

# news @ the heights

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

7 MARCH 2019

TERM 1

WEEK 6

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "Rise above the negative and float on with the positive!" **D Cruz Gonzales**

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

We are already midway through the term and there has been a lot of exciting lessons occurring across all classrooms. Kindergarten have settled in well to school routines and are already making progress in their understanding of syllables and phonemes. Stage 1 have been creating interesting fractured fairy-tales. I have enjoyed reading the students modified versions of the Three Little Pigs; including; The Three Little Penguins, The Three Little Bears and The Three Little Witches! Great work Stage 1! Stage 2 are currently learning fractions and how we can apply our knowledge of fractions to the real world. While Stage 3 are completing novel studies that contain complex themes. Well done to all classes!

#### Congratulations Riley and Lachlan

Congratulations to Riley B and Lachlan G on being selected to represent both Peakhurst South Public School and Georges River Zone at the Sydney East Region in Australian Football League (AFL). Riley has also been selected to represent both the school and the zone at Sydney East in Rugby League. A fantastic achievement for both of these hardworking students. Both students demonstrate outstanding skills and sportsmanship both on and off the field. Well done Riley and Lachlan.



#### Congratulations to our District Swimming Team

Well done and congratulations to all of the students that swam at the Georges River Zone Swimming Carnival on

### CALENDAR DATES

#### WEEK 7

Mon 11 Mar	
Tue 12 Mar	<b>Nude Food Day</b> <b>Code Camp: Years 3 - 6</b>
Wed 13 Mar	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meetings 3.30pm - 4.30pm }
Thur 14 Mar	<b>School Banking</b> <b>Peer Support</b>
Fri 15 Mar	<b>PSSA Season 1 Round 4</b>

#### UPCOMING DATES

Mon 18 Mar	<b>3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop</b> 7.15pm: School Council Meeting
Tue 19 Mar	<b>Nude Food Day</b> Code Camp: Years 3 - 6
Thur 21 Mar	<b>Peer Support</b>
Fri 22 Mar	2.35pm: School Assembly K - 6
Sat 23 Mar	<b>Election BBQ</b>

Tuesday. They represented Peakhurst South Public School with pride: demonstrating skills in the pool, supporting each other and demonstrating outstanding behaviour throughout the day. Overall Peakhurst South placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the District level and 2<sup>nd</sup> based on handicap scores (this is determined by school numbers).

#### A special Congratulations to the following students:

##### Christopher S

1<sup>st</sup> senior boys 100m Freestyle  
1<sup>st</sup> 12 years boys 50m Freestyle  
2<sup>nd</sup> senior boys 50m Backstroke  
1<sup>st</sup> senior boys 50m Breaststroke  
3<sup>rd</sup> Senior boys Butterfly  
1<sup>st</sup> Senior boys Medley

##### Jarvis S

3<sup>rd</sup> 10 years 50m Freestyle  
4<sup>th</sup> Junior boys Backstroke  
3<sup>rd</sup> Junior boys Breaststroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Junior boys Butterfly  
1<sup>st</sup> Junior boys Medley

### Joshua W

1<sup>st</sup> 11 years 50m Freestyle

2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years Backstroke

### Lyla B

4<sup>th</sup> 12 years girls 50m Freestyle

### Victoria S

4<sup>th</sup> Junior girls Breaststroke

4<sup>th</sup> Junior girls Medley

### Tara

4<sup>th</sup> Junior girls Butterfly



### After School

I would like to remind parents/carers again that after 3.20pm there is no teacher supervision and we encourage parents/carers to leave the school grounds as soon as possible after the bell.

**The school rules and expectations still apply after the 3.20pm bell.** Yesterday, it was reported that there were children riding bikes on school property and climbing poles. These are not acceptable behaviours on school grounds.

We ask, if a teacher asks your child/ren to stop doing such activities that you support the teacher. If you wish for your child to play for 10 – 15 minutes after the bell you need to ensure school rules are enforced and that your child/ren are within your eye-sight at all times.

The school playground is not a park. We often have students running noisily around the school, often disrupting important after school meetings without clear supervision from parents/carers.

