

news @ the heights

Peakhurst South Public School

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



Pindari Road
Peakhurst Heights NSW 2210
T 02 9153 7256
F 02 9584 1468
E peakhursts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W <https://peakhursts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

20 September 2018

TERM 3

WEEK 9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

Socrates

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Public Speaking Finals

Well done and congratulations to all of the Public Speaking Finalists. Mrs Hart and I had a tough time adjudicating the speeches and were most impressed by the high quality and ability to engage a wide audience. It is not easy to speak in front of a large group and all students did extremely well. A Runner Up and overall Winner were selected from each stage. These were determined by equally weighting the prepared and impromptu speeches based on matter, manner and method.

Congratulations to the following students:

Early Stage 1 Finalists: Amelia S, Ashley C, Antonij P, Selina A, Grace D and Cameron D

Early Stage 1 Winner: Ashley

Runner Up: Cameron



Stage 1 Finalists: James Y, Ellie C, Johnny C, Sophie H, William H, Fred H, Patrick R and Mina D

Stage 1 Winner: William

Runner Up: James

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 9 - TERM 3

Mon 24 Sep	Year 5 to GRC Peakhurst 3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop Open
Tues 25 Sep	Year 5 to GRC Peakhurst Life Skills
Wed 26 Sep	SRC Colour Explosion 7.30pm: P&C Meeting
Thurs 27 Sep	Life Skills
Fri 28 Sep	PSSA - Round 2 K-6 Assembly Last Day of Term 3

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 15 Oct	Term 3 commences: K-6 8.30am - 9.00am: Garden Club
Thurs 18 Oct	Sport/Dance Photo Day
Fri 19 Oct	Kindy Start Session 1
Wed 24 Oct	Public Speaking Finals
Fri 26 Oct	Kindy Start Session 2
Mon 29 Oct	School Council Meeting
Tues 30 Oct	Book Costume Parade
Wed 31 Oct	P&C Meeting



Stage 2 Finalists: Samantha A, Olivia S, Zara B, Tara Q, Emilio D and Luke R

Stage 2 Winner: Emilio

Runner Up: Samantha



Stage 3 Finalists: Sara P, Ryleigh E, Sierra T and Caitlyn J

Stage 3 Winner: Ryleigh

Runner Up: Caitlyn



NAPLAN

NAPLAN: All families will receive the Years 3 & 5 individual NAPLAN results today. The NSW Education System is focused on improvement and these results help determine state wide trends. The individual student results of the NAPLAN tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is used to support our teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

At Peakhurst South, our executive team sat together earlier this week and dissected our results, identifying each student and assessing their individual results and needs. We, however, do this in light of the fact that NAPLAN tests are just a 'snapshot' of student performance and are conducted under test conditions within short timelines in May.

NAPLAN results are considered in conjunction with other assessment data collected by the school. I'm pleased to say that once again Peakhurst South students have performed well in all areas! Our Year 3 results were strong across all areas, particularly in writing and

grammar and punctuation with growth in reading and spelling. Our Year 5 students performed strongest in grammar and punctuation and spelling. I acknowledge our students, teachers and our parents, who provide tremendous support to our school. Together, we have created an outstanding learning environment for our students! Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher should they have any further questions in regards to NAPLAN.

This year Peakhurst South transitioned to NAPLAN online along with a number of other schools across the Department, Catholic and Independent sectors. By 2020 all schools will complete NAPLAN online. Peakhurst South transitioned successfully to online with the majority of students preferring the online platform. As a school, we administered a written NAPLAN style assessment for Year 5 students so that we were able to correlate any impact between completing the assessment typed or written. If you wish to review the two samples and discuss your child's writing results please contact me to make an appointment. All other queries are best addressed to your child's teacher

Extra-Curricular, Special Days and Events

Thank you to the parents/carers that completed the online survey in regards to additional programs offered at Peakhurst South Public School. The teachers have also completed a similar activity and the executive are currently reviewing the results.

Further information will be sent home in Term 4 in regards to any changes that may occur. It is important that as a school we continue to focus on our core business of teaching and learning and ensure that students receive a high quality education.

Extra-curricular programs add value and allow different strengths to shine but they cannot be at the detriment to teaching the six core key learning areas. I thank you for your understanding and appreciate the time taken to complete the survey.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton

Principal

Friday Assembly

WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 3 Week 8	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total	17 - 2nd	19 - 1st	12 - 3rd

CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 3 Week 6	1JB
Term 3 Week 8	KT

SPORT RESULTS		
Oztag		
Peakhurst Park	PSPS	Oatley
Cricket		
Gannons Park	PSPS	Kingsgrove
Hockey		
Evatt Park Lugarno	PSPS	Lugarno

Peak Award Achievers

KINDER	
Jayden Y	Base Camp
Naveliangel S	Base Camp
Oliver P	Base Camp
YEAR 1	
Jozef P	Level 1m
Tatijana B	Level 1m
Dion T	Level 1m
Ellie C	Level 1m
YEAR 2	
Mina D	Level 2m
Callie H	Level 4m
Harrison M	Level 4m
Eva T	Level 7m
YEAR 3	
Marcus S	Level 4m

Sydney East Athletics

Good luck and congratulations to our Sydney East Athletics Representatives - Akira S, Ryan N and Morgan R!



