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Peakhurst South Public School

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TERM 2

WEEK 10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life because you become what you believe."

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 2

Thank you for a productive and exciting Term 2 at Peakhurst South Public School. I would like to congratulate all of the students on their semester one achievements. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. In particular the teaching and SASS staff who have worked tirelessly throughout Term 2 in providing a high quality education for our students. I look forward to seeing everyone return in Term 3.

- The staff return on Monday 23 July
- **The students return on Tuesday 24 July**

Congratulations Mr Hurkett

Mr Hurkett applied for a permanent teaching position at Got Game. Mr Hurkett has worked at Peakhurst South Public School for the past 12 months in a temporary capacity. He only found out yesterday that he has been successful in gaining a position at Got Game. I would like to congratulate Mr Hurkett on being appointed to this role. It was a rigorous process, involving two interviews and a trial day.

A loss for Peakhurst South Public School is a gain for Got Game and I wish Mr Hurkett nothing but success in his future career. As Mr Hurkett will be starting at Got Game in Term 3 some changes have occurred to staffing arrangements moving forward this year.

As you are aware, Mr Cohen was appointed to Peakhurst South Public School as the new permanent Assistant Principal following a merit selection process. It was arranged for him to commence on KW at the beginning of Term 3. Now with Mr Hurkett leaving at the end of the term he will now take 3/4H from the beginning of Term 3 and supervise stage 2.

Miss Wright will therefore continue her temporary contract through to the end of 2018.

Please join me in congratulating Mr Hurkett!

CALENDAR DATES

TERM 3 - WEEK 1

Mon 23 July	School Development Day - staff only
Tues 24 July	Students return for Term 3 Lifeskills Starts
Wed 25 July	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting 4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development 7.30pm: P&C Meeting in Library
Thur 26 July	Code Camp 3.30pm: Stage 2 pre-camp talk
Fri 27 July	8.00am: Robotics Years 4-6 Lunch: Debating PSSA Season 2 Round 6

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 30 Jul	Chinese Students Visit Uniform Shop Open
Tue 31 Jul	ICAS English Competition
Thurs 2 Aug	Code Camp
Fri 2 Aug	K-6 Assembly
Mon 6 - Fri 10 Aug	Education Week

Term 3

Attached to the newsletter is the draft Term 3 Planner. Please note that the planner is subject to change and some events are yet to be finalised. As you can see already it is a fairly busy term with Open Days, St George Performing Arts Festival, the Chinese student visit and much, much more!

Communication and Engagement Guidelines

The Communication and Engagement Guidelines have been updated to reflect current NSW Department of Education policies and procedures. Communication is an integral part of the day to day running of Peakhurst South Public School. The school believes in a productive partnership between home and school. "It has been suggested that the relative influence of the home on student achievement is 60-80 per cent, while the school accounts for 20-40 per cent" (Emerson, Fear, Fox, & Sanders, 2012). The Communication and Engagement Guidelines are attached to the newsletter.

Partnership between home and school

It is the perfect time to reflect on this research and the integral component parents/carers play in 'connecting' students to their learning. As teachers suggest strategies to use at home in further developing students learning during parent/teacher interviews this week it is vital that parents follow these at home.

I suggest also that parents/carers ensure that the reading is kept up during the holiday break as students can regress quickly (especially in the early years). Research suggests that students who read for a minimum of 20 minutes per day perform better at school.

Reading teaches students many skills indirectly, including: expanding vocabulary knowledge, sentence structure, spelling rules, ideas for their own writing and basic grammatical features.

The purpose of reading is 'reading for meaning' and the comprehension of read text is vital to learning to read. It is important when reading to your child or listening to your child read that you ask questions about text read.

