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'Strive to Excel' in an inclusive and caring learning environment

1 FEBRUARY 2018

TERM 1 WEEK 1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Don't wait for the stars to align, reach up and rearrange them the way you want. Create your own constellation."

Pharrell Williams

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to 2018! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break and are ready for a positive school year of learning at Peakhurst South Public School.

Welcome Kindergarten 2018!

We are excited to have our three new Kindergarten classes start next Monday 5 February, following their Best Start assessments. The students will come to the front office (Building A) and meet their Stage 3 buddy and the Principal or Assistant Principal based on staggered start times. They will then walk to the classroom with their buddy and meet their 2018 classroom teacher/s. It is always an exciting day for our new students.

Parents as always I encourage you to speak positively about the students first day in helping create a positive start to the school year.



Class Formations

We were very lucky as a school to have the capacity to form the 2018 classes on the first day of the school year.

The classes are now finalised for the year, following some last minute tweaks on the first few days. There will be no further movement of students. All classes are

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 2

Mon 5 Feb	First day for Kindergarten
Tues 6 Feb	PSPS Swimming Carnival at Peakhurst West PS
Wed 7 Feb	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meetings 3.30pm - 4.30pm }
Thur 8 Feb	
Fri 9 Feb	

UPCOMING DATES

Thur 15 Feb	7.00pm Welcome Evening
Mon 19 Feb	7.30pm School Council Meeting
Wed 21 Feb	Scripture & Ethics classes commence 4.00pm - 6.00pm: Grammar Course
Thur 22 Feb	Meet the Teacher: Kindy - 6
Fri 23 Feb	2.45pm: Years 1-6 Assembly
Wed 28 Feb	4.00pm - 6.00pm: Grammar Course 7.30pm: P&C Meeting

settled and learning new classroom routines, getting to know the peers in their class as well as their new teacher/s.

We are very privileged at Peakhurst South Public School to have a high quality teaching staff across our school. Teachers participate in high quality professional learning with experts throughout the year in continuing to build their capacity. Our excellent results are testament to the teaching quality across the school.

Welcome - New Staff

We have a number of new staff at Peakhurst South Public School. I would like to welcome everyone officially to Peakhurst South Public School:

Mrs Drew - Teaching KDS
Miss Wright - Teaching KW
Mrs Bowden - Teaching 1B
Mr Mee - Teaching 3/4M
Mrs Piazza - School Counsellor
Mrs Carrington - Enrichment groups (Wednesday)

Classes for 2018

Mrs L Szybiak- KDS (Mon, Tue, Wed Odd Weeks— Mon, Tue Even Weeks)	Mrs J McLaughlin - 1/2M
Mrs C Drew - KDS (Thur, Fri Odd Weeks— Wed, Thur, Fri Even Weeks)	Miss Wells - 2W
Mrs R Torresan - KT	Mr J Hurkett - 3/4H
Mrs K Wright - KW	Mr J Mee - 3/4M
Mrs L Buchly - 1JB (Tue, Wed, Thur)	Mrs K Bignell - 3/4B
Mrs S Jessup - 1JB (Mon, Fri)	Mrs E Paul - 5/6P
Mrs T Bowden - 1B (Mon, Tue, Wed)	Mr A Marshall - 5/6M
Mrs G Blake - 1B (Thu, Fri)	

Support Staff - 2018

Mrs S Hart - Learning Support
Mr J Ellerington - Teacher Librarian
Mrs M Carrington - Enrichment Groups
Miss C Cole - Learning and Support and QTSS
Mrs G Blake - Relief from Face to Face (Mon, Tue, Wed)

School Administrative and Support Staff

School Administrative Manager: Mrs K Bowcock
School Administrative Officers: Mrs J Caltabiano (Tue
Wed, Thur) Mrs N Dibden (Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri)
School Learning Support Officers: Mrs S Cook, Mrs S
Ray
School Counsellor: Mrs L Piazza
General Assistant: Mr B Temple
School Cleaner: Roska

Welcome Evening—New Parents/Carers

On **Thursday 15 February from 7pm** in the School Library will be a **Welcome Evening** for new Kindergarten parents/carers and new parents/carers from Years 1- 6. The evening will be hosted by the P&C.

It is a relaxed informal introduction to meeting other families from Peakhurst South Public School and starting to become part of this wonderful community.

We hope to see as many new families as possible at the evening.

