



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 3 Term 4

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

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

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,

It was high drama last Friday when our little chick 'Fuzzball' nearly drowned in the water bucket! It was rescued and fussed over by everyone and Brooke's warm hands brought it back from the brink.

On Thursday, a prospective Year 5 student, Tara, her mum, Rebekah, and baby Scarlett popped in for a visit. Tara loved our cute new addition too.

P2 and the Invictus Games

Everyone had a fabulous time on Tuesday and I loved reading P2's writing drafts about their once-in-a-lifetime experience. Here's a medley of sentences recounting their day:



On Tuesday, the 22nd of October, P2 went to the Invictus Games. We left school at 6am! Everyone was so tired but we were awake by the time we got there (Isabella). The day started off with a very chatty bus ride. I sat next to Kade and Matteo sat on the other side of the aisle. We talked the whole way there (Jayda). On the bus I sat next to Briony. We sang songs and it was fun, (Makayla).

We walked to the ANZ Stadium and saw all the other schools. It was a different experience for me because I have never been to a stadium before (Cody). Once we got there and had our priorities straight, we went into the stadium for a talk about the Invictus Games and listened to a returned serviceman, Andy, who told us his story (Jayda) and how he got hurt (Bianca). After that, we met up with our group volunteer, Emily. She was a seated volleyball champion and really nice (Christina). We were given bags, a hat, sunglasses and we got these red troll hats too. They looked really funny (Isabella).

We went to the swimming in the Aquatic Centre. It was cool watching them swim and it was also really loud (Beau). It was very interesting to watch because I have never been to a swimming competition for para-athletes before. We also got free signs to hold (Savannah). There were motivational quotes on them like: 'You're my hero!' and 'You're awesome!' There were lots of people from around the world (Jayda). Over 2,500 school students visited the same day

as us and I hated how we had to keep moving seats to let more and more in (Zoe). We all cheered for Australia and Luke Hill. I met him in person before (at the Student Leaders' morning tea with MP Liesl Tesch) and was glad I got to see him compete (Brooke).

PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

Respect -
Remember
'please',
'thank you' and
'excuse me'

We got to meet one of Mr Randall's friends, Scott Seccombe, an awesome guy who competed in the first 2014 London Games in wheelchair rugby, discus, archery and shotput. Scott is now a NSW RSL Invictus Ambassador (Briony). The most interesting thing I liked was meeting Scott (Ollie). He was so excited. We asked him questions and then took a photo (Brooke).

I liked playing seated volleyball against the other schools. It was fun! (Matteo) My group won the first round and the second round. After that, we ate lunch (Bianca). Lunch was salad sandwiches with fruit and a water bottle. It tasted good and it was healthy (Hunter).

Straight after lunch, we went under a water fountain. It was like a large metal wheel with a curtain of water pouring out of it. I didn't get that wet but Jayda got soaked (Hayley)!

Lastly, we went to a place called 'Engineering'. They talked us through how to make a prosthetic hand that can pick up stuff- light or heavy. In the end, Brooke, Abbey, Briony, Christina and Zoe won and they got a packet of crayons (Laura).

We got to fill up our water bottle and went to the bus. I fell asleep again and Mr Randall took photos of me. I woke up with about two minutes to get to school. Mum came to pick us up. It was a heap of fun! (Abbey)

P1 and Darling Harbour

After dropping P2 at the Games, Monique, Hunter's dad, Darren and I headed off to see the sights of Darling Harbour. I loved reading the highlights in their writing books too:

The Sydney Fish Markets- I liked the sushi because it was yummy. (Hastings)

My favourite thing was eating the raw octopus. (Noah)

I liked seeing the king crabs. (Bailey, Lexie & Brax)

When we went to the Fish Markets, it smelled so bad! I'm not a big fan of fish. (Shakia)

I loved the sushi so much! It was good. (Kade)

Chinese Garden of Friendship- I liked the water dragons because Noah and Kade called the big one 'Mark'. (Hastings)

When we went to the Chinese gardens I saw big koi fish. (Brax)

I liked all of the animals- the fish, water dragons and turtles. (Shakia)

I loved looking at the water dragons and turtles. (Kade, Noah, Lexie & Bailey)

Darling Quarter Waterworks, Slides, Ropes, Swing and Flying Fox-

I liked the waterpark because it was so cool. (Hastings & Bailey)

I played with Shakia. (Brax)

Brax and I got a flower and followed it in the water. (Shakia)

I loved the water park and McDonald's icecreams. (Kade & Lexie)

I liked the apple pie from McDonald's. (Noah)

I'm sure everyone slept like logs Tuesday night!