Character Costume Parade

Our annual Costume Parade will be held on Tuesday, 30 October, beginning at 9.30am in the hall. This is a special event which we all look forward to.

Please see attached information sheet for further information.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed. Congratulations to the 47 students who completed the challenge! It takes diligence and commitment so well done to those students who demonstrated this. Certificates will be presented towards the end of Term 4.

News from the Garden

Term 4 Garden Club will be on Friday 8.30 - 9.00am. Please do not allow students to make their way to the garden without a teacher. Any previous Garden Club members are welcome to join this session. For safety reasons we can only have a maximum of 15 students so if we get more than this we will have to work out a fortnightly rotation system.

Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to a massive harvest of potatoes and tomatoes soon.

Mrs L Buchly and Mrs S Jessup



Stage 3 Berry Sport & Recreation Camp

Day 1

On Monday 10 September we left school on the Monster Double Decker Bus and made our way down to Berry for our Stage 3 camp. When we finally arrived, we stored our bags on the veranda and went to sit down under the COLA – what a view! It was there that we found out who our roommates were and which group we were in.

After that, we all participated in a 'Welcome to Berry' activity where we learnt about all the camp rules and had delicious hamburgers for lunch.

Next, we went to our cabins and unpacked all of our luggage, got settled in and quickly got ready for some fun canoeing and kayaking. We walked down to the sheds to get our gear, including our lifejackets and our oars. We found out that the water dragons were kayaking and the cockatoos were canoeing – we were excited!

Firstly, we learned how to paddle correctly and all about the safety rules. Then we got out the canoes and kayaks and set off down the river. After a little hard work, we arrived at a river bank, had a fruit break and also got to play in the water for a while. Eventually, we set off back up the river to the jetty where we put all our gear away. Exhausted, we went back to our cabins, had showers and got ready for a well-earned dinner.

If the first day was this good, we couldn't wait to see what our camp leaders had planned for us tomorrow! Sleep came pretty easily that night, although for some people the corridor was their cabin!

Day 2

When we woke up we had a delicious breakfast. After that delightful breakfast we set off to go hiking up a hill which was almost a mountain because it was 900 metres tall. Finally, we reached the top and had a fruit break. There were cows and a beautiful view of Seven Mile Beach. After that we hiked back down the hill. Then we had a nice lunch - nachos! After a while we went to do archery which was dangerous, especially when people were aiming at you, but it was extremely fun. While we were there we also did a spooky dark maze which was fun. Then we did a practice rock climbing to prepare for Day 3. Finally, we had dinner, which was yummy chicken. Then we did a mini athletics for a night activity before bed.

Day 3

We woke up and had to pack our bags and line them up ready to head back home. Once we were organised, we went to have some delicious pancakes for breakfast. After that we went rock climbing and did the vertical

challenges. It certainly was challenging, however it was lots of fun! Finally, we had burritos for lunch, then hopped on the bus and headed home. Overall it was the best camp ever!!

By Christian D, Daniel & M.J







SRC COLOUR EXPLOSION

There is less than a week to go until the students have the time of their life with the SRC School Run4Fun Colour Explosion. How are you tracking towards your fundraising goal?

It is the last chance for students to raise funds using their Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising through the www.myprofilepage.com.au. Don't forget, the more sponsorship donations you receive the better prize you can choose.

INFORMATION FOR THE EVENT

Date: Wednesday 26 September

Time: 1:30pm start under the COLA

What to wear: A plain white t-shirt you don't mind getting coloured, old shorts, covered shoes. Students are **NOT** to wear school uniform on this day.

Parents are welcome to put on their white t-shirt and some old clothes and join in the colour explosion with your child. There will be a variety of activities and obstacles along the course to participate in as well as the colour stations.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR PRIZE? EASY!

You have two options to order your prizes – either by completing and returning the back page of the Sponsorship Form to the school or login or create a Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. You have 7 days from the event to order your prize online (Wednesday 3 October 2018).

If you are collecting money or ordering prizes online, all money sponsorship forms and prize order must be returned to school by **Thursday 27 September**.

OPT OUT NOTE

Notes were sent home last week to the oldest child in the family to indicate if you wish your child to either not participate in the event or not participate in the colour stations. These do not need to be returned if your child is participating in all the activities at the Colour Explosion.

Thank you for your support so far!

