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Peakhurst South Public School

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



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TERM 1

WEEK 11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Teamwork makes the dreamwork."

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

What an exciting, productive and positive Term 1 at Peakhurst South Public School. I would like to thank the teaching staff, office staff, students and parent community for their hard work and commitment in ensuring it has been a successful start to the school year.

There have been a number of highlights across the Term:

- The completion of the 2018 – 2020 School Plan, which is now available on our school website.
- The completion of the 2017 Annual Report, also available on our school website.
- Fantastic representation in the sporting arena with a number of students representing the school at district and regional level.
- Outstanding 2017 NAPLAN results, highlighting the quality teaching and learning programs.
- New pinwall-lining and furniture across classrooms.
- The teachers participating in a grammar course in building our knowledge, which is being reflected in the classroom.
- PSPS being filmed yesterday for the Insight program on SBS. Further information to follow.
- Kindergarten completing their first term of school.
- Introduction of enrichment programs.
- Increasing Library access over five days.
- An additional teacher for Learning and Support, three days per week.
- Most importantly, our day to day practice focused on high quality teaching and learning.

What an exciting way to wrap up the term with Stage 1 opening their classrooms to parents/carers in showcasing their work on Mini-beasts, the Cross Country today and the ANZAC Day Assembly tomorrow from 2:30pm.

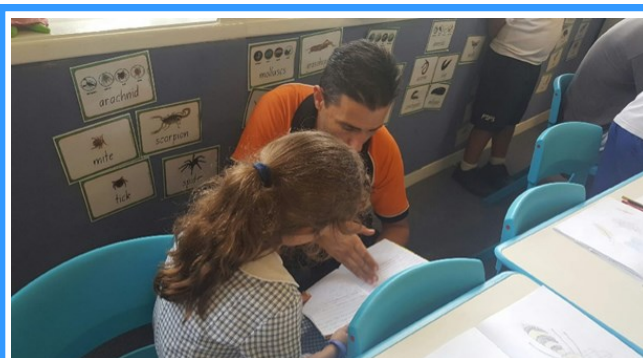
CALENDAR DATES

TERM 2, WEEK 1

Mon 30 Apr	Staff Development Day
Tues 1 May	Students return for Term 2 Applications for OC Class opens - Parents must apply online. Lunch: Coding Club
Wed 2 May	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting 4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development
Thur 3 May	Code Camp
Fri 4 May	8.00am: Robotics Lunch: Debating

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 7 May	3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop Open
Tues 8 May	ICAS - Digital Technologies Comp
Thurs 10 May	Code Camp
Mon 19 May	School Council
15 May - 17 May	NAPLAN





Term 2

We have a number of exciting programs to look forward to in Term 2. Some of these include a long-term project with Code Camp for students in Years 2 to 6. The teachers will participate in a team-teaching style with Code Camp teachers in building their knowledge and understanding of teaching code to our students. I am sure that our students will gain much value from this program. Artificial Intelligence and automation jobs are on the rise and research predicts that 40% of jobs in the future will be in coding and automation. At PSPS we are aiming to build our teachers capacity in teaching these programs while ensuring our students are also given these opportunities.

Also in Term 2, PSPS will be one of 500 schools to participate in the NAPLAN on-line trial. What this means is that Year 5 will complete all assessments on-line while Year 3 will complete Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy on-line and the written part will be paper based. In 2019 all schools will move onto the on-line platform. The advantages to on-line is that the school will receive results quicker and the assessments can be differentiated to cater for the students' needs. In other words, the questions will get easier or harder depending on each child's abilities.

We also have a number of incursions booked in for the students in Term 2 on themes including anti-bullying and Science. PSPS will introduce a new value of 'Resilience.' We will be adding a new purple pencil at the front of our school! Look out for the new installation!

Natasha Eaton
Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

Friday Assembly

WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 1 Week 10	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total Points	22 —3rd	34 —1st	25 —2nd

CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 1 Week 10	KW
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Peak Award Achievers

YEAR 1

Sophie T	Base Camp
Dexter B	Level 1m
Dion T	Base Camp

YEAR 2

Eva T	Level 6m
Patrick R	Level 5m
Anders K	Level 3m

YEAR 3

Byron B	Levels 4m and 5m
Jay T	Level 4m

YEAR 4

Daniel H	Level 8m
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YEAR 5

Matthew H	Level 9m
Aaron F	Level 9m

YEAR 6

Samuel L	Level 20m
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SPORT RESULTS – Round 6 Date: 6 April 2018

AFL

	PSPS	Beverly Hills
Boys	6.5.(41)	1.2.(8)
Girls	3.3.(21)	2.1.(13)

Round 7 - 13/04 PSPS v BYE

Basketball

	PSPS	BYE
Round 7 - 13/04	PSPS v Peakhurst West @ PSPS	

Oz Tag

	PSPS	Peakhurst
Junior Boys	7	2
Senior Boys	9	3
Round 7 - 13/04	PSPS v BYE	

Debating Program Workshop

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students who participated in the Inter-School Debating Program workshop, held at Lugarno Public School. Facilitated by Mr Fisher and Ms Dunstan from GRC Peakhurst Campus, and with the assistance of Year 8 and 9 students, the workshop was a great success.