There is a park in Whitegates Avenue and also Gannons Park in walking distance to the school. These are both great facilities for your children to use to burn off after school energy and socialise with their friends.

We thank you in advance in supporting the school.

### School Playground Rules

- Keep hands and feet to self
- Sticks and stones, stay on the ground
- Students are to remain in area at all times
- Listen and obey teacher instructions
- No running on the asphalt
- Only use appropriate equipment in designated areas
- No inappropriate language
- Respect the rights of others
- Play safely in the right place

### *Natasha Eaton*

Ms Natasha Eaton

**Principal**

### **SPORT RESULTS – Round 2 Date: 1 March 2019** **Touch Football**

	<b>PSPS</b>	<b>Penshurst West</b>
Junior Boys	10	0
Senior Boys	10	0

**Round 3 - 8/03** PSPS v Mortdale @ Peakhurst Park

### **Cricket**

	<b>PSPS</b>	<b>Penshurst</b>
Junior Girls	82	54
Senior Girls	108	98

**Round 3 - 8/03** PSPS v BYE

### **AFL**

	<b>PSPS</b>	<b>Oatley West</b>
Girls	20	37
Boys	49	33

**Round 3 - 8/03** PSPS v Beverly Hills @ Olds Park

## **Stewart House**

Students will be bringing home an envelope for the Stewart House Donation Drive 2019.

**Donate at least \$2.00 for a chance to win a \$4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY.**

**Envelopes must be returned for Stewart House by Wednesday 22 May 2019.**

### **Important Information**

The winning entry for the \$4,000 family holiday to a destination of choice will be drawn on Friday 31 May 2019 at 12.00pm. The winner will be contacted by phone and email.

Full terms and conditions for the competition are available on the Stewart House website:

[www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au)



## News From the Learning Support Team



In 2019 the school will again be implementing the **'MultiLit' Reading Tutor program**. We are **calling for parent volunteers** to support this program. MultiLit works best if students are tutored at least four times per week. We are not expecting parents to attend four tutoring sessions a week, but we are hoping to have parents available across four to five days of the week to ensure each selected student receives 4 tutoring sessions. MultiLit is a reading based program, it looks at sounds, sight words (tricky words) and reading instruction.

It is vital that parents who support this program are trained in the methodology in ensuring that the program runs effectively. Parents who were trained in 2017 or 2018 do not need to re-train as a MultiLit tutor; however any new parents who would like to support this initiative will require training. The training lasts for approximately two and a half hours and will be conducted by Miss Cole and Mrs Hart. Details regarding the training dates and times are on the attached Expression of Interest Form.

If you are interested in becoming a 'MultiLit' Reading tutor the 2019 MultiLit Expression of Interest form is attached to this newsletter. Please note, to determine the exact number of training sessions we will offer and the number of students who may participate in this program, the **Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to the school office by Friday 22 March**.

If you would like to find out more before volunteering please feel free to have a chat with Miss Cole or Mrs Hart. A confirmation letter in regards to the training details will be distributed once all expressions of interest have been collated.

Miss Cole & Mrs Hart  
Learning & Support AP & Teacher

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/PeakhurstSouthPublicSchool/>

### Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/peakhurstsouth/?hl=en>

### Twitter

<https://twitter.com/PeakhurstSouth>



## District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, Peakhurst South students took part in the district swimming carnival at Bexley Aquatic Centre. We travelled there by bus and picked up Penshurst West Public school on the way. Once we got there we found our seats and it was time for the all age boys and girls 100m freestyle, which Christopher, Jarvis and Victoria competed in. Christopher and Jarvis came first which was fantastic and Victoria did a great job too.

After the hundred metre event was the 50m freestyle and everyone had a great swim. Students that placed included Josh W, Christopher S and Lyla B as our only year 6 girl on the day. The other 50m races included breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

Now it was time for the relay and our teams did a great job. The Senior Boys' came third, and all other teams tried their best.

After all that excitement, it was time for the really hard races. The 200m individual medley. We had some tough competition, but one of our super swimmers Christopher came an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> in that very hard event.

