



# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 Term 4

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

Every Monday: Newsletter  
Every Tuesday: Scripture  
Every Friday: Sport

#### 9<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Day  
Assembly at 9.30am  
**All welcome!**

#### 12<sup>th</sup> November

Kindy Start 9am - 12

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Kindy Start 12 - 3pm  
Special Assembly

#### 29<sup>th</sup> November

Building with Boxes  
Sleepover in Hall

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Year 5 Leadership  
Speeches

#### 7<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Mini-fete

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, families and friends,

We had our first hot day for Term 4 on Friday when the mercury (and iPhones) recorded 35'. To cool off, GA Mr Jacklin put the sprinkler on the oval for everyone to run through followed by a frozen Zooper Dooper - yum! It also recharged the batteries after our first gymnastics lesson with Mr Randall in the hall.

The heat is bringing out the critters too. I found a skittled black-bellied swamp snake near the letter box, the boys found a dead frog in their toilets, a possum found refuge in the weather shed and the twins arrived full of excitement Friday morning with the first green grocer cicada of the season.

On a sad note, our baby chick Fuzzball disappeared some time during Wednesday night.

### State Athletics

What a thrill it was on Thursday to receive the updates from Wendy, Amanda and Mr Randall on our girls' progress at the State Athletics Carnival.... Here is a report by Mr Randall:

*On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, four of our girls got to compete at the State Athletics carnival at Olympic Park, Homebush. Jayda, Angel-Katlyn, Savannah and Abbey were very competitive when it came to race time. The girls qualified 8<sup>th</sup> fastest and made it into the semi-finals later in the day.*

*While they were waiting, the girls were treated to a little behind the scenes tour of Olympic Stadium by Ms Halt (Sydney North Team Manager) which they were very excited about.*

*At 1.30 that afternoon, the girls competed in the semi-finals, finishing a strong 6<sup>th</sup> however, this brought their day to an end. All four girls competed well and came along with a great attitude. Ms Halt (Sydney North Team Manager) came to me later in the day to commend the girls on their efforts and to tell me what delightful girls they all were.*

*Big thanks to the teams cheer squad- Amanda Medcalf, Angel & Katlyn Marks. The girls loved having you there and appreciate your efforts in getting them to Homebush for the day.*

...And a report by Jayda:

*We ran a time of 01.07.57 and we came second last in our heat. For the semi-finals, we were last on the leaderboard and we came last in our heat. On the bright side, we beat our school record!*

### Centenary of Armistice - Remembrance Day Ceremony

Please join us this Wednesday at 9:30am, when we'll commemorate our new flagpole and the Centenary of Armistice 1918. Gosford RSL sub-branch has kindly allowed us to use the remainder of the Invictus Games grant money to bus Central Mangrove students over and Lucy Wicks MP and other invited special guests will join us. The ceremony will include:



## PBL VALUE OF THE WEEK

**Excellence -**

Edit all  
work  
carefully



**A Catafalque Party-** A local military enactment group of memorial guards and a rifle squad wearing WW1 Lighthorse uniforms will perform a close order drill carrying 303 British rifles and ceremonial bayonets.

**Wreath or Poppy Laying-** The poppy has a long association with Remembrance Day. Once the conflict was over, the poppy was one of the only plants to grow on the otherwise barren battlefields. Wreaths have been used since ancient Romans times to crown victors and the brave as a mark of honour.

**Letters from The Front-** Our School leaders will read short excerpts from letters written by Margaret Pointer's (one of our lovely CWA ladies) grandfather during WW1. He did not return.

**The Ode-** This passage is taken from the fourth stanza of the poem '*For the Fallen*' written by the English poet Laurence Binyon. It was first published in The Times (London) on 21 September 1914 and has been recited at commemorative services since 1919.

**The Last Post-** In the military, this traditionally marks the end of the working day. When played during commemorative ceremonies, the bugle call serves as a tribute to the fallen.

**One Minute's Silence-** This is a sign of respect and offers time for reflection.

**The Rouse-** This is played following the silence and signifies waking up to a new day. During '*The Rouse*' the flags should be slowly raised to the masthead.

At the end, 'The Ode' reader says "Lest we forget" and the gathering repeats, "Lest we forget".



