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TERM 4

WEEK 9

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened."

**Dr Suess**

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the final newsletter for this year. I would like to begin by thanking the whole school community for your ongoing support throughout 2018. I feel privileged to lead this wonderful school and I look forward to 2019.

I believe it is timely to reflect on the hardwork and dedication of the teaching staff and office staff at Peakhurst South Public School. It is because of their commitment that the students at Peakhurst South PS are offered so many wonderful opportunities. It is because of their dedication that we have achieved so much this year.

I would also like to thank the School Council, P&C and sub committees for their commitment this year. The staff and I appreciate all that you do in helping build Peakhurst South Public School positively!

Thank you to the 100 parent/carer volunteers for your dedication and commitment throughout 2018. It has been greatly appreciated by all of the staff and students at our school. Thank you again to Mardi and the P&C Team for all of their fundraising efforts. This has led to pin-wall lining across two classrooms.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and New Year and I hope that you enjoy the festive season.

#### Grandparents Day

There has been a slight change to Grandparents Day for tomorrow due to the forecast of storms again. It will be as follows:

9.30am: Assembly in the Hall  
10.15am: Sculptures by the School  
11.00am – 11.45am: Morning Tea

The following will be for sale:

- Keep Cups: \$12
- Reusable Straws: \$15
- Sculptures: \$5

### CALENDAR DATES

#### WEEK 10 - TERM 4

Mon 17 Dec	11.00am - Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
Tues 18 Dec	
Wed 19 Dec	K-6 Picnic Day <b>Final day of school for 2018</b>
Thur 20 Dec	
Fri 21 Dec	

### UPCOMING DATES - 2019

Tues 29 Jan	School Development Day - <b>STAFF ONLY</b>
Wed 30 Jan	<b>First day Term 1 2019 for Years 1-6</b> Best Start - Kindergarten
Thurs 31 Jan	<b>Best Start - Kindergarten</b>
Fri 1 Feb	Best Start - Kindergarten
Mon 4 Feb	<b>Best Start - Kindergarten</b>
Tues 5 Feb	<b>First day Kindergarten 2019</b>

All money raised will go towards sustainability programs in our school.

#### Stage Classes for 2019

**Please note that the class compositions listed below are in draft form and it is possible that there could be changes between now and 2019 as enrolment numbers could slightly fluctuate.**

#### Kindergarten

3 x Kindergarten Classes

#### Stage 1 Classes

2 x Year 1 Classes  
1 x Year 1/2 Class  
2 x Year 2 Classes

#### Stage 2 and 3 Classes

1 x Year 3 Class  
1 x Year 3/4 Class  
1 x Year 4/5 Class  
2 x Year 5/6 classes

The teachers spend a lot of time forming the classes and placing students in the best class with the best possible teacher/s for them. Considering the time and effort placed into forming classes I cannot always guarantee requests for certain classes or teachers. The teachers and class order listed above are not in any particular order and the class and teacher order does not match up in anyway.

Please note that the classes are in draft form and may change between now and the beginning of the year. I welcome back Miss Raphael next year. I would also like to welcome Miss Rizzov and Miss Makelja who have been successful in gaining a temporary position through Expression of Interest. They will join us in the 2019 year.

### Years 6 Farewell

Congratulations on Year 6 2018, on a wonderful seven years at Peakhurst South Public School. You have been a terrific year group and I wish you all the best in high school and beyond. Please come back and visit us here at Peakhurst South Public School in the years to come. The Year 6 Farewell was a great way to finish off the year and celebrate 7 years of education.

*Natasha Eaton*

Ms Natasha Eaton

**Principal**

## Friday Assembly

### WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 4 Week 8	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total Points	24 - 1st	22 - 2nd	20 - 3rd

### CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 4 Week 8	5/6M
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## Reminder from the Office

- The last day of school for students and teachers for 2018 will be Wednesday 19 December.



- The office will be closed from and including Friday 21 December 2018.

## Peak Award Achievers

### KINDER

Xavier B	Base Camp
Imogen P	Level 1m
Jonas W	Base Camp
Abigail S	Level 1m
Bailey M	Base Camp
Zahra H	Base Camp
Evangelista R	Base Camp
Nicola D P	Base Camp
Lachlan S	Base Camp
Micah H	Level 1m
Niko J	Level 1m

### YEAR 2

Aiden C	Base Camp
Bailee-Kapri R	Base Camp

### YEAR 3

Tara Q	Level 6m
Victoria S	Level 5m
Ainsley P	Level 10m
Rhys L	Level 4m

### YEAR 4

Georgia V	Level 10m
Zara B	Level 8m
Isabella L	Base Camp, Levels 1m, 2m and 3m

### YEAR 5

Aaron F	Level 10m
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## End of Year Events

*Please put these important dates in your diary!*

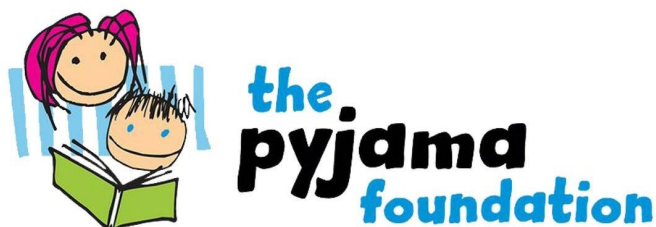
**Mon 17 Dec** Thank You Morning Tea

**Wed 19 Dec** **K-6 Picnic Day**  
Year 6 Graduation  
**Last day for students**

## SRC Report - 2018

This year the SRC, with the support of our school community has helped raise \$13,500 for the improvement of the playground with our two fundraisers – Crazy Head and Sock Day and The Colour Explosion.

