



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 2 Term 4

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

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

23rd October

Invictus Games Excursion

26th October

Tell Them From Me
Parent Survey Closes
Assembly

29th October

Kindy Start 9am - 12

30th October

Catholic Mass Visit

9th November

Remembrance Day
Assembly at 11am

12th November

Kindy Start 9am - 12

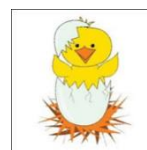
23rd November

Kindy Start 12 - 3pm
Special Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

I love driving to work on foggy mornings! Strickland State Forest and our school grounds look so beautiful in the mist. Last Wednesday, the early morning stillness was broken by the cheeping of the latest addition to our school family- Pete the rooster and Rosy are the proud parents of a cute ball of yellow fluff. Now, we just have to think of a name...



We also warmly welcome Cody, our other new addition to Year 5 and P2, and his parents to our vibrant school community.

A Fabulous Country Fair!

Chickens were a big drawcard at Saturday's Country Fair too and watching them race was a lot of fun. The weather cooperated perfectly, with the storms waiting till everything had been packed up before they rolled in late afternoon. The poster colouring-in competition was won by: Kade, Shakia, Ollie, Christina, Isabella, Briony and Jayda, each awarded \$4 to spend on the day. Our stall with flowers, second-hand books and bric-a-brac raised just under \$700 - a top effort! We had a lovely spot opposite Grace Springs Farm and their petting zoo. Special thanks to Viv and Fletch (Mr Randall's terrific kids), Yoshito and Kai (my

family) and mum Tarryn for helping out (and Lauren for baby-sitting) and local growers Royale Orchids, S&P Dominello's and The Flower Barn for



donating buckets of beautiful blooms. Brooke, Briony, Matteo, Christina, Brax with little bros Hudson and Madden, Calloway, Hastings, Isabella, Jayda and Abbey and ex-students Jade and Isabelle all popped by to say hello. Other ex-students spotted at the fair were: Ellie, Danielle, Gabrielle, Sophie, Daisy, Thomas, Lily, Kayla and Jazmin. Our art display in the hall won first prize overall and individual wattle art winners were:

1st- Calloway, Hunter, Abbey, Christina, Makayla, Brooke

2nd- Brax, Noah, Ollie, Beau, Laura, Jayda

3rd- Hastings, Bailey, Matteo, Isabella, Bianca, Briony

Highly Commended- Lexie, Kade, Zoe, Hayley, Savannah

Many of our students, CWA ladies and Tarryn were also successful in other categories, entered privately. Abbey and Brax's photographs won first prize with Abbey and Jayda also placing second. Calloway and Hastings' craft entries also won quite a few prizes. Hayley performed on stage with her D3 dance



PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

Responsibility -
*Wear your full
school uniform
with pride*

group, recently featured in the Community News. Unfortunately, we weren't the only small school not to have enough students present at 11am to perform on the stage. Hopefully, next year we will.

Off to The Invictus Games!

Cody is lucky to have enrolled just before our excursion to the Invictus Games tomorrow. Thanks to a generous grant, Mr Randall and P2 students will attend the games gratis while P1, Ms Austin, Mrs Davis and Monique will fill the bus and visit the Sydney Fish Markets and Darling Harbour's Chinese Gardens and water park. These sites tie in nicely with our Term 3 'Paddock to Plate' unit and 'Built Environments' this term. P2 is ticketed for certain events so the bus **must leave promptly at 6am tomorrow**.



Make sure to set the alarm tonight. If you're late, I'm afraid you'll miss out!

Library Upgrade



Last Tuesday, we hosted professional learning for 17 local teachers in our Library. They all left, very impressed with our grounds and facilities, and the VALID presenters are keen to book us again for next year. This afternoon, staff from our small schools' network will visit from 3~6pm for professional learning on the new Literacy and Numeracy progressions. Mrs Riley and her children, Peter, Samuel and Gabrielle, worked hard over the holidays to stocktake and display our Junior Fiction section and re-organise the circulation desk. A new projector was installed in the Library and Mr Randall worked with IT Consultant, Mr Dave Crotty, to set up a small computer lab area. Assets came in to scrub the mould and lichen on the roof skylights so the view behind our new flagpole is much improved.

We've still got more to do, but it's starting to look good!

Term 4 Kindy Start

Mrs Davis and P1 are all set for our next round of Kinder Start and we look forward to meeting our gorgeous little kindies again.

We've had more enquiries and our numbers are growing, so keep spreading the good news!

Kindy Start dates for Term 4:

Mon 29 th Oct	9am~12
Mon 12 th Nov	9am~12
Fri 23 rd Nov	12~3pm (special assembly)



Of course, our kindies are also invited to join in the Year 6 Mini-Fete on Friday 7th Dec and our Presentation Evening on Mon 17th Dec.

Year 6 Farewell Preparations



Yes, the end of the year is just around the corner, which means it's time to organise the Year 6 Farewell. We're looking at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club on the evening of Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th December in Week 9. I'll meet with Year 6 students soon to begin preparations and decide on a theme/colour scheme and a note will be going home soon to parents interested in forming a decorating committee. The Year 6 Mini-Fete has been penciled in on the calendar for Friday, 7th December, the Year 6 Principal's Lunch on Monday, 17th December and the Year 6 Picnic Day for Wednesday, 19th December (last day of school).

Mr Randall has also begun discussing expectations and responsibilities with Year 5 students aspiring to be school leaders next year.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in 2019

After the wonderful success of Aladdin last year, I've tentatively booked our whole school to see *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the Capitol Theatre, 1pm on Wednesday (schools' day), 6th March. I'm



giving our families lots of prior warning in case you were considering going when it opens in January and so that students can start saving their pocket (or Christmas?) money. Student tickets will be approximately \$65 each and we'll catch the train like last time, so Opal cards will be needed as well. Parents and carers are

invited to join us at \$80 adult, \$70 pensioner/senior (so apply for your flexi-day now). I know this is an expensive excursion, but a full musical experience at one of Sydney's best venues is an opportunity too good to miss!



Online Communication

The Department of Education is still upgrading our school website. Unfortunately, this means our newsletters are still unable to be uploaded online, including Facebook. We apologise for any inconvenience and issues should be remedied soon.

Beware of Ticks!

Last Friday, Hunter was sent to Sick Bay with an inflamed shoulder due to a tiny tick and had to be sent home. Poor Calloway was admitted to hospital yesterday (along with three other children) when he had an allergic reaction to a tick burrowed behind his ear. Our GA, Mr Jacklin, is keeping the grass mowed short and children have been told not to sit on the ground this term. Please be vigilant if you see your child scratching or an inflamed patch of skin.



Tell Them From me Survey Closing Friday

This week is your last chance to participate in the 'Tell Them From Me' parent survey. We hope to receive some interesting feedback this year and need more than 5 respondents to gain valid data that will inform our school planning. It closes this Friday.

Please click or enter this link: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/xt9vf>

We're off to a great start everyone and I look forward to seeing you learn and grow even more this term!

Ms Austin - Principal (rel)



