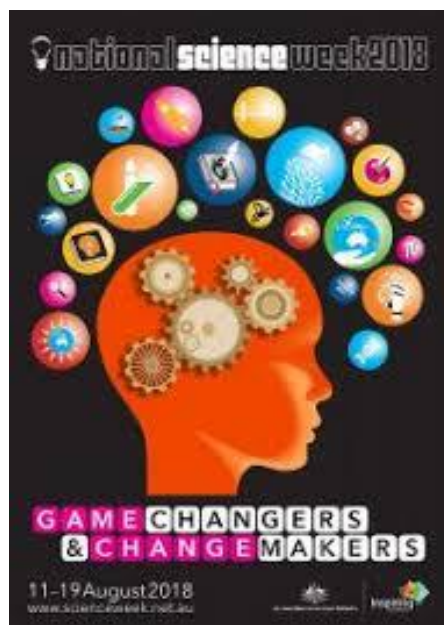
Science Week

We kicked off Science Week a tad early with 'The Super Pollinators' visit on Friday. Stage 3 students will visit Kariong Mountains HS for their Science Expo day and evening on Wed 22nd August, and we've booked in for a DART VC on 'Fantastic Frog Friday', the 24th August.

Stage 3 will visit KMHS again on Wednesday, 29th August for their Sports Gala Day as part of the Year 6 Transition Program.

'Find Your Treasure' in Book Week

We were lucky to gain a spot for another DART VC on the award-winning children's book, 'Tanglewood' featuring an artist and activities on 'Nature in Art'. Tuesday 28th August is when the Book Fair will open 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!!*

Please pop in for a look at our fabulous new flagpole. Mr Randall and Mr Pugh have done a fabulous job, along with some help from our hard-working, civic-minded students!

Congratulations on your soccer goal Matteo, hope Brooke feels better soon and start saving your pocket money for the P&C Raffle- funds going towards new blazers for students representing our school.

Happy Science week everyone!

Ms Austin Principal (rel)

Kariong Mountains High School

If your child is enrolling at Kariong Mountains High School in 2019, please return enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible. Duplicate enrolment forms were sent home last week. If you need another copy, please see Mrs Riley at the front office.





Come on the trip 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

2pm Matinee Performance - \$15

6pm Main Performance - \$20

THE ART HOUSE
19-21 Margaret St, Wyong NSW 2259

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