I hope that everybody’s start to the week has been a positive one. I know here at PRPS the students are travelling along nicely. There are a few issues that have been brought to my attention and I feel that they should be discussed in order to dispel any rumours or panic.

There have been some rumours going around the community that the Department will be shutting down small schools in the future. Some parents from other mountain schools have brought this to the attention of our parents and I want to assure you that this is definitely not the case, nor will it impact on Peats Ridge Public School in the near future.

These rumours have started because of some misinformation which I will now attempt to set straight. That misinformation stems from a Department announcement that they are looking at reclassifying Teaching Principals in PP5 and PP6 schools and making them associate Principals whereby another Principal from a larger school would oversee the running of the school and undertake any administrative work freeing up the Teaching Principal so they can in turn spend more time on class.

I would like to draw your attention to an exert from a letter published by the Minister for Education the Honourable Adrian Piccoli where it is clearly stated; “Any decision to appoint an Associate Principal to a school would only be made after consultation, including with the school community. Such a change may only be considered where the Principal position is vacant. A current PP5 or PP6 classified Principal cannot be reclassified as an Associate Principal unless they decide in collaboration with their school community that this is the best option”.

I sincerely hope that by making this information readily available to our community, any chance of panic will be lessened.

The other issue we are experiencing at the moment is the significant lack of important information being supplied to the school. Last week, Kate was attempting to enter student medical details into our enrolment system and found that many students do not have updated medical information in their files. Can I please ask that if you have received another medical information note, you fill it out and return it ASAP. It is our aim to cater for the needs of every student and if a medical issue happens to arise we cannot do this effectively without the correct information.

If your child has any type of allergy it is extremely important that we are fully aware of the allergy and any reactions and treatments. Likewise if your child is an asthmatic, we need to have all of the relevant information in the form of an asthma plan from your family GP. Without all of this information it is extremely difficult for our staff to administer the correct treatment.

COMING EVENTS:
Friday 11th April Easter Hat Parade
Last day Term 1

REMINDERS:
• Please label all your child’s belongings
• School Phone No: 4373 1149
• Email: peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Lastly, as you are aware, it takes a significant amount of money to operate a school successfully. As such we rely on funding that the Department of Education allocates us. This funding is granted using a variety of different avenues to determine an amount, one of which being the socio-economic information that you supply on your child’s enrolment form, for example your own education, employment, marital status, work history etc.

Over the next week or so, Kate Wilson will be sending out forms to families whose information is in need of updating. Could I ask that you give these forms your utmost attention, fill them out and return them at your earliest convenience?

I know this may all seem a bit much to take in and ask that if you have any concerns, please feel free to drop in and see either myself or Kate.

I would like to leave you with this one last thought; “Education is the single most important job of the Human race” George Lucas.

Have an amazing week!!

Kind regards
Shane Randall
Relieving Principal

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**P2**

P2 Homework project is due back this Friday 28th March.

Also, we have started constructing our Easter hats so please ensure your child has the materials they need.

Thank you for all your baby photos. They will be returned to you next Friday 4th April.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

**RESPECT**

Kindy: Violet H, Isabella J
Year 1: Lily G, Savannah H, Jaidan K
Year 2: Lily F, Amelia T, Bianca V
Year 3: No Awards
Year 4: No Awards
Year 5: Tara S
Year 6: Emily C

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Kindy: No Awards
Year 1: No Awards
Year 2: No Awards
Year 3: Isabelle A, Ellie S, Harry M, Austin P
Year 4: Chanye P
Year 5: No awards
Year 6: Emily C, Lily H, Mykalah P

**EXCELLENCE**

Kindy: No Awards
Year 1: No Awards
Year 2: No Awards
Year 3: No Awards
Year 4: No Awards
Year 5: No Awards
Year 6: Kaitlyn G, Lily H

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**NOTES &/OR MONEY DUE BACK**

- **FRIDAY 28TH MARCH** – Yr 5/6 Canberra Excursion deposit & note
- **FRIDAY 4TH APRIL** – Yr 3/4 Zoo Snooze deposit & note
- **OVERDUE** – General permission notes
- **OVERDUE** – Student Medical Details form

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**THURSDAY CANTEEN MENU**

**WEEK 9**

- Pumpkin Soup + bread roll
- + Popper

$3.00

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**WELL DONE!!**
CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATES:

RESPECT: Co-operative, responsible, thoughtful behaviour.

RESPONSIBILITY: Safe, responsible and accountable for own behaviour.

EXCELLENCE: Outstanding class work, or improvement in any KLA or outstanding behaviour.

LIBRARY: Working well in Library, excellent borrowing record.

More awards may be granted for special activities/events at the discretion of the Principal.

These include special Letters of Commendation awarded to senior class students.

TRADING: Children trade certificates as follows:

5 Excellence, 3 Respect, 2 Responsibility Certificates - Bronze Licence; then another
5 Excellence, 3 Respect, 2 Responsibility Certificates - Silver Licence: then another
5 Excellence, 3 Respect, 2 Responsibility Certificates - Gold Licence

NB: Children who arrive during the year will start to collect awards for Bronze.

PRIVILEGES: Children awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold receive the following privileges:

Bronze
- Bronze Licence
- Principals Morning Tea
- Library Privilege Day

Silver
- Silver Licence
- Principals Morning Tea
- Library Privilege Day

Gold
- Gold Licence
- Principals Morning Tea
- Library Privilege Day
- Excursion – 1 day excursion at end of year

Children misbehaving in privilege area lose privileges for remainder of the term.
Children who attend Planning Room lose privileges for the remainder of the term.

RECORD KEEPING: ALL children are responsible for keeping their awards and trading them.
Teachers will keep records of award recipients. Awardees will be acknowledged in the weekly newsletter.