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Peakhurst South Public School

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



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TERM 3

WEEK 5

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Teamwork makes the Dream Work"
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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

While I sit at home sipping hot cups of tea wrapped up in a blanket with the dreaded flu I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Cole, Mr Marshall and Mr Cohen for managing the school site in my absence. PSPS is lucky to have such an experienced executive team!

Number Crunchers

I was delighted by the exciting news at the Number Crunchers competition yesterday! Number Crunchers involve a number of students from a variety of schools across the St George region competing in number questions. The students are asked to solve equations in their head accurately to remain in the competition.

All three of our schools representatives did exceptionally well! Both Ryleigh and Samuel finished as semi-finalists and Sierra won her division in the competition and will now go onto the Number Crunchers final!

Congratulations Sierra, Ryleigh and Samuel!

Stage 2 Camp

The Stage 2 students and 'especially' the teachers look like they are having a ball of a time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp! The students have made damper over an open fire, built shelters using teamwork skills, attempted to hit a bullseye in archery and swung on the giant swing!

I am sure that all of Stage 2 will come home very exhausted from their adventurous two days at camp. A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Bignell for organising the experience for the students! Also thank you to Miss Wells and Mrs McLaughlin for attending the camp in replacement of Mr Mee and myself. It is much appreciated!

Thank you to the parents/carers of 2W and 1/2M for your understanding of the last-minute staff changes required to make camp happen!

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 6 - TERM 3

Mon 27 Aug	District Athletics Carnival - Track 3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop
Tues 28 Aug	Lifeskills CPSMF rehearsal Stage 3 Science Expo
Wed 29 Aug	Lifeskills Father's Day Stall 7.30pm: P&C Meeting
Thurs 30 Aug	Code Camp
Fri 31 Aug	Return Stewart House Clothing Bags K-6 Assembly

UPCOMING DATES

Tues 4 Sep	SRC Nude Food Day
Thurs 6 Sep	Kindy Symbio Excursion
Mon 10 - Wed 12 Sep	Stage 3 Camp
Wed 12 Sep	7.00pm: Kindy Orientation Evening





'Kiss & Ride' Zones

I also remind parents that the Kiss and Ride area is not a parking area. Your child is to be dropped off or picked up briefly and then to keep moving. This allows for a better flow of traffic around the school.



PLEASE NOTE:

- 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

Gates

In the morning for ease of access both pedestrian gates have been kept opened on Pindari Road. Due to a safety incident that has occurred recently the carpark gate and the pedestrian gate next to the carpark will be locked at 9.00am. I ask that students are walked to the pedestrian entrance closest to the office or alternatively use the pedestrian gate on Monterra Ave.

To give parents/carers a little time to adjust this will **come into effect next Monday 27 August.**



All gates are then locked **at approximately 9:20am.** I remind parents/carers the importance of ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day. The prime learning time for students in K – 6 is the morning session. This is when the teaching of core subjects such as English and Mathematics occurs and important concepts can be missed.

I also remind parents/carers that school opens officially at 8:50am and no direct teacher supervision is offered before this time. If you need to drop your child to school prior to 8:50am please contact the on-site Out of School Hours Care.

School Wellbeing Support Officer

This week we welcomed our new School Wellbeing Support Officer, Jo Tsangarides.

"Miss Jo," as she will be known to the students, will support and promote student wellbeing across the school. She will assist students to find ways to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown, loneliness, social concerns, bereavement and anxiety. She will provide a listening ear and a caring presence for the students at Peakhurst South Public School and assist the school Learning and Support Team in the provision of student welfare services both in classrooms and in the playground.

This term Miss Jo will be at PSPS on Tuesdays from 8.45am to 1.45pm and Thursdays from 10.30am to 3.20pm. Changes to days and times in Term 4 will be notified in the newsletter.

Please introduce yourselves to Miss Jo if you see her in our playground. She is eager to get to know our school community and displays a passion to improve the lives of people.



Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

SPORT RESULTS – Round 9 Date: 17/08/2018
Girls Soccer

	PSPS	Oatley West
Junior Girls	2	0
Senior Girls	0	1

Finals - 24/8 Jnr Girls v Lugarno PS 10.00am @ Riverwood Park

Boys Soccer

	PSPS	Penshurst
Junior Boys	2	2
Senior Boys	7	1

Finals - 24/8 Snr Boys v Lugarno PS 10.00am
Jnr Boys v Lugarno PS 11.15am
@ Gannons Park

Newcombeball

	PSPS	Oatley
Junior Mixed	0	3
Senior Mixed	0	3

Friday Assembly

WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 3	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total	31 - 3rd	39 - 1st	38 - 2nd

CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 3 Week 4	5/6M
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Peak Award Achievers

KINDER

Taytum S	Base Camp
Ella D	Base Camp
Grace D	Base Camp
Abigail S	Base Camp
Jaxon B	Base Camp

YEAR 1

Indiana S	Level 3m
Christy-Rita R	Level 1m

YEAR 2

Tyler S	Level 6m
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YEAR 3

Annabel M	Level 5m
Ainsley P	Level 9m

YEAR 4

Tyson S	Level 8m
Luke R	Level 8m
Samantha A	Level 9m
Rory D	Level 5m & 6m

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Healthy Skills For Life

Next week, the **Healthy Skills For Life** program has invited parents to observe students participating in their 40 minute class lessons.



See how your child/ren and the students at PSPS are building an awareness of their physical, social and emotional health and wellbeing and how they are becoming equipped with skills to cope with challenges throughout their life. Sessions will take place in the school hall. See the outline of session times for each class in the table below.

TIMES	TUESDAY 28 August	WEDNESDAY 29 August
9.20am - 10.00am	1B	KW
10.00am - 10.40am	3/4M	KDS
10.40am - 11.20am	KT	1JB
11.55am - 12.45pm	3/4H	2W
1.50pm - 2.30pm	5/6P	3/4B
2.30pm - 3.10pm	5/6M	1/2M

PSSA Sport Season 2 Finals

This Friday, 24 August sees the culmination of PSSA Season 2 for 2018. I am pleased to be able to announce that our Junior Boys Soccer, Senior Boys Soccer and Junior Girls Soccer teams have qualified for the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, our Senior Girls Soccer team and Newcombeball teams didn't quite reach the semi-finals this season.

However, well done to all of our PSSA teams from Season 2 for the way they have played throughout the season and good luck to our Soccer teams on Friday.

It is important to note that Semi-Finals and Finals are an all day event. Our Boys Soccer teams will play at Gannons Park. The Senior semi-final kicks-off at 10:00am, the Junior Semi-Final at approximately 11:15am. Our Junior Girls Soccer team will play at Riverwood Park, with the semi-final kicking-off at 10:00am.

All students must wear their appropriate team uniform and school hat. They should apply sunscreen in the morning and reapply throughout the day. They will not be able to order lunch from the canteen and therefore will be required to bring their own recess, lunch and drinks.

Mr A Marshall
PSSA Sport Coordinator

District Athletics Carnival - Day 1

Well done to the 23 students that travelled to Barden Ridge on Monday, 20 August for the Georges River District field events and 800m events.

Our Peakhurst South students performed credibly in very cold and windy conditions. There were some outstanding results and these will be published in coming weeks after the completion of Day 2 of District Athletics (on Monday, 27 August) and once all results have been received.



Many of our students also assisted teachers with events and were excellent representatives of our school.

Mr A Marshall
Assistant Principal

Number Crunchers Semi-Final

On Wednesday, 22 August, three Stage 3 students, who had won their way through our Peakhurst South Stage 3 Number Crunchers Competition, travelled to Peakhurst Public School for the Semi-Finals of the Competition.



I'm very pleased to be able to report that our students performed extremely well. Samuel L. got through to the third round of his heat. Ryleigh E. was able to recite Pi to 138 decimal places. Sierra T. then went on to win Heat 4 of the Semi-Final, being the last student standing after eight rounds of questions and making no errors when orally answering questions with just ten seconds of thinking time. Sierra will now progress to the Grand Final of the competition at Connells Point Public School.

