



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term Three

Week 10

Wednesday 18 September 2023

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EARLY TERM 4

First day for students and teachers- Monday 9/10
KMHS Sports Gala Day for Year 6 only- Tuesday 10/10
Book Fair starts Monday 30/10, finishes Thursday 2/11
Book Character Dress Up Parade Tuesday 31/10

Dear Students, Families and Friends,

These last five days of very warm weather have certainly been a shock to the system and may indicate a very hot, dry summer is ahead. As usual we have a large number of unlabelled jumpers and jackets left laying around the school. Please label your children's clothes so we can make sure they get given to the right students. It's also very important that you read the bushfire information below as we move into bushfire season.

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
rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr
Fire Activity and
Alert Levels at
rfs.nsw.gov.au
Livetraffic.com



Local radio, TV,
newspaper, local
ABC/emergency
broadcaster



facebook.com/nswrfs
twitter.com/nswrfs

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

If you are going to the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair 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.



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**9AM - 3PM SATURDAY
21ST OCTOBER 2023** | **CNR WISEMANS FERRY RD &
WARATAH RD, MANGROVE MOUNTAIN**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Staffing Term 4

Next term we will have a couple of temporary staff changes. Mrs Riley will be on leave for the first three weeks of term. We'll welcome Mrs McDonald from Central Mangrove PS to replace Mrs Riley on Thursdays and Fridays for those weeks.

Mrs Owens will continue being here on Tuesdays to run Kinder Start for the first few weeks and then take the class on Tuesdays while Mrs Byrne continues relieving in the role of Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction.

Theatre Show

This Friday Mr Riley and I will take the students to the Art House at Wyong to see **Waru – journey of the small turtle**. Thursday is the very last day for notes and payment to be returned so we can finalise the tickets. We will leave school as soon as possible after the 9am bell so please make sure your children are at school before 9am.

Update on trees and basketball court

Our playground still has parts of it fenced off as the dangerous trees have not been pruned or removed yet. Hopefully, a contractor will be able to come and do the job early next term.

Earlier this term I asked the Department of Education if we could have the basketball court resurfaced as it is very slippery whether it is dry or wet. Thankfully they have approved the works and if everything goes to plan the contractors will be here in the holidays to make a start on the job.

Sporting Schools

Once again we've been successful in gaining a Sporting Schools Grant for Term 4. We've booked a coach to come to school and teach golf for 8 weeks. Towards the end of term we'll then go to the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club and have a session of fun Foot Golf. This grant will also help us to cover most of the costs of this year's Surf Fun Day which we're booked to do at Terrigal this year. We're so fortunate to be able to get these grants and provide such a big variety of experiences for our students.

RATS

This week we'll be sending some more RAT tests home with each student. We hope you'll be able to use them.

Ticks

Please be aware that it is tick season and we've had a couple of people find ticks in their scalp when they get home. Please remember to check your children carefully.

Swimming Lessons

Last week we had such a good time at swimming lessons at Gosford Pool. It was amazing to see how everyone improved across the week and although it was very tiring for the students, they all gave their best effort. We are very proud of them. There are some photos below and quite a few more on the school facebook page.





Holidays

Wishing all our families a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Please remember that the first day of Term 4 for students is Monday 9 October.

Take care, everyone.

Robynne Scott

Principal