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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 6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Preservation of our environment is not a liberal or conservative challenge, it's common sense." **Ronald Reagan**

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

New Assistant Principal Position

Paul Cohen will be joining Peakhurst South Public School from the beginning of Term 3. Paul is currently an Assistant Principal at Connells Point Public School and has been working there for the past 12 years. Paul was successful in gaining the Assistant Principal position following Merit Selection. Paul has a passion for the creative and performing arts, technology and building a positive school community. I am excited to have Paul join the PSPS community and believe that his passion and drive to create a difference in student's life will have a positive impact on our school.



CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 7

Mon 11 June	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
Tues 12 June	Lunch: Coding Club
Wed 13 June	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting 4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development ICAS Competition: Spelling
Thur 14 June	ICAS Competition: Writing
Fri 15 June	8.00am: Robotics Years 4-6 Lunch: Debating PSSA Season 2 Round 2

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 18 June	9.00am: Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO) 3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop
Tue 19 June	Early Stage 1 (Fairytale Fiasco) 9.00am: Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO) 8.45am - 2.00pm: Stage 3 Excursion (Art Gallery)
Thur 21 June	9.00am: Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO)
Mon 25 June	School Council Meeting
Wed 27 June	2pm: Engadine Music Festival P&C Meeting

When Paul commences he will be teaching KW and supervising Kindergarten. This means there will be a few organisational changes starting Term 3:

Paul Cohen: Assistant Principal for **Kindergarten** and **Library**
Christine Cole: Assistant Principal for **Stage 1 and Learning and Support**
Andrew Marshall: Assistant Principal for **Stage 2 and Stage 3**

I would like to thank Katie Wright for teaching KW across Term 1 and Term 2 this year. I am sure that everyone would agree that she has done a fantastic job at setting the students up for a successful seven years of primary school and it is sad to see her leave KW at the end of this term.

I would also like to thank both Mrs Bignell and Mrs Paul who have relieved in the Assistant Principal position over the past five years. They have both done a fantastic job leading their stages and projects across the years. Both teachers will continue to have an ongoing positive impact within their classroom, across their current stage as well as the whole school.

Observations: English

This week and next week the classroom teachers have been participating in lesson observations with Joanne Rossbridge (Literacy Consultant - Primary English Teaching Association Australia). Joanne is observing the use of metalanguage related to the 12 week Grammar course the teachers recently completed. Joanne will also be observing the students use and understanding of metalanguage linked to Literacy. Moving forward we will be further exploring the student and teachers understanding of language choices.

You can help at home by having the following discussions when students write:

- What is the purpose of the writing?
- Who is the audience?
- Does your writing need to be spoken like, written like, formal or informal?

The Environment: 'Straws No More'

Thank you to the students who participated in Nude Food Day as part of World Environment Day! It would be great to eventually see our school become plastic free.

The Stage 3 students and the SRC have been investigating the impact of plastic on our environment and will be discussing these issues at assembly this week as part of Sustainability month. They will be launching 'straws no more' at the school. I am asking our parent community to support our students. The aim is to have Peakhurst South become straw free by the beginning of Term 3.



1. Plastic Straws can't be easily Recycled

Straws are most commonly made from type 5 plastic, or polypropylene.

Although type 5 plastic can be recycled, it isn't accepted by most curbside



recycling programs. When plastic straws aren't recycled, they end up in landfills, or even worse, polluting our oceans.

2. Plastics do not Biodegrade, and never fully Degrade

In order to understand the environmental impact of straws, it is important to know the difference between biodegrading and degrading:

Biodegrading is when an item can be naturally broken down and digested by micro-organisms, and then naturally recycled into new organic molecules and life.

On the other hand, **degrading** is just the process of breaking down into smaller pieces. When plastic degrades, the bulk of the plastic will seem to disappear – However, what's really happening is the plastic is breaking into smaller, invisible pieces that will always still be on Earth.

With that being said, **plastic straws take up to 200 years to degrade, but will never be fully off the Earth**, as plastics are not biodegradable. To make matters worse, the degrading of plastic releases chemicals that are toxic to wildlife and the environment.

3. Straws are littered very often, and harm Ocean Wildlife

Whenever there is an ocean coastline clean up, plastic straws never fail to make it on the list of one of the most found ocean litter.

And, as of early 2018, data from Ocean Conservancy's TIDES system shows us that straws/stirrers are the 11th most found ocean trash in clean ups, making up about 3% of recovered trash.



Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

SPORT RESULTS – Round 1 Date: 8 June 2018

Girls Soccer

Round 1 - 8/06 PSPS v Mortdale @ Riverwood Park

Boys Soccer

Round 1 - 8/06 PSPS v Lugarno @ Gannons Park

Mixed Newcombe Ball

Round 1 - 8/06 PSPS v Peakhurst @ Peakhurst PS

SOUND WAVES

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

Pronunciation

How to say the sound

Open your mouth widely and relax your lips.

Lay your tongue in the bottom of your mouth, with a slight groove down the centre.

Turn your voice on and immediately raise your jaw, spread your lips and move your tongue upwards.



i_e	ice-cream	uy	buy
y	fly	ye	goodbye
igh	night	eigh	height
i	spider	is	island
ie	pie	eye	eye

Tips for Kids

/i_e/ is a long, moving sound.

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

Last week's Word of the Week was **mummification**, submitted by **Zara B** in **3/4H**.
Congratulations **Zara**!

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.

Student Achievement

Sara P from 5/6P was selected to attend a 3 day workshop representing Peakhurst South Public School at Sydney Dance Company which she thoroughly enjoyed. Well done Sara!



Nude Food Day Term 2

Thank you to everyone that participated in Nude Food Day. It was fantastic to see so much less rubbish being put in the bins.

Below are the percentage of students in each class that brought nude food to school on Tuesday. Congratulations to our winning class KT! Fantastic effort with 81% of the class having nude food.

We will be having more nude food days in Term 3 and Term 4. Each class is aiming to increase the amount of students bringing nude food each term. We would love 100% participation by Term 4.

KDS – 70%	1JB – 64%	3/4H – 67%
KW – 65%	1/2M – 43%	3/4M – 74%
KT – 81%	2W – 67%	5/6M – 37%
1B – 61%	3/4B – 54%	5/6P – 48%



From the Office

Student Emergency Contact Details Report

Last week an orange Student Emergency Contact Details Report was sent home with your child/ren. Can you please return this form with or without any changes/alterations to the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Karen Bowcock
School Admin Manager

Payments Due

Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K-6	School Fees	Various	OVERDUE
Various	PSSA - Season 1	\$50.00	OVERDUE
Various	Got Game	\$35.00	OVERDUE
K-6	The Magic Words Incursion	\$6.00	OVERDUE
Various	Senior Band	\$170.00	OVERDUE
Various	Training Band	\$170.00	OVERDUE
K	Fairytale Fiasco Incursion	\$12.00	12/06/2018
Various	PSSA - Season 2	\$50.00	8/06/2018

Facebook

Peakhurst South Public School has our own official Facebook page. Don't forget to like our page to see what we get up to during the school day at:



<https://www.facebook.com/PeakhurstSouthPublicSchool/>

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STUDENT HEALTH CARE

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health and contact details

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.



AT THE END OF THE DAY...

SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that if you are on the school grounds after 3.20pm, your children are in your care and there is no formal school supervision. Therefore **PARENTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN PROMPTLY** at the end of the day. If you are running late, a phone call to the office to let us and your child know can prevent tears. If your child makes their own way home after school, **PLEASE REMIND THEM TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS PROMPTLY AFTER LESSONS FINISH AT 3.20PM.** Thank you for your co-operation.

GO STRAW FREE

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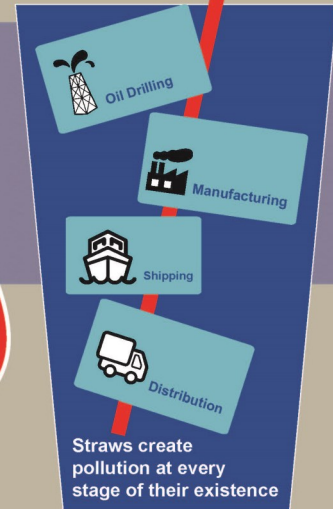


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Disposable plastic straws are used in the USA in one Day!

...enough to fill 127 buses.

