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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 7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Whenever you see a successful business someone once made a courageous decision."

Peter Drucker

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Straws No More

I would like to congratulate the Student Representative Council and Stage 3 for the launch of their campaign against one use plastic and the campaign to eliminate straws at PSPS. The students have become very passionate about the concept of eliminating straws from our school. The plan is to ban straws from the beginning of Term 3.

Straws make up one of the top ten items found in coastal clean up efforts. Straws are a one use item that are generally not recyclable and often end up in the ocean and affect marine life.

Even Woolworths is going to become straw free and many councils across Australia are becoming straw free.

As a school I realise that this will impact parents/carers packing lunchboxes and will take time to make these changes. The SRC will start to promote suggestions to the students. We are swapping plastic straws for paper straws in the canteen and the P&C are looking into reusable straws.

STRAW
NO
MORE

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 8

Mon 18 June	9.00am: Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO) Lunch: Dance 3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop
Tues 19 June	Early Stage 1 (Fairytale Fiasco) 9.00am: Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO) 8.45am - 2.00pm: Stage 3 Excursion (Art Gallery) Lunch: Coding Club
Wed 20 June	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting 4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development Athletics Qualifying Day at school
Thur 21 June	9.00am: Stage 2 Incursion (ANSTO)
Fri 22 June	8.00am: Robotics Years 4-6 Lunch: Debating PSSA Season 2 Round 3 2.30pm: K-6 Assembly

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 25 June	7.30pm: School Council Meeting
Tue 26 June	Choir Rehearsal AFL Gala Day at Olds Park
Wed 27 June	2pm: Engadine Music Festival P&C Meeting
Fri 29 June	Reports go home

Garden Club

The Garden Club are taking bids on the first 'broccoli' for the season. If you wish to place a bid on the broccoli please see Mrs Buchly. The highest bid will receive the delicious organically grown broccoli from the best garden in Peakhurst Heights. Thank you to Mrs Buchly, Mrs Jessup and the Garden Club for their ongoing work. The money from the broccoli will go back into the garden.



ANSTO Incursions: Stage 2

Next Monday, Tuesday and Thursday ANSTO will be at our school to run some free incursions for Stage 2 students.



Australian Government

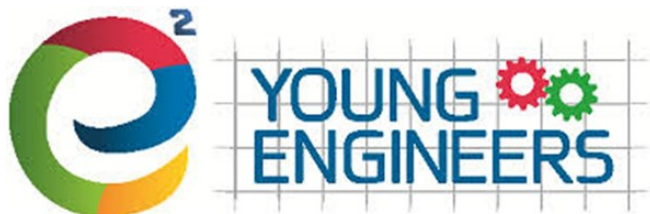
The theme will be on space and the students will learn to build a Rocket Launcher and participate in many other exciting learning opportunities.



The students in 3/4M will participate on Monday, 3/4H on Tuesday and 3/4B on Thursday. I would like to thank Natasha Callan (parent of Emma 3/4M) for organising the incursions at PSPS. I am sure that the students will thoroughly enjoy the opportunity of working with real-life scientists.

Young Engineers: Year 5

The Year 5 students will be participating in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) day next Thursday with 'Young Engineers.' They will be designing their own 'light sensor' as part of the Stage 3 unit 'Light Shows.'



District Cross Country Team

Well done to the Peakhurst South Public School students below who represented the school at the Sydney East Primary Cross Country Championships held a Miranda today.



Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

Friday Assembly

WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 2 Week 6	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total Points	26 - 3rd	28 - 2nd	29 - 1st

CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 2 Week 6	5/6M
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SPORT RESULTS – Round 2 Date: 15 June 2018

Girls Soccer

Round 2 - 15/06	PSPS v Lugarno @ Riverwood Park
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Boys Soccer

Round 2 - 15/06	PSPS v Mortdale @ Gannons Park
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Mixed Newcombe Ball

Round 2 - 15/06	BYE
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Peak Award Achievers

KINDER

Sophia B	Base Camp
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YEAR 1

Macy H	Level 1m
Johnny C	Level 1m
Luke F	Level 1m
Hyam N	Level 1m
Zane B	Level 1m

YEAR 2

Sullivan D	Levels 5m and 6m
Mitchell G	Levels 2m, 3m, 4m, 5m, 6m and 7m
Liam M	Level 5m
Alexandra C	Level 6m

YEAR 3

Leigh S	Level 4m
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YEAR 4

Talia C	Level 8m
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YEAR 5

Phoebe P	Level 3m
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YEAR 6

Sara P	Base Camp
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SOUND WAVES

Next week's *Sound Waves* Sounds are /n/ and /ng/

Pronunciation

How to say the sound
Open your mouth slightly.
Reach your tongue up to push on the roof of your mouth, just behind your top teeth.
Turn your voice on and let air escape through your nose.

Tips for Kids

/n/ is a noisy sound, so use your voice!
You should be able to feel your nose vibrating.

Pronunciation

How to say the sound
Open your mouth slightly.
Lift the back of your tongue, so that the sides are pushing against the sides of your upper teeth.
Turn your voice on and let air escape through your nose.

Tips for Kids

Use the back of your tongue to feel the back of your mouth tighten like a fist.
/ng/ is a noisy sound, so use your voice!
You should be able to feel your nose vibrating.
If you are saying /n/, use the back of your tongue instead of the front.



Last week's Word of the week was **molybdenum**, submitted by **Daniel M** in **5/6M**.
Congratulations **Daniel**!

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.

Band News

The Senior band will be playing at next week's assembly - Friday 22 June. That means assembly will start promptly at 2:30pm. This will give the band a chance to practice for the Engadine Music Festival, which will be on Wednesday 27 June. A note will be going home soon about this event.