### World Teachers' Day Award

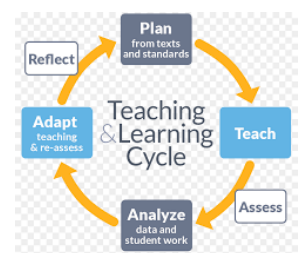
Mr Randall and his outstanding dedication to Peats Ridge PS were honoured at the Central Coast 'World Teachers' Day' dinner at Mingara last Monday night. Mooney Mooney was well represented, with Mrs Rebecca Pugh from Central Mangrove PS, and Louise Hoyle and Jacqui Matthew from Kariong Mountains HS and PS also received awards. The Executive Director, Tim McCallum, Mooney Mooney Director Ros McCallan-Jamieson and other Directors, recipients from all over the coast and their Principals enjoyed reading and listening to the testimonials of these great teachers. Here is Mr Randall's:

*"As an educator, I believe in fostering a culture of high expectations, inclusion, excellence and engagement. This is my driving force. I strive to be adaptable in my practice, giving of my time and supportive of my students so they can succeed."*

Peats is so fortunate to have staff of such high calibre.

### Staff Professional Learning

Modelling life-long learning is an important role for teachers and one of the reasons why our staff deliver such innovative and engaging programs. Mrs Davis has attended technical training on PLAN2 and Literacy / Numeracy Progressions and recently presented three afternoon sessions for small school staff in our Library. She also attended an executive meeting on Writing last Tuesday afternoon and will attend another on the new BestStart in Week 6. I also have a mandatory course on Developing and Managing the Total School Budget in Week 6 and Mr Randall and I are attending a workshop on the new Science and Technology syllabus today. Mrs Riley has been extremely busy upskilling in readiness for the new SAP / HR Payroll going live this Thursday and 'Oliver' Library stocktaking.



### P&C Hallowe'en Canteen

To spice up our canteen menu for Hallowe'en, Lauren and Lesley provided some interesting taste treats for everyone last Wednesday eg raw tuna, seaweed, tofu and fish roe. I've never had such a disgusting jelly cup- with a spider, eyeball and an ear in it- that tasted so delicious! Thank you for your orders everyone, raising \$97 for the school.

### 'Built Environments' - DART Video Conferences

As part of our 'Built Environments' studies this term, we participated in two VCs last week in the Library. The first was by Guwany Walama on 'Aboriginal Perspectives of Bennelong Point' and the second was on 'Places and Spaces- Sydney Opera House'. The students have been creating some fabulous art on this theme, focusing on industrial textures, shapes, perspective and what inspired Danish architect, Jørn Utzon, to create such a unique design (Aboriginal midden shells, ship sails, waves etc).



On Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, we're going to have a lot of fun *Building with Boxes*. Students have already formed work teams, discussed ideas and used their imagination to start designing forts, bases, and apartments- any kind of shelter- for a sleep-over in the hall that night!

#### Term 4 Kindy Start

Our next Kinder Start session will be held Monday of Week 5, 9am~12 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Mrs Davis will continue working on the students' *social stories* for presentation at their special assembly on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

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

Kindergarten! ... here I come!

Upcoming Kindy Start dates:



Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

9am ~ 12

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

12 ~ 3pm (special assembly)

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

#### Kariong Mountains HS Visits



This Thursday, I'll join the Kariong Mountains Learning Community Principals from Kariong, Kulnura, Somersby and Central Mangrove Public Schools and Kariong Mountains High School for a breakfast meeting. We meet each term to coordinate our calendars, special events, programs, priorities and professional learning.

Next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, staff from Kariong Mountains HS will pay our Year 6 students a 3-hour visit as part of the High School Transition Program. The following day, Head Teacher Mr Jamie Cartner will visit with his Year 11 Physics team and invite P2 students to the hall for a 2-hour workshop rotating through six hands-on STEM activities. Later in Week 8, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, KMHS will host their final Year 6 Orientation Day (notes will follow later in the term). Lastly, as an end-of-year celebration, the talented KMHS band will visit and treat our students to a Christmas performance.

#### End of Year Events



Invitations have been sent home to Year 6 parents inviting them to our first Year 6 Farewell committee meeting 3pm next Monday afternoon. A private space at the Star Buffet at Central Coast Leagues Club has been booked for the evening of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in Week 10 and Mr Randall and I are visiting the club this afternoon to finalise arrangements. The girls have decided upon a theme and colour scheme and the cake.

Funds raised at the Year 6 Mini-Fete on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, will go towards covering the costs for Year 6 students. Their families and Year 5 students are also invited to take part (pay at the club).

