

# news @ the heights

## Peakhurst South Public School

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



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TERM 2

WEEK 5

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "If you really think the environment is less important than the economy try holding your breath and count your money."

**Dr Guy McPherson**

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

#### Grammar Course

Thank you to the teachers for their dedication throughout the 12 week Grammar Course. Each week the teachers have participated in a 2 hour workshop, engaged with weekly readings and completed three tasks that related to the course. The purpose was to upskill our teachers understanding in the teaching and learning of Literacy and embedding the teaching of Grammar through Reading and Viewing, Writing and Representing and Speaking and Listening.

We covered a variety of topics throughout the course and these strategies will begin to play a role in the classroom.

Joanne Rossbridge will return next Monday and Tuesday as well as Tuesday and Thursday of the following week to conduct observations and provide feedback to teachers.

#### Jersey Day

Next Thursday will be 'Jersey Day' to raise funds in supporting one of our students, Riley Brannock who will be representing Sydney-East at the State Rugby League competition. There is a large entry cost fee, accommodation and travel costs.

We ask students to wear their favourite sports jersey in any discipline (AFL, Rugby League or Basketball etc) and bring a gold coin donation.

It is a huge achievement to have a student represent our school at a high level! Well done Riley!



### CALENDAR DATES

#### WEEK 6

Mon 4 June	<b>Lunch: Dance</b> <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop Open</b>
Tues 5 June	<b>Lunch: Coding Club</b> <b>Nude Food Day</b>
Wed 6 June	<b>8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting</b> <b>4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development</b>
Thur 7 June	<b>Jersey Day</b>
Fri 8 June	<b>8.00am: Robotics Years 4-6</b> <b>Lunch: Debating</b> <b>PSSA Season 2 Round 1 starts</b>

### UPCOMING DATES

Mon 11 June	<b>Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday</b>
Wed 13 June	ICAS Competition: Spelling
Thurs 14 June	<b>ICAS Competition: Writing</b>
Mon 18 June	Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO) <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop Open</b>
Tue 19 June	Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO)
Thur 21 June	<b>Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO)</b>
Mon 25 June	School Council Meeting
Wed 27 June	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>
Fri 29 June	Reports home



### SPAF Auditions

Yesterday was the audition day for the St George Performing Arts (SPAF) festival. Peakhurst South Public School auditioned the Platinum Dance Troupe. They have been successful in gaining a place in the concerts. The students will find out the date for their performance shortly!

Congratulations to the Platinum Dance Troupe

### Return and Earn

Through the Return and Earn program at Peakhurst South Public School we have currently collected 2651 bottles/cans. This has stopped them from going into landfill or ending up in our oceans. This is also a total of \$265.10! What a great effort! Keep up the good work PSPS!



The collection bins are located next to the Uniform Shop! We encourage everyone to bring in their empty bottles or cans. The money raised through 'Return and Earn' and Wildlife Wednesday has given our school the capacity to adopt a Koala! Well done to the SRC for their initiative. The Koala population is estimated to have plummeted to approximately 50 000 left in the wild. In recent years land that once was protected for Koalas has been sold to developers.



The students are learning that they can make a difference to the environment!

*Natasha Eaton*

Ms Natasha Eaton  
Principal

## Peak Award Achievers

KINDER	
Sara B D	Base Camp
YEAR 2	
Bryce J	Level 5m
Laura M	Level 4m
Ardem R	Level 4m
YEAR 3	
Ainsley P	Level 8m
Dean S	Level 2m
Zara W	Level 6m
YEAR 4	
Charlotte P	Level 7m

## Friday Assembly

### WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 2 Week 4 10	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total Points	22 - 1st	17 - 2nd	14 - 3rd

### CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 2 Week 4	3/4H
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## Payments Due

Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K-6	School Fees	Various	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	PSSA	\$50.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	Got Game	\$35.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
K-6	The Magic Words Incursion	\$6.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	Senior Band	\$170.00	31/05/2018
Various	Training Band	\$170.00	31/05/2018
K	Fairytale Fiasco Incursion	\$12.00	12/06/2018

## News from the Garden

What a wonderful and successful first produce sale! We made \$148.65 which will go towards items for our garden (new mini shovels, watering cans and some more seating).

A huge thank you, to Mrs McCole who made the lovely rosemary basting brushes, skewers and salts. If you were lucky enough to purchase one of the rosemary salts could you please return the empty bottles to Mrs Buchly for re-use at a later stage. Mrs McCole has also volunteered her time to teach the garden clubbers how to make these lovely rosemary items for next time!

It was fabulous to see our students working alongside the students from ASPECT and a big thank you to Mrs Santiago for co-ordinating these inclusive activities with us.

It is very rewarding and encouraging to have so many wonderful parents and students supporting our school garden.

Laurel Buchly



## SOUND WAVES

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

### Pronunciation

#### How to say the sound

Place your lips together.

Turn your voice on.

Let air escape through your nose

### Tips for Kids

/m/ is a noisy, humming sound, so use your voice!