Also due to the Stage 3 excursion next Tuesday, the Senior band will practice next Monday 18 June at 8am

Mrs Paul

Stage 3 News

Next Tuesday Stage 3 will be going on an excursion to the Art Gallery of New South Wales in the city. Stage 3 will need to be at school promptly by 8:30am so we can leave by 8:45am. This will be a great experience for Stage 3 and we are looking forward to this event.

Then on Thursday 21 June, Year 5 will be experiencing an incursion where they will be able to build a light motion sensor, which will be in line with their current Science topic. This incursion is an exciting opportunity for Year 5 and has been provided by Ms Eaton and Young Engineers.

Thank you!

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	OVERDUE
Various	PSSA - Season 2	\$50.00	OVERDUE

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News from the Learning & Support Team

Read on to learn two simple ways you may be able to support your child with their learning.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

Students are consuming high fat, high sugar lunchbox treats and snacks, biscuits, lollies, chips etc in the morning before classes commence. Excessive glucose in the form of refined sugar can be detrimental to the brain, ultimately affecting attention span, short-term memory and mood stability and leads to tooth decay. These students often inform teachers that they are hungry and are eating these lunchbox items to sustain themselves until the first snack break at school.

We encourage all parents to have a discussion with their child to see if they are eating lunch box snacks and treats before school. If your child indicates they are eating before classes commence, please consider encouraging them to eat a fuller breakfast, perhaps eating breakfast a little later or look at adding additional protein to their breakfast which will help them feel fuller for longer.

If your child still needs to consume a snack before class, consider providing suitable options, eg a low fat, low sugar yogurt, a chilled drink bottle with a smoothie, a banana or even an additional sandwich.



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx

Remember students in Years 1 to 6 also have the option of their *Crunch and Sip* mid-morning snack where small portions of cut up fruit or vegetable may be consumed along with water, whilst continuing to work in class. Just a few minutes discussing this topic with your child and providing some alternative options could make a difference to their learning each day.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME FOR LEARNING

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption



As little as 5 minutes late each day would equal over 16 hours of prime classroom learning time missed throughout that year.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. Students should not present to the school office due to lateness unaccompanied by an adult, unless under exceptional circumstances.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified.

If you are regularly experiencing difficulties with maintaining punctual school arrival for your child/ren you are encouraged to discuss the matter with your child's classroom teacher, the Learning and Support Team Coordinator (Miss Cole) or Ms Eaton. Suitable strategies and options to support punctual arrival can be discussed. Your child's classroom teacher will be the first contact from the school when attendance concerns arise.

Peakhurst South PS recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their learning opportunities and potential.

Christine Cole
Learning and Support Team Coordinator

Staff Carparks - Student Safety!

The two school staff car parks on Pindari Road and Monterra Avenue are **STRICTLY** for staff parking **ONLY** unless authorised by the Principal.

Parents are **NOT, under any circumstances**, 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.

P&C News and Information

P&C

Creating Community

While the P&C are responsible for fundraising for the school. The most important job we do is creating a warm and inviting community for parents and students here at PSPS. We want to encourage parents from all grades to get involved with activities that we hold at school and meet new people and be part of what makes our school great!

Ways to be involved:

- Come along to a meeting. Next one is on **Wednesday 27 June at 7.30pm** in the library.
- Come and chat with me or any other member of the Executive team, you can find most of us in front of the Year 1 rooms most days or afternoon.
- Put something on the agenda of a P&C meeting for consideration. An idea for fundraising or maybe questions about how something is done around school. All are welcome.

AFL Auskick Clinic

Thank you **Emma B, Dexter's Mum**, for taking the initiative to run AFL Auskick canteen this year. You and your group of smiling volunteers have really embodied what the PSPS community spirit is all about. The P&C thank you for your hard work! Team work makes the dream work.

With one more week to go it's been another successful year with our kids loving this program and our parents kept warm with a cuppa and cake.

Mega Raffle

Its that great time of year again when our resident super raffle prize co-ordinator Anita A, Sam and William's Mum, starts working on gathering all the prizes to make our raffle MEGA. If you have a business and want to donate a prize please contact me on mardicarmine@yahoo.com.au and I'll put you in touch with Anita.

That's all this week! See you at school.

Mardi Haworth
P&C President

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop

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

The next opening days are as follows:

- **Monday 18 June**
- **Monday 2 July**

PSPS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Compulsory Winter Uniform is now worn until the end of Term 3.

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

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

The infographic is a vertical strip with a grey background. At the top left is the Peakhurst South Public School logo. To its right is the 'MY SCHOOL CONNECT' logo with the text 'OUR UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW ONLINE!' and 'Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au/pspsuniform'. Below this are four colored horizontal bands, each with an icon and a step description. Step 1 (green band) shows a computer and phone icon. Step 2 (orange band) shows a list icon with a plus sign. Step 3 (red band) shows a person icon with a plus sign. Step 4 (blue band) shows a credit card icon. At the bottom is a teal band with the website URL, five circular icons representing different uniform items, and the support line information.

Step 1: Register your account on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au/pspsuniform and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

Step 2: Add your child as a "Student", make sure you select your school and classroom details.

Step 3: Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering. (Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

Step 4: To start ordering uniform items, simply select your student and click "Buy Now". It's that simple!

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/pspsuniform

My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact (03) 8669 1869

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

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Penshurst Panthers

Home Ground - Olds Park, Penshurst

Auskick Training Wednesday 5.30pm-6.30pm with Games played early on Sunday Mornings



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