Hello All,

Welcome back to the start of the year, the start of the term and the start of so many futures. Today sees the start of our Kindergarten class for 2015 so please join with me in welcoming our new students and families to Peats Ridge.

To our existing parents and students, welcome back. I trust you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed some quality time with your children. I was most pleased to see everyone return minus any injuries. I know the staff all had a great break and are well rested ready to attack the new year.

As the term progresses there will be changes in the educational landscape which I will inform you of as they arise. There is one important issue that I wanted to make you all aware of and that is the standing of my position as Principal. I have been informed that the position will be filled at some point this term through advertisement as per department procedures. When the position is advertised I want to assure you I will be applying for it and doing everything I can to secure the position. There have been no changes to staff this term and hopefully for the year.

Once again, welcome back to everyone and I look forward to catching up with you all at some point to hear about your amazing Holidays.

Kind Regards
Shane Randall
Relieving Principal

MUSIC LESSONS
Once again this year we will be offering Guitar and Keyboard lessons and hopefully if we can get the numbers, Drumbala. Due to the issues we faced last year we have decided not to continue with the same company and instead we have enlisted the help of the music tutor we had to run our lessons. This will mean that the school will have full control over the lesson content, invoicing and scheduling. With all of that in mind could you please inform the office if you would like your child to participate in either Guitar or Keyboard. The cost for the lessons will be $110 per student with an additional cost of $20 for music textbooks.

If you can’t make it into the office let me know via email at Shane.randall4@det.nsw.edu.au.

SCHOOL TIMES
The daily bell times will be as follows:-

9:00am  Morning Bell
9:10 – 11:00  Class morning session
11:00 – 11:30  Recess
11.30 – 1.00  Class mid-session
1:00 – 1:50  Lunch
2:00 – 3:10  Class afternoon session
3:10pm  Afternoon Bell

COMING EVENTS:
Every Tuesday  Sport Day
Scripture classes
Every Wednesday  Library Day
Canteen - Lunch
Every Friday  Whole school assembly at 2:30pm

REMININDERS:
• Please label all your child’s belongings
• School Phone No: 4373 1149
FROM THE OFFICE

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Kind regards,
Kate Wilson
School Admin Manager

P1 CLASS NEWS

Welcome P1! I can’t believe it’s 2015. For all our new families my name is Julie Blair and I have worked at Peats Ridge for seven years. For five years I was the Librarian and job shared with the Principal. Last year I taught P2 (Years 3-6) as their class teacher. I am looking forward to a great year on P1.

We will be participating in a whole school peer reading program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In P1 I use Class Dojo which is a behaviour management tool for the classroom. Each student has a profile – complete with their own avatar – to which any teacher at the school can assign positive and negative points (or ‘dojos’) throughout the day. (even when we are on an excursion). At the end of the week any expectation your child has earned 10 points in, they get an award in this area (Respect, Responsibility or Excellence). Bonus points can be earned (see our NEW homework program which went home today). I have sent home an invite so that you can follow your child’s progress.

P1 will cover many areas this term. We will be looking at fairy tales (three bears to start) in English, Personal and Families histories in History, Our Animals in Art. We will be using computers, starting with using Word in ICT and in Numeracy we will be using study ladder an on-line program, as well has hands on and work sheets to further develop our mathematical skills. Parent helpers are welcomed and encourage. If you have a speciality or would just like to help out let me know and we can look at the class timetable together.

Homework will go home on a Monday and is to be returned on Friday (for BONUS Dojo points). Please supply a pocket folder or book for your child to keep their home work in.

No formal Homework for Kindys this week. Their homework this week is to get to school each day with a smile on their face and a good bye hug for mum and dad with NO tears (mum and dad).

Julie Blair
P1 Class Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

For Term 1 our school canteen will run every Wednesday for lunch.

This weeks menu is:-

Supreme muffin pizza + popper $5.00
Welcome back to the new year and a special welcome to all of our Kindergarteners starting this week. It’s hard to believe it’s already 2015! I hope everyone had an exciting or at least fruitful holiday if you stayed at home. I never did get the house painted but I enjoyed lots of pool time. This term, Library will be on a Wednesday for both P1 and P2 so please pack a library bag for your child on this day.

The library has been re-organised to encourage and inspire our young readers so please feel free to come and take a look. It’s not finished yet, but is already feeling fresh!

The library has an array of new and popular books including the new ‘Minecraft’ manuals but they all need to be covered before being let loose. If you have any spare time for covering books, please let me know. It would be very much appreciated.

This term, both classes will be doing units on recycling which will cover library, science & technology and creative arts. Activities will include making paper and recycled art. If you have any small boxes, jars, paper towel rolls etc. could you please send them in with your child.

Book club will go out with your child on Wednesday this week. If you would like to place an order please have it in to the money box before the end of next week (13th February).

Alicia Beckenham
Teacher Librarian

Kids in the Kitchen News

Kids in the Kitchen will be run by our Year 6 Leadership team and open every Tuesday and Friday at lunch time. The children are able to buy healthy snacks and drinks on these days.
Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6-17 years
Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events.

For information on the location and available meetings -

Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

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PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE

WITH

GOSFORD KARIONG RLFC

UNDER 6’S - UNDER 17’S

ENQUIRIES! Ed 0437820214 OR Raneen 0402190281

Registration Days: 7th & 14th February @ Wyoming Shopping Centre, 10am-2pm
Or come to training Wednesdays & Fridays 5:30pm @ Narrab Valley High School

Entry fee includes insurance, shorts, socks, and training shirt
Family discounts & payment plans available.