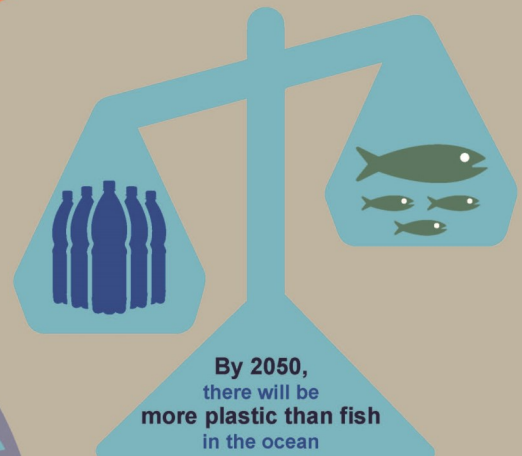
8%
of world
oil production
is used to
manufacture
plastics



A turtle was found with over 1000 pieces of plastic in its stomach



Straws are one of the top 10 pieces of garbage polluting the ocean



It's estimated...

One Million Sea Birds

100,000
Marine Mammals

Countless
Fish

.. are killed by plastic pollution each year

Straws
Don't Biodegrade,
They Photodegrade

Plastic breaks down into more harmful pieces that lasts 100's of years



Most Straws
Are Not Recycled

Straws are plastic #5, which most municipalities do not recycle

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Student Safety



It has been brought to our attention that several parents are not using these zones correctly. **For your children's safety** can all parents who use these zones familiarise themselves with the following rules. We have noticed the police and Hurstville City Council Rangers will monitor these zones and issue fines when necessary.

The Kiss and Ride Zones in Pindari Road and Monterra Avenue are for your convenience and for your child's safety.

Kiss and Ride rules:

- Kiss and Ride zones and 'No Parking' zones operate under the same conditions - you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a **maximum of 2 minutes**
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle
- Zone applies only during hours of operation

Minimum penalty \$165 and 2 demerit points

For the Safety of Children in the Kiss and Ride Zone - Points to Remember

Drivers do not leave your vehicle

To assist with traffic flow in the Kiss and Ride Zone, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out. To facilitate this, children should travel with bags in the car and not in the boot. If a driver must get out, they **MUST NOT** move more than 3 metres from their vehicle.

Be timely

If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within 2 minutes you are required to travel around the block and re-enter the zone at the end of the queue.

Stay in sequence

Please queue in an orderly manner. Drop/pick-up your child as close as you can to the top of the zone, allowing vehicles following you to enter the designated area.

Child safety

Please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in, regardless of the make of vehicle. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off

No U Turns

Do not do u-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk.

HURSTVILLE COUNCIL RANGERS, PARKING OFFICERS AND THE POLICE ENFORCE THESE RULES AND ISSUE PENALTIES. SO ALWAYS USE THE ZONE CORRECTLY TO AVOID FINES.



Hurstville
City Council

Canteen

Term 2 Weeks 6 & 7

Canteen Roster	
Friday 8/6	9.30am - 11.30am: Jodie H 11.00am - 2.30pm: Jayne H and Karen G
Monday 11/6	Closed - Public Holiday
Wednesday 13/6	Jodie H, Idy W and Daryll B
Friday 15/6	9.30am - 11.30am: Natasha B and Carol B 11.00am - 2.30pm: Cathie T, Shelley T and Natasha V
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

Next week I am escaping the cold and heading north for a short break. The canteen will be well looked after in my absence. In the meantime we are looking for a new volunteer bookkeeper. The role includes banking the takings, writing the cheques and preparing a statement for the P&C. Please let me know if you are interested (or Mardi H in my absence).

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

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 18th June
- Monday 2nd July

PSPS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Compulsory Winter Uniform is to be worn by all students from after the June long weekend till the end of Term 3.

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

<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

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Book Club

We are excited that the Issue 4 Book Club catalogue went out to all the students earlier this week. Hopefully you are enjoying browsing through it and finding something you like. **Orders are due in by Tuesday 19 June.**

Orders and payments can be made online at Scholastic's LOOP - www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or order forms with correct money can be left in the Perspex box in the School Office.

LOOP is the easiest way for parents to order and pay for Book Club. One of the best things about using LOOP is the promotions and benefits offered throughout the year. They are exclusive to parents who use LOOP and include things like special bonus book offers. This is a win-win for you and our school as it puts more books in students' hands and keeps those Scholastic Rewards rolling in to our school. If you haven't given it a go yet take a little peek with your next order at:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

If you have any questions or queries you can let us know via a note in the Book Club tray with your contact details or find us in the playground and we can help guide you through.

There are some great items to choose from in the latest catalogue. Keep your eye out for the gold coin books too. There is bound to be something for everyone.

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." - C.S. Lewis

Bia Limberis & Careena Craven
Book Club Co-Ordinators

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