

PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term Four

Week 10

Tuesday 15 December 2020

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHO	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Wed 16 December	Last day of school	All Students	Christmas activities and disco
Thurs 24 December	Christmas Eve	All Students	Ho Ho Ho! Santa Claus is coming to town!
Fri 29 January	Term 1 Day 1 2021	All Students	Back to school for 2021

This week's news from the Principal

Dear Students, Families and Friends,

Our last newsletter for 2020. Thank you to everyone in our school community for continuing to support your school. I take this chance to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break from all of the staff at Peats Ridge Public School.

Peats Ridge Public School's 2020

We started the year like many on the mountains, recovering from bushfires and an extreme storm event in late January. This storm left the school without power for a few days and made our start to the year very challenging. Little did we know what would eventuate in March.

When the pandemic became more serious and schools were non-operational, you, our parents did an amazing job with remote learning and keeping things as normal as possible. Everyone did an amazing job helping their children to learn while often working their own job and navigating the pandemic.

Here at school we tried to maintain as much normality as we could to provide some routine and stability. Even though sporting events and excursions were cancelled we found interesting ways to replicate some of the events at school. I created the Kemp-Rowe Challenge as the students love their sport. Mr Kemp presents the award to our winning Sports House each year and Mr Rowe presents the award for the Sports Champion each year. The Kemp-Rowe Challenge involved a range of competitive and fun sporting activities to earn individual points and points for their house- Hawkesbury or Kendall. We've done everything from shot put to handball competitions. It's been so much fun for myself and the students.

In 2020 I employed a teacher each week to focus on building up the culture of our library. Mrs Tialshinsky worked hard to teach our students about how books and the library's resources can expand their minds. Our students have loved these library sessions and the change to school culture has been immense.



My teachers, Mrs Davis, Mrs Owens and Miss Gorsky have worked incredibly hard all year to keep our students on track with their learning in Literacy and Numeracy. We have had personalised programs to help with the basics of reading and writing for all of our students. Our highly capable students have been given opportunities to develop their talents. Our Year 6 students have been prepared for their transition to high school. Our students who require additional support have had their needs targeted and developed. I have been very fortunate to find dedicated staff who are adaptable, creative and flexible when working with our students. Thank you to all of our staff, students and families for their efforts in 2020.



What's in store for 2021?

In 2021 Mrs Davis and myself will be here as full-time teaching staff. I will be increasing my teaching load and taking years 3 to 6 for Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs Davis will have K to 2 for Literacy and Numeracy and then each afternoon she will have the whole class for the other learning areas. We have received a small amount of funding for the Covid Tutor that the government recently announced. I am still considering the best way to use this funding. We have three beautiful new kinder students starting and our numbers should remain steady on 16 students. Of course, I would love more enrolments. If you know of anyone moving to the area, please suggest that they come and take a look at Peats as the local public school for their children.

Book Packs

Please don't buy any fancy stationery in the back to school sales. We will be putting together a book pack for 2021 that will have stationery and text books for students to use across the year. Early in the new school year a note will come home and you will be asked to pay an amount of money for the book pack. Hopefully it'll be around \$50-\$60.

School Events

Hopefully the COVID-19 restrictions will continue to be lifted and we can get back to normal excursions and events. All of the Small Schools sporting events (swimming, cross country, athletics) should be able to go ahead in some form. Small Schools Stage 2 Zoo Snooz and Stage 3 Canberra excursions are being organised for Term 2 or 3. We have already been successful in gaining a Sporting Schools Grant for Term 1 and we are deciding which sport program to run. All of the student sporting activities will also go towards the KEMP-ROWE Challenge for 2021. This helps us keep track of sporting achievement for the champions at the end of the year.



I am certain that the Peats community will continue to be connected, successful and thriving into the future.

Merry Christmas,
Robynne Scott
Principal



Year 6 Farewell

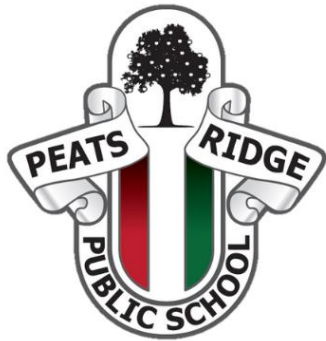
Last Thursday night we had a lovely evening celebrating Year 6 and their time at Peats Ridge PS. As always, they looked very grown up and ready for high school. We will all miss them and wish them well for the future.



PEATS RIDGE PS ABSENCE NOTE

Please return this note completed on the day that your child returns to school after being absent. Thank you

Today's Date		Student Name	
Date/s of absence			
Absence reason			
Parent/ Caregiver Name			
Signature			



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YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE PEATS RIDGE AREA.

If you live on or near these streets
you could be in the zone for
Peats Ridge PS,

Peats Ridge Rd, Euloo Rd
Bushells Rd, Nardoo Rd
The Link Rd, Barakee Rd
Kilpa Rd, Ross Rd
Bunyah Rd, Brieses Rd
Cooks Rd, Polins Rd
Bandaroo Rd, Jones Rd
Pacific H'way, Mt White

Ashbrookes Rd, Embrook Rd
Quarry Rd

SMALL SCHOOL BIG HEART

