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

7 FEBRUARY 2019

TERM 1

WEEK 2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." **Confucius**

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations and thank you in helping make 2019 a positive start to the school year. All classes are settled in and learning. The Kindergarten students had a smooth transition to school on Tuesday and all students have settled in well to big school. I would like to congratulate the Stage 3 buddies on supporting our newest students to the school. They are already demonstrating outstanding leadership capacity and being great role models to the younger students.



KDS settled and ready to learn



Off to a flying start in KW



Paper-chipping artwork

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 3

Mon 11 Feb	
Tues 12 Feb	Code Camp: Years 3 - 6
Wed 13 Feb	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meetings 3.30pm - 4.30pm } Code Camp: Years 3 - 6 6.00pm: P&C New Kindy and New Parents Welcome Night
Thurs 14 Feb	
Fri 15 Feb	9.30am - 11.20am: Years 3 - 6 PSSA Sport Trials

UPCOMING DATES

Tue 19 Feb	Code Camp: Years 3 - 6
Wed 20 Feb	Code Camp: Years 3 - 6 Scripture begins
Thurs 21 Feb	Meet the Teacher Information Evening: 5.00pm: Kindergarten 6.00pm: Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) 6.45pm: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) 7.30pm: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Fri 22 Feb	Years 1 - 6 Assembly PSSA Sport Season 1 Round 1 commences
Mon 25 Feb	Kindy begins full days and now finish at 3.20pm





Kindergarten meeting their buddies Day 1



KT doing terrific work at their desks

I was also very impressed with the Kindergarten lunchboxes, most students had nude food and healthy recess and lunch to help them with their learning. Well done parents/carers.

At school the past two weeks the students have been reminded about our School Values, Rules and Expectations. It always works best when parents/carers reinforce these messages at home in ensuring that all students are safe and respected at school.

School Uniform

Full school uniform is expected including a school hat and black shoes (unless it is sports day). Please ensure on arrival to school that you remind your child to wear their school hat.

School Values:

Respect, Integrity, Fairness, Cooperation, Excellence and Resilience

School Rules:

Demonstrate **Respect** for Others: Listen to others, speak nicely and be friendly and kind

Demonstrate **Respect** for property: Look after all property, wear school uniform with pride

Demonstrate **Excellence**: Always try your best, be proud of yourself and your school

Demonstrate **Integrity**: Tell the truth, make good choices, report problems to a teacher

Demonstrate **Cooperation** and **Fairness**: Work Together, Share, Play by the Rules

Demonstrate **Resilience**

Movement around the school – be mindful of others, their games and especially the younger children in the playground.

Most importantly '**Strive to Excel**' and do your best at school each and every single day.

Swimming Carnival

Just a reminder that the Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow (Friday 8 February) for students in Years 3 to 6 and Year 2 students that are turning eight and have consent to attend the carnival. Due to a fault at Peakhurst West Public School the carnival has been moved to Hurstville Aquatic Centre. Students will need to arrive prior to 9:15am when the buses are scheduled to depart. The first race will commence at 10am.

Welcome Evening

Every year the P&C hosts a Welcome Evening for our new Kindergarten families. The evening is for adults only and will be held in the School Library from 6pm next Wednesday 13 February. This is an opportunity for you to get to know other families in the school. Please RSVP through Care Monkey if you are able to attend the evening.

Meet the Teacher

The '**Meet the Teacher**' Evenings will be held on **Thursday 21 February** as follows:

Kindergarten: 5.00pm

Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2): 6.00pm

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4): 6.45pm

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6): 7.30pm

All sessions will be held in classrooms. I encourage all parents/carers to attend these sessions as it is valuable for you and your child. You will learn important routines, learning expectations and how students learn certain important concepts.

