



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 3

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

#### 21<sup>st</sup> August

Central Coast Awards of  
Appreciation

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Kariong Mountains HS  
Science Expo – Stage 3

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Newcastle Permanent  
Maths Competition

#### 24<sup>th</sup> August

Pie Day Friday  
ASSEMBLY

#### 25<sup>th</sup> August (Saturday)

Bunnings BBQ

#### 28<sup>th</sup> August

Book Fair, Picnic & Parade

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

I imagine everyone slept like logs after our wonderful Small Schools' Athletics Carnival on Friday and another very busy week, full of fun stuff and learning. Our Kinder Start Program began last Monday, we travelled to Somersby for the first combined rehearsal for 'The Amazing Race' on Wednesday and our top six public speakers represented Peats at the area finals on Thursday. I'm continually amazed by the number and variety of opportunities our students are given by our dedicated staff and thank parents as well for your strong support – especially, lately, with transportation (and keeping costs down)!

### Welcome 2019 Kindies!!

Our Kinder Start program is underway, with the first half-day classroom visit to P1 last Monday by our 2019 prospective kindies and their parents. Mrs Davis had special morning prepared and everyone made a big fuss over their new school

mates. Hudson was soon running around with the rest of the gang and pretty-in-pink Bronte was spoiled by big sis Briony and the P2 girls. The second session was held this morning and the following in Week 9. 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. The next is our Book Fair, picnic and parade next Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. A flyer with these dates and Mrs Davis' business card is available at the office to pass on to anyone you may know who is considering enrolling.



### Small Schools' Athletics Carnivals

Straight after Kinder Start we began our Athletics events, postponed from the week before due (unbelievably) to rain. Mr Randall supervised long jump and discus, Mrs Davis was on shot put and I witnessed some excellent results at long jump.



We definitely have some future champions in our younger ranks!

### The Amazing Race – Have You Bought Your Tickets Yet?

Students from Wyong Creek, Jiliby, Kulnura, Central Mangrove and Peats travelled to Somersby PS on Wednesday for the first combined rehearsal of 'The Amazing Race'. Thanks to Mrs Davis, our Japan and Hawaii acts are coming along nicely, and the other school 'destinations' are New Zealand, Italy, Ireland,



## PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Responsibility -  
Look after  
books*



Spain, Brazil, India, China, Sweden, Egypt, Antarctica, England, France, Malaysia, America and Africa.

Somersby's Year 5 & 6 senior students also took the opportunity of having almost 400 students on site to hold a cake stall on the day, raising \$400 for Drought Relief. What a terrific result!

This unique opportunity allows students to develop specific skills, knowledge and understanding across the Creative Arts syllabus, addressing most outcomes in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music. With the logistics involved, this isn't something we're able to offer every year so please invite friends, relatives and neighbours along to the 2pm matinee or 6pm evening performance:



<http://www.theearthsewyong.com.au/whats-on/central-coast-small-schools-the-amazing-race>

Mrs Riley in the front office can print extra A3 and A4 size posters if you can display one in a local business (thanks to Sue Douglas for volunteering to take a pile and spread the word).

For our full rehearsal day at the Arthouse (11~2pm, Tue 4 Sep) and the performance day (11~9pm, Thu 6 Sep) we are looking into hiring a small bus. Notes will be sent home soon. It's important students attend school in the morning, otherwise we panic thinking many students are away sick. It is also a legal requirement that parents and carers remember to notify staff and sign the roll if returning home early.

### Public Speaking Competition



On Thursday, six super public speakers from Peats travelled to Warnervale PS to compete in the area finals. I was fortunate to hear most of the Stage 2 and 3 contestants and the standard was outstanding. I'm just relieved I wasn't the adjudicator! Although none of our speakers were selected for the regionals, I congratulate Calloway, Hastings, Beau, Ollie, Brooke and Laura for the time and effort they put in to prepare and practise their excellent speeches and the polished performance they delivered on stage- something 99% of adults dread!

