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



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29 November 2018

TERM 4

WEEK 7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Strong people don't put others down. They lift them up."

M. Watson

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It is scary, yet exciting, to think that Year 6, 2018 only have 15 days left of primary school. I am sure that everyone would agree that they have been fantastic student leaders for our school.

Thank you everyone for our understanding of the decision to postpone Grandparents Day this week due to the extreme weather. Also, thank you to parents/carers for understanding the decision to keep the hall door closed last Friday and therefore not being able to have parent/carers attend the assembly. Please see photos from the Assembly on the following page.

End of Year Events

- **Presentation Day:** Wednesday 5 December at GRC Peakhurst Hall
- **Stage 3 Bike Safety Day:** Monday 10 December (students to bring their bike (some provided))
- **Year 6 Jamberoo Excursion:** Tuesday 11 December
- **Year 6 Farewell:** Wednesday 12 December
- **Grandparents Day and Sculptures by the School:** Friday 14 December at 9:40am
- **Student Reports Home:** Friday 14 December
- **Thank You Helpers Morning Tea:** Monday 17 December at 11am in the School Library
- **Whole School Picnic (party) day:** Wednesday 19 December
- **Last Day School:** Wednesday 19 December with the Year 6 Farewell Arch

Band-Carols Evening - Friday 30 November 6pm

Tomorrow evening is the Band-Carols evening starting at 6pm. From 5pm-6pm there will be some activities on the grass. Then we encourage all students and families to remain under the COLA for some whole school singing and performances.

This is always a great community event and I would like to thank the Band Committee for their organisation, Sanders Noonan, Lugarno for their ongoing support of

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 8 - TERM 4

Mon 3 Dec	9.30am: Learning Links Developing Resilience in Children 3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop Open
Tues 4 Dec	
Wed 5 Dec	9.45am - 11.30am: Presentation Day at GRC Peakhurst Hall
Thur 6 Dec	
Fri 7 Dec	K-6 Assembly

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 10 Dec	Stage 3 Bike Rideability Program
Tues 11 Dec	Year 6 Day Out - Jamberoo
Wed 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell - St George Maso's Club
Thur 13 Dec	Nursing Home Visit
Fri 14 Dec	Grandparent's Day for 2018 Last Day Canteen open for 2018
Mon 17 Dec	Thank You Helpers Morning Tea
Wed 19 Dec	Picnic Day K-6 Final Day for 2018

the event and our school as well as Church @ the PEAK for their help in running the activities. Also, lastly but just as importantly the teachers for giving up their evening to help make it a great success.

School Presentation Day - Wednesday 5 December 9.45am

All parents/carers, families and friends are welcome to join us at the Annual Presentation Day to be held at GRC Peakhurst Campus from 9:45am in their school hall on Wednesday 5 December.

This is an excellent opportunity to recognise individual and whole school academic and sporting achievement. I would like to thank Mrs Torresan, Mrs Dibden (Nicole) and Mrs Caltabiano (Jo) for all of their hard work and effort in organising the event.

Captains and Vice-Captains

Congratulations to the 14 Year 5 students that tried out

for Captain and Vice-Captain for 2019. All of the speeches were at a high calibre and they should feel very proud. I congratulate the successful students but a BIG congratulations to all students.

All of the students demonstrated leadership capacity and I encourage them all to try-out for other leadership positions in the school.

Quote: "Great things are brought about and burdens are lightened through the efforts of many hands anxiously engaged in a good cause." Elder M. Russel Ballard



P&C and Annual General Meeting

Last night was the P&C AGM and Annual General Meeting. I would like to congratulate and thank the successful nominees for the 2019 P&C. The positions are as follows:

President: Mardi Haworth
Vice Presidents: Eleni Calvalaris and Jodie Horton
Secretary: Anita Aley
Treasurer: Alison Burns
Executive Members:
Kindy 2019 Parent Representative: Hoda Saker
Year 1 2019 Parent Representative: Jill Van Der Maas
Year 2 2019 Parent Representatives: Jade Rees and Hoda Saker
Year 3 2019 Parent Representative: Susan McMechan
Year 4 2019 Parent Representative: Catherine James
Year 5 2019 Parent Representative: Anita Aley
Year 6 2019 Parent Representative: Lauren Hayek

Exchanging Christmas Cards

The school would appreciate it if parents would bring Christmas Cards during the final week of term. This ensures that disruptions are kept to a minimum across the school.

