



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 9 Term 3

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

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

18th September

Kindy Start 12-3pm
PBL Pancakes Privilege Day

23rd September

Kulnura Public School
90th Birthday Celebrations

26th - 27th September

Parent / Teacher Interviews

28th September

Grace Springs Farm
Excursion P1 & P2 9:30-11:30

Pie Day Friday

Peats Pride Assembly

20th October

Mangrove Mountain
Country Fair

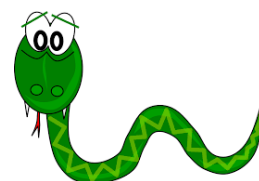
23rd October

Invictus Games Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

I heard so many positive comments and praise from visitors to our lovely little school last week! We've had more enrolment enquiries too and P1 just increased by one (welcome back Shakia!), so please keep spreading our good news stories. Improvements to our playground and buildings are continuing with the help of our new GA, Mr Greg Jacklin, and the recent rain has helped green the ovals (thankfully, we didn't get the hail). With the warmer weather comes snakes and the three staff from Kariong Mountains HS on Monday certainly got a shock when a one and a half metre diamond python crossed their path!



Regional Spelling Bee

Yesterday, we were certainly kept busy when over 200 visitors travelled to Peats for the Regional Spelling Bee. Students, teachers and parents from 20 participating schools appreciated the ease of parking, convenient disabled access, our spacious hall with ample seating and fresh and healthy catering. It was great to hear our school promoted on local radio for the second time this term. Our Stage 2 finalists, Ollie and Beau were eliminated in Round 2 with the eventual winner, Zac from Bateau Bay, and runner-up Madeline from Ourimbah PS, making it to Round 8! Our Stage 3 finalists, Jayda and Brooke, made it as far as Round 4 with the winner, Niki from Wyong PS and runner-up, Mia from Brooke Avenue PS, making it to Round 7. Our students did a fantastic job representing our school against some tough competition. To give you some idea of the level of difficulty involved, here is a sample of some of the list words:

Junior- *writhe, aardvark, tempestuous, ampere, genteel, herbaceous, congeal, emoji, precinct, hosiery*

Senior- *Mississippi, charlatan, deleterious, pertinacious, allegretto, contemporaneous, allargando, sibilant*

How would you have gone?!

Guest Speaker MP Liesl Tesch on the Invictus Games

On Thursday, Member for Gosford and the NSW Legislative Assembly, Liesl Tesch MP, spoke candidly to P1 and P2 about her disability as an incomplete paraplegic, her teaching and political career and



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

Respect -

Show

*sportsmanship
and play by
the rules*

amazing sporting successes. Mr Andrew Pryce, relieving Director Educational Leadership for Mooney-Mooney, also joined the audience along with my parents and Mr James Treece from Kariong Mountains HS with their full student leadership team. Hayley's big sister, Monique, delighted in showing her schoolmates around her old stomping ground and they were extremely envious! Liesl brought her bag of medals along and all students felt honoured to hold and study their unique designs- some with braille and bells inside for sight impaired medalists. Her main focus was promoting the upcoming Invictus Games and she showed two inspiring videos. Here's the link to the rousing 'Yes, I Can!'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzjuQoNM534>

Liesl was overjoyed to hear we successfully applied for a grant to cover a coach and tickets so P2 can attend the games on Tuesday, October 23rd (Week 2, Term 4) and to fill all seats on the bus, we're looking into P1 students and parents hitching a ride to Sydney for some sight-seeing fun. Sites discussed so far have included the Sydney Fish Markets and Darling Harbour's Chinese Gardens with lunch and a paddle at the water park. Please let us know any other suggestions, especially those that tie in to our '*Paddock to Plate*' unit this term and '*Built Environments*' in Term 4.

As a fellow lover of bees and a bee-keeper herself, Liesl loved her small gift of Peats eggs and honeycomb and the Director loved his too. Our student leaders and Mr Randall are also looking forward to a special Invictus morning tea at Gosford RSL on the first Monday of Term 4.

