



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

4th September

Amazing Race Rehearsal
@ Wyong Arthouse

6th September

Amazing Race Performance
@ Wyong Arthouse
Pick up 8.30-9pm

7th September

Assembly
P & C Raffle drawn

14th September

Hosting Regional Spelling
Bee in Hall

18th September

Kindy Start 12-3pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

What a fabulous day we had last Tuesday celebrating Book Week! The Jolly Roger was hoisted up the mast and the school was overrun with swashbuckling pirates. They scoured the playground on a Treasure Hunt looking for lots of *gold*, a variety of *planks*, a *ship on the harbour* and where *X marks the spot*. During the picnic lunch, Mrs Davis invited families into the Book Fair and the \$700 of sales raised \$70 for school resources - thank you!! Our landlubber CWA judges, Margaret, Kaye and Sue got the collywobblers choosing the meanest, ugliest pirates in the Costume Parade and they were shiverin' in their timbers during the Speak like a Pirate competition. Thanks Tarryn for making little treasure chest treats for everyone and to our Kindy Start mini-pirates for joining in the fun.



P&C Raffle



During the parade, P&C President Lauren manned the raffle table and tempted buyers with a long list of fantastic prizes. With one week left to go, please try to sell all your tickets and just drop by the office if you need more. The lucky winners will be announced at our assembly this Friday, 7th September and funds will go towards new blazers for students representing our school.

Kariong Mountain HS Sports Gala Day

Last Wednesday, Stage 3 visited KMHS again for the annual Sports Gala Day, another important part of the Year 6 ~ High School Transition Program. Here is School Captain Brooke's report:

"It was really fun!

We were divided into groups and my group did softball first. We played 'Golden Child' and 'Dots'.

Next was golf on the bottom oval. We got three hits each, into a hula hoop, through two cones or just as far as you could hit.

After break, we played soccer then union and league. My favourite bit was tackling the tackle bags.

At the end, we had an assembly in the hall with all the Stage 3 students from Kariong, Somersby, Kulnura, Central Mangrove and Peats. Jayda and I were presented with a special certificate for Good Sportsmanship."



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Excellence -
Perform
with pride*

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, seven students joined Mr Randall at Mingara to compete in the Brisbane Water Zone Athletics Carnival. Everyone agreed it was a top day:

Abbey- "In the 100m, I came second or third in the heat and ninth in the finals."

Brooke- "I was in the senior girls' relay. Overall, I think we did really well for a small school."

Hayley- "We came last in the senior girls' relay but only by a little bit!"

Bianca- "In the 800m, I got a stitch and came last. We ran really hard in the senior girls' relay."

Angel-Katlyn- "In the 100m, I came last but I'd hurt my ankle. In shot put, they made it but just weren't long enough."

Jayda- "In the 100m, I came third in the heat and smashed it in the finals. In the 200m, I came fourth in the heat and relay, last. In long jump, I fouled by miles the first time, fouled by a little bit the second time and jumped 3m10cm the third time. In discus, I threw heaps long the first time but I fouled and the second time went out too. My third throw was OK. Overall, I came seventh in the 11 year old girls."

Savannah- "In the 100m, I came second last in the heat because they were all REALLY fast. In the 200m, I came fourth in the heat. In long jump, I kept jumping on the mark and needed to jump over the line a little more. In discus, I fouled because I walked out the front of the ring instead of the back (yes, Mrs Davis had warned me!) and my other two throws were OK. In high jump, the first time I didn't make it over then I hurt my ankle."



Mr Pugh's Final Father's Day Breakfast



Even though the Zone Carnival clashed with our annual Father's Day breakfast, Darren, John, Adam, Jarrod, Ray, Greg, Ben, Big Sam and Sam were still able to pop in early Friday morning for one of Mr Pugh's delicious bacon and egg rolls. After 2 years, it was Chris' last day at Peats as the demands of two schools and TAFE studies have become too great, and everyone was sad to say goodbye. Greg Jacklin, the part-time General Assistant at Kulnura PS is coming to us highly recommended and will fill the position until the end of the year.

I hope you spoiled your dad, παπα, Μπαμπάς pop, grandpa, nonno, παππούς and nannu yesterday and they loved your 'drive you around the bend' card.

'The Amazing Race' on Thursday!

The big week has finally arrived. We'll travel to the Wyong Arthouse by bus on Tuesday for a full dress rehearsal, then on Thursday, by bus to the Arthouse again for the two performances. The venue seats 500. 150 tickets have been sold for the matinee so plenty are still available, while 400 have been sold for the evening so get in soon. Tickets can be bought at the venue or online:



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

Our two 'race destinations' are Japan and Hawaii and the five other small school items feature New Zealand, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Brazil, India, China, Sweden, Egypt, Antarctica, England, France, Malaysia, America and Africa. Please invite friends, relatives and neighbours along to this once in a lifetime opportunity!

It's important students arrive on time to school the morning prior to the performances and get signed off on the roll in the evening. Please let us know if you need to organise a lift home for your child. The show should end 8:30~9pm.

'Tell Them From Me' Surveys



Since 2013/14, the Department of Education has engaged the 'Tell Them From Me' online surveys to help schools capture the views of students, parents and teachers. It's an evidence-based system for measuring student engagement, wellbeing, effective teaching practices and classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Between now and the end of October, we'll be inviting students and parents to complete the surveys. This information then informs school policy and practice to make our lovely little school even better. Read more here:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

CWA Awareness Week



We're in for another treat today as our remarkable CWA ladies will be providing a special morning tea for students to celebrate 'CWA Awareness Week'. As well as volunteering to be impartial judges for our annual Book Week and Easter hat parades, and organising the Stage 3 Powerpoint presentation competition on a particular country each year and a lunch featuring its national dishes, the women also bring our school's historical research, Aboriginal and environmental programs to life by contributing everything from wasp nests and branches riddled with cicada slits, to a bouquet of different wattle species. Peats is very fortunate to have such a pro-active community group on site and they certainly enrich our curriculum.

The CWA was formed in 1922 and is the largest women's organisation in Australia. As their stalls at our local Harvest Festival and Mangrove Mountain Country Fair attest, the CWA is famous for scones and home-made goodies, however, they do so much more. Current issues include water usage in the Murray-Darling basin, flying foxes, feral cats and deer, plastic bags, elder abuse, natural disasters and the housing crisis. If you've ever thought of joining or want to know more, please visit:

<https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/page.php?id=49>

Next Friday, more special guests will be arriving at Peats as we're hosting the Regional Spelling Bee in the hall. Our Stage 2 and 3 finalists: Ollie, Beau, Jayda and Brooke have to learn hundreds of spelling words as well as their dance moves and lines for 'The Amazing Race'. Sorry about the double up (I moved the date as far back as possible) and we wish you all the best!

Ms Austin - Principal (rel)





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

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



STOP PRESS!
School photos have just arrived and are being sent home today.
Group photos are on display in the front office.