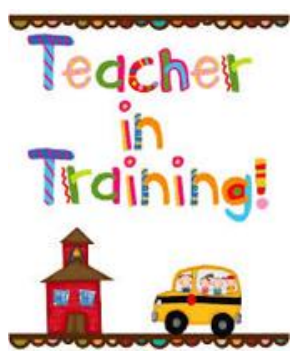
Staff have discussed the expectations around citizenship, behaviour, uniform, attendance and public speaking to all Year 5 students aspiring to school leadership positions in 2019. These students know they are being watched closely this term! Nominees will present their speeches in the hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, in Week 8 and families are invited to join us in the audience.

Events in the last week of term:

- Mon 17 Dec** - Year 6 Principal's Lunch and Presentation Evening
- Tue 18 Dec** - P1 + P2 Secret Santa, KMHS Band visit and Year 6 Farewell
- Wed 19 Dec** - Year 6 Picnic Day and goodbyes (last day of school)

As staff have traded off Professional Learning over the course of the year, the school will be non-operational the last two days of Week 10 (20~21 Dec).

#### Teacher Education Student



We are very fortunate to have a Teacher Education Student (TES) from the University of Newcastle joining us again this term for a 20-day block. We'll be welcoming Mr Matthew Small to Peats on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, in Week 5 until the end of Week 8 (Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec and Year 6 Mini-Fete Day). Matt is a 3rd year Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Honours) TES undertaking his second professional experience placement (K-6). Our two TES last year, Mr Thew and Miss Johnstone, were terrific teachers and it's very important we support our local university. Student teachers bring enthusiasm, ideas, questions and latest pedagogy into our classrooms and we can certainly provide them a wealth of opportunities and experience at Peats!



### 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), 6<sup>th</sup> 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 / birthday / 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!



### Mangrove Mountain Community News



I look forward to reading the Mangrove Mountain Community News each fortnight, particularly any articles featuring our small mountain schools. The most recent edition includes our article and photos on 'The Fair and the Games', a report on Kulnura PS' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and Kindy Start in fo, Somersby PS' soccer win, a lovely photo and article by our CWA ladies and mention of our School Art

Display win in the Country Fair wrap-up. If the Community News is not delivered to your address, spare copies can be found at the Corrugated Café or just see me.

I've included the Class Equipment List for 2019 in this newsletter to assist Santa as he starts shopping for stocking fillers. Let me know if there are items you believe we should add or omit. School Fee reminders will also be sent home soon as we approach the end of year and need to finalise our school accounts.

On Friday, our GA Mr Greg Jacklin, finished sanding back and staining one of our lovely old wooden seats and relocated it outside our school office. It rally suits its new spot. Over time, all the old wooden seats will be weather-proofed and hopefully continue to add country character to our playground for the next 20 years!

*Ms Austin* - Principal (rel)





# Let's get Organised for Learning 2019!

Please check the kitchen draw and under your bed first before buying anything new!

LABEL all items with your name or initials.

Also, remember fresh fruit or vegetables for Frito each morning.

Equipment	Check	P1	P2
Pencil Case		Yes	Yes
4 HB lead pencils		Yes	Yes
Coloured Pencils		Yes	Yes
Sharpener- <i>barrel preferred</i>		Yes	Yes
30cm ruler- <i>cm &amp; mm markings</i>		Yes	Yes
Eraser		Yes	Yes
Glue Stick ( <i>renew each term</i> )		Yes	Yes
Water bottle		Yes	Yes
Ear/headphones		Yes	Yes
USB stick- <i>min. 4gb</i>		Yes	Yes
Whiteboard markers - <i>red/black/blue/green</i>		Yes	Yes
2 red pens		No	Yes
2 blue/black pens		No	Yes
3 different coloured highlighters		Yes	Yes
Textas		Optional	Optional
Dictionary and/or thesaurus		No	Optional
Box of tissues- <i>for use in classroom</i>		Yes	Yes
Paper towel roll- <i>for use in classroom</i>		Yes	Yes
Liquid hand soap- <i>for use in classroom</i>		Yes	Yes
Library bag - \$5 from uniform shop		Yes	Yes
School Hat - \$10 from uniform shop		Yes	Yes



FAMILY FUN DAY

# AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT

HONOURING OUR RETURNED SERVICE  
MEN & WOMEN OF THE CENTRAL COAST



**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

*The Entertainment Grounds, Gosford*

**10AM-4PM**

**GOLD COIN  
DONATION ENTRY**



**food & music  
live entertainment**



**horse & dog demonstrations**

**re-enactments & jousting**

**defence force vehicles**

**emergency services vehicles**

**art exhibitions**

**Veteran Services**



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