Year 6 Assessments



On Thursday, Year 6 students also sat VALID (Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development), a free program which provides online end-of-stage assessments for the key learning area of Science. The results assist schools and the system to monitor student achievement of syllabus outcomes and content across stages and inform planning and programming. Students will receive an individualised report outlining their level of demonstrated understanding. In Week 1 of next term, Peats is hosting VALID face-to-face marking professional learning for staff in our region to further promote our fantastic school.

As our resident python knows, Mr Treece, Miss Milne and Mr Hipwell from Kariong Mountains HS visited again last Monday to deliver Literacy and Numeracy screening tests to Year 6 students as part of their Year 7 transition program. The next full day visit to the high school for students enrolled in 2019 will take place on Tuesday, 4th December and we're looking forward to the annual visit by exuberant Head Teacher Mr Cartner and his talented Year 11 Physics team.

Kindy Start- Welcome to our Pre-Schoolers!

Our last Kindy Start session for this term will be held tomorrow at the different time of 12~3pm so pre-schoolers and their parents can experience lunch break and afternoon and home bell routines. Mrs Davis has prepared some special activities and a PBL Privilege Day treat to make home-made ice-cream and pancakes- yum! Year 6 will also run Kids in the Kitchen during Break 2 so bring along your pocket money!

Kindy Start dates for Term 4:

Mon 29th Oct - 9am~12

Mon 12th Nov - 9am~12

Fri 23rd Nov - 12~3pm

Parent-Teacher Interviews



Parent Teacher Interviews

End of term parent-teacher interviews have been set for Wednesday and Thursday in Week 10, the 26~27th of September. Slips will be sent home soon to book a time and we'd love to see all parents and carers to discuss specific points and work samples regarding your child's learning.



'Grace Springs' Farm Excursion

To celebrate the completion of our 'Paddock to Plate' unit this term, a special local excursion to 'Grace Springs' farm has been organised for 9:30~11:30am on the last day, Friday 28th September. Notes were sent home today and parents are invited to come along as well. Please check out their facebook or website...

<https://www.facebook.com/gracespringsfarm/>

www.gracespringsfarm.net



'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/>

Fire Season has Begun!

With unseasonably hot temperatures and strong winds forecast on Saturday, it was timely to receive an email from the manager of the Health and Safety Directorate concerning this year's early start to the bushfire season. Peats has been identified as being at increased risk in the event of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating and as such, our school remains on the Department's Bush Fire Register for this coming season.

This means that should a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating be issued for the local area, our school will be required to temporarily cease operations for the day(s) that the Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is in place.



'Share our Space' Program for the Holidays

Our playground will be open for public use again over the holidays. School playgrounds are valuable assets and by making them accessible outside of the school term they can provide a broader benefit to the whole community, including opportunities for sport on school ovals. Special signage, an on-site security guard and daily cleaner will again be provided and the school receives \$5000- a win/win for us and the community!

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair



Yes, it's that time of year again and things are heating up for the Country Fair, Saturday 20th October. I attended the community meeting last Thursday night and grabbed some brochures to include with this newsletter. Please peruse the long list of categories for the children's competitions and get creative! We had quite a few winners last year

and I'd like to see even more this year. The theme for the school displays is 'The Land'

Our stall will have a mix of flowers, second hand books and white elephant items (mostly cleaned out from school storerooms). If you, friends or relatives have any children's or suitable adult books to recycle, please bring them to the office. Clean out your shelves over the holidays!

The Amazing Race

Many parents have enquired about purchasing a DVD of *The Amazing Race*.

Wyong HS filmed the musical with 4 cameras and they have so much footage it will take some time to edit and put together. Early next term, when they have completed the process, they will send through the completed file and we'll check the quality before adding it to disc or USB for distribution.

On Friday, I received this email from rel-Director, Mr Andrew Pryce:



Thank you so much for having me at your school yesterday. It was a real highlight!

I have today been informed by John Carters that he will be continuing in his relieving capacity at Rydalmere East.

I will assume you are happy to continue in your current role for term 4 2019.

Yes, very happy!

Mr Randall was dismayed to discover there was an attempt to break into the school's storage shipping containers over the weekend. If anyone saw anything suspicious, probably Friday evening, please let us know.

And don't forget Kulnura PS is celebrating its 90th birthday on Sunday. Please join in the festivities!

Ms Austin - Principal (rel)

