

# news @ the heights

## Peakhurst South Public School

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21 June 2018

TERM 2

WEEK 8

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

**H. Jackson Brown Jr.**

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

#### Stage Planning Days

During weeks nine and ten the teachers will be participating in one and a half days of planning in creating the teaching and learning programs for Term 3. It is vital that teachers are given collaborative planning time in ensuring quality programs are created to capture the varied learning needs of all students and provide quality lessons for the students.

The times will be as follows:

- **Week 9 Monday:** Stage 1 and Stage 3 Full day planning
- **Week 9 Thursday:** Kindergarten and Stage 2 Full day planning
- **Week 10 Monday:** Kindergarten and Stage 3 Half day planning
- **Week 10 Thursday:** Stage 1 and Stage 2 Half day planning

The teachers will work with Joanne Rossbridge, Literacy Consultant for two half day sessions in planning English and the other half day will be spent on the other Key Learning Areas.

#### Parent - Teacher Interviews

Parent - Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10 of this term. Please do not forget to jump on line and make a booking by following the link below:

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter the code: **j6qfa**

**The online booking system will close at 3:30pm  
next Friday 29 June.**

#### Student Reports

The Semester One student reports will be sent home next Friday 29 June and will reflect the progress the

### CALENDAR DATES

#### WEEK 9

Mon 25 June	<b>Lunch: Dance</b> <b>7.30pm: School Council Meeting</b>
Tues 26 June	Choir Rehearsal <b>AFL Gala Day at Olds Park</b> Lunch: Coding Club
Wed 27 June	<b>8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting</b> <b>4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff</b> Professional Development <b>2.00pm: Engadine Music Festival</b> 7.30pm: P&C Meeting in Library
Thur 28 June	
Fri 29 June	<b>8.00am: Robotics Years 4-6</b> Lunch: Debating <b>PSSA Season 2 Round 4</b> <b>Reports to go home</b>

### UPCOMING DATES

Mon 2 July	<b>3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop open</b>
Tue 3 July	Athletics Carnival at The Ridge
Thur 5 July	<b>Pyjama Day Fundraiser - SRC</b>
Fri 6 July	K-6 Assembly <b>Last day of Term 2</b>
Mon 23 July	School Development Day - staff only
<b>Tue 24 July</b>	<b>Students return for Term 3</b>

students have made across Term 1 and Term 2. I would like to thank the teachers for spending their own time in writing the reports.

#### ANSTO

I would like to thank ANSTO for providing three free incursion days for Stage 2 this week. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the incursion days.

The students made rockets and a rocket launcher as well as a marshmallow moon lander. The incursion day centred around the theme space and the students thoroughly enjoyed the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) aspects.



### P and C

Next Wednesday 27 June is the next P & C meeting. All parents/carers are welcome to attend the P&C meetings. They are held in the Library and start at 7:30pm.

**Natasha Eaton**

Ms Natasha Eaton  
Principal

### SPORT RESULTS – Round 2 Date: 15/06/2018

#### Girls Soccer

	PSPS	Lugarno
Junior Girls	0	2
Senior Girls	1	6
Round 3 - 22/6	PSPS vs Kingsgrove @ Riverwood Park	

#### Boys Soccer

	PSPS	Mortdale
Junior Boys	1	0
Senior Boys	2	0
Round 3 - 22/6	PSPS vs Narwee @ Gannons Park	

#### Newcombe Ball

	PSPS	BYE
Round 3 - 22/6	PSPS vs Peakhurst West @ PSPS	

## Chinese Student Visits - Peakhurst South Public School Host Families Needed

Peakhurst South Public School has been nominated to host **ten Chinese International students (aged 10-12 years)** and **three Chinese Classroom teachers** from Sunday 29 July until Sunday 12 August (2 weeks). Please see attached note for more information.

Thank you to the families who have already applied.

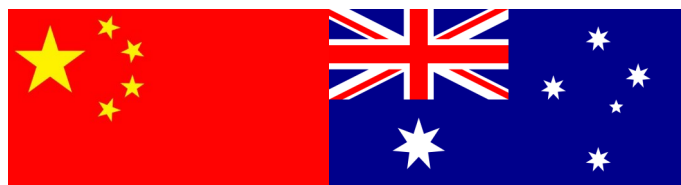
**We still need 2 families to host the students and additional families to host the teachers.**

If you are able to host student/s or the teachers can you please **fill in the attached 'Expression of Interest' form** and return it to me by **Friday 22 June** so that I have time to confirm with you and the tour company.

