Welcome back to school everybody. I trust you all had a great holiday and enjoyed some quality family time. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting things happening. Students will begin Tennis on Tuesday 6th May and will be required to wear sneakers only.

Sport will be changed from Tuesday to Wednesday for this term. The reason I have decided to make this change is because I found that last term Tuesdays were so busy that students learning time was affected. This term we will have Tennis and Scripture on a Tuesday and Sport every Wednesday afternoon. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but want to ensure that our students are getting the most from their peak learning times.

In Week 3 we will be heading to Central Mangrove for the Small Schools Cross Country and this year there will be no cost to students for the bus to and from the event. Permission notes and lunch orders will accompany this newsletter home today.

We have NAPLAN coming up this term as well. More information will follow shortly about the schedule and how it will look for the school. We aim to minimise disruptions as much as we can and if at any point you have any concerns please do not hesitate to ring and discuss them with me.

Our P&C Fundraising Committee have been hard at work planning a parents only “Casino Night” on Friday 20th June and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Remember to get your tickets from Kate in the office, only $50 per person and it promises to be a great night.

We also have the Years 3 & 4 Zoo Snooze excursion on 5-6th June which looks like a very exciting excursion for all students going.

We have the ICAS University testing happening this term as well as the Central Coast Dance Festival, which is a strong possibility for our dance group who worked hard throughout Term 1. I will keep you informed as to our progress over the next few weeks.

At some point this term a new sandstone entry to the school will be completed. We now have the stone and are working on getting a block layer or stonemason to help us complete the works. Hopefully also this term our play equipment will receive some much needed upgrades and we will take a few more steps towards getting the kitchen built for the hall.

I know that this is a lot to take in, particularly on the first day back, however I want you all to know that I am committed to keeping you as informed as possible.

Take a deep breath and enjoy the term!!

Kind regards
Shane Randall
Relieving Principal

**COMING EVENTS:**

- **Tuesday 6th May**
  - Tennis program starts

- **Friday 16th May**
  - Small Schools Cross Country at CMPS

**REMINDERS:**

- Please label all your child’s belongings
- School Phone No: 4373 1149
- Email: peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Don’t forget our Skoolbag App is available for download from the App store or from your Google account.
**Canteen**

There will be NO Canteen this week.

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**From the Office**

I hope you all had a wonderful break. Just a reminder that there are still a few family accounts outstanding. If these could be paid as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

The Family Update form, Student Medical Details form and our General Permission note that were sent home last term have still not been received back from everyone. These forms play a vital role in your children’s school life. If you have not already done so, please have them returned to school this week. If you require another form please do not hesitate to contact me in the office.

Also we have been given a date that the school goes online to be able to accept Parent Online Payments. It’s Monday 19th May. We will be trialling it for approximately 2 months in which time a decision will be made as to whether it continues.

Thank you for your help.

Kate Wilson
School Admin Manager

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**Stewart House**

2014 Donation Drive

Once again our school will be supporting the Stewart House 2014 Donation Drive. Envelopes have been sent home today with this newsletter. All donations of $2 and over will be placed in a draw to win a $4000 Family Holiday. Please remember that all donations make a difference to the lives of public school children across NSW. Thank you for your support.

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**Notes &/or Money Due Back**

- **OVERDUE** – Family update forms
- **OVERDUE** – General permission notes
- **OVERDUE** – Student Medical Details form

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**Community Announcements**

A note from Busways

In line with NSW Government’s Terms and Conditions of Issue, students who cannot produce a valid 2014 bus pass when boarding a Busways service will be expected to pay the appropriate fare for that trip; otherwise travel may be refused.

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**Century Challenge Cycle Ride**

Sunday 18th May 2014

The biggest cycle event on the NSW Central Coast

Now in its 14th year, Century Challenge attracts everyone with an interest in cycling and keeping fit – elite riders, social & family riders and children. Last year approximately 600 riders registered.

What: Cycling challenge for Children, Beginners (20k), Intermediate (50k) and Elite riders (100k)

When: Sunday, 18 May, 2014

Where: Start at Mount Penang Parklands and cycle through lush hinterland

Why: Great exercise, fresh air and support for Coast Shelter and local charities. Receive recognition for completing the challenge and enjoy free refreshments along the way

Registration: Register your team and online sponsors at www.centurychallenge.com.au

Early bird registration by 11 May, 2014 and be in the draw for an iPad-Mini