Planning Days

Next week the teachers are given dedicated planning time in creating quality units of work for our students. Teachers will continue working with Joanne Rossbridge, Literacy Consultant (Primary English Teaching Association Australia) this year in developing English units of work. Each stage will work with Joanne for half of their planning day. The other half is focused on continuing to build on the English unit or creating programs for other Key Learning Areas.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

Peak Award Achievers 2017

YEAR 1 2018

Ellie C	Base Camp
John C	Base Camp
Elin K	Level 1m
Lily T	Level 2m
Corbyn F	Base Camp
Sophie H	Level 1m
James Y	Level 1m
Teagan E	Level 1m

YEAR 2 2018

Frederick H	Level 3m
Liam M	Level 4m
Alexandra C	Level 5m
William H	Level 5m
Jonathan L	Level 7m
Philo M	Level 4m

YEAR 3 2018

Victoria S	Level 4m
Lucy M	Level 5m
Anthony S	Level 6m
Patrick B	Level 6m
Jarvis S	Level 2m
Tara Q	Level 5m

YEAR 4 2018

Georgia V	Level 9m
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YEAR 5 2018

Christopher S	Level 10m
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From the Office

Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
Yr 3 - 6	Swimming Carnival	\$11.00	02/02/2018
K - 6	School Fees	Various	20/02/2018

OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open
from 8.45am to 3.45pm.



CareMonkey

All notes are now being sent home via CareMonkey, it is imperative that you **check your emails daily**, this will ensure that you do not miss any notes or information being sent home.

If permission, responses to questions or a signature is required they can be answered on your smart phone or device.

Reminder emails will be sent to you until you respond.

If a signature is required giving your child/ren permission to attend an incursion/excursion or other event a signature box will appear. **You must sign this box to give your child/ren permission to attend.**



Parking

There are three ongoing concerns with parking around our school.

1. The two school car parks are **STRICTLY** for staff use ONLY. Parents are **NOT** to use the car parks for any purpose, especially not for dropping off or picking up children. (Unless it has been approved by the Principal).
2. The car parks are not for people. **DO NOT** walk through the car parks. All students and parents are to use the pedestrian gates only.
3. Obey the parking signs in the streets and only park legally. Police monitor the streets before and after school.

These rules are to ensure the safety of your children. Please help us to keep them safe. Thank you for your co-operation.



Communicating with the school

- First point of contact for matters relating to your child is normally:
 - your **child's class teacher**, then
 - the **Assistant Principal** for the stage, then
 - the **Principal**.
- If you need to meet with a teacher, Assistant Principal or the Principal, please make an appointment so a special time can be set aside for you.
- This year whole staff meetings are held on Wednesdays 8.45am–9.15am and 3.30pm–4.30pm. Consequently, the staff will not be available to meet with parents at these times on Wednesdays unless it is an urgent matter that cannot wait.
- Matters relating to school programs, eg sport, would normally be referred to the teacher or executive managing that program.
- In some cases, eg the band, matters may need to be referred to the P&C.
- Two other avenues parents have for seeking assistance are the P&C and the School Council. Both these groups have parent members and they may be able to help you if required.
- You may raise an issue through a letter, email or phone call, or request an appointment to discuss it.

School Uniform

Black Shoes

Parents/carers please ensure your children wear the correct school footwear when coming to school.

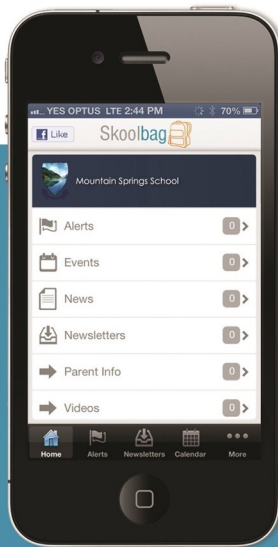
Our school's pledge states "I will wear my uniform with pride." This includes the correct school footwear. Students are expected to wear black shoes unless it is sports day. This is the requirement under our school uniform policy that was agreed on by the school community. I am happy for students to wear black joggers (as long as they are entirely black). It shows pride in Peakhurst South Public School when all of our students wear the correct school uniform. Can you please support the school in ensuring that your child/ren wear the full school uniform, including black school shoes. **Orange, pink, yellow and purple shoes etc. are not part of our school uniform.**

Examples of acceptable footwear as part of our school uniform.