Here is an excerpt from a lovely email I received from the organiser-

*'The students from your school spoke so well. There were so many wonderful speakers and interesting speeches. Please pass on our congratulations once again to all of your representatives. They certainly displayed impeccable manners and were a delight to listen to.'*

### Central Coast Awards of Appreciation

Tomorrow afternoon, the Central Coast Awards of Appreciation will be presented by the Regional Directors at Terrigal HS. This year, parents Mr Paul Gatt and P&C President, Mrs Lauren Taylor were chosen by staff for their ongoing 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 and students to thrive.

Congratulations Lauren and Paul!

### Maths Competitions

This week, P2 students who paid to enter the ICAS Maths Competition will have their skills and knowledge assessed across five strands:

- Algebra and Patterns
- Chance and Data
- Measures and Units
- Number and Arithmetic
- Space and Geometry



A few lucky students who display special talents in Maths will also be invited and sponsored to sit the paper, along with The Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition for Year 5 & 6 students later in the week. The NPBS competition has been encouraging students to become enthusiastic about mathematics since being established in 1981 and continues to grow each year, attracting almost 19,000 students from 340 schools. Read more about both competitions here:

<https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about>

<https://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/community/primary-maths-competition>





## Kariong Mountains HS Science Expo Day

On Wednesday, Stage 3 students will visit Kariong Mountains HS with me for their Science Expo day and evening. Thank you everyone for returning your notes so promptly- a sign, I think, of how much students look forward to this day each year. And no wonder! This year's offerings in the labs include:

	Session	Science Focus	Activity
1	Gastronomy Chemistry in food	Chemistry	Surface tension in foods
2	Sweet DNA	Biology	Modelling DNA with lollies
3	Newton's world of motion	Physics	Various projects on motion
4	Innovations in Earth Sciences	Earth and Environmental Science	Experiments on sustainability
5	Acids and Bases	Industrial Chemistry	Making rainbow fizz
6	STEM	Technology	Makerspace activities
7	How old is that fish?	Marine Studies	Age of a fish based on its scales
8	Science Expo Project Display	Peats Ridge PS- 'Amazzzzing Bees!'	Making our Investigate Bees display

Students from each of the primary schools are reminded to wear FULL school uniform and although bus travel is possible in the morning, ALL students must return home by private transport.



The Expo in the evening is open to the general public and I invite all our families along to celebrate this year's theme: *'Game Changers and Change Makers'* and to admire our terrific displays.

Our final Science Week activity will be another informative DART Video Conference *'Fantastic Frog Friday'* this Friday in the library, presented by The Australian Museum.

Stage 3 will visit KMHS again on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August for their Sports Gala Day.

## 'Find Your Treasure' in Book Week

Although Book Week is officially this week, we'll celebrate it next Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, with our annual Book Fair, picnic lunch and parade in the afternoon.

We were lucky to gain a spot tomorrow for the DART VC on the award-winning children's book, *'Tanglewood'* featuring the artist, Ken Tucker, and artistic techniques based on nature. We've invested in some special paper and inks and students will create and share their artworks by video with students around the state. A select few will be included in our Country Fair art display. On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Mrs Davis will open the Book Fair in the library. 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. Do you know what these words mean?



*Ahoy! Avast! Blimey! Yo-ho-ho! doubloon, hardtack, fathom, thar, aye, matey, pieces of eight, landlubber, league, scallywag, Davy Jones' locker, parley, Jolly Roger, swab, spyglass, grub, bounty, gallows, walk the plank,*

*the collywobbles, batten down the hatches, marooned, clap in irons, shiver me timbers! Savvy?*

I've also heard me hearties, that some special loot might be coming your way at the end of the day!

## Father's Day Breakfast

For your diaries, from 7:30am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, all dads, uncles, grandfathers etc are welcome to join us for our annual Father's Day Breakfast. Our amazing GA, Mr Pugh, will be manning the BBQ and cooking delicious bacon and egg rolls. It's also his last day at Peats as the demands of two schools and TAFE studies have become too great, so please pop in for a yummy breakfast and to say goodbye. Greg Jacklin, the part-time GA at Kulnura PS has been highly recommended and met Chris on site last week to hand over the position until the end of the year. Please introduce yourself to Greg when you see him.



