Welcome to a new week and a whole new set of challenges. Firstly let me start by congratulating our Year 3 and 5 students who sat NAPLAN last week. They all did their very best and worked well with all the distractions. In fact the whole school should be congratulated for the way in which they coped with distractions during the week. It makes me extremely proud to know that the students of PRPS know and follow set expectations really well.

Last week new departmental policies came to light relating to “Social Media” and its impact on schools. Legally if any student or parent is being targeted in any way shape or form, I have an obligation to act. As a whole school we discussed this and to many students credit admissions of access to things like Facebook, Snapchat, Kick, Twitter, Novo etc. were forthcoming. Can I ask that you discuss with your child the safety implications of using such sites and what to do if they are feeling uncomfortable about things being said to them, images being sent to them or people trying to contact them? I would greatly appreciate your help with this.

As a result of recent incidents at schools around NSW, tree safety is a major departmental concern and as such we are about to lose a large number of trees from our grounds. Whilst I cannot give an exact timeframe for the works to be completed I can tell you that it will take place over a period of about a month. As a result there will be massive disruptions to the playground and restrictions on where students will be allowed to play. We have discussed this as a whole school and tried to encourage students to be flexible. Hopefully this will be resolved quickly and school can get back to normal.

As you are all aware by now, our P&C have been working on a major fundraising event, namely our “Casino Night”. We met last night and it was brought up that we are not getting much of a response to this initiative. Can I assure you all that this is being done as a fundraiser for the students of PRPS. All money raised will go towards the many different resources the students require. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise much needed funds to supplement the school budget we have to work with. Whilst I understand that some people will find it difficult to attend I ask that you consider this event and the great benefits the funds would have for our students. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

A reminder that Kids in the Kitchen does not sell lunch time foods, only snack foods. Please make sure your children bring their lunch as usual on these days.

**COMING EVENTS:**
- Every Tuesday Term 2: Tennis program
- Friday 30th May: Zone Cross Country
- Tuesday 3rd June: ICAS Science
- Wednesday 4th June: Fitnessathon at Central Mangrove PS
- Thursday 5th to Yrs 3 & 4: Zoo Snooze
- Wednesday 6th June: Overnight Excursion

**REMINDERS:**
- Please label all your child’s belongings
- School Phone No: 4373 1149
- Email: peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
I have decided to hold a Parent Information evening this Friday night, 30th May and would like to see as many of you there as possible. I think it is important that every parent feel well informed and more importantly I want to continue to keep communication lines well and truly open. Mrs Blair has offered to supervise children in the classroom and show a movie. We will be meeting in the school hall at 6pm and the meeting will go for around 1 hour. During this time I will discuss important topics that affect the school.

Kind regards
Shane Randall
Relieving Principal

Another busy week in P2. It was Miss Hawker’s last full week.

This week we will be completing an Aboriginal art work as part of Reconciliation Week.

Last week the class examined the story of Ned Kelly as part of art unit. There were a number of very interesting discussions about whether he was a villain or a hero.

The class has been issued their term project. Using a selection of old photographs of the area (downloaded from the internet or family photographs) students are to identify buildings, structures such as roads and bridges, or monuments, etc. Each structure is to be named, have date of construction, and include any interesting facts. The project is due by the end of Week 7 (13th June). Oral presentation we will be in class in week 8.


Things we need in class: Tissues, glue sticks, soft soap and paper towel.

Thank you
Mrs Blair

FROM THE OFFICE

I will be placing an order for the Boys Long Gaberdine Trousers tomorrow morning. I will only be ordering enough stock to cover the ‘Expression of Interest’ notes that have been returned to school. Thank you.

Kind regards
Kate Wilson
School Admin Manager

MERIT AWARDS

RESPECT
Kindy: No Awards
Year 1: Briony B, Makayla V
Year 2: Bianca V
Year 3: Gabrielle V
Year 4: No Awards
Year 5: No Awards
Year 6: No Awards

RESPONSIBILITY
Kindy: No Awards
Year 1: No Awards
Year 2: No Awards
Year 3: Isabelle A
Year 4: Bianca B
Year 5: No awards
Year 6: Emily C, Kaitlyn G, Lily H, Mykalah P

EXCELLENCE
Kindy: Violet H
Year 1: Hayley G
Year 2: Brooke B, Amelia T, Danielle V
Year 3: Harry M
Year 4: Bianca B
Year 5: No Awards
Year 6: No Awards

NOTES &/OR MONEY DUE BACK
- OVERDUE – Zoo Snooze Consent Forms
- OVERDUE – Family update forms
- OVERDUE – Student Medical Details form