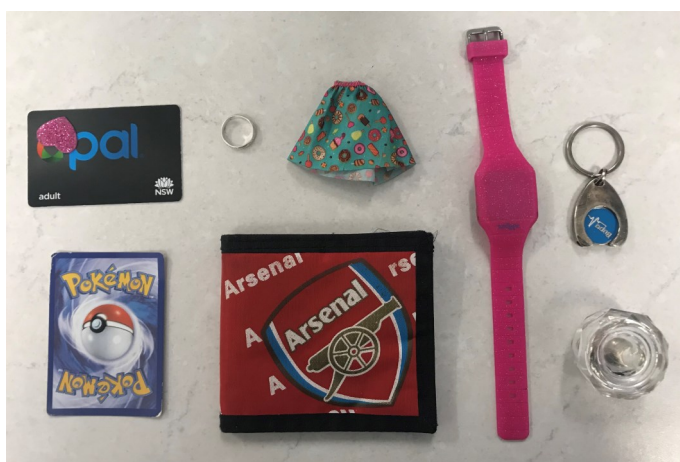
Congratulations to Samuel, Ryleigh and Sierra and good luck to Sierra for the Grand Final.

Mr A Marshall
Assistant Principal

From the Office

Lost Property

We have had the following items handed into the office. If they belong to you or your child please collect ASAP.



Cash Payments to Office

Please note that when making payments in cash to the office we require correct money where possible as we do not carry change.

Also when sending school and P&C payments please place them into separate envelopes as P&C payments are not handled by the office.

Thanks you for your cooperation.

Mrs Karen Bowcock
School Admin Manager

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2018

All bags must be returned for collection by Friday 31 August 2018.

Please Note: We will not accept any bags after that date.



Payments Due

Year	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
K-6	School Fees	Various	OVERDUE
Various	PSSA	\$50.00	OVERDUE
Various	Got Game	\$35.00	OVERDUE
K	Fairytale Fiasco Incursion	\$12.00	OVERDUE
Stage 3	Art Gallery Excursion	\$25.00	OVERDUE
Various	Engadine Music Festival	\$17.00	OVERDUE
K-6	Athletics Carnival	\$11.00	OVERDUE
K-6	Healthy Skills for Life	\$45.00	OVERDUE
Stage 2	Australian Museum Science Festival	\$24.00	OVERDUE
Stage 2	Camp	\$235.00	OVERDUE
Stage 3	Camp	\$320.00	31/08/2018
Kinder	Symbio Wildlife Park	\$34.00	31/08/2018
Various	Semester 2 Dance Fees	Various to Miss Larissa	14/09/2018

WOULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?

Several students at our school are highly **ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS** and other nut products, eg peanut butter, Nutella, etc. If these students come in contact with these foods they will have an **anaphylactic reaction**, which may be **life threatening**. Our school has developed a number of strategies to help provide a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, including seeking community support. For the safety and welfare of all our students, we request that parents **do not** send peanut butter, Nutella or whole nuts to school in children's lunches. Thank you for your support in protecting our students.

ASTHMA AWARENESS

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children.

The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma.

For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to:

<http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>

Road safety



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



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Our goal is zero.



P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 3 Weeks 5 & 6

Canteen Roster	
Friday 24 Aug	9.30am - 11.00am: Natasha B 11.00am - 2.30pm: Jayne H and Cathy T
Monday 27 Aug	12.00 - 2.15pm - Rana G
Wednesday 28 Aug	Vacant
Friday 31 Aug	9.30am - 11.00am: Jodie H 11.00am - 2.30pm: Carol B and Katie M
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

Mega Raffle

The P&C would like to thank all the businesses who have generously supported the Mega Raffle, by donating prizes and vouchers.

Check out the PSPS P&C Facebook Page to view the fantastic range of prizes.

Mardi Haworth
P&C President



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at Gannons Park Nets from 12 noon**