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



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TERM 4

WEEK 2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

Eleanor Rossevelt

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Dates for the Diary: Great Sessions Coming Up

Surviving the Transition to High School

Stage 3 parents and even Stage 2 parents may be interested in this great session coming up on:

Thursday 22 November at 6pm – Surviving the Transition to High School (Mary Mathew will be presenting). The session will be held in the School Library.

The session is produced by Learning Links. Please see flyer on last page for further details.

Kindy Start - Session Two

The second Kindy Start session is on tomorrow, Friday 26 October at 9:30am. For the second and third session, the pre-Kindergarten students need to be taken to the Kindergarten classrooms and dropped off to the teachers. Parents/Carers are then to make their way to the Assembly Hall to find out important information about the school and what to expect in 2019.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 parents/carers for hosting and providing Morning Tea at Session 1, Kindy Start. Also thank you in advance to Stuart (SRE), Luke (Ethics), Jacinta (Canteen) and Stephanie (Uniform Shop) and Adrianna (OOSH) for presenting at the session tomorrow. It is always great for parents/carers to hear from a variety of our community members.

Thank You: Church @ The Peak

On behalf of Peakhurst South Public School I would like to congratulate Church @ The Peak on your ten year anniversary last Sunday. I would also like to thank you for the gift. It is already hanging in our office building. It was great that the photo was taken by an ex-student of the school, Ben Maze.

It is obvious that the church has come a long way in the past ten years. From starting with 25 members in the

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 3 - TERM 4

Mon 29 Oct	School Council Meeting
Tue 30 Oct	3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop Open Character Costume Parade
Wed 31 Oct	7.30pm: P&C Meeting in Library
Thurs 1 Nov	Gymnastics in Hall Band & Choir Family Concert
Fri 2 Nov	8.30am - 9.00am: Garden Club Kinder 2019 - Kinder Start Session 3 Gymnastics under COLA PSSA Sport Season 3 Round 5 Canteen AGM

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 5 Nov	Dance Festival Rehearsal BEHDDF Dance Festival
Fri 9 Nov	2.40pm Remembrance Day Assembly
Tues 20 Nov	11.30am - 1.30pm: Year 6 Mini Fete
Fri 23 Nov	School Spectacular K-6 Assembly
Mon 26 Nov	School Leaders Speeches for 2019
Wed 28 Nov	Grandparents Day P&C Meeting

School Library to now a full house in the hall and Youth Group for Year 5 to Year 10 students on a Friday evening.

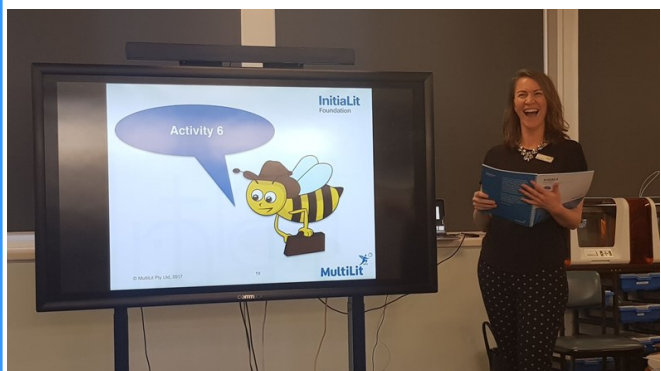




InitialLit

The Kindergarten 2019 classroom teachers, Mrs Hart (Learning and Support Teacher), Miss Cole (K-2 Assistant Principal) and I participated in two days on InitialLit training this Monday and Tuesday. The program will be introduced into Kindergarten next year. InitialLit covers the five big ideas of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. These five components are underpinned by oral language. "Good oral language skills form the basis of the five big ideas." (Konza, 2015)

Oral language forms two processes: Receptive Language (listening) and Expressive Language (spoken). Children that start school with low oral language skills are at a significant disadvantage when it comes to learning to read. One of the best things you can do in the early years is involve your child/ren in conversation.



New Science and Technology Syllabus

In 2019, the new Science and Technology curriculum will become mandatory in all NSW schools. Yesterday Mrs Bignell, Mr Mee and Mrs Bowden worked together in developing:

- a new science scope and sequence K – 6
- a new technology and ICT scope and sequence K – 6
- matching our current technology to aspects of the curriculum

The new Science and Technology syllabus aligns better with current practices at PSPS in the use of technology and our focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The three teachers will continue to lead this process in our school in ensuring we are ready in 2019. I would like to thank Mrs Bignell, Mrs Bowden and Mr Mee for their hardwork and effort in ensuring that PSPS is ready in 2019.



Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

SPORT RESULTS – Round 3 Date: 19/10/2018

Oztag

	PSPS	Peakhurst
Junior Girls	WASHOUT	
Senior Girls		
Round 4 - 26/10	PSPS vs Peakhurst West @ Peakhurst Park	

Cricket

	PSPS	BYE
Junior Boys		
Senior Boys		
Round 4 - 26/10	PSPS vs Oatley West @ Gannons Park	

Hockey

	PSPS	BYE
Junior Mixed		
Senior Mixed		
Round 4 - 26/10	PSPS vs Beverly Hills @ Evatt Park	

Kindy Start Morning Tea - Thank You

We would like to thank the parents who kindly provided plates of food, set up the tables and served morning tea at our first Kindy Start session last Friday. The new Kindergarten parents were very appreciative and enjoyed the opportunity of talking with current Kindergarten parents as well as meeting new parents for 2019.