I also suggest that students in Years 2 to 6 practice times tables at home. When entering stage 3 and stage 4 it becomes vital that students have a good understanding of times tables facts. This supports the learning of long division, fractions, decimals, area and volume.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

SPORT RESULTS – Round 4 Date: 29/06/2018 - WASH OUT

Girls Soccer

Round 5 - 6/7	PSPS vs Beverly Hills @ Riverwood Park
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Boys Soccer

Round 5 - 6/7	PSPS vs Oatley West @ Gannons Park
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Newcombe Ball

Round 5 - 6/7	PSPS vs Lugarno @ PSPS
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From the Office

Lost Property

If anyone has lost 2 camp chairs (in grey covers) left at the Athletics Carnival at The Ridge can you please collect them from the office tomorrow.

We also have had handed in a child's Arsenal wallet, if it belongs to your child can you also please collect from the office.

Mrs Karen Bowcock
School Admin Manager



Yes... 6

Strategies GOOD readers use...

PREDICTING

What do you think the text is about?
What do you think will happen next? Read on...
Were you right?
What will occur next?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Text to self
Text to another text
Text to world
What does this remind me of?

VISUALIZING

As you read, what are the pictures you make in your mind?



MONITORING

Does the text make sense?
Do you understand what is happening? If "yes"... read on.
If "no"...re-read. Have you left a word out? Try and fix it up. If it is still not clear, read on and see if it becomes clearer or ask someone for help.

QUESTIONING

Ask yourself questions such as:
What did they mean?
Whose point of view is this?
What is missing?
How did this make you feel?

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SUMMARISING

In your own words, what are the most important ideas/the main message that the author wants you to remember.
In a few sentences tell someone what this text is about.

SOUND WAVES

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

Pronunciation

How to say the sound

Lower your jaw a large amount.

Relax your lips.

Lay your tongue flat inside your mouth with the centre hollowed out as you turn your voice on.

Tips for Kids

/ar/ is a long sound.

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



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

Payments Due

Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K-6	School Fees	Various	OVERDUE
Various	PSSA - Seasons 1 & 2	\$50.00	OVERDUE
Various	Got Game	\$35.00	OVERDUE
Various	Senior Band	\$170.00	OVERDUE
Various	Training Band	\$170.00	OVERDUE
K	Fairytale Fiasco Incursion	\$12.00	OVERDUE
Stage 3	Art Gallery Excursion	\$25.00	OVERDUE
Various	Engadine Music Festival	\$17.00	OVERDUE
Stage 2	Camp Deposit	\$35.00	OVERDUE
K-6	Athletics Carnival	\$11.00	OVERDUE

PEAKHURST SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Saturday 11 August • 10am - 12pm
Pindari Road, Peakhurst Heights

Farm Animals • School Tours • Performances • Food Stalls
Face-painting • Meet the Principal and Staff



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SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

No Parking You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. PENALTY \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Pedestrian Crossings Do not stop on or near a marked crossing. PENALTY \$439 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
No Stopping Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies. PENALTY \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Driveways Do not stop on or across a driveway. PENALTY \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
Bus Zone You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. PENALTY \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Lane Filtering /Overtaking Motorcyclists must not overtake or lane-filter in an active school zone. PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS APPLY
Mobile Phone Use Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving. PENALTY \$439 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS	Double Parking Do not double park in a school zone. PENALTY \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
Speeding Offences The fines and demerit points for speeding offences in school zones have been increased. MAX. PENALTY \$3740 + 7 DEMERIT POINTS	Footpath and Nature Strip Do not stop on a footpath or nature strip. PENALTY \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

*Fines current as of July 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

5/6P Poetry

Joint Construction of Flood

Rain clouds full of water,
Ocean on a stormy day
Grey clouds grumbling
Dark grey gases floating in the sky
No-one can defeat Mother Nature
Monstrous blue mountains,

The sky gushing down
A river of destruction
White horses crashing wildly,
Impossible to tame!
Sharp waves gushing down
Doors banging worriedly
Cars crashing, unstoppable madness
Bars bashing, water sneakily leaking into houses.
Raging water waiting to come in,
The raging rapids of deep thrashing water.