Planning Days

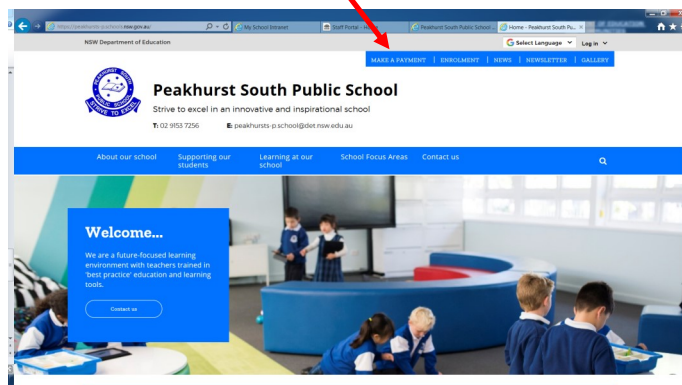
This week and next week the teachers have been involved in planning time at various times. It is vital that teachers are given dedicated time in creating effective teaching and learning programs for their classes. This year teachers are implementing the new Science and Technology Syllabus, redeveloping stage based mathematics scope and sequences and programs and reviewing the new PD/H/PE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) syllabus that is due for release in 2020.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
Principal

This facility is accessible via the school's website:
<https://peakhursts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Click **MAKE A PAYMENT** button at the top of the page which takes you to a secure Westpac payment page.



If a payment is made prior to 5.30pm, it will appear in the school's bank account the next day. Any payments made after **5.30pm** will appear two days later.

If a parent wishes to make a payment for more than one child in the same transaction, complete the payment details for the eldest child with the activity you wish to pay for, then add a tick next to **OTHER** type in the other student name and the cost.

PLEASE CHECK THE TOTAL PAYMENT AMOUNT before processing.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the EFTPOS or online facility please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Payments EFTPOS/credit card

Parents/carers are able to make payments for excursions, performances, voluntary contributions, PSSA etc by **EFTPOS/credit card**. The total minimum amount is **\$10**.

Please note that there is no cash out facility available.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any uniform or other items such as lunchboxes or drink bottles please see lost property which is located in the yellow cupboard outside the Uniform Shop.

Please label all clothing and items like lunchboxes and drink bottles with your child's name. This makes it easier for us to help return lost items to their classroom as quickly as possible.

Mrs K Bowcock
School Administration Manager

Stage 1 Sport

Stage 1 sport (Years 1 and 2) will be held on Thursday morning this term, starting from next week. Please ensure your child is wearing their sport uniform on a Thursday.

Stage 1 Teachers

From the Office			
Grade	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
Yr 3 - 6	Swimming Carnival	\$11.00	OVERDUE
K - 6	School Fees	Various	19/02/2019

From the Office

Resources

Beginning of the year fees need to be **PAID IN FULL** before resources can be handed out and online subscriptions activated.

These fees are due no later than:

- Tuesday 19 February 2019**

Payments cash or cheque

Payments are to be placed in an envelope with the:

- name of the child and class
- \$ amount
- payment description

This envelope then goes into the SILVER BOX in the front office.

These payments will be processed during the day and then a receipt will be given to your child's teacher to be handed out. Alternatively, you can pay online or in person by credit card and EFTPOS.

Payments online

Parents/carers are also able to make payments for excursions, performances, voluntary contributions, PSSA etc **online**.

SRC 2019

Each year, classes from Years **2-6** choose two students to be representatives on the Peakhurst South Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC represents students and promotes their views and participation in school decision making. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills in leadership and communication and to further demonstrate responsibility.

This year interested students will be preparing and presenting a short impromptu speech to their class in Week 3 following a class discussion about leadership, the role of the SRC and the characteristics required to be a good SRC leader. After listening to all speeches, classes then vote via a secret ballot. The representatives are determined by the most number of votes.

Elected students will be presented with badges at assembly on Friday 22 February.

Tara Bowden
SRC Coordinator

Communicating with the school

- First point of contact for matters relating to your child is:
 - your **child's class teacher**, then
 - the **Assistant Principal** for the Stage, then
 - the **Principal**.
- If you need to meet with a teacher, Assistant Principal or the Principal, please make an appointment so a special time can be set aside for you.
- This year whole staff meetings are held on Wednesdays 8.45am–9.15am and 3.30pm–4.30pm. Consequently, the staff will not be available to meet with parents at these times on Wednesdays unless it is an urgent matter that cannot wait.
- Matters relating to school programs, eg sport, would normally be referred to the teacher or executive managing that program.
- In some cases, eg the band, matters may need to be referred to the P&C.
- Two other avenues parents have for seeking assistance are the P&C and the School Council. Both these groups have parent members and they may be able to help you if required.
- You may raise an issue through a letter, email or phone call, or request an appointment to discuss it.

CareMonkey

All notes are sent home via CareMonkey, it is imperative that you **check your emails daily**, this will ensure that you do not miss any notes or information being sent home.