Jemma, Sierra, Christopher, Sara, Ryleigh and Sarah met with students from Mortdale PS, Lugarno PS, Peakhurst PS, Peakhurst West PS and GRC Peakhurst Campus to learn about debate preparation, the roles of speakers, speech writing and rebuttal.



The Senior Team look forward to sharing their learning with the Junior Team and the commencement of the Inter-School Debating Program later next term.

Miss S Wells
Debating Coordinator

Hyde Park Barracks Museum Excursion Stage 2

Stage 2 visited the Hyde Park Barracks Museum and the Museum of Sydney this week. The excursion formed part of our history unit on first contacts and literacy unit on 'My Place' by Nadia Wheatley.

At the Hyde Park Barracks Museum, students looked at the harsh life of male convicts, their cramped sleeping quarters and the punishments they received. The students enjoyed dressing up as convicts and identified marks that they had left on the actual brick walls of the barracks.

At the Museum of Sydney, students learnt about the traditional ways of Aboriginal life from fishing and hunting techniques to the types of food and berries that were eaten. We looked at a number of famous Aboriginal people from history including Nanberry, Bennelong and Barangaroo.

It was wonderful to see all the students engaged and well behaved on a very hot day in the city. A big thank you to all the staff who attended and to our parent volunteers for giving up their time to help Stage 2 with their excursion.





Bugs, Slugs and Creepy Crawlies in Stage 1

Stage 1 students have been exploring bugs, slugs and creepy crawlies within a Science and English unit.

The students have enjoyed investigating, questioning and making predictions about minibeasts. We have designed and made minibeasts from reusable materials, learned how to research and write information reports on ladybirds, ants, snails and scorpions.

To culminate our learning this term, students engaged in an incursion with Travel Bugs where a wide variety of minibeasts, including various species of stick insects, praying mantis, millipedes, centipedes, scorpions, spiders, were showcased. They were given opportunities to handle some harmless minibeasts and investigate preserved bio facts including embedded and dried insects, shells, eggs, egg cases, skins, wings and cocoons.

The incursion was entertaining and highly educational. Students were buzzing all day about it!

Stage 1 Teachers



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please note that there will be a school development day for staff only on Monday 30 April 2018.

This means that **students** do not return to school for Term 2 until **Tuesday 1 May 2018**.

News From the Learning & Support Team

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



The Learning and Support Team is in need of additional parents/carers to act as volunteer MultiLit tutors. There are vacant tutoring times weekly, from Tuesday to Friday.

Two students may have to be withdrawn from the program unless we can obtain additional tutors to support this highly effective reading support program. Training and tutoring sessions can be negotiated at a convenient time.

Interested parents/carers should contact the school office or Miss Cole directly. We are immensely grateful to the current band of tutors for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm in training and implementation of the program.

As little as 30 minutes once a week could make a significant difference in a child's learning to read journey and build skills to support your own child's reading development.

Christine Cole
Learning and Support Team Coordinator

SOUND WAVES

Next week's *Sound Waves* Sound is /u/

Pronunciation

How to say the sound

Lower your jaw a large amount so your mouth is quite open and your lips are relaxed.

Sit your tongue at the bottom of your mouth so it is firm but dented in the middle.

Briefly turn your voice on.

Tips for Kids

- /u/ is a quick sound.

This is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out.



SRC News - Wildlife Wednesday



This year the SRC and Peakhurst South PS will be sponsoring a koala through World Wildlife Foundation Australia.

WWF Australia works for the conservation of environment and wildlife with a mission to stop the degradation of natural environment.

Students are asked to bring in a silver coin donation on Wednesdays to support this initiative.



Anzac Day Service

We are having our Anzac Day service this Friday 13 April at 2.30 pm under the COLA. All parents, friends, etc. are invited to attend. If your child would like to wear family war medals please remember to pin these to the right hand side of your child's uniform. If your child would like to bring a small posy of flowers, please send to school on Friday morning and these may be laid alongside the school wreath during the service.