Mrs Bowden and the SRC

OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open from 8.45am to 3.45pm.



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
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
Various	Term 1, 2 & 3 Band Fees	\$170.00	OVERDUE
Stage 2	Australian Museum Science Festival	\$24.00	OVERDUE
Stage 3	Camp	\$320.00	OVERDUE
Stage 1	Sydney Observatory	\$30.00	OVERDUE
Various	Semester 2 Dance Fees	Various to Miss Larissa	OVERDUE
3-4	Interrelate - Session 1: Where Did I Come From?	\$30 per family	OVERDUE
5-6	Interrelate - Session 2: Preparing for Puberty	\$30 per family	OVERDUE
3-6	Interrelate - Sessions 1 & 2	\$35 per family (ONLY if attending both sessions)	OVERDUE
Various	PSSA - Season 3	\$50.00	20/09/2018

Facebook

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

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/peakhurstsouth/?hl=en>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/PeakhurstSouth>



P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10

Canteen Roster	
Friday 21/9	9.00am - 10.30am: Alison Y 11.00am - 2.30pm: Carol B and Shelley M
Monday 24/9	Vacancy
Wednesday 26/9	Gina T
Friday 28/9	Canteen closed
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

As we near the end of the term we may run out of some items, a note will be placed on the lunch order box if we do and they will be removed from the online menu. If this happens please come to the counter and we will organise something else for your lunch.

We will be closed next Friday (last day of term), the canteen will not be staffed at all on this day so please do not send lunch orders.

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

Uniform Shop

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

The next opening day will be:

- Monday 24 September

PSPS UNIFORM GUIDELINES
Term 1. Compulsory summer uniform
Term 2 till June long weekend. Either summer or winter uniform.
June long weekend till end of Term 3. Compulsory winter uniform.
Term 4 till end of October. Either summer or winter uniform.
31 October till end of Term 4. Compulsory summer uniform

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

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

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

The Uniform Shop will no longer provide plastic bags.

Remember to bring your own bag along to the Uniform Shop.

For online orders you can leave a bag clearly labelled with your child's name in a basket outside the uniform shop.



Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&C

Mega Raffle Thank You

We love it when family businesses support our school! Thank you to the Tang family for their generous donation of 4 vouchers for the Mega Raffle.



DONT FORGET! Spot on Children's Festival

How would you like to win a FREE ticket to one of the great shows on over the festival at the Riverside Theatre. Simply pop up to the office and grab a colouring in competition and return it to the P&C box completed and winners will be drawn in time for school holidays.

Prize details:

Years K – 2

Winner: 1 x double pass to *Josephine Wants to Dance* on Thursday 11 October at 2.00pm.

Runner Up: 1 x double pass to *Kaput* on Wednesday 10 October at 10.00am.

Years 3 – 6

Winner: 1 x double pass to *The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik* on Thursday 11 October at 6.00pm.

Runner Up: 1 x double pass to *Big Bad Wolf* on Tuesday 9 October at 10.30am.

P&C News and Information

P&C (cont'd)



SPOT ON
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

THE PREMIERE ARTS FESTIVAL FOR KIDS IN SYDNEY'S CENTRAL CITY, PARRAMATTA, FEATURING:

- COMEDY
- CIRCUS AND CLOWNING
- MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE
- PUPPETRY
- FILMS
- WORKSHOPS
- FREE ACTIVITIES

See our website for the full program

9 - 13 OCTOBER 2018
Riverside Theatres, Cnr Church & Market Sts, Parramatta
BOOK NOW 8839 3399 or rshow.biz/spoton

RIVERSIDE
RIVERSIDE • ENTERTAINING PARRAMATTA FOR 30 YEARS • 1988 - 2018

Mardi Haworth
P&C President



BIG4 EASTS BEACH HOLIDAY PARKS HOLIDAY PARK KIAMA

Prize Voucher for a Three Night Stay for
A Family of (5) Five In a Holiday Villa
Valued at \$851.00



Terms & Conditions Apply

Harvey
Norman
your local store
WILEY PARK

PS: Advertising

The inclusion of any advertising does not constitute or imply endorsement, sponsorship or recommendation thereof by Peakhurst South Public School.



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

Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

29 October | 5 November | 12 November | 19 November
26 November | 3 December | 10 December
17 December 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



Building Bridges

When parents separate, they often live in two homes and kids need to find a way to build their own bridge between their parents' homes.

Building Bridges is a two hour workshop for children to discuss how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. This workshop is available for children aged between 8 and 12 years old.

Children will learn:

- to understand feelings about parental separation and conflict
- about changes in families following separation
- how to feel safe in the family
- to become emotionally stronger and more resilient
- consider succession planning and transition counselling

Monday, 4:00 – 5:30pm, 22 October 2018

Cost: \$15 per child

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

Bookings essential (limited numbers) — phone 8522 4408