If permission, responses to questions or a signature is required they can be answered on your smart phone or device.

Reminder emails will be sent to you until you respond.

If a signature is required giving your child/ren permission to attend an incursion/excursion or other event a signature box will appear. **You must sign this box to give your child/ren permission to attend.**



Parking

There are ongoing concerns with parking around our school.

- The two school car parks are **STRICTLY** for staff use **ONLY**. Parents are **NOT** to use the car parks for any purpose, especially not for dropping off or picking up children. (Unless it has been approved by the Principal).
- The car parks are not for people. **DO NOT** walk through the car parks. All students and parents are to use the pedestrian gates only.
- Obey the parking signs in the streets and only park legally. Police monitor the streets before and after school.
- Please do not park across driveways.

These rules are to ensure the safety of your children. Please help us to keep them safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

At the end of the day...

SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that if you are on the school grounds after 3.20pm, your children are in your care and there is no formal school supervision.

Therefore **PARENTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN PROMPTLY** at the end of the day. If you are running late, a phone call to the office to let us and your child know can prevent tears. If your child makes their own way home after school,

PLEASE REMIND THEM TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS PROMPTLY AFTER LESSONS FINISH AT 3.20PM.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Student health care

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health and contact details

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school.

Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents in writing.

Please contact the office and we will prepare appropriate documentation for you and your child/ren's medical practitioners to complete with regard to your child/ren's medical condition.

This information will be used by the Principal to formulate a Health Care Plan. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

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School Uniform

Black Shoes

Parents/carers please ensure your children wear the correct school footwear when coming to school.

Our school's pledge states "I will wear my uniform with pride." This includes the correct school footwear. Students are expected to wear black shoes unless it is sports day. This is the requirement under our school uniform policy that was agreed on by the school community. I am happy for students to wear black joggers (as long as they are entirely black). It shows pride in Peakhurst South Public School when all of our students wear the correct school uniform. Can you please support the school in ensuring that your child/ren wear the full school uniform, including black school shoes. **Orange, pink, yellow and purple shoes etc. are not part of our school uniform.**

Examples of acceptable footwear as part of our school uniform.



Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

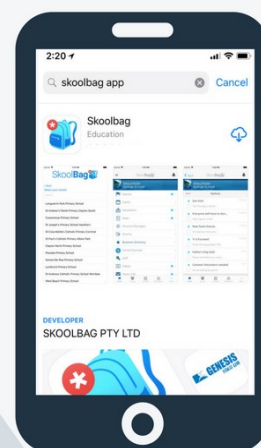


The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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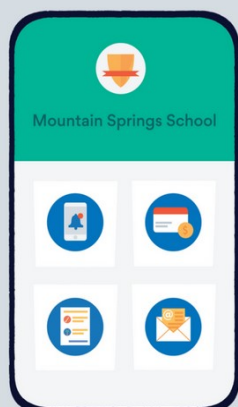
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SkoolBag

P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 1 Weeks 2 & 3

Canteen Roster	
Fri 8/2	Swimming Carnival Years 3 - 6: PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> ORDER K - 2: Canteen open for recess and lunch
Mon 11/2	Hoda S
Wed 13/2	Vacant
Fri 15/2	Jayne H and 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	

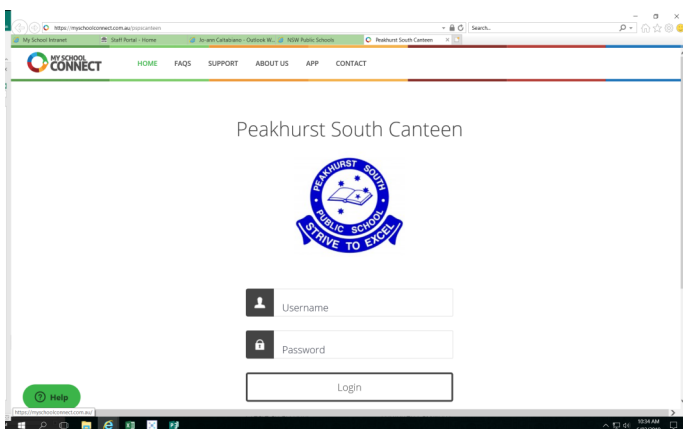
Welcome back. The canteen has a new menu this year that was emailed home via the CareMonkey App last week. If anyone needs a paper copy please pick one up from the canteen.