At the end of the day, some of our students went to talk to their friends from other schools, like Lugarno. We were all very tired and needed a nap, but had just enough energy to pack up our area and go home.

We would like to say good job to Mrs Paul for standing in the hot sun all day and organising our students and timing the races. Thanks also to Miss Makelja for making sure that we didn't miss any races and to her junior assistant Lyla. We all had a great day.

## WOULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?

Several students at our school are highly **ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS** and other nut products, eg peanut butter, Nutella, etc. If these students come in contact with these foods they will have an **anaphylactic reaction**, which may be **life threatening**.

Our school has developed a number of strategies to help provide a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, including seeking community support. For the safety and welfare of all our students, we request that parents **do not** send peanut butter, Nutella or whole nuts to school in children's lunches. Thank you for your support in protecting our students.



# Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an initiative of the state government and is available for all N.S.W. school students from Kindergarten to Year 9.



The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

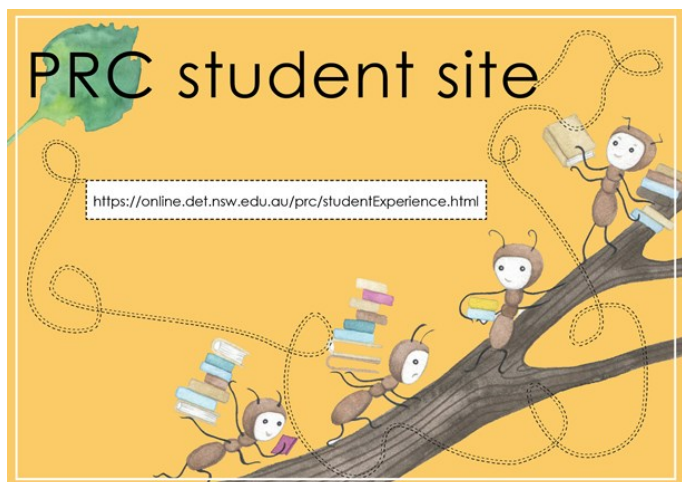
The Premiers Reading Challenge opened on **4 March 2019**.

**You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 30 August 2019 (11.59pm) to complete the Challenge.**

Your child must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	No. of books you must read	Min. no. of PRC books	Max no. of personal choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K - 2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3 - 4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5 - 6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

**How do students log in to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website?**



On the PRC website homepage, click on the NEW STUDENT SITE image.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

It will take you to the PRC student site. Then click on LOGIN in the top right hand corner. This will take you to the NSW Department of Education portal login page, students need to enter their username and password here:

**If you do not know your username or password for the PRC website, please see the PRC Coordinator at your school, or ask your teacher to help you find out your login details.**

## Public School Students

A link to the Premier's Reading Challenge website can be found in the [Student Portal](#) under the **Learning** section. Students are also able to add a link to the PRC in the **My Link List** section to make the PRC easier to find. The URL to use is <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>.

Public school students can also log in directly to the [PRC website](#) using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password. These are the same details a student would use to access the [Student Portal](#) and the computer network at school. If you are unaware of your username and/or password, please contact your class teacher and ask for your Student Portal username and/or password.

In our Library all books in the Premier's Reading Challenge are marked with stickers to make it easy for children to choose books.



If you have any queries please see Mr Ellerington the librarian.

## From the Office

### Emergency Contact Details Report

Last week we sent home a blue Student **Emergency Contact Details Report** with your child/ren.

Can you please return this form with or without any changes to the school office as soon as possible.

### Statements of Account

**Statements of Account** have also been sent home. Thank you to all our parents/carers who have already made payments towards their school contributions.

