

# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term Four

Week 2

Wednesday 18 October 2023



Dear Students, Families and Friends,

Welcome back for Term 4. Another year is just flying by so quickly. Our students have had a great start to the term, settling back into the routines of class work and safe play, and working hard with Mrs Byrne to finish important assessments for their semester two reports. Last week we welcomed a new student, Brax, to the school. He's also settling in really well and our amazing students have been very kind and welcoming to him.

### Theatre Show

On the last day of Term 3 Mr Riley and I took eight of our students to see Waru – Journey of the small turtle by Bangarra Dance Theatre. It was an interesting story with elements of traditional music and dance from the Torres Strait Islander culture. It also included a message about caring for our environment and the oceans that our turtles live in. Our younger students enjoyed the interactive parts with dance movements and giving the performers some directions. It was a lovely outing and opportunity for everyone.



### Mobile Phones

You may have seen in the media or heard from high school students in your family that the Department of Education has started a ban on mobile phones in schools from this term. In preparation for this each school was able to choose the best management plan for them, from five different options. The five options were,

- Phones off and away
- Phones in lockers
- Phones in pouches
- Phones collected and stored in classroom
- Phones stored in school office



As our existing system for student mobile phones was for them to be stored in the front office, we chose *Option 5 – Phones stored in school office*. At this stage we don't have a large amount of students bringing phones or devices to school so continuing with our current system is the best option. Please contact me at school if you'd like any more information about the new ban on mobile phones in schools. Or visit this website for more information.

[Mobile phones now banned in all NSW public schools](#)

## Before & After School Care

The Mountains Before and After School Care is planning to be up and running again in 2024. They are looking for families to fill their spots and would love for you to contact them now to let them know if you'll be needing their services. Once they have an idea of numbers, we will work together with Kulnura PS and Central Mangrove PS to organise the best solution for transporting the students to the Mountains Before & After School Care rooms at Kulnura PS.

**Mountains Before and After School Care 2024- Kulnura Public School**



## Mountains Before & After School Care

**TERM 1- 2024 E: [mountainbasc@gmail.com](mailto:mountainbasc@gmail.com)**

**Please contact [0243761264](tel:0243761264) to register your interest in bookings in 2024.**

**Mornings 7.00am to 9.00am**

**Afternoons 3.10pm to 6.00pm**



## KinderStart

Our two Kindergarten students for 2024 have been having a great time learning about school life with Mrs Owens. Their special helpers are Eunice and Isla from this year's Kindergarten.



# REMINDER – BOOK PARADE

**WHEN:** Tuesday 31 October

**WHERE:** Our character parade will be at 9:15 in the meeting circle (in the hall if it's wet).

**WHO:** Parents are welcome to attend, watch the parade and enjoy our event.

**WHAT:** All students are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book, movie or show. Students have free choice to decide what they dress up as and create their costume at home.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Our Book Fair will be open at this time for parents and students to purchase books and other items.

## Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

If you are going to the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair this Saturday, we will be joining with the other small schools for a short performance of the NAIDOC Song that we recently recorded at Kariong Mountains High School. Our performance slot will be approximately 9:10am, please have your children meet me near the mainstage by 9am. I hope you can all make it.

**ARTS & CRAFT DISPLAYS**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**LOCAL PRODUCE**  
**FARM ANIMALS**  
**KIDS ACTIVITIES + MORE!**



**Save the date!**

**9AM - 3PM SATURDAY**  
**21ST OCTOBER 2023**

**CNR WISEMANS FERRY RD & WARATAH RD, MANGROVE MOUNTAIN**

**PROUDLY SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS**



**Saturday 21st October 2023**  
**Main Stage Entertainment**

9am – 9.10am Welcome to fair

9.10am – 9.40am School performances

9.45am – 10.20am Ukelele group

10.25am – 10.55am Lil G

11 am – 11.30am Coastal Slickers

11.40am – 12.20pm Meagan Jane band

12.30pm – 1.30pm Bill Chambers & friends



**Saturday 21st October 2023**  
**Waratah Stage Entertainment**

9.20am – 9.50am KMH School performance

10am – 11am Lucy Parle

11.05am – 11.20am Zoe

11.25am – 11.55am KMH School performance

12 noon – 12.30pm Mike Wheeler

12.35pm – 1.05pm KMH School performance

1.10pm – 1.55pm Woodie McClean

2pm – 2.30pm Michelle Murrell



**Saturday 21st October 2023**  
**Chicken Race Times**

9.30am

10.30am

11.30am

12.30pm

1.30pm



**Sheep Shearing Times**

10am

11am

12noon

1pm

2pm



## Sporting Schools Grant

This term for sport the students will be doing golf lessons. Each Wednesday the coach from Gecko Sports will come out and deliver the lessons in a fun and engaging way. On Monday 4 December we'll be going up to the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club to enjoy a session of foot golf.





## Assembly Awards

Last Friday we held a quick assembly to catch up on the awards for the last five weeks of Term 3. Congratulations to all of our students.

MERIT AWARDS		PEATS PRIDE		PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
Name	Reason	Name	Reason	
Isla Aubree Wren Harper	Academic Effort Improved Effort Academic Improvement School Values-Respect	Evelyn Ruby Jacob Aubree Ivyana Caleb Harper Santana Eunice Isla	Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance Outstanding Attendance	Isla Evelyn
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD		
Matilda Ivyana Wren Jacob	Isla			

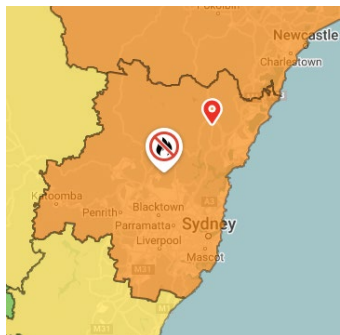


## Special Acknowledgement

Last Term Matilda achieved first place in two events at the Hunter Region Gymnastics competition. Even though this wasn't a school-based event, we love hearing about what our students are doing outside of school and celebrate their successes. Top Effort, Matilda!

## Bush Fires

Peats Ridge PS has been rated as a Category 1 school when it comes to bushfires. This means that if the RFS sets the Fire Danger Rating to "Catastrophic" the school will be non-operational for that day. Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. Our Fire Danger Rating for today, Wednesday, was "Extreme" with a total fire ban. Check this website for more information about Fire Danger Ratings. [Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans - NSW Rural Fire Service](#)



To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days. Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school

hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period through the following ways,

				
'Hazards Near Me' Free Smart-phone App	Direct message from the PRPS Sentral Parent Portal	Fire Danger Ratings at <a href="https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr">rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr</a> Fire Activity and Alert Levels at <a href="https://rfs.nsw.gov.au">rfs.nsw.gov.au</a> <a href="https://www.livetraffic.com">Livetraffic.com</a>	Local radio, TV, newspaper, local ABC/emergency broadcaster	<a href="https://facebook.com/nswrfs">facebook.com/nswrfs</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/nswrfs">twitter.com/nswrfs</a>

*Take care, everyone.*

**Robynne Scott**

Principal

