



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 1 Term 4

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

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

20th October

Mangrove Mountain
Country Fair
Stall and Performance

23rd October

Invictus Games Excursion

26th October

Tell Them From Me
Parent Survey Closes

29th October

Kindy Start 9am - 12



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

*Excellence -
Be ready to learn
with ALL your
equipment*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,



I hope you had a lovely spring break and recharged the batteries ready for Term 4 and the festive season ahead. Did anyone go to the beach or were you too scared after our DART VC on sharks for Shark Week?!

Did you visit school as part of the 'Share Our Space' program or get a chance to do the 'Tell Them From Me' parent survey? We really hope to get some good feedback

this year and need more than 5 respondents to gain any data. It closes next Friday. Please click or enter this link: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/xt9vf>

The Invictus Games



Mr Randall and our lucky Year 6 student leaders attended a special Invictus morning tea at Gosford RSL this morning, hosted by MP Liesl Tesch.

Next Tuesday, P2 will attend The Invictus Games at Sydney Olympic Park. The students will witness first-hand the adaptive sports of swimming and

seated volleyball before taking part in a robotics session that looks at the role of robotics in the construction of prosthetics. P1 students and parents are tagging along to visit the Sydney Fish Markets and Darling Harbour's Chinese Gardens with lunch and a paddle at the water park. These sites tie in nicely with our 'Paddock to Plate' unit this term and 'Built Environments' in Term 4.

We hope everyone has remembered to bring their notes back as it's cost free!

Mariners Big Sport Finale



The students really enjoyed the soccer program with the Mariners' coaches last term. All that training paid off with the bounty of trophies awarded to our players at the season's end. In lieu of a missed



session when we had an Amazing Race rehearsal, Coach Michael and Coach Joey kindly gave us a double-up session in the last week and it was a lot of fun.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to discuss the progress and goals our students are achieving at P1 and P2's Parent-Teacher Interviews at the end of last term. If you missed the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher please contact the school and make arrangements for an alternative date/time.

Parent
Survey

Little Shop Swap



Coles Mini Collectibles "Full Set"

\$300

Click



Coles Little Shop - Swaps Available

Antiques, Art & Collectables

Click



Coles Little Shop Complete Set Limited Edition Mini Collectible

\$200

Click

The *Little Shop Swap and Snack* at the end of last term was a lot of fun too. Izzy even commented "It's the best day ever!" I handed out the few packets I had left and Monique got into the action too. Some students were very generous helping to build the collections

of the littlies and all trades were fair. These fun activities actually build important numeracy skills and prepare students with life skills for eBay

and used car salesmen! After a quick search online, they might prove a valuable investment for the future too...

'Grace Springs' Farm Excursion

To celebrate the completion of our 'Paddock to Plate' unit last term, everyone visited 'Grace Springs' farm and had a fabulous time. We had the opportunity to learn about regenerative farming from Virginia and Tony. The highlight for the students was sharing their knowledge of bees, searching through cow poo for dung beetles, making curds and whey from fresh milk. We got to have a good look at Tony's market garden and he gave us some great ideas for our own garden.

Kindy Start



We're preparing for our next round of Kinder Start and look forward to meeting our gorgeous little kindies again. In our next session, we will be continuing to practice our morning routines in P1, reading, writing, games and craft activities. We will also have the opportunity to look at the progress our walk through gardens and hopefully have a chance to taste some of the wonderful produce we have planted.

Kindy Start dates for Term 4:

Mon 29th Oct - 9am~12

Mon 12th Nov - 9am~12

Fri 23rd Nov - 12~3pm (special assembly)

Staff Professional Learning

Tomorrow, Peats is hosting VALID face-to-face marking professional learning for around 15 staff in our library to further promote our fantastic school. VALID (Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development), is 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. Mr Randall will be attending and our Year 6 students will receive an individualised report outlining their level of demonstrated understanding.



Mrs Riley was very impressed with the training and look of the Department's new school website program. Unfortunately, it's not quite ready yet so our newsletters are still unable to be uploaded online. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

As the sign strategically placed opposite our school gate attests, it's that time of year again and things are heating up for the Country Fair, on Saturday 20th October. Sue Douglas has collected our colouring-in competition entries and our school art display for this year's theme on 'The Land' will look zzzennzzational! 🐝🐝🐝🐝🐝🐝🐝



As usual, each school has been asked to perform on the stage and we'll be showcasing our Hawaiian item from The Amazing Race. At the last meeting, Kulnura PS was slated for 10:30am, Central Mangrove at 10:45 then Peats at 11am. We're hoping as many students as possible can make it and we'll bring along all the costumes, music and props (just wear your performance gear).

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. Get the kids to clean out their shelves over the holidays.

Volunteer helpers most welcome.

Peats Pride Assembly

Congratulations to those students who received special awards at our Peats Pride assembly. Did you enjoy our diamond python inspired Diamante Poems? I loved the beautiful imagery, humour and alliteration used by even our P1 students. Included below is the poem by William E. Henley that inspired the Invictus Games and the powerful final lines have resonated with me ever since I first heard them when I was a student at Budgewoi PS. Hopefully, they'll help build resilience in our students too for any hard times they may face.

The foyer is still a work in progress... finalising quotes on lounges, preparing mural outlines and the aquarium shelf being remade. If anyone knows a reputable local carpenter who'd like a little project, please contact us. I'd love to have it all completed by the end of the year.

I hope everyone achieves their Term 4 goals – we can do it!

Ms Austin - Principal (rel)

INVICTUS

OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS ME,
BLACK AS THE PIT FROM POLE TO POLE,
I THANK WHATEVER GODS MAY BE
FOR MY UNCONQUERABLE SOUL.

IN THE FELL CLUTCH OF CIRCUMSTANCE
I HAVE NOT WINCED NOR CRIED ALOUD.
UNDER THE BLUDGEONINGS OF CHANCE
MY HEAD IS BLOODY, BUT UNBOWED.

BEYOND THIS PLACE OF WRATH AND TEARS
LOOMS BUT THE HORROR OF THE SHADE,
AND YET THE MENACE OF THE YEARS
FINDS AND SHALL FIND ME UNAFRAID.

IT MATTERS NOT HOW STRAIT THE GATE,
HOW CHARGED WITH PUNISHMENTS THE
SCROLL,

**I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE;
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.**

-WILLIAM E. HENLEY



