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Peakhurst South Public School

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



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TERM 4

WEEK 8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." **Walt Disney**

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Grandparents Day and 'Sculptures by the School'

Don't forget Grandparents Day and Sculptures by the School next Friday 14 December. The theme for Grandparents Day will be on Sustainability and will cover learning from across the year. We look forward to seeing all of the students' grandparents.

Presentation Day and 2018 Wrap Up

I would like to congratulate all of the students that were formally recognised for their achievements this year at Presentation Day. I also believe it is important to recognise and congratulate all 285 students that create Peakhurst South Public School. All students bring strengths to our school; whether it is in leadership, the creative arts, sport, the ability to problem solve, ICT, emotional regulation or social skills. We need to teach our students to recognise their strengths and respect these in themselves and each other. "Every face has a place." We need to teach our students to be resilient and not let fear stop them from taking risks or doing what they want in life. I myself was born with tongue tie and have always had speech problems and yet here I am being resilient and facing fear speaking before you as the principal of this school. We need to develop and build this in our students so that they continue to 'strive to excel.' Each student brings qualities that add to the classroom and school learning environment each and every day. Our role as educators is to recognise and build on those qualities.

2018 has been a positive and productive year full of endless achievements for our school. Highlights include:

- Code Camp project with students creating their own game from scratch
- All staff completing a 12 week grammar course in expanding our understanding in the teaching of language features and grammar in reading and writing
- Participating in the St George Performing Arts Festival and the Bankstown-East Hills Festival

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 9 - TERM 4

Mon 10 Dec	8.00am: Band Breakfast 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	Garden Produce Sale before school Grandparent's Day for 2018 Reports sent home Last Day Canteen open for 2018

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 17 Dec	Thank You Helpers Morning Tea
Wed 19 Dec	Picnic Day Final Day for 2018

- The Band winning Gold at the Engadine Band Festival
- The SRC led initiatives including crazy hair and hat day and the colour-run: raising \$10,000 for playground equipment: including outdoor table tennis tables, soft play items and further equipment for recess and lunch
- The Return and Earn program successfully supporting the adoption of our school koala, Blinky
- The introduction of 'Straw No More' in building our students understanding of the impact of plastic on marine life and how we can make a difference
- The introduction of Nude Food days which will expand next year
- Introduction of Mobile phone recycling and teaching students about the impact of mobile phone production on deforestation
- Ongoing work with Joanne Rossbridge, Literacy Consultant and the outstanding results of 67% of Year 3 students achieving in the top two bands in Writing in NAPLAN
- Introduction of new Spelling program with 61% of Year 3 students and 45% of Year 5 students scoring in the top 2 bands in NAPLAN

- 'Read for Australia' community read
- The introduction of mindfulness into classrooms
- Miss Jo joining our school as the new Student Wellbeing Support Officer
- The introduction of the Minilit Reading program
- Running parent sessions on spelling, resilience and high school transitions
- Having speech pathologists work in our school this year
- The Brave program being led by our school psychologist
- The successful Community Open Day
- The pin wall lining across two classrooms
- Introduction of online notes to minimise paper usage. Printing has dropped by 35% in our school.
- A number of sporting, academic and creative arts achievements including students representing the school at Regional and State levels.

We are a small school with a big spirit and it takes momentum from our whole school community to ensure the ongoing success of Peakhurst South Public School. The dedication from our teaching and office staff are what drives our school in continuing to deliver a high quality education to our students that offers a wide range of opportunities. We are blessed to have teachers that are willing to have early morning starts, late nights and the willingness to give up weekends to give our students a number of extra-curricular activities. It is often these experiences that provide the fondest memories of our primary school years. I would like to thank all of the teachers for their dedication and commitment to this year.

A common theme that people say when they enter the gates at Peakhurst South Public School, is the community spirit they feel. That is testament to the high number of parent/carers volunteers in our school. This year we have had approximately 100 volunteers throughout the year. Wow is all I can say and thank you! I would like to acknowledge our entire P&C for their commitment to working alongside me in helping drive our school vision. The partnership between the school and P&C and the ability to work together for the common good of our students really sets this school apart.

