Well what a busy week it was last week!! You would have noticed that I was absent for most of the week. I had the great fortune to participate in a Curriculum Leaders conference in Hornsby that will put our school in good stead for the changes to the curriculum we will experience over the coming years. Public education is going through exciting changes that will be of great benefit to all students. The conference I attended gave me great insight into those changes and has equipped me with the tools to ensure that the new curriculum is implemented in the most effective manner possible.

I was also lucky enough to be part of the staff team that ran the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Friday 8th at Mingara Athletics Centre. Let me tell you that all of the 23 students from Peats Ridge competed extremely well. I was very proud as a teacher and Principal to witness the high level of sportsmanship that our students demonstrated.

I would like to thank all the parents that attended the carnival for their support; I know that the students appreciated it. I firmly believe that celebrating our student’s successes is the most rewarding element of being a teacher and a parent. Well done to all of you for a great carnival!!

In previous weeks I had made mention of the changes planned for the play equipment and I am happy to say that the time has finally come. As of Wednesday all of the play equipment areas will be sectioned off as work commences on the pouring of new rubber softfall replacing the sand that has been in place for so long. During this time students will still have access to open areas of play on the basketball court and bottom oval behind the demountable.

Our edible garden is coming along nicely and the garden beds have now been filled with organic soil. Over the coming weeks they will be planted out with seasonal vegetables and fruit trees that the students will be allowed to pick and eat.

Don’t forget that it’s our School Photo Day this Friday so remember to where your full school WINTER uniform and your biggest smiles.

Have a great week and I would like to leave you with this thought;
“The whole purpose of education is to turn windows into mirrors”.

Kind regards
Shane Randall
Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS:

Every Thursday Term 3 Gymnastics program
Thursday 14th August C.A.R.E.S - Yrs 3-6
Friday 15th August School Photo Day
Wednesday 20th August KMHS Science Day for Years 5 & 6
Friday 22nd August Zone Athletics Carnival

REMININDERS:
- Please label all your child’s belongings
- School Phone No: 4373 1149
- Email: peatsridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Website: www.peatsridge-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

THURSDAY CANTEEN MENU

WEEK 5

Nachos + popper $5.00
MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- Supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way.
- Collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.
- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request.

The school will provide the form to the parent. If parents have difficulty in completing the form they should ask the principal for assistance.

All medications are to be brought to school in the original containers. Prescribed medications must include the pharmacy label showing instructions for administration.

PLEASE NOTE: Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents that this is a planned part of the student's health care support.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Kate Wilson
School Admin Manager

BOOK PARADE
Hi all!
Just a reminder that the Book Parade is happening on Thursday 21st August at 2:00pm.
See you all there!
Alicia Beckenham

P2 NEWS

Another busy week, last week and Week 5 is looking just as busy. We are all off to CARES on Thursday and school photos on Friday.

Thing to bring to CARES
There no food so ALL students need to bring their own recess, lunch fruit and a BOTTLE OF WATER. As we are outside most of the day children will need to apply sunscreen.
Children are to be at school before 9:00am as the bus will be leaving at 9:00am sharp.

Friday Photo day
ALL STUDENTS are to wear full WINTER uniform. Don’t forget to check that you are wearing your clean school shirt not the one with the stain on it.
Year 6 t-shirts must not be worn

Activities at school this week in P2
Our focus in History is still Federation. We will be looking at the WHO of federation.

Alfred Deakin (1856-1919)  Sir Edmund Barton (1848-1920)

In Maths we are continuing our focus on fractions. Ask your child what would happen if they share one pikelet or lamington between three people. Discuss how to tell if the shares are equal. Share six pikelets between three people. Discuss if the sharing is fair.

In English we will be finishing off our real estate adds for our home in Chewandswallow. Not sure where Chewandswallow is?? It’s the town in “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs”
All the non Small School participants remained at school on Friday to work with Mrs Blair and Mrs Beck. They participated in some engaging science activities.

**Activity 1**

*Salt Honey or Flour: Which Dissolves Faster in Different Liquids?*

Solutions are nothing more than mixtures of different compounds or elements. You encounter solutions every day without even realizing it.

So What Seems to Be the Problem?
Which Dissolves Faster in Different Liquids? Flour, Salt or Honey???????

**Activity 2**

*Bridge Challenge*

Their challenge

Construct a bridge that will span 30cm and support at least 1 matchbox car. You don’t want your bridge to do this http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-zczJXSxnw (Check it out)

**What You Need**

1. 7 drinking straws
2. 7 A4 pieces of Paper
3. 1m of masking tape
4. 1m thread
5. scissors
6. 4 large paper clips
7. ruler

**Each group had to make a Prediction**

Predict how many cars your suspension bridge will support. Our bridge will support __________ cars.

Mrs Blair
There were no awards given out this week as there was no assembly due to the Small Schools Athletics Carnival.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

2 x Guinea Pig babies.
Ready to take home on Tuesday 19th August.
Please call Vanessa on 0400 173 495

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYERS!

JOIN THE
BRISBANE WATER “BLUETONGUES”
FOR THE 2014/15 SEASON!

Brisbane Water is a family based club and caters for boys and girls of any age and any ability. We have teams from Under 9’s to Under 17’s plus Milo “In2Cricket” for 4 – 7 year olds.

REGISTRATION DETAILS
DAY 1 – Sat, 9th AUGUST 2014 – McDonald’s West Gosford 9am – 12 noon.
DAY 2 – Sat, 16th AUGUST 2014 – East Gosford Shops 9am – 12 noon.
DAY 2 – Sat, 23rd AUGUST 2014 – McDonald’s West Gosford 9am – 12 noon.

CONTACT DETAILS
Please call our Secretary Mark on 0434 329 886
or email us on secretary@bwcc.com.au

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTES &/OR MONEY DUE BACK
- OVERDUE – C.A.R.E.S permission note & money
- MONDAY 18TH AUGUST – KMHS Science Day note & lunch order
- MONDAY 25TH AUGUST – Yr 5/6 Canberra full payment