Animals alone, stranded, isolated calling for help
People swimming, boating everywhere.
People surviving, escaping for their lives
People hiding in closets and under beds
Do not wait for the unstoppable force
Escape while you can. . .

Art Excursion

On Tuesday 19 June, Stage 3 went on an excursion to the New South Wales Art Gallery. We had a great time looking at all the beautiful pieces of art that represented the present, future and past.

Although it was a very rainy day, we managed to find the Art Gallery inspiring and a very happy place!! We learnt many things about aspects of art in the gallery.

Here are some pictures to show you our day!!



Years 5 and 6 Camp - Berry Sport and Recreation Centre

A reminder for parents and carers of Stage 3 students that this year the Year 5 and Year 6 camp will be held at the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre from **Monday 10 September to Wednesday 12 September 2018**.

The excursion supports learning outcomes from the HSIE (Human Society & Its Environment) and PDHPE (Personal Development, Health & Physical Education) curriculum areas.

The anticipated cost of the camp is expected to be approximately **\$400.00 per student**. This includes all meals, travel by coach fitted with seat belts, accommodation and all activities during the three days.

Please note the dates in your diary. Full details, confirmation of cost and a payment plan option will be sent home early in Term 3.

Mr A Marshall
Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Athletics Carnival

The annual Peakhurst South Public School Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday at The Ridge Athletics Centre, Barden Ridge. We were fortunate that the overnight rain passed and the skies cleared to a sunny winter's day that created a marvellous scene for our carnival.

It was terrific to see so many children in their house colours. It really provided a kaleidoscope of colour across the field and gave the carnival a great feel.

Many thanks to all of the parent helpers that kindly volunteered their time to assist in the running of the carnival. Together they fulfilled many roles throughout the day and ensured the carnival ran efficiently and safely. Thank you!

Once again the finals of the Primary field events were held as part of the carnival, allowing students to compete using quality facilities. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students also had the opportunity to run on a 'real' athletics track for their track events and very much enjoyed some modified 'field events' of their own.

I would also like to thank all of the teaching staff for pitching in to a great team performance that ensured the carnival ran so smoothly. Particular thanks to Mrs Torresan and Mr Ellerington for arriving early to set up.

At this point in time the final results and Champion House for 2018 cannot be announced as there are some discus events that will be completed early next term.

However, the current point score is as follows:

Topaz	596.5 points
Ruby	514.5
Emerald	510

A full list of results will be published once the final discus events have been completed.

Finally, once again, it was great to see so many parents come to support their children and our school. Your continued support of events at Peakhurst South is always very much appreciated.

Mr A Marshall
Carnival Co-ordinator

News from the Learning and Support Team

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is an annual collection counting the number of school students receiving adjustments due to disability and the level of educational adjustment the students are currently receiving. The NCCD data will be harvested from school departmental records in August.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA).

The data provides an evidence base of the numbers and distribution of students who are receiving learning adjustments. Information from the national data collection will be used for policy development undertaken by the Department, including informing funding considerations relating to students with disability and other policy development as agreed by the Education Council. From this year, the Commonwealth's student with disability funding loading for schools is based on the national data collection.

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is essential and is an explicit focus of the national data collection. As part of the national data collection, **the information provided to the Australian Government will not identify individual students**. Personal details, student names or any other identifying information will not be included in data sent to the local education authority or to the Australian Government.

A fact sheet with further information is attached to this newsletter.

Miss Cole
Learning and Support Coordinator

Pyjama Day

Thank you to everyone who wore their PJ's today to support The Pyjama Foundation. We raised **\$268.35** dollars to help support kids in care.

The SRC



Band

Congratulations to the Peakhurst South Senior band on winning a Gold trophy in the Engadine Music Festival last week on Wednesday 27 June. They played at their best and were all in balance as they provided entertaining music.