Skoolbag Application

Peakhurst South Public School uses the Skoolbag App for communication directly with parents and carers. Please see instructions below on how to install the app to your smartphone (iPhone or iPad) or Android device.



Skoolbag

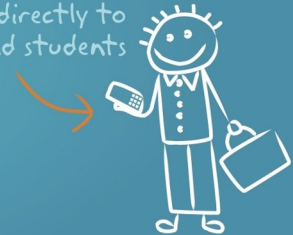


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 1 Weeks 1 & 2

A roster will be sent to volunteers for next week.

Hope you have all had a fantastic holiday - I sure did. But I have missed you all and can't wait to see you again and to meet all our new Kindy students.

If you haven't already put your name down for canteen, please drop in and see me any Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

The first open day for the School Canteen will be tomorrow **Friday 2 February**.

FRI 2/2: All Day (AD) 9.30am - 2.30pm

MON 5/2: Half Day (HD) 11.30am - 2.30pm

WED 7/2: All Day (AD) 9.30am - 2.30pm

Payment can be made by placing cash in a paper bag with your child/ren's name, class and lunch order written on the front.

Alternatively, you can also order recess and lunch online through the myschoolconnect.app at:

<http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au/pspscanteen>

Jacinta Goodacre

Canteen Supervisor



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days:

- **Monday 5 February:** 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- **Monday 19 February:** 3.20pm - 4.20pm

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Uniform Shop, if you are interested and can spare an hour in the afternoon please drop in to see me on the opening days.

You can also place your order online. The online store is available 24/7 via the myschoolconnect app at:

<http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au/pspsuniform>

Online orders will be delivered to your child's classroom each Friday.

Stephanie Cook

Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&C

WELCOME BACK PSPS

Well time really does fly when you are having fun! Hope you all had a restful break and are excited to be back at school ready to learn.

The P&C are looking forward to meeting all the new families joining us this year and extend a warm welcome back to all our returning families.

MEET THE TEAM

President: Mardi Haworth

Vice President: Lauren Jones

Treasurer: Jodie Horton

Secretary: Natasha Vida

General Member: Clare Walsh

You can find us before or after school around the Year 1/Year 2 classrooms. We'd love to meet you and hear your ideas for our school community.

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 28 February at 7.30pm in the library. All welcome!

Mardi Haworth

P&C President

Peakhurst South Public School P & C Association



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Dear Peakhurst South Parents,

Welcome to Scholastic Book Club for 2018

The Scholastic Book Club is designed as a valuable opportunity for you to purchase books for your children at great prices and help our School at the same time. For each order placed through the Book Club Scholastic will donate vouchers equal to 20% of our total order which we can then use for library and classroom resources.

Approximately twice each term a Scholastic catalogue for all age groups will be sent home with your child from school. Extra copies of the catalogue will be left in the Book Club tray in the School office should there be a need for one.

You will usually have around a week to browse the catalogue to see if there is anything of interest to you and/or your children. Reminders about due dates will appear in the weekly school newsletter.

Ordering online is easy! Go to: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Scholastic now offer an easy to use online ordering and payment system. We prefer this method as it reduces paperwork and cash-handling. Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you are already registered enter your username and password to log in and then follow the prompts. If you haven't registered select 'Register' from the blue top options and follow the prompts. Books will be delivered to Peakhurst South Public School and we will arrange for delivery to your child's classroom. When ordering online you do not need to return order forms to the school.

You can still order books using the order forms at the back of the catalogue. If you choose this method you can make your payment by:

- Cash- correct amount please as no change can be given, or
- Cheque - made payable to Scholastic Australia.

Place your order forms and payment in an envelope marked "Book Club" with your child's name and class and leave it in the Book Club money collection box in the school office. Please note: *No form can be processed without full payment.*

Orders can take up to 2 weeks to be processed and books will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you are ordering books as gifts and do not want the books delivered to your child, please put a note in the Book Club tray before the due date for orders, including your phone number, and we will contact you directly to arrange collection.

Please be assured, there is no obligation or expectation to buy from these brochures, it is simply an offer you may like to use from time to time. If you have further questions or need more assistance, please feel free to approach us in the school grounds, or leave a note in the Book Club tray in the school office.

Happy reading and thank you for supporting our school through Book Club!

Careena Craven and Bia Limberis
2018 Book Club Co-ordinators

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