



PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term Three

Week 8

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Dear Students, Families and Friends,

This week we welcomed Mayson to the school as part of our Kinder Start program. If you know of anyone with children turning 5 or 6 in 2024, please encourage them to take a look at our amazing school. This year's Kinder Start program will run on Tuesdays. The next session is Tuesday 19 September, please let any families know that they are welcome to come along and find out more about our school. This week Mayson, Isla and Eunice had a teddy bear's picnic and a bear hunt around the school. They had so much fun with Mrs Owens.



SASS Week

We are fortunate at Peats Ridge PS to have excellent support staff to keep our school running smoothly, looking amazing and to keep our students safe and well. This week we acknowledge and celebrate these staff members and the dedication they show to our school and students. Thank you to Mrs Riley our Office Manager, Mrs Gratton-Wilson our General Assistant, Mr Riley our SLSO, Mr Cooke our Wellbeing Chaplain and Donna our Cleaner.



Illustrator Workshop

On Monday Mrs Owens and Mr Riley took five of our students to Kariong Mountains HS to do a workshop with the published illustrator Matthew Lin. Wren, Jacob, Matilda, Ivyana and Ruby all enjoyed learning about his style of drawing.



Theatre Show

Recently we were offered some complimentary tickets to see a performance at The Art House, Wyong. On Friday 22 September we will be going to the theatre to see **Waru – journey of the small turtle** by the Bangarra Dance Theatre. The story within the performance is designed to teach children about climate change, caring for the environment and the traditional cultural values of respect and giving back. We will once again be hiring a minibus to transport the children to the theatre so the cost will be \$20 per child. For this excursion we'll be using the Sentral Parent Portal rather than a paper note, to send home information and gather permissions from parents. Please make sure you look at any notifications or messages that come through the Parent Portal.

Swim School

Our swimming lessons start on Monday of next week (11/9) and run all week. This year we'll be travelling down to Gosford Pool each day. Hopefully the weather stays as lovely and warm as it has been lately, although all of the pools at Gosford are heated to about 26 degrees, even the outdoor pool, so once they're in the water they should be fine. I'll be sending home a reminder note tomorrow with details about what the students should bring and wear.

If you haven't paid the \$10 per child already, please use the school website to make a payment by Friday of this week.

Small Schools Camp

Last week our students in years 3 to 6 went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Morriset. They joined up with students from the other small schools and had a great time on all of the activities. They participated in such things as, flying fox, rock climbing, orienteering, raft building, archery, bushcraft and other team building activities. Each night they enjoyed a camp fire and fun night activities. They even learned how to start a fire and make damper on a stick. Huge THANK YOU to Mrs Byrne and Mr Cooke who went to camp with our students.





Mrs Byrne asked our students to write about their time on camp. Some of their thoughts are below.

Matilda: The flying fox was my favourite but Wombat (the instructor) was so annoying. The snow cones were yummy.

Ruby: On the first day it was very exciting but all we wanted to do was to go into our cabins. Lunch was super yummy but when we had spaghetti that night it was loaded with sauce. I hated it. At night time we had an event called County Fair which is where we set up fake stalls with fake money, to be honest it wasn't that bad. In the morning me and Matilda woke up a bit early so we made our beds. After we finished doing that we lined up for breaky. My favourite food at breaky was pancakes.

Raft building was probably one of my favourite activities out of all of them. When we started to build our rafts we 100% thought ours was better than the boys because we wanted to make sure it floats but also make sure all of the girls can fit on it.

The next day in the morning we accidentally slept in and Mrs Byrne our teacher came barging into our room yelling "Time to get up girls!" I was so annoyed I wanted to cry.

Evelyn: My favourite activity was the flying fox and archery, it was very fun. My least favourites were – raft building, treasure hunt and rock climbing. After each activity we had snow cones and for dinner, lunch and breakfast Matilda and I always got to go first because we had a wristband. Mr Cookie ate 20 ice creams!

Aubree: The first night at camp was the worst. Everyone was knocking and saying it was us, then everyone was talking.

Ivyana: We got sorted into our cabins. "WOW, it's so cool!" We were talking about Shrek all night.

Wren: Ruby brought lots of lollies that kept us up all night. Matilda was the first one sleeping. Evelyn talked in her sleep, it was funny to hear. The funniest thing was Mrs Byrne coming into the cabin and yelling out "GIRLS WAKE UP! It's breaky time."

Take care, everyone.

Robynne Scott

Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

FOCUS for the rest of term –

Increasing positive, friendly behaviour between family members.

All Settings-

- When we are at school we treat our brothers, sisters and cousins as friends and classmates.
- We keep hands, feet and body to ourselves.
- We respect personal space.
- We let the teachers deal with school issues.
- If we're angry or upset with a sibling because of something they did at home, we leave the issue at home.
- Know when to step away and ask for help.