Host families will receive a payment of **\$544 (per student)** and **\$400 (per teacher)** to help cover any additional costs.

**This could be a great experience for your own child/ren as they could learn valuable information about China and how our lives differ in comparison, the differences between the cultures could even develop an international friendship.**

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Ms Eaton.



## Assembly

Assembly will start at 2:30pm on Friday 22 June and will feature the Senior Band. The Junior Band will join the Senior Band and they will play the last piece of music with them.

This is the first time that the Senior Band has performed this term and we would really like as many people there as possible. The Senior Band will be performing at the Engadine Music Festival next week and this will be a good practise for them.

If you are either in the Senior Band or Junior Band you will need to bring your instrument and music with you on Friday. The band will need to be set up during lunchtime Friday so all band members will need to help set up.

Mrs Paul  
**Band Coordinator**



## Kindergarten 'FairyTale Fiasco!' Incursion

On a very cold and rainy day, the students in KT, KDS and KW were able to escape to the hall and have a wonderful time taking part in 'FairyTale Fiasco!' The students were transported to the land of 'fairytales' where they were able to dress up in costumes and act as characters in the stories. They all had a wonderful time. According to Amica in KT, 'It was amazing!' Zara in KDS thought, 'It was GREAT' and Jed in KW said, 'It was so exciting!'





## News from the Garden

Thank you to all the wonderful families who participated in our Silent Auction for the broccoli.

We announced our winner on Monday and the Paul family will be taking home our beautiful, fresh organic broccoli to enjoy for the next few weeks. We sincerely thank the Paul's for their kind and generous donation and we hope the broccoli 'gives you wings'!

The garden clubbers brainstormed some ideas of new items to purchase with our money. It was decided we will purchase new shovels, a few new garden gnomes and some items necessary to make a new scarecrow.



## SOUND WAVES

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

**Tips for Kids**

/oa/ is a long, moving sound.

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

### Pronunciation

How to say the sound

Open your mouth to a moderate width, with relaxed lips.

Immediately raise your jaw to decrease the size of your mouth.

Move your lips inwards to form a tight circle, a bit like the sound /w/.

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oa	boat	ew	sew
o_e	rose	eau	chateau
ow	window	oo	brooch
o	comb	au	chauffeur
oe	toe	ol	yolk
ough	though	ou	boulder

### 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.

## My Community

### Gannons Park – 5/6M

There's the honking and the beeping,  
The screaming and the weeping.  
The early morning traffic queue.  
We found a parking spot – phew!

There's the blow of the whistle, ready to go.  
Kicking the ball to put on a show.  
Running down the sideline, scoring a ton.  
At the end of the game – Yay, we won!

There's the riding and the hiding  
Of the children when they play.  
There's the walkers and the talkers  
Of the adults through the day.  
There's the crash and the bash when the kids fall off their bikes.  
Oh, are you all right?

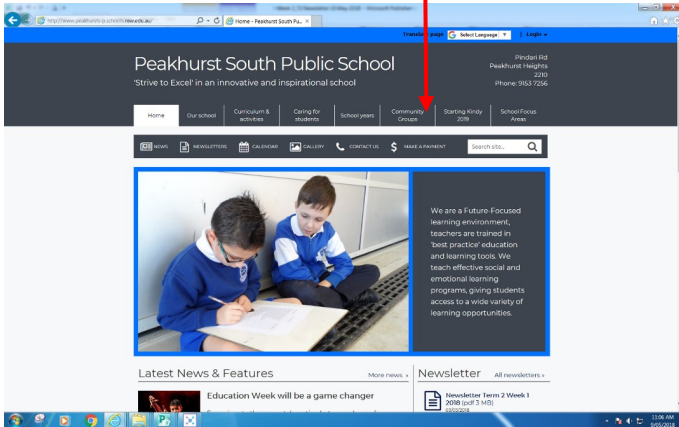
There's the flipping and the spitting  
Of the sausages whilst they're sizzling.  
Lollies, chips, what to choose?  
Soft drinks fizzing, maybe two?

