



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 8 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

13th September

MP Liesl Tesch

Guest Speaker 10 – 11am

All welcome!

14th September

Regional Spelling Bee

Years 3 & 4 - 9:30 - 11:30

Years 5 & 6 - 12:30 - 2:30

All welcome!

Pie Day Friday

NO ASSEMBLY

17th September

P & C Meeting

18th September

Kindy Start 12-3pm

PBL Pancake Privilege Day

24th - 25th September

Parent/Teacher Interviews

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

There was certainly much to celebrate last week!!

On Monday, in preparation for World Teachers' Day, Mr Randall was honoured with an award at Berkeley Vale Campus. The staff farewelled GA (General Assistant), Mr Pugh and his wife, with a lovely dinner at Saddles restaurant and we welcomed Mr Jacklin on his first day as our new GA. In recognition of SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Week, we invited our tireless SAM (School Administrative Manager), Mrs Riley, to a special breakfast of healthy treats. It was also CWA Awareness Week, and our lovely CWA ladies judged the students' poster competition and surprised me with an Honorary Membership and cookbook. Thursday, of course, was Arthouse performance day and, at assembly on Friday, Mr Randall handed out the long-awaited Walk-a-thon prizes and our P&C held the raffle draw....before we all went home and collapsed!

'The Amazing Race' was Won!

I'm sure the staff member who slept most soundly Thursday night was Mrs Davis. All her hard work, encouragement and patience paid off with our two colourful performances in 'The Amazing Race' at Wyong's Arthouse. Her expert guidance kept everything running smoothly and the logistics involved with keeping six schools on track were mind-boggling! Our two 'race destinations' were Japan and Hawaii and our lead actors, Jayda and Brooke were outstanding- my heart was nearly bursting with pride! The 'natives', Noah, Hastings, Savannah and Hayley, also did a terrific job. The other small school items by Kulnura, Wyong Creek, Jiliby, Somersby and Central Mangrove PS showcased New Zealand, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Brazil, India, China, Sweden, Egypt, Antarctica, England, France, Malaysia, America and Africa. I was in the holding room with 450 students for most of it but did catch the adorable penguins and matadors. Some of the items were very polished as they'd also entered in the Central Coast Dance festival. I heard some parents shed a tear watching their child perform on stage for the first time and bravely overcome their nerves and fear. My own parents and children loved every minute and I'm grateful to my husband Yoshito for helping me with the kimonos. Thanks also to Kulnura's P&C for organising the BBQ for everyone between performances and of course, to the lead teacher, Mrs Maja Novakovic from Wyong Creek PS, for her vision and drive to lead it all. The theatre was packed for the evening performance and the rousing finale was testimony to the passion, professionalism and unique opportunities provided by small schools.

Finally, thank you to our parents for being so supportive and assisting with transportation, costumes, meals, activities and the rehearsing of lines. I know the number of notes nearly drove everyone bonkers but the scale of this commitment was massive and clear communication was vital- another big ask and task for Mrs Davis. We assure you, it won't become an annual event and that's what made it so special.



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK



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Here is an email excerpt from Jason Baldwin, Director Educational Leadership:

I wanted to write and thank you for the exceptional night of performing arts that you brought to fruition last night. It was by far one of the most enjoyable evenings I have had in such a long time. I can only begin to imagine the significant logistics and hard work involved in the collaboration across the six different sites to bring it all together. It is a testament to the amazing dedication, passion and immense skill and talent that shines across the teaching and student community among our small schools. It was truly a night of collaboration, celebration and fun. The buzz in the air at the event was absolutely electric and I was overwhelmed by the positive conversations I could hear by parents and community members. They were so proud of their children and so proud of their Public Schools. Justifiably so. Please pass on this email of thanks to your staff involved in this enormous commitment. You brought utter joy and excitement to the students which could be easily seen on their faces last night. You should all be incredibly proud of your work. I know I am. Thank you again. It was a truly memorable event!!!

...and on his Twitter feed:



Jason Baldwin
(@JasonBaldwinDEL)

6/9/18, 9:19 pm

For the first time ever, all small schools across the Central Coast have collaborated to deliver a showcase of the performing arts. The excitement and joy among students, parents and community members was incredible. pic.twitter.com/csHLhScpoA



World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day on October 5th, celebrates the diverse range of qualities and values represented by teachers in public education that exemplify the teaching profession. As a school, we successfully nominated Mr Randall for the Central Coast Awards for:

'Fostering a dynamic culture of high expectations, technology integration, excellence and community engagement in a small school setting'.

Last Monday, he attended a day of professional learning with other awardees at Berkeley Vale Campus and early in Term 4, we'll be attending a dinner to formally recognise their achievements.

P&C Raffle Winners

At Friday's assembly, P&C President Lauren and Secretary Lesley drew the lucky winners in the 'Paddock to Plate' raffle.

Thanks Lauren and the P & C for sourcing all the wonderful prizes, raising a total of \$911!

CWA's Barbara won first prize, Noah won second prize and Amanda third. The rest of the prizes were won by Hayley, Michelle & Murray, Tarryn and the boys and Katina.

Special thanks to Somersbee Honey for also dropping in a full frame of fresh honeycomb for the students to sample- yum!

Funds will go towards new blazers for students representing our school at events like the Premier's Public Speaking Competition and Spelling Bee, Debating, ANZAC and Remembrance Day services our Presentation Evening and visits by parliamentarians.

MP Liesl Tesch to Visit – Invictus Games

Please join us this Thursday between 10~11am in the hall, when Member for Gosford and the NSW Legislative Assembly, Liesl Tesch MP, will address our students. Anyone who has heard her speak before will testify to what an interesting and inspiring leader she is and the power of resilience and goal setting. Liesl became an incomplete paraplegic after a mountain bike accident when she was 19 but still managed to graduate from Newcastle University and taught high school for over 20 years. She competed with the national wheelchair basketball team at five paralympics, winning two silvers and a bronze medal, and was the first woman to play the sport professionally. Still, she craved a gold medal so took up sailing in 2010, winning gold medals at the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Paralympics. Liesl



is visiting schools to help promote the Invictus Games and has invited our school captains to a special Invictus morning tea at Gosford RSL on the first Monday of Term 4. We've started planning our excursion to the games on Tuesday, October 23rd (Week 2, Term 4) utilising our \$1000 grant - looks like it'll be an early departure!

<https://www.invictusgames2018.org/the-games/the-story/>



'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/>

Today, it's Mrs Davis' turn for some important professional development on Learning Progressions and PLAN 2 and Kariong Mountains HS staff will visit to oversee Year 6 Literacy and Numeracy screening.

This week, Year 6 will also sit for VALID (the Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development), a program which provides online end-of-stage assessments for the Science key learning area. After a few hiccups, Year 3 and 5 students will also sit two brief readiness tests in preparation for NAPLAN online in 2019.



This Friday, more special guests will be arriving at Peats as we're hosting the Regional Spelling Bee. Students and parents from 20 schools, as far away as Karuah, will be visiting our school and it's a valuable opportunity to show off our beautiful grounds and facilities. We wish our Stage 2 and 3 finalists- Ollie, Beau, Jayda and Brooke- all the best! Please come and join our audience!

Ms Austin - Principal (rel)

Website Disruption

The Department is currently upgrading the school's website and during this time, we may experience some disruption to our online services. This may mean that we will be unable to upload the newsletter over the coming weeks.

Group Photos

These are on display in the office foyer and can be ordered online.

PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY!

Friday, 14th September



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