### **P&C Raffle and Bunnings BBQ**

Start saving your pocket money for the P&C Raffle! Lots of fabulous prizes have been donated and funds raised will go towards new blazers for students representing our school. Tickets will be sent home next week. The P&C will also run the BBQ at Bunnings this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, so please contact President Lauren or the school if you can volunteer, or drop by for a sausage sizzle!

Finally, special thanks to Mountain Landscape Supplies for kindly donating the mulch around our new flagpole. It's wonderful to have the generous support from so many local businesses!

*Ms Austin* Principal (rel)

### **'Game Changers and Change Makers'**

#### **Science Expo Evening @KMHS- All Welcome!**



This Wednesday, 22nd August, Stage 3 students from the five mountain primary schools will visit Kariong Mountains High School for their annual Science Week visit and Science Expo evening.

The Expo will be held in lower C-Block at the high school from 6pm-730pm.

It will feature the Young Scientist Award projects the high school students have been working on and the announcement of the winning projects selected for entry into the National Young Scientist Awards. The Expo will also feature projects from our local primary schools including Kariong, Somersby, Central Mangrove, Peats Ridge and Kulnura. The Year 10 selective Science class will also have a display of projects they have been working on.

Hope to see you at our celebration of 'Game Changers and Change Makers' at Kariong Mountains High School Wednesday 22nd August 2018 6pm-7.30pm!

Jamie Cartner- Head Teacher Science



### **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. If you need another copy of the enrolment form, please see Mrs Riley at the front office.

#### **Kinder Start**

On Monday, we had our first visit from our Kinder Start 2019 students. It was a fantastic morning where both students and staff had an opportunity to meet some 'new' students who might be joining us next year in Kindergarten. Bronte and Hudson both had a chance to participate in creating their own 'Rainbow Fish', stamped their names (which was very clever), play with some of our STEM boxes and had a turn playing on the laptops. They both met our friendly chickens who very kindly laid an egg for them each. We look forward to seeing our Kinder Start students again today.

*Mrs Amii Davis - Kindergarten Coordinator*

#### **K-2 Small Schools Athletics**

What a day Friday was! Calloway, Brax and Hastings were all great participants in the K-2 carnival held at Somersby PS. First off, we had our track events. Brax came first in his race, followed closely by Hastings in third. Calloway narrowly missed a place but had an absolute blast running. The boys then headed off for some fun activities including: long jump, shot put, novelty relays, hurdles and discus. The final event for the day was a whole school continuous relay in which they boys were very confident, running between each other. It was a fabulous day for all involved!

*Mrs Amii Davis - Supervising Teacher*



### Small Schools Athletic Carnival

Last Friday, the students of Peats Ridge had an awesome day of athletics. All of P2 and P1 students Hunter, Kade, Noah and Bailey attended the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Mingara Athletics Centre. The weather was fantastic and everyone came with a real "have a go" attitude. We had a special guest visit on the day, Mrs McCallan-Jamieson, our new School Director. She came along to see some of the events and was thoroughly impressed. On the day, age champions were awarded based on point score and the junior girls' champion for 2018 was Savannah. Congratulations on your achievement, Savannah!

We had a number of students qualify for the Brisbane Water Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Competing at the BWPSSA carnival will be: Abbey- 100m, Savannah- 100m, 200m, high jump, long jump, Jayda-100m, 200m, long jump, discus and senior girls' relay, Angel-Katlyn- 100m, long jump, shot put Bianca- 800m and senior girls' relay, Brooke- senior girls' relay and Hayley- senior girls' relay.

The following people have also qualified for the Norman and Elizabeth Austin Relay for small schools at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Olympic Park, Homebush: Abbey, Savannah, Angel-Katlyn and Jayda.

*Mr Shane Randall – Supervising Teacher*



**The P & C are holding a fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings West Gosford from 8am till 4pm (with the possibility of extending it until 6pm) this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. If you are able to volunteer any time to help, please contact our P & C President, Lauren Taylor on 0409 745 600.**

**(Please be aware that all volunteers must be over 15 years of age)**

# PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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**



# ANOTHER PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY!

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August**



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Meat Pie + Drink - \$5.00

Potato Pie + Drink - \$5.00



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**Thank you**









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## Thursday 6th September

**2pm Matinee Performance - \$15**

**6pm Main Performance - \$20**

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