Mrs Karen Bowcock  
School Admin Manager

## Payments Due

Grade	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
Yr 3 - 6	Swimming Carnival	\$11.00	OVERDUE
Kinder	School Fees	\$150.00	OVERDUE
Yr 1 & 2	School Fees Textbooks	\$160.00 + \$13.00	OVERDUE
Yr 3 & 4	School Fees Textbooks	\$147.50 + \$25.00	OVERDUE
Yr 5 & 6	School Fees Textbooks	\$136.50 + \$25.00	OVERDUE
Yr 3 - 6	PSSA Sport	\$55.00	8/03/2019
Yr 5 & 6	Canberra & Snow Excursion Deposit	\$80.00	12/04/2019

## OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open  
from 8.45am to 3.45pm.



## No Smoking

At Peakhurst South Public School we do not permit parents, carers or visitors to smoke in any school buildings, enclosed area or on school grounds. This includes all buildings, gardens, sports fields, cars and car parks in accordance with the **Smoke Free Environment Act 2000**.

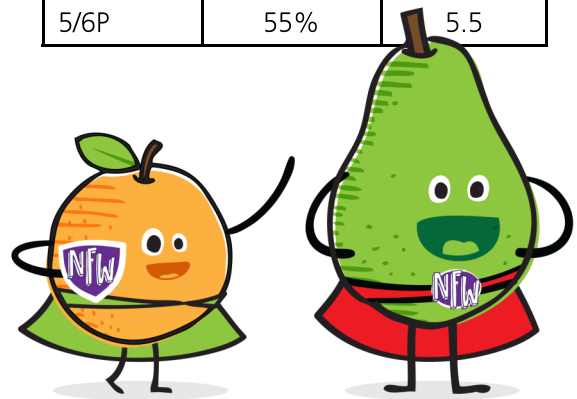


## SRC Report

### Nude Food Tuesday

Nude Food Tuesday has started! Every Tuesday students are asked to bring nude food to school. At the end of the term the class with the highest cumulative total will receive a prize. This week's results:

Class	Week 6 Percentage	Total
KW	70%	7
KT	79%	7.9
<b>KDS</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>9.5</b>
1R	55%	5.5
1JB	90%	9
1/2M	40%	4
2R	72%	7.2
2B	72%	7.2
3M	67%	6.7
3/4M	79%	7.9
4/5T	39%	3.9
5/6C	50%	5
5/6P	55%	5.5



Congratulations to **KDS** who had the highest percentage this week with **95%** of students bringing nude food.

### Schools Clean Up Day

On Friday all classes participated in Schools Clean Up Day and created a tally of the types of rubbish found. An amazing amount of rubbish was collected and the SRC will be analysing the results and coming up with ideas on how to cut down on rubbish.



Mrs Bowden and the SRC

## P&C News and Information

### Canteen

Term 1 Weeks 6 & 7

Canteen Roster	
Friday 8/3	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 11/3	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 13/3	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 15/3	<b>CLOSED</b>
MON & WED: AD = All Day 9:30am–2:00pm AM = 9:30am–11:45am; PM = 11:15am–2:00pm FRI: AD = All Day 9:20am–12:30pm	

The canteen will re-open on Monday 18 March 2019.

Idy Washbourn  
Canteen Supervisor

For online orders you can leave a bag clearly labelled with your child's name in a box in the yellow lost property cupboard.



If you have 30mins to help with the initial rush in the shop at 3.20pm please come down.

Stephanie Cook  
Uniform Coordinator



### Uniform Shop

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

The next opening days will be:

- **Monday 18 March:** 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- **Monday 1 April:** 3.20pm - 4.20pm

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](mailto: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.





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## PENSHURST RSL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

### PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE OR LEAGUE TAG

#### GIRLS & BOYS TEAMS

2019 Registrations  
open

Rego Days - Saturdays - February 9, 16 and 23  
10am - 1pm - H.V. Evatt Park Canteen

Contact us on  
**0487 375 768**

HOME GROUND  
HV EVATT PARK, LUGARNO

Visit : [www.penshurstfooty.org](http://www.penshurstfooty.org)



## CLUB RIVERS STREET FAIR

SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019  
9AM - 3PM

FREE ENTERTAINMENT & RIDES FOR KIDS!  
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Dear Principals, Music teachers and Band directors.

The Conservatorium High School would like to inform your talented music students that:

### AUDITIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2020

Application to AUDITION for Con High entering 2020 are now open.

Go to <https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au>

APPLY tab then 2020 Entry Application.

Closing date for registration is 7th June 2019.