We encourage parents to find an alternative to candy canes as the students often end up with a lot of sugary treats at this time.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal



Peer Support Term 4

This program is designed for supporting younger students in their years at Primary School. Stage 3 run the groups and all groups consist of students from Kindergarten to Year 4. This year the program has run over 2 days including four sessions in total (2 sessions per day). The first session was on Friday 16 November and the second will be this Friday 30 November. Stage 3 were all very positive about the groups they had on the first day. The activities are centred on group cohesion for the first session and resolving conflicts positively for the second session.

Mrs Paul

Peer Support Organiser



Stage 3 training for Peer Support. They participate in the activities that they will deliver to their own group.

Friday 16 November - First Session Photos:



School Assembly - Friday 23
November 2018



News from the Learning and Support Team

Here's the final update on the Learning and Support programs that have been operating at PSPS this Semester.

Learning Links Speech Pathology Support

This semester *Learning Links* have provided the services of a qualified Speech Pathologist through their Club Grants funding. Every Thursday morning the school has received the services of Rae Anne. She has worked alongside teachers in classrooms, offering professional guidance on supporting students with additional speech needs and providing individual targeted intervention for selected students in the school.

MiniLit

Throughout the year selected Year 1 students have participated in *MiniLit* literacy support program with Mrs Hart. This program has been very beneficial to the students who have really enjoyed improving their literacy skills through this intervention program.

Multilit Reading Tutor Program

Once again thank you to the very dedicated group of parents who have given so willingly of their time to support the *Reading Tutor Program* in 2018. It is due to the tutors' ongoing reliability, enthusiasm and encouragement of their students that we have seen outstanding results with the Year 2 students who participated in the program this year. When averaged, the students have achieved growth from 74% to 96% in their word attack skills and 70% to 97% growth in sight word recall. Some individual students recorded growth as much as 60% in some program components. This is a wonderful endorsement for the results this program can achieve. It is also a reflection of the commitment made by the tutors and the effort from the participating students.

Targeted Individual Support

In addition to the above programs, identified students have been targeted to receive individual assessment and support to achieve specific learning goals. Working with Mrs Hart and Miss Cole, these students have all worked hard to achieve their individual learning goals.

School Learning and Support Officers

Our dedicated School Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs) Mrs Cook and Mrs Ray have supported teachers in the classroom to implement individual educational programs and care needs for specified students this semester.

Student Wellbeing Support Officer

Miss Jo, our Student Wellbeing and Support Officer joined the School Learning and Support Team this semester. Miss Jo has worked individually and with groups of students, alongside teachers in all classrooms, and has been in the playground to assist students during recess and lunch. She has supported students to deal with issues ranging from loneliness, social concerns, bereavement and

anxiety. She has assisted the school Learning and Support Team in the provision of student welfare services both in classrooms and in the playground.

School Psychologist

In her one day per week at PSPS, Mrs Piazza has offered a range of services including counselling, assessment, advice and referrals. Mrs Piazza has worked with both individual students and groups of students to support them in a range of areas. Her contribution to school planning for our students with additional needs is highly valued.

All of these initiatives offered in Semester 2 have assisted numerous students across the school in areas of learning, wellbeing and personal development.

Christine Cole

**Learning and Support Co-Ordinator/
Assistant Principal**

Nude Food Day Term 4

Thank you to everyone that participated in Nude Food Day. It was fantastic to see so much less rubbish being put in the bins.

Below are the percentage of students in each class that brought nude food to school on Tuesday and a comparison to percentages in Term 2 and 3.

Congratulations to our winning class, **1JB!** Fantastic effort with 90% of the class having nude food. Congratulations to KDS, 5/6M and 5/6P who had their highest percentage of students bringing nude food for the year.

KDS			KW			KT		
T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4
70%	69%	73%	65%	50%	56%	81%	76%	71%
1B			1JB			1/2M		
T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4
61%	50%	59%	64%	52%	90%	43%	34%	42%

2W			3/4B			3/4H		
T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4
67%	71%	50%	54%	65%	48%	67%	57%	52%
3/4M			5/6M			5/6P		
T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4	T2	T3	T4
74%	50%	58%	37%	20%	39%	48%	48%	54%

We will be having more nude food days next year. We would love 100% participation on these days and more nude food lunchboxes every school day.

