As we near the end of Term 1, I would like to express my thanks to all the parents and community members for making my commencement at Peats Ridge Public School, as the Relieving Principal, an easy one in that it has been great to work along with everyone. I realise how well this community is proud of the school and the lengths its community members will go to for the benefit of its pupils. The formation of the new P&C, the success of the Wednesday Canteen days, the Working Bee and the Easter Hat Parade, have been some of the highlights thus far. Parents who wish to express any concerns are most welcome to come to the school to meet with me. Please just call in to the office when you come up and let Margaret know that you would like an interview.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) 2013

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to enter the UNSW ICAS. This is the largest independent competition and assessment program for schools in Australia. It is also delivered to over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, The Pacific and the USA. Students of any ability are entitled to enter although the competition is highly competitive and aimed at assessing more capable students. Students are awarded Certificates of Participation OR Credit, Distinction and High Distinction Certificates. Areas, Fees and Dates are listed for your information. Please do not enter a competition if you are planning a family holiday around these dates. The dates cannot be changed and there will be no refunds. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to school with payment. Please note, if you wish to enter the Computer Skills test, payment must be received by this Friday 12th April. All other payments can be made after the school holidays. Once entries are received, the school will enter online. Tests are administered by Peats Ridge Public School staff. Parents receive a detailed explanation of student results.

Peter Mandroules
Relieving Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

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### COMING EVENTS:

- **Monday 8th April** Final Gymnastics day
- **Friday 12th April** Last day of Term 1
- **Wednesday 1st May** First day Term 2 for all students
- **Tuesday 7th May** Tennis begins from Week 2 – $24 for the term.
- **Friday 10th May** Small Schools’ Cross Country
- **14th – 16th May** NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

### REMINDERS:
- Please label all your child’s belongings
- School Phone No: 02 4373 1149
- Email: peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
MERIT AWARDS

EXCELLENCE:

RESPONSIBILITY:
Lily G., Savannah H., Sophia T., Jayda M., Bianca V., Wyatt A., Mykalah P., Hayley G.

RESPECT:
Hayley G., Makayla V., Amelia T., Ellie S., Max S., Danielle V., Brendan H., Thomas H., Austin P., Kaitlyn G., Ryan P.

CONGRATULATIONS!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gosford Showground Trust
ABN 59 162 149 935
www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au

Gosford Regional Show
4th & 5th May 2013
“Kids Produce Section”

Once again the Gosford Regional Show is having a section for children to enter produce that they have grown either at home or at school. Last year the school’s display put on by the children of the Central Coast was amazing. The Show committee look forward to another successful year with children from all backgrounds entering produce that they have grown.

This year we are also holding a baking section for those children who love to cook. Please check our web site for more information.

Jennifer Winslade
Phone: (02) 4332 4770
Email: jenniferwinslade@bigpond.com

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS – ICAS 2013

Student Name: _____________________________________________ Grade: ____________
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AREA                     FEE          DATE              TICK IF ENTERING
Computer Skills           $8.80        Tuesday 21st May
Science                   $8.80        Wednesday 5th June
Writing                   $18.70       Monday 17th June
Spelling                  $12.10       Tuesday 18th June
English                   $8.80        Tuesday 31st July
Mathematics               $8.80        Tuesday 13th August

TOTAL Payment included $.................