

# news @ the heights

## Peakhurst South Public School

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



Pindari Road  
Peakhurst Heights NSW 2210  
T 02 9153 7256  
F 02 9584 1468  
E [peakhursts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peakhursts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
W <https://peakhursts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

21 MARCH 2019

TERM 1

WEEK 8

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet."  
**Gandhi**

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

#### St George Principals Conference

This is just a reminder that I am currently attending the St George Principals Conference on the theme of 'Collective Teacher Efficacy.' While I am off-site Mr Cohen and Miss Cole are in charge of the school site.

#### Congratulations Mr James Mee

Congratulations Mr Mee on your permanent appointment to Peakhurst South Public School following a Merit Selection process of written application, referee checks and interview.

Mr Mee has been working at Peakhurst South Public School for the past two years as a temporary classroom teacher. He has a long career in education having taught in a variety of public and independent school settings in both London and Sydney.

Mr Mee has been invaluable to the school. He has taken a lead role in implementing the new Science and Technology Syllabus, mentoring and supporting teachers new to the school as well as leading debating, coding club and Georges River PSSA Girls Soccer Convenor.

Most importantly he is an exemplary classroom teacher with the capacity to inspire and engage all students in his classroom. We welcome Mr Mee as a permanent member of the PSPS Team.



### CALENDAR DATES

#### WEEK 9

Mon 25 Mar	Debating Program Try-Out
Tue 26 Mar	<b>Nude Food Day</b> <b>Code Camp: Years 3 - 6</b> 3.30pm - 6.30pm: Staff Professional Learning Event
Wed 27 Mar	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meetings 3.30pm - 4.30pm } <b>7.30pm: P&amp;C Meeting</b>
Thur 28 Mar	<b>School Banking</b> <b>Peer Support</b> <b>3.00pm - 4.00pm: Lego Robotics</b>
Fri 29 Mar	<b>PSSA Season 1 Round 6</b>

### UPCOMING DATES

Mon 1 Apr	NAPLAN Practice Test - Years 3 & 5 <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop</b>
2 Apr	Ice Cream Day
1 - 5 Apr	<b>Parent Teacher Meetings</b>
Mon 8 Apr	Cross Country Carnival
Thurs 11 Apr	<b>K-2 Easter Hat Parade</b>
Friday 12 Apr	ANZAC Day Assembly <b>Last Day Term 1</b>
Tues 30 Apr	Students return for Term 2

### Growth Mindset

Next Tuesday 26 March the staff will be attending a Twilight Professional Learning session at GRC Peakhurst on 'Growth Mindset.' The Peakhurst South Public School staff will be working with our PEAK Community of Practice; including; Peakhurst PS, Peakhurst West PS, GRC Peakhurst and Lugarno PS. The aim is to develop a Growth Mindset in our students.

Dr. Dweck coined the terms fixed mindset and growth mindset to describe the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence.

When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement.

If you believe your brain can grow, you behave differently. So the researchers asked, "**Can we change mindsets? And if so, how?**" This began a series of interventions and studies that prove we can indeed change a person's mindset from fixed to growth, and when we do, it leads to increased motivation and achievement.

Another component of the research centres on teacher feedback and praise. You can even think about this when praising your child at home. In addition to teaching kids about malleable intelligence, researchers started noticing that **teacher practice** has a big impact on student mindset, and the feedback that teachers give their students can either encourage a child to choose a challenge and increase achievement or look for an easy way out.

For example, studies on different kinds of praise have shown that telling children they are smart encourages a fixed mindset, whereas praising hard work and effort cultivates a growth mindset. When students have a growth mindset, they take on challenges and learn from them, therefore increasing their abilities and achievement.

The Impact of Praise on Performance After a Failure



### Parent Teacher Interviews

The parent teacher interviews for Week 10 of this term are booking quickly. **The booking system will close next Friday 29 March at 3:30pm.** The only way to make a booking is online through the school interview website. If you are unable to access a computer you will need to make a booking through the school office. These meetings are important for setting up the foundation for your child's educational journey with their current classroom teacher/s.

To make a booking online:

Go to:

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

and follow these simple instructions.

Enter code... **eqjtp**

**Go**

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelt your email address correctly**

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on **Friday 29 March at 3:30pm**

### Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival

Christopher S, Jarvis S and Joshua W attended the Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday night at Homebush Swimming Centre. All students represented both the school and the Georges River zone and tried their best in all events.



We would like to congratulate them on their huge achievement of reaching the Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival level and on their fantastic effort representing Peakhurst South PS proudly with great sportsmanship.

*Natasha Eaton*

Ms Natasha Eaton  
**Principal**

## SPORT RESULTS – Round 4 Date: 15 March 2019 Touch Football - Wash Out

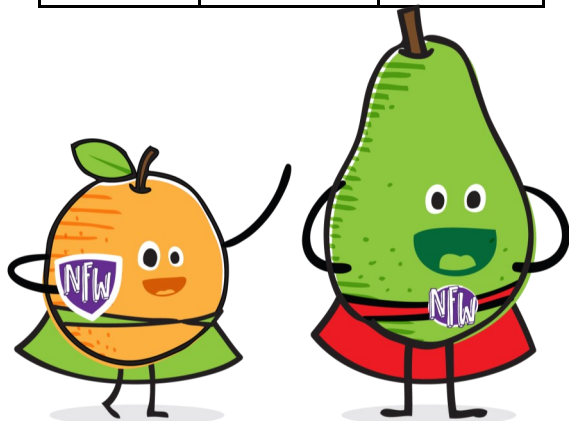
	PSPS	Beverly Hills
Round 5 - 22/3	PSPS v Kingsgrove @ Peakhurst Park	
Cricket - Wash Out		
	PSPS	Oatley West
Round 5 - 22/3	PSPS v Oatley @ Gannons Park	
AFL - Wash Out		
	PSPS	Narwee
Round 5 - 22/3	PSPS v Peakhurst West @ Olds Park	

## SRC Report

### Nude Food Tuesday

This week most classes have had an increase in the number of students bringing in Nude Food. 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 8 Percentage	Total
KW	90%	23
KT	83%	25
KDS	79%	24.9
1R	84%	19.4
1JB	50%	19
1/2M	70%	15
2R	60%	18.9
2B	71%	21.7
3M	57%	16.2
3/4M	63%	19.9
4/5T	64%	16
5/6C	63%	17
5/6P	53%	14.3



Congratulations to **KW** who had the highest percentage this week with **90%** of students bringing nude food.

