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Peakhurst South Public School

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



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TERM 2

WEEK 2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."

Wayne Dyer

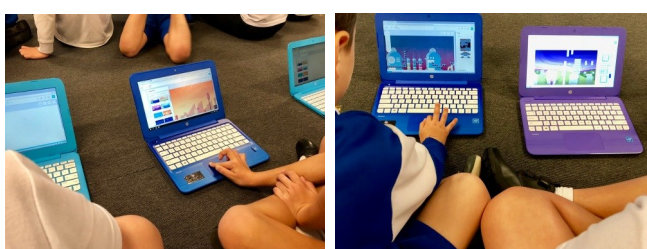
Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Code Camp

The Year 2 to Year 6 students started the Code Camp program last Thursday. The Year 2 students participated in a half day program and Year 3 to 6 will participate in a four week program this term. In Term 3 Code Camp will return to work with the classes in a similar format. The students were very excited to build and code their own game from scratch. The students were incorporating mathematical language, including x and y axis.

The students will have a URL link to their individual games and will be able to share these with you at home.



CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 2

Mon 14 May	Lunch: Dance 7.30pm: School Council Meeting
Tues 15 May	Lunch: Coding Club NAPLAN
Wed 16 May	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting 4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development NAPLAN
Thur 17 May	Camp Quality Puppet Show NAPLAN
Fri 18 May	8am: Robotics Years 4-6 National Walk Safely to School Day PSSA Finals Lunch: Debating

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 21 May	Uniform Shop Open
Thur 24 May	Code Camp District Cross Country Carnival
Tue 29 May	ICAS: Science The Anti-Bullying Show
Wed 30 May	SPAF Audition 7.30pm P&C Meeting
Thur 31 May	Code Camp
Mon 11 June	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

NAPLAN

The Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN next week. The students at Peakhurst South Public School are one of the schools chosen to participate in the transition to online this year. The students in Year 3 will complete Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy on-line. The Writing will still be completed paper-based in Year 3. The Year 5 students will complete all assessments on-line. All schools will transition to NAPLAN on-line over the course of 2019 and 2020.

NAPLAN (cont'd)

If you wish to find out more information please follow the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online>

I do ask as always not to place additional stress on Year 3 or Year 5 students. Just treat next week as a normal week. NAPLAN is a snapshot of one point in time and is a reflection on the students' performance on that day, not always a complete judgement of each child's ability. The best way to find out how your child is progressing in their learning is to have a conversation with your child's teacher.

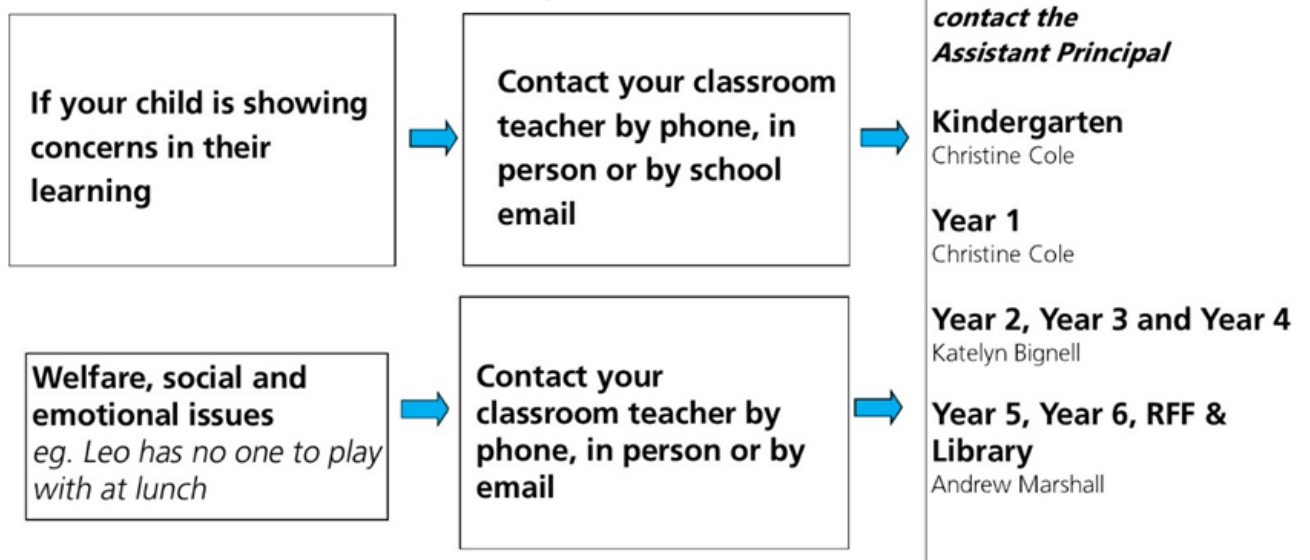
NAPLAN will disrupt the Library this year. Mr Ellerington will continue to take classes for History and Geography lessons in the classrooms. The classes affected will be able to borrow at lunchtimes.