Well Done!!
Mrs Paul
Band Coordinator

Share our Space



Education
Public Schools

Schools are the heart of our communities and already offer a range of quality recreational and play facilities.

Over the coming school holidays, the NSW Department of Education is trialling a program at around 120 schools across the state which will open up school playgrounds, ovals and sports fields for the whole community to enjoy.

Peakhurst South Public School will be participating in the program during these school holidays.

The gates will be open during these periods and times:

Dates	Time
9 July - 20 July 2018	8am - 5pm
1 October 2018 - 12 October 2018	8am - 5pm
24 December 2018 - 25 January 2019	8am - 6pm

A security guard will be in place to monitor safety and security all day. Gates will be locked at closing time each evening. As always, if you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call security 24 hours on 1300 88 00 21.

For more information on this initiative, please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au or contact us on 1300 679 332.

We hope you have an enjoyable break, and invite you to use the play areas at your local school these holidays.

Share Our Space

Your school is a vital part of our community, and we want you to use it. During these upcoming holidays participating schools across NSW will be opening up their play areas for your enjoyment.

For more details visit
schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Tell us what you think about the Share Our Space program by visiting: goo.gl/iBv3x2

This pilot is an initiative of the NSW Government.



Band

CONGRATULATIONS to the Peakhurst South Concert Band!

Last week, the Peakhurst South Senior Band attended the Engadine Music Festival. The festival aims to give students an opportunity to perform in a public, friendly and non-competitive environment. Each band is recorded and adjudicated by a professional who provides them with expert advice and encouragement. Our band performed very well and showed exemplary behaviour on stage. For their efforts they were awarded a GOLD award! Well done to the Band and thank-you to Ms Paul and Mr Forrester for all their help.

Jayne, Careena, Alex and Susan

Band Sub-Committee

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open **every second Monday afternoon from 3.20pm - 4.20pm**. The next opening day is:

- **Monday 30 July**

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

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

All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom teacher each Friday. Please send any enquiries by email to:

stephanie.cook29@det.nsw.edu.au

Lost Property

The Lost property cupboard is overflowing with unlabelled Sloppy Joes and Jackets. Any clothing left after the holidays will be sold at the Uniform Shop.

There are a number of lunch boxes and drink bottles in the cupboard that need to be collected by the end of term to avoid being thrown out or repurposed.

Stephanie Cook

Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

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5 Week Course (FREE)	DATE: 1 st August – 29 th August 2018
Week 1: Positive Parenting	TIME: 6pm - 8pm
Week 2: Helping Children Develop	VENUE: 3Bridges
Week 3: Managing Misbehavior	1/72 Carwar Avenue
Week 4: High Risk Situations	Carss Park NSW 2221
Week 5: Future Focus	PRESENTER: Anna Dokos
	Bookings Essential

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Please call course coordinator, Felicity Sneddon on 1300 327 434 or
Email: Felicity.Sneddon@3Bridges.org.au or
Book Online using Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/triple-p-tickets-47539420687>

www.triplep.net




Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Tuesdays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

7 August | 14 August | 21 August | 28 August
4 September | 11 September | 18 September
25 September 2018

Cost: \$50 per child

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd., Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate



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Open Day - Tuesday 4 September

An Open Day for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday 4 September. The morning will involve an Open Day Assembly commencing at 10:30am in the school hall. School tours will also run in two sessions commencing at 9:30am prior to the assembly or at 11:30am at the conclusion of the assembly. Registration for the Open Day tours are essential.

Tour Session 1 - 9:30am

Open Day Assembly - 10:30am

Tour Session 2 - 11:30am

All tour bookings are made online using School Interviews. Simply go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the unique event code **gx7wc**. Two tour sessions are available and families can select their preferred time. All guests are invited to attend the Open Day Assembly that will be held between tours at 10:30am in the Hall.

Bookings close on Tuesday 21 August at 3:00pm.

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