Mrs Bowden and the SRC



Peak Award Achievers

KINDER

Jadiss CR	Base Camp
Willow H	Base Camp
Liam R	Base Camp
Amelia S	Base Camp
Amber Y	Base Camp

YEAR 1

Johnny C	Level 2m
Zoe F	Level 2m
Filip P	Level 2m
Archie R	Level 1m
Christy-Rita R	Level 2m
Aiden S	Level 1m
Ellie S	Level 2m

YEAR 2

Mitchell G	Level 8m
Bryce J	Level 6m
Liam M	Level 6m
Jake P	Base Camp and Level 1m
Kira S	Level 4m

YEAR 3

Benson L	Level 6m
Jonathan L	Level 8m
Sienna S	Level 5m
Stephen T	Level 4m

YEAR 4

Gabrielle D	Base Camp
Kendall V	Level 7m
Stephanie V	Level 6m

Friday Assembly

CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 4 Week 6

2W

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 & 4 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

SPORT RESULTS – Round 8 Date: 23/11/2017

Oztag

Penshurst Park	PSPS	Oatley West
Junior Girls	2	4
Senior Girls	2	6
Round 9-30/11	PSPS vs Hannons Road WASH OUT	

Cricket

Gannons Park	PSPS	Oatley West
Junior Boys	134	193
Senior Boys	126	163
Round 9-30/11	PSPS vs Narwee WASH OUT	

Hockey

Evatt Park Lugarno	PSPS	Beverly Hills
Junior Mixed	0	1
Senior Mixed	3	0
Round 9-30/11	PSPS vs Narwee WASH OUT	

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 N Eaton
Principal



What a parent can do to build resilience

This workshop helps parents gain knowledge about resilience, looks at how it is developed and what external factors can effect resilience. It also looks at how to promote your child's resilience and examines what resources are available to parents.

The 2 hour session covers topics such as:

- What is resilience?
- Why is it important?
- What are the factors associated with it?
- 7 learnable skills of resilience
- The overall model of resilience
- The protective factors associated with resilience



Monday 3 December at Peakhurst South Public School
9.30am: Learning Links Developing Resilience in Children

Canteen

Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

Canteen Roster	
Friday 30/11	9.30am - 11.30am: Natasha B 11.00am - 2.30pm: Carol B & Ryan G
Monday 3/12	12.00pm - 2.15pm Vacant
Wednesday 5/12	Vacant
Friday 7/12	9.30am - 11.30am: Vacant 11.00am - 2.30pm: Richelle B & Mel S
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

Please note that the last day we will be open is Friday 14 December 2018.

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 3 December 2018**

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

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

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.

The lost property cupboard is once again overflowing with clothing and drink bottles. Please check the lost property regularly and label items clearly.



2019 Kindy parents remember to book your fitting to try on and order uniforms through the "volunteer roster" app at myschoolconnect:

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

- November 29 is the last online booking date.**

If you chose to order after November 29 there is no guarantee we will have the stock to complete your order before 2019.

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

School Banking

Our final School Banking day for 2018 is today Thursday 29 November.

Any tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

Bia Limberis
School Banking Co-ordinator

Band News

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C Band Sub-Committee was held on Monday 26 November. The band is coordinated by this group of volunteers and we need more passionate muso parents/carers to get involved! You don't need to know anything about music, you just need to be interested in keeping the music program running at Peakhurst South for future generations!

If you are looking for a way to help contribute to your school community - this is a great way to do it especially if you are interested in getting your child involved in the band in the future!!

Please get in contact with a committee member if you would like to discuss what is involved at:

pspsband@hotmail.com

Band Carols Night

Please come and join us for our annual 'Christmas BBQ & Carols Night' to be held at Peakhurst South Public School tomorrow, Friday 30 November 2018.

The BBQ and festivities kick off at 5pm! The kids will all be participating by leading the carols in their stage groups, accompanied by the band.

We will also have special performances from Sara and Gabbi, two of Peakhurst South's talented vocalists, as well as the choir and a few parent volunteers! Santa will pop in for a quick visit at the end of the evening too!

Please Note: Parental Supervision Required

This is **not** a Departmental activity and the Department is not providing staff/teachers to supervise children. Children are to be **at all times** under the supervision of their parents. It is expected that all students will be seated under the COLA during the concert performances. The oval will be out-of-bounds during the concert.

Thanks for your help!

PSPS Band Committee



Family Carols Night

When Friday 30 November 2018

Where Peakhurst South PS

Time 5.00pm - 7.30pm



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Slide into BURGER BUILDING CLASSES



When Monday 7, 14 and 21 January and
Wednesday 9, 16 and 23 January
Time 9.30am to 10.30am (Arrival 9.15am)
Where Firestone Kitchen
Age 6+ years
Tickets \$20 (Limited Numbers)



A parent or guardian must be present at all times.