Mrs Torresan, Mrs Drew, Mrs Szybiak and Miss Wright
Kindergarten Teachers

Where will you be in 2019?

If your family **is not returning** to Peakhurst South Public School next year, would you please advise the Principal in writing as soon as possible. This greatly assists our planning and organisation.

Thank you.

Ms Eaton
Principal

A Friendly message from the Stage 1 team

If your child is moving into Stage 1 next year, this means Year 1 or Year 2 in 2019 they will not be requiring their own stationery supplies. We will be moving to the more cost effective method of purchasing these items in bulk through the school suppliers.

In other words your child **will not need** a pencil case, pencils, scissors, rubbers etc of their own. These things will be supplied by us and kept at school.



Character Costume Parade

On **Tuesday 30 October** we will be celebrating all the wonderful characters in books and movies at our annual **Character Costume Parade**.

Each student in every class is invited to choose a book or movie character and create a costume. The costume should not be elaborate and parents are not expected to purchase any extra clothing or special costumes for the day. Costumes should **not** include toy weapons, or masks that may scare other students. We do not choose winners for best costume.

This is a fun event for the students, however, parents/carers and family members are welcome to attend the parade so they can see their child. It will commence at around 9.30am and will be held in the hall.



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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
Stage 3	Art Gallery Excursion	\$25.00	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 1	Sydney Observatory	\$30.00	OVERDUE
K-6	Gymnastics Program	\$22.00	OVERDUE
Various	Term 4 Band Fees	\$170.00	2 Nov 2018

Incursions / Excursions, Sport & Band payments



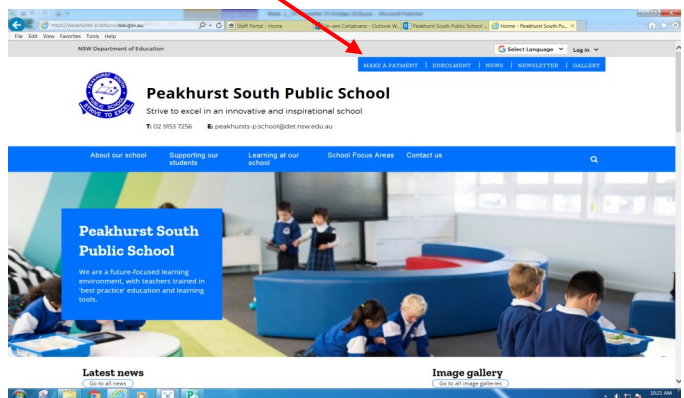
CareMonkey

It is important that you **check your email daily** to ensure that you do not miss any important information or notes from the school.

When notes require parent/carer signed permission and/or a response this is to be completed via CareMonkey thereby alleviating the need to return a hard copy permission slip or response to the school.

At this stage where payment is required it will still need to be made via one of the following options:

Online: via the school website.



Cash: please place correct money into an envelope with the following information written on the front (child/ren's name, class, and excursion / incursion / sport or event name). Please place the completed sealed envelope into the Silver Box in the office.

EFTPOS/Credit Card: payments can also be made at the office.

P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 4 Weeks 2 & 3

Canteen Roster	
Friday 26/10	9.30am - 11.30am: Jodie H 11.00am - 2.30pm: Shelley M & Sandy H
Monday 29/10	Daryll B
Wednesday 31/10	Charlene G
Friday 2/11	9.30am - 11.30am: Allison G 11.00am - 2.30pm: Katie M & Natasha V
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

The Canteen AGM is next Friday 2 November everyone is welcome. We currently have positions vacant on the committee, so if you are interested come and see what is involved. We will be meeting in the canteen at 2.45pm, we would love to see you there.

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:

- Tuesday 30 October (only for this week, usual opening day is Monday)**

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

Opening Hours

Week 3	TUE 30 October	3.20pm - 4.20pm
Week 5	12 November	3.20pm - 4.20pm
Week 7	26 November	3.20pm - 4.20pm
Week 8	3 December	3.20pm - 4.20pm

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.



Next week 2019 Kindy parents will have the opportunity to book a fitting to try on and order uniforms through the "volunteer roster" at Myschoolconnect.

Parents can order online through the Myschoolconnect app or place an order and drop it to the office in the Silver Metal Box.

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Coordinator

P&C

P&C Meeting - 31 October 2018 AGM including Executive vote

All are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend this meeting at 7.30pm in the library next Wednesday. This meeting we will be welcoming people to become financial members of the P&C so that they can vote in the new executive at the **November AGM**. A note with the election form will be coming home this week.

Parent Grade Representative

Hello PSPS and welcome back to Term 4! We have great things planned this Term and can't wait to get stuck in. All families received a note last week detailing the new school/P&C initiative of a Parent Representative for each grade starting 2019. **Please ensure your representative has been chosen and advised to the office by 2 November.** Each grade is required to have a representative to bring exciting ideas and any parent concerns to the P&C who can implement them or raise them at the monthly meetings.

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Helping your child make changes

The transition to high school is an exciting time in your child's life. In this workshop parents develop skills for preparing their child for the transition to high school. Specific strategies regarding organisation, travel and managing the revised demands of school provided.

The 2 hour session covers topics such as:

- New skills your child will need to acquire
- Common fears about high school
- What parents can do to help their child prepare for high school
- Organising stationery and study areas
- Travel training
- Technology + safety

When: Thursday 22 November 2018 - 6.00pm
Where: PSPS Library