Many of our wonderful canteen helpers have moved onto High School and we are in need of lots of new helpers. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays all have vacancies. Please drop by the canteen and see Jacinta and we will organise a day that suits you. Please remember we cannot operate without volunteers (and your child/ren will love seeing you at school).

Payment for lunch orders can be made by placing cash in a paper bag with your child/ren's name, class and lunch order written on the front.

Alternatively, you can also order recess and lunch online through the Myschoolconnect App at:

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



Orders do have to be by 10.00am, but can be placed at any time....you can even order ahead!

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday fortnightly after school from **3:20pm - 4:20pm starting Monday 18 February.**

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

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

Online orders will be delivered to your child's classroom each Friday.



We are looking for volunteers to help in the Uniform Shop, if you are interested and can spare an hour in the afternoon please drop in to see me on the opening days.

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&C

Welcome Back

Just like that the long Summer is over! Welcome back to our PSPS family and an especially big warm welcome to all the new families joining us across the school. We look forward to meeting you all across the next few weeks. If you have any questions for the P&C please look out for us in the playground or you can contact me directly at mardicarmine@yahoo.com.au.

The exec are as follows:

Mardi Haworth - **President**
Jodie Horton - **Vice President**
Eleni Calavrias - **Vice President**
Alison Burns - **Treasurer**
Anita Aley - **Secretary**

Parent Grade Reps

All grades now have a parent rep to assist with communication about P&C and school events. Each grade will have a Facebook group for you to access and please find your rep and say hi!

The Grade Rep's are here to take any great ideas you might have to the P&C and to let us know of any concerns about events we run. They are not in place to discuss class formation or teachers. Any information around those areas is to be first directed to your child's class teacher as per the communication document sent home on CareMonkey last week.

P&C News and Information

Swimming Carnival

If you have kids participating in the swimming carnival we would love a few parents to help with handing out the long tube ice blocks to all our participants on the day.

If you can help please let me know at:

mardicarmine@yahoo.com.au.

Mardi Haworth
P&C President

PSPS Kindy Parent

Welcome Night

6.00pm Wed 13 Feb

School Library

join us for drinks & nibbles

rsvp via caremonkey note

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4 February 2019

Dear Peakhurst South Parents / Carers

Welcome to Scholastic Book Club for 2019

The Scholastic Book Club is designed as a valuable opportunity for you to purchase books for your children at great prices and help our School at the same time. For each order placed through the Book Club Scholastic will donate vouchers equal to 20% of our total order which we can then use for library and classroom resources.

Approximately twice each term a Scholastic catalogue for all age groups will be sent home with your child from school. Extra copies of the catalogue will be left in the Book Club tray in the School Office should there be a need for one.

You will usually have around a week to browse the catalogue to see if there is anything of interest to you and/or your children. Reminders about due dates will appear in the weekly school newsletter.

Ordering online is easy! Go to: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Scholastic now offer an easy to use online ordering and payment system. We prefer this method as it reduces paperwork and cash-handling. Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you are already registered enter your username and password to log in and then follow the prompts. If you haven't registered select 'Register' from the blue top options and follow the prompts. Books will be delivered to Peakhurst South Public School and we will arrange for delivery to your child's classroom. When ordering online you do not need to return order forms to the school.

You can still order books using the order forms at the back of the catalogue. If you choose this method you can make your payment by:

- Cash- correct amount please as no change can be given, or
- Cheque - made payable to Scholastic Australia.

Place your order forms and payment in an envelope marked "Book Club" with your child's name and class and leave it in the Book Club money collection box in the school office. Please note: *No form can be processed without full payment.*

Orders can take up to 2 weeks to be processed and books will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you are ordering books as gifts and do not want the books delivered to your child, please put a note in the Book Club tray before the due date for orders, including your phone number, and we will contact you directly to arrange collection.

Please be assured, there is no obligation or expectation to buy from these brochures, it is simply an offer you may like to use from time to time. If you have further questions or need more assistance, please feel free to approach us in the school grounds, or leave a note in the Book Club tray in the school office.

Happy reading and thank you for supporting our school through Book Club!

Careena Craven and Bia Limberis
Book Club Co-ordinators

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