Term 4 Kindy Start

Everything is prepared for our first Kinder Start session for Term 4 today. Mrs Davis and P1 are looking forward to meeting our gorgeous little kindies again and P2 students love making a fuss over them too.

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

Kindy Start dates for Term 4:

Mon 29th Oct 9am~12

Mon 12th Nov 9am~12

Fri 23rd 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.



'Built Environments' - DART Video Conferences



As part of our 'Built Environments' studies this term, we're participating in two VCs this week in the Library. The first is by Guwany Walama on 'Aboriginal Perspectives of Bennelong Point' and the second is on 'Places and Spaces- Sydney Opera House'. The students have been creating some fabulous art on this theme, focusing on industrial textures, shapes and perspective. It's Outdoor Classroom Day this Thursday but we'll be celebrating it later in the term with a cardboard shelter construction day. Students have already formed work teams, discussed ideas and used their imagination to start designing forts, bases, and apartments. The fun part is, we're planning to sleep-over in them in the hall!

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day has a special significance in 2018.

Sunday, 11 November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

One hundred years ago, on 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing to an end the First World War. From the summer of 1918, the five divisions of the Australian Corps had been at the forefront of the allied advance to victory. Beginning with their stunning success at the battle of Hamel in July, they helped to turn the tide of the war at Amiens in August, followed by the capture of Mont St Quentin and Pèronne, and the breaching of German defences at the Hindenburg Line in September. By early October the exhausted Australians were withdrawn from battle. They had achieved a fighting reputation out of proportion to their numbers, but victory had come at a heavy cost. They suffered almost 48,000 casualties during 1918, including more than 12,000 dead.

In the four years of the war more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died. The social effects of these losses cast a long shadow over the postwar decades.

Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

We're hoping to have a special guest at 11am on Friday, 9th November, when we'll pause in front of our new flagpole at Peats Ridge PS to honour the fallen. You're welcome to join us.



Mathematics Success!

Congratulations to our Top 3 Mathletics students: 1. Hayley 2. Abbey and 3. Briony for receiving Achievement Certificates at last Friday's assembly, acknowledging their accomplishments so far this year. Three students have also received awards in the annual Newcastle Permanent Building Society Mathematics Competition and these will be awarded at our Presentation Evening.



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. After meeting with our Year 6s last week, we're now looking at Central Coast Leagues Club on the evening of Tuesday 18th December in Week 10. They've decided on a theme and colour scheme and a note will be going home soon to parents interested in forming a decorating committee. I've penciled in Monday, 12th November 3pm to meet so please let me know if it's unsuitable.

Preparations are also underway for the Year 6 Mini-Fete on Friday, 7th December, the Year 6 Principal's Lunch on Monday, 17th December and the Year 6 Picnic Day on Wednesday, 19th December (last day of school).

We've also begun discussing expectations and responsibilities with Year 5 students aspiring to be school leaders next year around citizenship, behaviour, uniform, attendance and public speaking.



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!



Calloway has given me permission to publish before and after photos of his allergic reaction to the tick bite last weekend. Unfortunately, it meant missing our Sydney excursion but we were delighted to see him back in class, healthy and happy, later in the week- just in time to enjoy one of Ollie's birthday Drumstick ice-cream treats!



And speaking of delicious treats, I hope you remembered your special Hallowe'en sushi lunch order today for Wednesday. Raw tuna, seaweed, tofu and fish roe- YUM!! The canteen will also be open to sell snacks for the less adventurous.

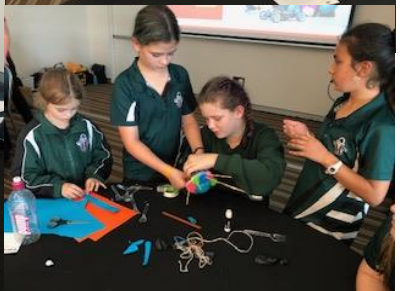
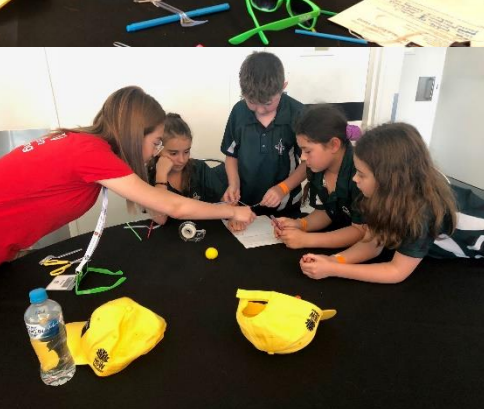
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PS Have a look at these Hallowe'en sushi creations...!



INVICTUS GAMES

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