

# PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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Term Four

Week 6

Wednesday 15 November 2023

Dear Students, Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through November and halfway through Term 4. The next four weeks are jam packed with activities, events and of course regular learning. Last week we sent home a set of permission notes and information about everything that's coming up. Please make sure you've read the notes. You can send back all of the permission notes as soon as possible or wait for the due date for each. Payments can be made online through the school website. [www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

## Staff Changes for 2024

Hopefully on Tuesday of this week you all received the note about a staff change for 2024. It read, at this time of year all schools and the Department of Education are busy making plans for the new school year ahead. At Peats Ridge PS I have been making tentative plans for the staff that we will have teaching and supporting our students. I will be able to provide more detail about each staff member as we get closer to the end of the year.

At this stage I am able to inform you that a new teacher has been permanently appointed to the school by the Department of Education for two days each week, starting in 2024. His name is Mr Michael Barrett and he has been working this year at Kulnura PS and Central Mangrove PS so the students may recognise his face when he starts.

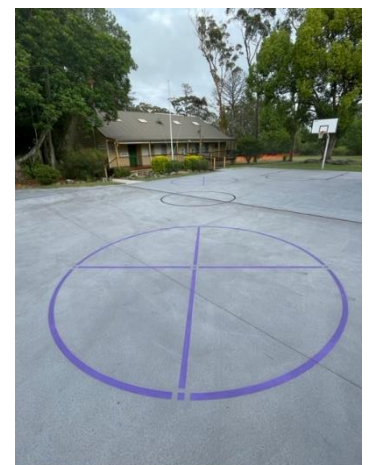
Mr Barrett is very enthusiastic about joining the Peats Ridge PS community and I know that our students will continue to learn, thrive and grow in 2024 and beyond.

I am still in the process of finalising staffing arrangements for 2024 and will hopefully be able to advise you before the end of term, who will be teaching and supporting our students.

## Playground Update

The new basketball court is looking great now the line marking has been done. There were some limitations to painting perfectly scaled, parallel lines as none of the buildings or concrete borders around the area were square or parallel. I think it looks great and the students enjoy playing basketball again with Mr Riley and Mr Cooke. I'm sure they'll come to enjoy the new circle handball courts too.

Fingers crossed the weather stays fine during the coming weeks and the arborists are able to complete the works on our dangerous trees. Our students have been very patient about not having the whole playground to play in. It'll be great when all of the orange webbed fencing can be removed.



## Snakes and Spiders!

This will be my fifth summer as principal at Peats Ridge PS and I don't think I've ever had so many snake and big spider sightings down around the main playground. Just this week we've seen a red belly black snake and another funnel web spider. Our sand pit will be closed for a while until the sand can be checked after one of our students was bitten by something while digging, we're hoping it was just an ant. Please tell your children to always tell an adult if they see snakes or large spiders and they must tell someone as soon as they are bitten by something.

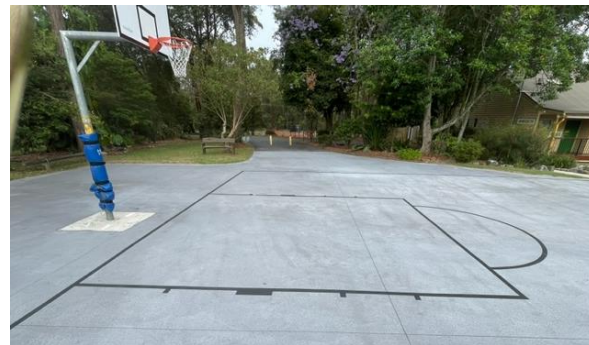
## Boys Education Group

Mr Cooke has started a Boys Education Group and we are looking for donations of basic tools that the boys can use to build things and tinker on projects. Tools like hammers, mallets, screwdrivers, pliers, tape measure, level, different sized spanners, or anything else you can donate. Please no blades, stanley knives or similar. Please drop them off to the office or send them in with your child. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

## Assembly

Last Friday we held our mid term assembly. The award recipients are below. We will hold our next assembly on Friday 8 December at 2:30pm in the Library. Anyone who has achieved their Gold Medallion will be presented with it at Presentation Day on Monday 11 December, starting at 9:15 in the School Hall.

MERIT AWARDS		PEATS PRIDE		PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
Name	Reason	Name	Reason	
Evelyn	English	Santana	Respect	Ivyana
		Brax	Inclusive behaviour	Ruby
		Eunice	Outstanding attendance	Santana
		Brax	Outstanding attendance	Brax
		Caleb	Outstanding attendance	Aubree
		Ivyana	Outstanding attendance	Caleb
		Wren	Outstanding attendance	Jacob
		Matilda	Outstanding attendance	Wren
		Jacob	Outstanding attendance	Harper
		Ruby	Outstanding attendance	Evelyn
		Isla	Excellent attendance	
		Harper	Excellent attendance	
		Aubree	Excellent attendance	
		Evelyn	Excellent attendance	
		Harper	Citizenship	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD		
	Ruby Santana Jacob Wren Evelyn			



*Take care, everyone.*

*Robynne Scott*

Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 4 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	WHO	INFORMATION	COST
Fri 24/11	9:15am	School Leaders Speeches/ Election	Nominees from Yrs 3 & 4	Parents are welcome	nil
Tues 28/11	All Day	Yr 7 Orientation Day	Year 6 only	Yr 6 students go straight to the high school. Note came home earlier this week.	nil
Tues 28/11	12pm	K-4 Splash Day	K to Yr 4 only	See note	nil
Fri 1/12	All Day	Small Schools Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6 only	See note	\$10
Mon 4/12	1pm	Foot Golf	All Students	See note	\$6
Wed 6/12	All Day	Surf Fun Day	All Students	See note	\$20
Mon 11/12	9:15am	Presentation Day	All Students	See note	nil
Tues 12/12	5:30pm	Year 6 Farewell	Year 6 only	Note to come	nil
Wed 13/12	All Day	Year 6 Big Day Out	Year 6 only	Note to come	nil
Fri 15/12	All Day	Class Party Day	All Students	See note	nil
Fri 15/12	3pm	Reports Published in Sentral	All Students	Please check the Parent Portal after 3pm.	nil

**Fri 15/12 Last Day for Students**



*Jenny the librarian with Bookmobile joined in the fun on book parade day and came dressed up too.*