Two outdoor table tennis tables and giant Lego bricks have been ordered for the playground. Ms Eaton is getting quotes for other playground equipment which we hope to order soon.



We also ran two fundraisers to raise money for charities – Pyjama Day to raise money for the Pyjama Foundation and Flannos for a Farmer to support farmers affected by the drought.

Year 6 learnt about the devastating effect of plastic, especially straws, on the environment and brought the issue to the SRC. With the support of the P&C and Jacinta in the canteen we pledged to become a Straw No More school.



Nude food days were also introduced once a term to help cut down on the amount of rubbish in the playground. This will continue next year on a weekly basis along with other sustainability and environmental projects. We also sponsored a koala, Blinky, with the money raised on Wildlife Wednesday and through the Return and Earn program.

The SRC members attended fortnightly meetings, read the school values and SRC reports in assembly and helped promote this year's fundraisers. In addition the school Captains and Vice Captains attended the Leadership by the River conferences where they presented the work the SRC has been doing to the other schools in our area.

Well done to the SRC for their fantastic efforts in 2018.

Mrs Bowden

## 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**

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC Gold and Silver certificates have only just arrived at school and we have unfortunately missed the last official whole school assembly to formally present these.

We will however, hand out all certificates before the end of term. Congratulations to the 47 students who completed the challenge.

Mrs Sharon Hart  
**PRC Coordinator**



## Garden Club



The garden produce sale will take place this **Friday morning (14 December) from 9:50 am** under the COLA.



## Canteen

### Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10

Canteen Roster	
Friday 14/12	<b>Special Service</b> <b>Open for Recess ONLY</b> 11.00 - 1.00pm Natasha V & Karen G
Monday 17/12	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 19/12	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
<b>MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm</b> <b>WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm</b> <b>FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm</b>	

The Canteen will be open on Friday **for the first break only**. We will not be taking lunch orders, but will have a variety of snacks, drinks and ice blocks available at recess for the students and grandparents to enjoy. Friday will be the last canteen day for the year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A special thank you to my helpers who are moving on from our school to high school, Anita K, Kylie R and Shelley M, who have helped me out above and beyond, I am going to miss you all terribly.

Jacinta Goodacre  
**Canteen Supervisor**

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop and online delivery has now closed. All orders can be collected on the following opening days in January:

- Wednesday 30 January
- Thursday 31 January
- Friday 1 February
- Monday 4 February

### From 3.20pm - 4.20pm

The Uniform Shop will then be opened every second Monday from 3.30pm - 4.20pm starting Week Three:

- Monday 11 February

### Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property, jackets and sloppy Joe's with no names are hanging on a clothing rack outside the Uniform Shop along with drink bottles, lunch boxes and containers. Whatever clothing is left will be sold as second hand clothing at the Shop and containers will be repurposed.

Stephanie Cook  
**Uniform Coordinator**

## P&C

### Grandparents Day

Thank you to the parents who made this last event for the year a success!

### Safe and restful holiday wishes

To our wonderful school community the P&C wish to thank you for supporting our endeavours across the year.

We have worked together to raise money and, more importantly, create community. We look forward to a bright 2019 and wish you all a safe and happy festive season with your loved ones.

Warm wishes & Merry Christmas.

Mardi Haworth  
**P&C President**

## Book Club

The last order of Book Club books has arrived and gone out to all the students at the end of last week. We hope you enjoy your orders from the catalogue over the holiday break. There were a few backorders. We will get these to the students as soon as they come in.

Thank you to our wonderful school community for the many orders over this year. Our school has earned and spent over \$2,500 worth of Scholastic credit vouchers through Book Club on resources requested by students and teachers for our Library and classrooms. That's a fabulous result from our school community.

It's so exciting being part of Book Club. We have very much enjoyed bringing you so many books throughout this year. It's fantastic to see so many students reading and enjoying all the things that are available through Book Club.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year for the return of Book Club with the first catalogue. Enjoy a happy and safe holiday, and maybe even relaxing with a good book along the way. I know I will be!

"I am part of everything that I have read." – Theodore Roosevelt

Bia Limberis and Careena Craven  
**Book Club Co-ordinators**

## Band

### Band Carols Night

Thank you to all our PSPS Families and Community for helping to make our Band Carols Night such a great success. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed a spectacular night of entertainment from our kids.

The band committee would like to thank the following people in particular:

- Mr Rae Forrester (Band Director): for teaching our kids many many Christmas carols and for supporting their love of music.
- Ms Liz Paul: our fabulous MC for the night.
- Daniel Galea: who set-up an awesome sound system to allow us to hear all the joyous music and singing. The night has never sounded better!
- Gabbi and Sara: for their beautiful performances
- All the PSPS Staff: thanks for your help preparing for the night! Your attendance was also appreciated!
- Ian Ludlam and the Sanders Noonan Team: thank you for your generous donation to the band and your help on the BBQ! Another example of a great community partnership.
- Church at the Peak: Thank you for running the fun games prior to the performances!
- Jocelyn and Stu: for lending their voices to the stage groups and leading the carols - this was very much appreciated!
- Santa and Mrs Claus: thanks for popping by PSPS to spread your joy in the festive season (and your candy canes!!)
- Maso's: for their donation of ice.
- All our parent volunteers on the night who helped to slice rolls, wash up, move chairs, serve food, sell tickets and everything else that happens behind the scenes. We couldn't have done it without you!

We look forward to bringing some new tunes to Peakhurst South in 2019!

**PSPS Band Committee**



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