Communication with the school

Just a reminder that when communicating with the school it is always best to follow the chart below. The classroom teacher is always the best point of contact when discussing your child's learning. You are always welcome to arrange a meeting time with your child's teacher. We will also offer parent-teacher interviews across Week 10 of Term 2 to discuss your child's learning progress for Semester 1.

PARENTS COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL

Whom do I contact about my child's needs?



If you have a concern about a matter unrelated to your child please first see the Relevant Assistant Principal
If you still have concerns then contact the Principal Natasha Eaton



Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

SPORT RESULTS – Round 8 Date: 4/05/2018

AFL

	PSPS	Oatley
Boys	4.3.(27)	0.4.(4)
Girls	3.6.(24)	2.3.(15)
Round 9 - 11/05	PSPS vs Narwee @ Olds Park	

Basketball

	PSPS	Oatley West
Junior Girls	2	24
Senior Girls	12	26
Round 9 - 11/05	PSPS vs Lugarno @ Lugarno PS	

Oz Tag

	PSPS	Peakhurst West
Junior Boys	6	0
Senior Boys	8	5
Round 9 - 11/05	PSPS vs Penshurst West @	

National Walk Safely to School Day



Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 18 May 2018

Friday 18 May 2018 is National Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

SOUND WAVES

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

Pronunciation

How to say the sound

Lower your jaw a moderate amount, with your lips stretched at the corners of your mouth.

Sit your tongue firmly on the bottom of the mouth and turn your voice on.

Immediately raise your jaw to allow the sides of your tongue to press outwards onto your teeth.

Tips for Kids

- /ai/ is a long, moving sound.
- This is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out.



ai	snail	ei	rein
ay	hay	eigh	eight
a_e	cake	aigh	straight
a	lady	au	gauge
ea	break	et	ballet
ey	they	ez	rendezvous

Last week's Word of the Week was **hypochondriac**, submitted by **Samantha A** in **3/4B**.

Congratulations **Samantha!**

Why not get involved with *Sound Waves* Sound of the Week?

Submit entries of unusual words containing next week's Sound of the Week.

An Entry Form is attached to the newsletter, please clearly write your child's name and class on their entry.

Place entries in the *Sound Waves* box at the front office. The most unusual/interesting entry will be published in next week's newsletter.

Entries close next Tuesday 15 May.

News from the Learning & Support Team

As per our previous newsletter, the Camp Quality puppets had been booked to visit our school this Monday 7 May. Unfortunately, due to illness the visit needed to be cancelled. The Camp Quality puppets have been rescheduled to visit PSPS on Thursday 17 May. All previous details regarding the shows content and times remain unchanged. As previously indicated, if you do not wish for your child to attend the performance you will need to notify your child's classroom teacher prior to Thursday 17 May.

Christine Cole

Learning and Support Team Coordinator



Library

Would you like to cover books? I am always looking for expert book coverers who love the challenge of removing creases and those pesky contact bubbles. Please see attached website for more details on how to cover books in contact without bubbles:

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/school/stuff-for-school/hints-and-hacks/how-to-cover-books-in-contact-without-bubbles>



Please send a note to my attention with your email or mobile number so I can let you know when I have a bag of books ready for covering. All contact plastic is provided.

Happy Reading

Mr Ellerington

Teacher Librarian

The School Photographer

Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. These can be viewed online at:

- Captains
- House Captains
- SRC
- Year 6 Fun
- Year 6

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

Online Order Code: **18S393EL39PS**

If you wish to order please visit The School Photographer's website and order/pay on-line.

The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each
2 for \$30.00
3 for \$42.00
4 for \$52.00
5 for \$60.00

Any additional photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase online ONLY.



