I would like to welcome you all back to Term 3. It has been pleasing to see so many students return committed to their learning and excited about the term ahead.

The term is already shaping up to be extremely busy with many exciting things ahead. We are starting our Gymnastics program this week with permission notes going out late last week. Please feel free to drop in and see us in the office to make payment for the program or use the online payment system in place. Week three will be Education Week and we have lots of activities planned for the students culminating in an Aboriginal Education Day with other Mountain schools and an Open Day for parents to come and have a look at the things the students are doing. During Education Week we will also be having a shared BBQ lunch for parents and students and Jeans for Genes Day, more information will follow later in the week.

As mentioned earlier there are a lot of other events taking place this term. We have the stage 3 excursion to Canberra in week 9. Stage 3 will also be participating in the CARES program in week 5 at Ourimbah. Also taking place this term are the Premiers Spelling Bee and Public Speaking Competitions.

This term some students will also be attending the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Friday 8th August at Mingara followed by the Brisbane Water Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 22nd August also at Mingara. I am very excited to inform you that I will be selecting relay teams to compete at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival on Monday 8th September at Sydney’s Olympic Park as a part of the Nigel Bagley Trophy. This event is selective and our school qualifies due to the size of the school. I am sure that you will all agree that this is an exciting opportunity for our students.

We will be having our first Working Bee for the term this Sunday 27th starting at 10am. We will be focusing on garden areas around the Canteen and making some minor changes in these areas. Everyone is welcome and a sausage sizzle will be provided on the day.

I am also very pleased to announce that we have finally secured funding to have both play equipment areas upgraded. These works should begin within the next 2 weeks and whilst there may be some restrictions to available playing spaces we will aim to minimise disruptions.

Finally I am pleased to inform you that I will remain as your Principal for this term and more than likely for the remainder of the year. I remain committed to ensuring that the school and staff work hard towards providing a great learning environment for every student.

I would like to leave you with this poignant quote from the great Nelson Mandela;

“Education is the most powerful tool that you can use to change the world”

Kind regards
Shane Randall
Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS:
Every Thursday Term 2  Gymnastics program
Tuesday 29th July  ICAS English
Thursday 31st July  Jeans 4 Genes Day
                                   PRPS Open Day
Friday 1st August  Beatty Clan Crew visit

REMININDERS:
- Please label all your child’s belongings
- School Phone No: 4373 1149
- Email: peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
I have a very busy Term 3 planned for P2.

Our new history unit will run over Term 3 and 4. In Term 3 we will focus on Federation and Term 4 we will look at government. This topic moves from colonial Australia to the development of Australia as a nation, particularly after 1901. Students explore the factors that led to Federation and experiences of democracy and citizenship over time. They understand the significance of Australia’s British heritage, the Westminster system and other models that influenced the development of Australia’s system of government. Students learn about the way of life of people who migrated to Australia and their contributions to Australia’s economic and social development.

P2 Art unit will focus on Pop Art and abstract expressionism. The class will be using technology to create Andy Warhol like images.

Hi Parents,

Yes, it’s Book Club time again!

If you would like to place any orders, please have them in to the payment box or given to your class teacher by Wednesday 30th July. Please do not feel any pressure to purchase books if you already have a stack at home!

Thank you
Alicia Beckenham

For anyone who has advised that their child requires support at school for a medical condition (asthma, allergies etc.), I will be sending home additional forms that are required to be filled out and returned to school ASAP. If your child’s condition is no longer applicable, please still return these forms noting this on them. It is a departmental policy that we have an individual health care plan for every child with a medical condition. If you feel that these forms are not suitable for your circumstances, could you please write a letter that we can use as your child’s plan explaining what the condition is and what we need to do here at the school to help your child if it occurs. Without this information we are unable to adequately treat your child.

Thank you for your help.
Kate Wilson
School Admin Manager
FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

NOTES &/OR MONEY DUE BACK

- DUE MONDAY 25TH AUGUST – Yr 5/6
  Canberra full payment
- OVERDUE – Student Medical Details form