Free Kids Movie Days THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

MOVIES: SHOW DOGS
Tuesday 8 January 2019 / Rated PG
SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE
Thursday 10 January 2019 / Rated PG
SHERLOCK GNOMES
Tuesday 15 January 2019 / Rated G
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3
Tuesday 22 January 2019 / Rated PG

DOORS: 10am **SCREENING:** 10.30am

COST: Free Entry with Ticket from Club
reception or online at rwc.org.au



MOVIE DAY SPECIALS

\$1 Soft Drinks • \$5 Popcorn & Soft Drink Combo

Learn to Draw Workshop

When Thursday 17 January
Time 10.30am to 11.30am
(Doors 10.15am)
Where Whitlam Theatre
Age 6-12 years
Tickets \$15 per child

Pencils supplied
A parent or guardian must remain
in the room during the workshop



Empower | Inform | Teach

When Thursday 24 January
Time 10.30am to 11.30am (Doors 10.15am)
Where Whitlam Theatre
Age 5-12 years
Tickets \$18 per child (Limited Numbers)

A parent or guardian must remain
in the room during the workshop



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Sun 9 Dec, 7pm to 9pm

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Our Lady of Fatima, Catholic Church
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825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst

2ND MORTDALE SCOUT GROUP

Christmas Tree Sale*

With Santa and his motorbike visiting for a photo opportunity for all the family, including well behaved pets from 8am.

When: Saturday 15th December 2018, 7am until sold out
Where: 2nd Mortdale Scout Hall, 6 Gungah Bay Rd, Oatley

Trees: \$45 each pre-ordered & pre-paid to purchase on the day
\$70 each (pre-order only)
Tree stands: \$26 each (pre-order only)
Delivery: \$10 strictly within 5km radius of 2nd Mortdale Hall
Santa Photo: \$10 per family emailed to you
\$5 Greeting card (pick-up only)

How to order: <https://www.trybooking.com/7CIS>
Payment: Cash only to purchase on the day

Enquiries: 2ndmortdalescouts@gmail.com

Please note there will be a limited number of trees available on the day so we recommend pre-ordering.
All pre-orders need to be received and paid for by Thurs 6th December 2018.

*All Christmas trees are 210cm (7 foot) tall

Thank you for supporting 2nd Mortdale Scout Group

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SATURDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2018 COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Hosted by Comedy for a Cause

Enjoy a showcase of some of the best comedians from the Sydney and Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Help us raise funds for our local kids and leaders attending AJ2109 in South Australia in January 2019. Lucky Door Prizes, Raffles and games on the night (bring your gold coins).

Ticket sales: www.comedyforacause.net/MSG



Supporting our
kids and leaders
attending AJ2019

Saturday 8th
December 2018

Doors open 7pm for
an 8pm show

Mortdale RSL

25 Macquarie Place
Mortdale NSW 2223

Tickets: \$30 pp

Purchase online at:

www.comedyforacause.net/MSG

Limited tickets
available at the door

2nd Mortdale Scout
Group

6 Gungah Bay Road, Oatley NSW

Email: 2ndmortdalescouts@gmail.com

For event enquiries and prize donations contact
Jayne: 0405 718 838



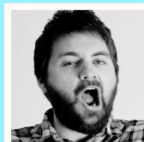
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Gary Eck

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, The Footy Show, Spicks & Specks
- Tropfest Winner, Aria Nominee, Writer of Happy Feet Two

"Spellbinding charm, sharp-witted lines coupled with an out-of-the-world sense of humour" - Time Out
"Totally original and clever...funny till it hurt" - Daily Telegraph



Seamus McAlary

- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Writer - 'Good News Week' and 'You're Skitting Me'
- One of Sydney's most sought after Emcees

"An astute and insightful writer... His material is superb" - The Daily Telegraph

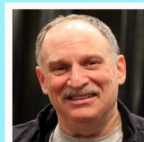


Mat Wakefield

- Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out
- Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out

"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage

"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope..." (Weekend Notes)



Peter Meisel

- Australian Comedy Legend
- Opening act for Robin Williams to Arj Barker and Will Anderson
- 'Midday Show', 'Good News Week'

"I've seen Peter Meisel...quite simply soar" - Revolver

Saturday 8 December 2018
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm
Mortdale RSL
25 Macquarie Place, Mortdale

**BOOK
NOW!**

Tickets: \$30 at
comedyforacause.net/MSG
(18+ only)

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

18 February | 25 February | 4 March | 11 March
18 March | 25 March | 1 April | 8 April 2019

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

