PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Stage 3 are off on their camp tomorrow, leaving very early from Central Mangrove Public School. Please ensure students are there by 5.45am to have their names marked off, lunches handed in and any medicines given to Mrs Blair from Peats Ridge.

Enjoy your trip, we’ll see you at 7.30pm Friday at Central Mangrove Public School!

Year 6 Pie Drive
Don’t forget to order your pies in support of the Year 6 Pie Drive. Orders need to be returned by this Friday and pies will need to be collected next Wednesday from school.

Sydney North Athletics
Congratulations to Hayley, Alara, Ella and Sarah who competed yesterday at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival. From all reports the girls had a great time and enjoyed the experience.

PBL
The hub meeting that was scheduled for yesterday afternoon had to be postponed due to illness. There will be one next term which I will advertise in upcoming newsletters.

Meeting
On Thursday I will be attending a Director’s meeting for Principals on the Central Coast. Mr Nowd will be teaching Year 3/4.

Uniform
Over the past few weeks I have noticed a slight slip in the number of students wearing their full school uniform. I am aware, that at times students are unable to wear school clothes as they are in the wash. I would like to remind parents that there is a bank of second hand uniform items that can be purchased for spares. Let’s be proud of our school!  

K/1/2 Australian Reptile Park Excursion
Our excursion has been rebooked for next Wednesday 17th September 2014. Please fill in permission note that is coming home today and return by Monday 15th September, 2014.

OFFICE NEWS
The school has purchased Bb Clarinet reeds for band students. They are avail-
able from the office at a cost of $5.00 Each.

School Banking Every Tuesday
Just a reminder to parents and students to make sure that your banking money is secure in your bank book each banking day. At times money has fallen out in students’ bags or in transit to the office. Please remember to redeem your rewards after 10 bank deposits. Simply fill in your reward card with all the details and send it in with your deposit book on banking day. Happy Banking!

Mrs Julie Broome

P&C News
National curriculum forum
Thursday, 11 September, 2014
The Department of Education & Training and the Central Coast Council of P&C’s will hold a community forum this Thursday at Wadalba Community School from 7pm.

Three topics will be addressed: Changes to the National Curriculum, Vocational Education for High School Students and P&C Work Health and Safety issues in relation to managing canteens and fetes.

A presentation will be held on each topic and participants will be able to choose which two topics they would like to hear about.

All parents, staff and community members are welcome to attend the forum.

BBQ volunteers required
The P&C has been given the opportunity run a BBQ at Mangrove Mountain Golf Club on the fourth Saturday of each month, commencing on 27th September 2014. The BBQs will run from 8am-12.30pm.

A minimum of two people are needed to run the BBQ on the day, and a volunteer will need to purchase bread and pick up the BBQ and onions from our school on Fridays. If you’d like to help out this month, please put your name on the register at the school office. For more information, contact Nicki Ward on 0417 721 435.

Fruit and Veg Month
On Tuesday 16th September 2014 we are holding our Fruit and Veg tasting afternoon. The theme of this year’s Fruit and Veg Month is “eat a rainbow”. Students are asked to bring in a plate of chopped up fruit and veg that can be tasted by other students. We are hoping for a variety of weird and wonderful fruits and vegetables. Please do not bring anything that can not be eaten raw.

Last year we had a fantastic variety of fruit and veg, including star fruit, lemonade and coconut. I wonder what we will have this year?

Laura Knight

Year 5/6
Year 5/6 children are really looking forward to their Canberra excursion. They have been working hard studying our Federal Parliament and are excited about visiting Parliament House and other landmarks in our capital city such as the Australian War Memorial and the National Museum of Australia.

A reminder to all children to pack warm clothing (it will be chilly in Canberra) as well as morning tea and lunch for the first day.

As designated chief photographer, I will endeavour to capture on camera as
many of the memorable moments as my limited photographic skills will allow. Hopefully we’ll have enough to be made into a worthwhile photographic disc upon our return.

Bill Haydon

**Dingo**
The purebred dingo is becoming very rare in the wild. Feral domestic dogs will readily interbreed with dingoes, a process which effectively dilutes the genetic uniqueness of this animal. The dingo is a medium-sized dog and weighs approx 15-20kg. Despite its common image of a reddish-brown coat its colour varies and includes very pale creamy-brown forms, and even black and tan. **Habitat:** The dingo arrived in Australia from Asia several thousand years ago possibly brought by aborigines or by seafaring people from Indonesia. Its species has since spread over the entire country, with the exception of Tasmania. It inhabits a wide range of habitats. There are small populations within fairly close proximity to some major cities and urban areas, although they never seem to become as bold in these areas as the introduced fox.

**Diet:** The Dingo is often blamed for loss of stock on farms, particularly sheep. In reality, these instances are relatively rare but dingos can become a problem when other food sources are scarce and packs learn that a farmer’s livestock are easy prey. The majority of dingo food comprises small mammals such as rabbits, rats and mice plus some birds and reptiles. In fact, they do serve a useful purpose in assisting to control rodent and rabbit numbers. The Dingo is usually a shy retiring creature. It is only when they learnt that humans can be a useful supplier of food or where they have hybridized with the domestic dog that they can became a problem and attacks on humans are extremely rare.

**Did You know?**
It is thought that the dingo is solely responsible for the extinction of the Tasmanian Devil and the Tasmanian Tiger from the Australian mainland. Fossil evidence indicates that both species were found Australia wide but were restricted to Tasmania where the dingo does not occur. The Tasmanian Tiger has been exterminated from Tasmania as well by the action of ignorant humans.

**Reproduction:** One of the main differences between the dingo and the domestic dog is that the Dingo only comes into season once a year, whereas female domestic dogs can come into season twice a year. After mating a gestation period of around nine weeks follows before the mother gives birth to 3-5 pups in a sheltered den, usually in late winter or early spring. Young may stay with the parent pack for several years before moving on to find their own mates and territories.


(K/1/2 will be looking forward to seeing the Dingo and many other of the animals at The Reptile Park on their visit next Wednesday !)
**Eisteddfod on the Mountain**

**THIS SATURDAY**

DATE: Saturday 13 September 2014

VENUE: Peats Ridge School and Community Hall

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**CWA Cookery Competition**

**Wednesday 10 September 2014**

All entries to be at the office by no later than 9.00 am in the morning.

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**“Turn on Tap” bottles.**

Thank you for your support. *REMINDER* all bottles to be returned by Friday next week, much appreciated.

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**PBL Wall of Fame**

**Congratulations to last week’s Happy and Friendly**

**Olivia (Week 8)**

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