Kindergarten 2019

Kindergarten enrolment packs are now available from the school office.

If you have a child starting **Kindergarten in 2019** it is now time to lodge their application for enrolment.

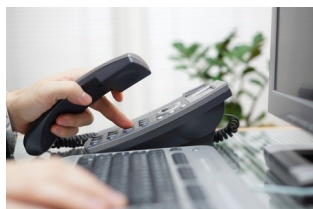
If you have already collected an enrolment pack please return the completed Enrolment Form as soon as possible.

If you know of any children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2019 let them know they can organise an appointment with the Principal and pick up an Enrolment Pack from the office.



OFFICE HOURS

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



From the Office

Lunches

Please **do not** send your child with food for lunch that needs to be hot or warmed up. The office staff and Canteen are not permitted to heat lunches up for students. If your child wants a hot lunch they can order it from the Canteen on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday.

Late Arrivals

If your child is late to school we need you to either call the school, provide a note either in person, via Skoolbag app or email. Alternatively you can come in with them to the school office to provide an explanation.

If you do not do this their absence will be entered as unjustified and unexplained. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medication

If your child is required to take medication (ie. Antibiotics or Panadol) during the school day please see the office for the appropriate medication documentation to complete. No medication can be given until these forms are completed.

Mrs Karen Bowcock

School Administration Manager

From the Office

Grade	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K - 6	School Fees	Various	Overdue
Various	PSSA	\$50.00	Overdue
Various	Band - Term 1	Various	Overdue
Stage 1	Travelbugs Incursion	\$10.00	Overdue
Stage 2	Museum of Sydney & Hyde Park Barracks Excursion	\$33.00	Overdue

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Each student has brought home a bag for the Stewart House clothing appeal. If you need extra bags, please see the office or use an ordinary garbage bag of the same size.



All bags must be returned for collection by Friday 4 May 2018.

Thank you.
Stewart House Coordinator

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Canteen

Term 1 Week 11

Canteen Roster	
Friday 13/4	Canteen Closed
MON & WED: AD = All Day 9:30am–2:00pm AM = 9:30am–11:45am; PM = 11:15am–2:00pm FRI: AD = All Day 9:20am–12:30pm	

Just a reminder that the canteen will be closed on Friday 13/4 and will reopen on Wednesday 2/5.

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will next be open on **Monday 7 May from 3.20pm - 4.20pm.**

All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom teacher Friday morning.

All second hand clothing donations can be placed in a marked "Uniform Donations" located inside the yellow cupboard outside the Uniform Shop.

Orders can be placed through our online store 24/7 via the myschoolconnect app at:

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

Large Surf hats and Large Bucket hats (no drawstring) are on sale for \$5 each.

There is no refund on these sale items.

Don't forget about our Sloppy Joes at \$23 each they are a great affordable addition to the uniform.

Please send all all enquiries by email to stephanie.cook29@det.nsw.edu.au

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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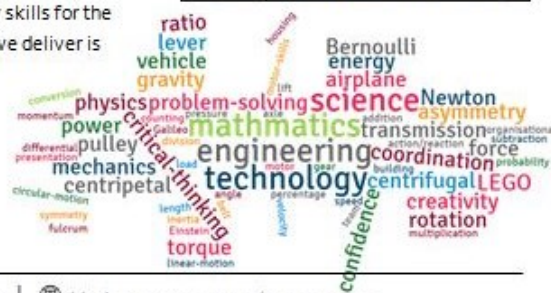
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April	Lugarno Girl Guides Hall
23rd	Candy Fun Camp
24th	Let's Build Spinner Camp
25th	-
26th	Adventure Fun Camp
27th	Let's Build Games Camp



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P&C News and Information



Which containers can be returned for a refund?



Most 150ml to three litre drink containers will be eligible for a 10 cent refund at an approved NSW collection point. Container materials that may be eligible for a refund include:

- Glass
- Plastic
- Aluminium
- Steel
- Liquid paperboard (cartons)

Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached. Wine, spirits, cordial and plain milk containers are generally not eligible.

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Return and Earn has been introduced to reduce drink container litter across NSW. As such, containers that are eligible under the scheme are those most commonly found as litter.

Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached.

We do not accept these containers:



NO - Broken or damaged containers



NO - Wine or spirits bottles



NO - Plain milk or milk substitute bottles or cartons



NO - Casks or sachets for wine or water



NO - Flavoured milk 1 litre or larger



NO - Fruit & vegetable concentrates & cordial bottles - any size



NO - Pure fruit or vegetable juices 1 litre or larger



NO - Registered health tonics