Jacob Rees-Mogg states "People coming together as a community can make things happen." Peakhurst South Public School demonstrates this theme through students, staff, parents and the wider community working together to achieve a common vision for our school. Everyone talks about the 3Rs but I believe in the 4R's of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic but most importantly Relationships. It is the relationships between peers, student to teacher, between teachers, between staff and the community that make a school. "Every face has a place."

Moving forward into 2019 our school will be introducing a new reading program starting with Kindergarten, the program has a stronger focus on comprehension. STEM based learning will have a greater emphasis with the introduction of the new Science and Technology Syllabus. As part of the PEAK Community of Practice we will be implementing Growth Mindset strategies as part of our connectedness project and we will continue our focus on writing instruction.

What we do well here at Peakhurst South is identifying educational trends and research and turning the theory into practice in ensuring our students are given the tools and knowledge they need now but also looking to their future. With 75% of jobs in the future requiring STEM skills, at Peakhurst South we are incorporating these strategies into the classroom. Linking scientific thinking, engineering, mathematical problem solving with technology. This will be evident next Friday at 'Sculptures by the School' where students have created sculptures using recycled and reusable materials. The sculptures incorporate the schools learning from the year in regards to environmental concerns. It has been impressive to witness primary aged students understanding that they can make a difference to their local and global environment through the choices and actions they make. I want to thank parents/carers for supporting the students in helping make the school straw free.

Our schools continued focus on building social and emotional skills is the driving force in ensuring that all of our students feel connected to our school and can strive and thrive through their learning. In building on this in 2019, Formative Assessment will be implemented across all classrooms, including goal setting, explicit feedback and learning intentions and success criteria. This is already occurring in the majority of our classes this year. This will further engage students and connect them with their learning.

I would like to personally thank everyone for their ongoing support and commitment in ensuring our vision becomes a reality. In creating and continuing to make Peakhurst South Public School a school of which we can all be proud!

It is exciting news for one of our teachers but sad news for Peakhurst South Public School that we see Mrs Bignell leave at the end of the year as she is moving to Lismore and has been successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position.

I always say that you can pick a great teacher and leader and I recognised this when I first employed Mrs Bignell at Peakhurst South as a temporary teacher 3 years ago. Since then she has gone onto becoming a permanent Classroom Teacher, Relieving Assistant Principal and now permanent Assistant Principal. Congratulations and all the best Mrs Bignell.

Thank you again for making 2018 a positive and outstanding year at Peakhurst South Public School.

"No one person changes the world. We together change the world."

Captains and Vice Captains

I would like to acknowledge Christian, Caitlin, Daniel and Liliana for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities as School Captains and Vice Captains. All four students upheld the school values throughout their time in leadership positions and often went above and beyond in their duties. It was a real pleasure working closely together throughout 2018.

Congratulations to the 2019 School Captains and Vice Captains on their nomination. I am sure they will do an outstanding job in leading our school next year. Congratulations Christopher and Lyla as the 2019 Captains and Riley and Ryleigh as the 2019 Vice-Captains.



Thank You Morning Tea - Monday 17 December, 11am

Every year I am always impressed by the high number of parent/carer/family/friends that volunteer in our school. From School Council, to P&C, to helping with reading, to turning sausages on the BBQ, to baking, to fairy floss making, to serving in the canteen, the band, uniform shop and the list goes on: these are all important jobs that make and continue to build the community spirit of Peakhurst South Public School. I thank every single one of you and I hope that you can attend the Thank You Morning Tea.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal



News from the Office

As you are aware, school staff are required to participate in professional learning sessions throughout the year. The final two days of Term 4 are set aside for staff development days. This year, staff have completed additional professional learning after school hours, which will replace the staff development days on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December. The last day of school for students and teachers for 2018 will be Wednesday 19 December. The office will be closed from Friday 21 December 2018.