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From the Office

Payments

Payment can be made by:

- **Cash/cheque** - Envelopes available at the office
- **Online** - this facility is accessible via the school's website. You click **\$ MAKE A PAYMENT** button which takes you to a secure Westpac payment page.



If a payment is made prior to 6pm, it will appear in the school's bank account the next day. Any payments made after **5.30pm** will appear two days later.

If you have any questions regarding the use of EFTPOS, or the online facility, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Medication at school

Prescribed medication

If your child requires prescribed medication, for example **antibiotics**, to be administered during school hours please contact the school office for a 'Request for administering prescribed medication to the student' form.

The medication **will only** be administered if:

- it has been prescribed by your child's doctor
- it has your child's name printed on the prescription label
- It has a valid expiry date, and
- it is in its original packaging.

These are legal requirements set out by the Department of Education.

Over the counter medication

If your child requires over the counter medication, for example **Panadol**, to be administered during school hours please also contact the school office for a 'Request for administering prescribed medication to the student' form.

Absences

If your child is away please notify the school as soon as possible by telephone or via the Skoolbag or CareMonkey apps.

Skoolbag

In the **eForms** tab you can select:

- **Absentee Note** and complete the form that is then sent directly to the school so that we can update your child's records.

CareMonkey

In the **Self Service Forms** tab you can select:

- **Student Absentee Form** and complete the form that is then sent directly to the school so that we can update your child's records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs K Bowcock
School Admin Manager

From the Office

Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K-6	School Fees	Various	OVERDUE
Various	PSSA	\$50.00	OVERDUE
Various	Got Game	\$35.00	OVERDUE
K-6	The Magic Words Incursion	\$6.00	23/05/2018
Various	Senior Band	\$170.00	31/05/2018
Various	Training Band	\$170.00	31/05/2018

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.



P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 2 Weeks 2 & 3

Canteen Roster	
Friday 11/5	9.30am - 11.45am: Jodie H 11.00am - 2.30pm: Bia and Vacancy
Monday 14/5	Vacancy
Wednesday 16/5	Idy
Friday 18/5	9.30am - 11.45am: Natasha B 11.00am - 2.30pm: Shelley M and Belinda T
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	

We urgently need an extra helper tomorrow (Friday 11/5), if you are available please drop by and let Jacinta know.

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open every second Monday afternoon from **3.20pm - 4.20pm**.

The next open days are as follows:

- **Monday 21 May**
- **Monday 4 June**
- **Monday 18 June**

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

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

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

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

Volunteers needed! *If you can spare 30 mins to assist in the Uniform Shop on opening days please let me know.*

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&C

Cross Country Sponsorship Forms

Thank-you to everyone who has returned their BLUE CROSS COUNTRY SPONSORSHIP FORMS. Together you have raised **\$ 4,171.60 !!! What a great achievement!**

Please help out the P&C volunteers by returning all remaining blue forms (with your child's name and class filled in) to the office asap. It is an audit requirement for the P&C to receive all forms back (with or without sponsorship), so we would appreciate it!

First class to return all forms will get to enjoy a pizza lunch, so ask your class mates to get their forms in so you can enjoy a pizza lunch together!

Class	Percentage Forms Returned	Number of forms yet to be returned
KDS	74%	5
KT	82%	3
KW	68%	6
1B	53%	9
1JB	74%	6
1/2M	79%	5
2W	63%	9
3/4B	75%	7
3/4H	71%	8
3/4M	73%	7
5/6M	60%	12
5/6P	35%	17

If you have lost your blue form, you can get a replacement from the office.

We also wanted to say a huge thank-you to all our volunteers who helped to organise donations, buy poppers, cook snags, feed our kids, hand out ice-blocks, count and bank money and clean up after the Cross Country Carnival. It is a massive day and it is always a great success due to the support of our school community!

A big Thanks goes out to COKE (thanks Gloria) for their donation of all the Water, COSTCO's donation towards Poppers (thanks Andrea) MASO's for their donation of Ice and Forest Rangers Football Club for lending their BBQ and Shade Covers.

Thanks!

PSPS P&C

Mardi Haworth
P&C President

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for Term 2**

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on the Keyboard
at school**



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- 🎵 Competitive rate - \$29 (GST incl.) per session 🎵
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