There's the tired people moaning  
And the parents are all groaning.  
Huge amounts of packing  
And now they're at home napping.

## From the Office

### Improving the online payment experience for parents/carers

We have been advised by the NSW Department of Education that Westpac are making changes to the Parent Online Payment (POP) portal between 11 and 25 June 2018.



Changes to make it easier to use include:

- Collapsible sections have grouped information in a more logical order making the form easier to use
- Browser auto-fill will allow parents/carers to make payments without having to re-enter details
- More time to enter details
- Larger controls to make it easier to use on mobile screens
- Allow payment via a credit card or direct debit from a bank account.

There will be no disruption to the online payment portal during this update.

### Student Emergency Contact Details Report

The **orange** Student Emergency Contact Details Report sheet is due back by Friday **22 June**.

Can you please return this form with or without any changes/alterations to the school office as soon as possible.

### Canteen

The canteen is open on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday only**.

Can parents/carers please ensure you provide lunch for your child/ren on **Tuesday and Thursday**. The office does not have the facilities to provide lunch for students on these days.

Mrs K Bowcock  
School Admin Manager

## Payments Due

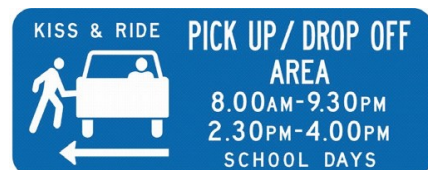
Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K-6	School Fees	Various	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	PSSA - Seasons 1 & 2	\$50.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	Got Game	\$35.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
K-6	The Magic Words Incursion	\$6.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	Senior Band	\$170.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	Training Band	\$170.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
K	Fairytale Fiasco Incursion	\$12.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Stage 3	Art Gallery Excursion	\$25.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Various	Engadine Music Festival	\$17.00	22/06/2018
Stage 2	Camp Deposit	\$35.00	22/06/2018
K-6	Athletics Carnival	\$11.00	26/06/2018

## Kiss and Ride rules

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

- 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**



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# P&C News and Information

## Canteen

Term 2 Weeks 8 & 9

Canteen Roster	
Friday 22/6	9.30am - 11.30am: Natasha B 11.00am - 2.30pm: Kylie R and Cathie T
Monday 25/6	Vacant
Wednesday 27/6	Vacant
Friday 29/6	9.30am - 11.30am: Vacant 11.00am - 2.30pm: Carol B and Jayne H
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

Just a reminder that packaging of all drinks sold at the canteen are part of the return and earn scheme. So don't throw your empty drink containers in the rubbish bins put them in the specially marked bins in the playground.

Jacinta Goodacre

**Canteen Supervisor**

## Uniform Shop

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

The next opening day is the last before the term ends

- **Monday 2nd July**

Please look out for an email from CareMonkey and register your interest if you would like to order girls trousers for your daughter/s.

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

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

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)

## Lost Property

The lost property cupboard is overflowing with unlabeled Sloppy Joes and Jackets. Any clothing left after the school holidays will be sold at the Uniform Shop. There are a number of lunch boxes and drink bottles that need to be collected by the end of term to avoid being thrown out or repurposed.

Stephanie Cook

**Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator**

## P&C

### Mega Raffle

It's 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.

Thank you to the Tang family who have already donated a great prize for our Mega Raffle.

If you have a business and want to donate a prize please contact me on [mardicarmine@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mardicarmine@yahoo.com.au) and ill put you in touch with Anita.

See you at school.

Mardi Haworth

**P&C President**




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**Enrolment  
for Term 2**

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8-15 JULY 2018


## NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

Tuesday July 10, 2018  
10 am – 2 pm  
Parliament of NSW


Join us for a fun day filled with activities for the whole family including: **Didge & Dance**, **Aboriginal Art & Crafts**, **Wiradjuri Language Workshops** and **Storytelling**. Join us for the whole event or just drop in for a little while.

**FREE FUN ACTIVITIES  
ALL WELCOME!**

**Sausage sizzle on the day!**  
(\$3 per sausage sandwich)



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