PSSA Sport Season 3 Finals

Tomorrow sees the culmination of PSSA Sport for Season 3 for 2018. I'm pleased to be able to inform you that both the Junior and Senior Mixed Hockey teams have qualified for the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, our Girls Oz-Tag and Boys Cricket teams did not quite qualify for the semi-finals this season.

However, well done to all of our Season 3 PSSA teams for the way they have played throughout the season, and good luck to our Hockey teams on Friday.

Please note that Semi-Finals and Finals are an all-day event and both Hockey teams are departing school at the earlier time of 8:30am.

All players 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 Co-ordinator

STUDENT REPORTS

Important information – please read

Semester 2 reports are a report on your child's achievements in relation to the work studied during Semester 2 only. These reports **do not** relate back to Semester 1 reports, which reported on the work studied during Semester 1. The Semester 2 report **is not** a progress report from Semester 1. Therefore it is possible that a child could receive *High* for English in Semester 1 and *Sound* for English in Semester 2. This does not mean that your child has gone 'backwards'. It means that your child has not achieved the same level of skills, knowledge and understanding in relation to the Semester 2 work as they did for the Semester 1 work. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

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Group Photos

A reminder the 2018 sports/special photographs as listed below are now available. These can be viewed both online at:

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

and at the school in the front office.

School Online Code: 18S393EL39PS

If you wish to order photos please visit the website and order/pay online.

The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each

2 for \$30.00

3 for \$42.00

4 for \$52.00 or

5 for \$60.00

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

Name of Group	Name of Group
Captains	House Captains
SRC	Year 6
Year 6 FUN	Senior Mixed Newcombe Ball
Senior Mixed Hockey	Senior Girls Soccer
Senior Girls Oztag	Senior Girls Basketball
Senior Debating	Senior Boys Soccer
Senior Boys Oztag	Senior Boys Cricket
Senior Band	K-2 Dance (20 Students)
K-2 Dance (21 Students)	Junior Mixed Newcombe Ball
Junior Mixed Hockey	Junior Girls Soccer
Junior Girls Oztag	Junior Girls Basketball
Junior Debating	Junior Boys Soccer
Junior Boys Oztag	Junior Boys Cricket
Junior Band	Debating
Choir	AFL Girls
AFL Boys	3-6 Dance



Canteen

Term 4 - Weeks 8 & 9

Canteen Roster	
Friday 7/12	9.30-11.30 Vacant 11.00-2.30 Richelle B & Mel S
Monday 10/12	Vacant
Wednesday 12/12	Vacant
Friday 14/12	Special Service 11.00-1.00 Natasha V & Karen G
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

Next Friday 14 December will be the last canteen day for the year. We will not be taking orders for lunches but will be open with lots of snacks, drinks and ice blocks.

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

P&C

Grandparents Day

Thank you to the parents who have agreed to volunteer on the change of date - 14 December. For those who agreed to bake please ensure your cakes/slices are taken to the hall before the bell on Friday morning.

Mardi Haworth
P&C President

Uniform Shop

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

December 10 is the last day the Uniform Shop will be open for the year.

The last online order to be delivered to classrooms for 2018 will be Friday 14.

All orders placed online during the holidays will be available the afternoon of the first day back from 3.20-4.20pm.

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

Please send any enquiries by email to,
stephanie.cook29@det.nsw.edu.au

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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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: \$65 each pre-ordered & pre-paid
\$70 to purchase on the day

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.livbooking.com/7CJS>

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

Thanks you for supporting 2nd Mortdale Scout Group



Healthy * Active * Happy * Families

Join in the fun with **Go4Fun**. A free and fun healthy lifestyle program designed to help your family to become fitter, healthier and happier.

We are now taking registrations for **Term 1 2019** at **Mortdale Community Centre**.

Find out if your family is eligible by calling **1800 780 900** or **SMS 0409 745 645** for a call back.



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FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Hyundai A-League 2018/19 Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC Saturday 15 December, 7:50pm ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two foes go head to head!

As your school participated in this year's NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of football. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the steps below:

1. Simply go to the website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register their details
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to enter ANZ Stadium via the gate listed on their vouchers to sit in general admission seating.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 vouchers/tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.