You should be able to feel your nose vibrating.

/m/ should be one of the easiest sounds to make.



m	moon
mm	hammer
mb	thumb
me	come
mn	column

Last week's *Word of the Week* was **endearing**, submitted by **Annabel M** in **3/4H**. Congratulations **Annabel!**

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

Submit entries of unusual words containing next week's Sound of the Week. Place entries in the *Sound Waves* box at the front office. The most unusual/interesting entry will be published in next week's newsletter. Please clearly write your child's name and class on their entry.

Entries close next Tuesday.

# Georges River District Cross Country Carnival

Last week, students from Peakhurst South Public School took part in the 2018 Georges River District Cross Country carnival. After walking the course at Gannons Park, students began to warm up and get ready for their age group races. We had a very successful carnival with a number of our runners making it through to represent Georges River at the 2018 SEPSSA cross country. We were also delighted to find out that Peakhurst South Public School won the handicap trophy and finished 3rd overall.

A huge congratulations to all the runners who took part and we wish Akira, Talena, Kye, Jack and Mikayla all the very best for their regional race at Miranda on the 14th June. Well done as well to Byron and Christopher S who take on reserve positions. Thank you also to the many parents and grandparents who came down to cheer on and support our students in their races.





## Nude Food Day



Tuesday 5 June will be Nude Food Day at Peakhurst South.

Nude Food is food that is not wrapped in plastic or foil, but rather brought to school in recyclable containers. An information sheet is included in the newsletter with more information about what is and isn't nude food.

The SRC thanks you for supporting this initiative and our effort to help the environment.



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## From the Office

### Found

The following item was found in the playground:

- A pink watch

If you or your child has lost this item please see the office.

### Lost Property

If your child has lost any uniform or other items such as lunchboxes or drink bottles please see lost property which is located in the yellow cupboard outside the Uniform Shop.

### Staff Carparks

The two school staff car parks on Pindari Road and Monterra Avenue are **STRICTLY** for staff parking **ONLY**. Parents are **NOT** to use the car parks for any purpose, especially not for dropping off or picking up children.

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

### Statement of Account - Unpaid Fees

Please note these accounts of unpaid fees were sent home just over a week ago with your child/ren. Please make payment as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Mrs Karen Bowcock

**School Admin Manager**

## 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.**



# P&C News and Information

## Canteen

### Term 2 Weeks 5 & 6

Canteen Roster	
Friday 1/6	9.30am - 11.30am: Natasha B 11.00am - 2.30pm: Katie M and Carol B
Monday 4/6	Vacant
Wednesday 6/6	Vacant
Friday 8/6	9.30am - 11.30am: Jodie H 11.00am - 2.30pm: Jayne H and Karen G
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

If you haven't already tried our online ordering system, via the myschoolconnect app at:

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

Why not give it a go. It's quick, easy and no need to find change or bags.

Jacinta Goodacre  
**Canteen Supervisor**

## Book Club

School banking is a great way to raise money for our school.

Did you know our school receives \$5 for every 10 deposits made by one student, if the student makes 20 deposits in one year, then the school will receive \$10.

Please note that the Secret Scratch Pad reward is no longer available. All other items for Term 1 and Term 2 can be redeemed.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

## Uniform Shop

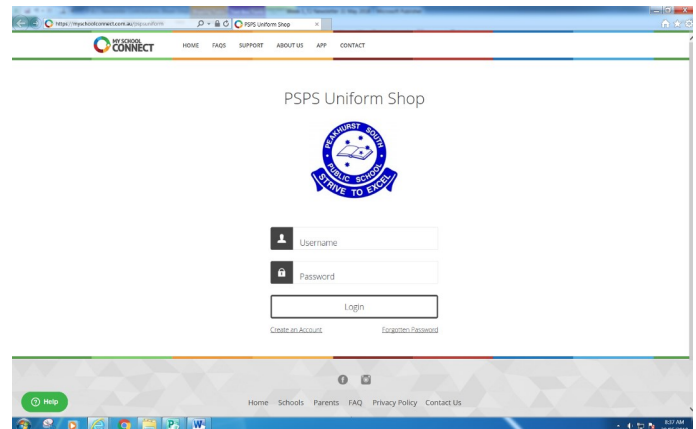
The Uniform Shop will be open **every second Monday afternoon from 3.20pm - 4.20pm.**

The next opening days are as follows:

- **Monday 4th June**
- **Monday 18th June**
- **Monday 2nd July**

You can also purchase your order online which is available 24/7 via the Mmyschoolconnect at:

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



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

Please send any enquires by email to:  
[Stephanie.cook29@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Stephanie.cook29@det.nsw.edu.au)

Stephanie Cook  
**Uniform Shop Coordinator**

## P&C

### Meeting - Thank you

Thank you to all those who attended the P&C meeting last night. We look forward to many more successful events throughout the year.

Mardi Haworth  
**P&C President**

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**Enrolment  
for Term 2**

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Ages 7-12

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