**KT is now in the lead overall.**

## News from the Learning Support Team

As previously advised the school will again be implementing the **'MultiLit' Reading Tutor program in 2019**. We are **calling for parent volunteers** to support this program. The program cannot run without sufficient volunteers to support students across 4 sessions per week. 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. **It is essential that tutors are proficient English speakers to train in the methodology and implement this program.**

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.

**The Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.**

Miss Cole & Mrs Hart  
**Learning & Support AP & Teacher**

### Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Each student will bring home a bag for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal. If you need extra bags, spares may be available at the school office otherwise please use an ordinary garbage bag of the same size.

**All bags must be returned to under C Block** (near the yellow lost property cupboard) **for collection by Tuesday 30 April 2019.**



### Stewart House Donation Drive

A reminder that envelopes for the Stewart House 2019 Donation Drive have been sent home with students.

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



**Envelopes must be returned by Wednesday 22 May 2019.**

# Enrichment Groups

## Stage 1 Project

Stage 1 are planning, designing and decorating a scarecrow for the garden area. This project was developed because last year we had some birds nesting in the school garden which meant that our Garden Club couldn't operate for 2 months. Stage 1 decided the scarecrow must be water proof, scary, noisy and colourful. The scarecrow is made from 100% recycled materials and donations from local businesses. We would like to thank Mr Temple (our school GA) for sourcing the wood and creating the base of our scarecrow. A big thank you to Crockers Paint and Wallpaper in Miranda for kindly donating paint. The Stage 1 enrichment group have been practicing their 5 C's which are communicating, collaborating, cooperating, critical thinking and creating whilst completing this project.

## Stage 2 Project

Stage 2 have completed their first project which was to obtain 20 bags of mushroom compost from Bunnings. Their persuasive letters were successful and we would like to thank Bunnings for their donation. The second project for Stage 2 is to plan, design and create some worm towers that will reflect our awareness and respect for indigenous cultures whilst adding essential organic nutrients to the garden beds. Again a big thank you to Crockers Paint and Wallpaper in Miranda for kindly donating paint.

## Stage 3 Project

Stage 3 have impressed me with their dedication and hard work each week. Their task was to create a solution to the water run off problem which arises after heavy rain. Excess water runs down the oval and washes away, dirt and mulch from our garden area. Using the 5 C's Stage 3 came up with the idea to build a 'berm' (a small hill). They spent some time researching and have written a procedure for how to achieve this. Each week Stage 3 have come closer to completing their project and then the real test will come with our next heavy rain!

It is a pleasure to watch all of these students working together and feeling a sense of pride as their projects near completion. It is a good idea for students involved in the enrichment program to wear their oldest uniforms on Monday.

Mrs Buchly

**Environmental Enrichment Teacher (Monday)**



## Kindergarten 2020

Kindergarten Enrolment Packs are now available from the school office.

If you have a child starting **Kindergarten in 2020** it is now time to lodge their application for enrolment.

If you know of any children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2020 let them know they can organise an appointment with the Principal and pick up an Enrolment Pack from the office.



## From the Office

### Emergency Contact Details Report

Don't forget to return your 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.

### Foreign Coins

Please **do not send foreign coins to school** for payment, especially for fundraising events, eg. Wildlife Wednesday. These coins are not accepted by our bank.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Karen Bowcock  
**School Admin Manager**

## Facebook

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

## Instagram

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

## Twitter

<https://twitter.com/PeakhurstSouth>



## Payments Due

Grade	Event	Payment Amount	Date Due
Yr 3 - 6	Swimming Carnival	\$11.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Kinder	School Fees	\$150.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Yr 1 & 2	<b>School Fees</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
	<b>Textbooks</b>	<b>+ \$13.00</b>	
Yr 3 & 4	School Fees	\$147.50	<b>OVERDUE</b>
	Textbooks	+ \$25.00	
Yr 5 & 6	<b>School Fees</b>	<b>\$136.50</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
	<b>Textbooks</b>	<b>+ \$25.00</b>	
Yr 3 - 6	PSSA Sport	\$55.00	<b>OVERDUE</b>
Yr 5 & 6	<b>Canberra &amp; Snow Deposit</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>12/04/2019</b>
Yr 3 - 6	<b>Got Game</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>12/04/2019</b>

## SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that if you are on the school grounds after 3.20pm, your children are in your care as there is no formal supervision after 3.20pm, **PARENTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN PROMPTLY** at the end of the day. We also ask that **you move away from the blue court as this is used for OOSH (after school care).**

If you are running late, a phone call to the office to let us and your child know can prevent fears. 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.

Please be aware of the **OPENING HOURS OF OUR SCHOOL** and when **TEACHER SUPERVISION** is available.

School hours	9.20am - 3.20pm
Teacher supervision	8.50am - 3.20pm
Office hours	8.45am - 3.45pm

# P&C News and Information

## Canteen

### Term 1 Weeks 8 & 9

Canteen Roster	
Monday 25/3	10.00am: Daryll 11.00am: Hoda
Wednesday 27/3	9.00am - 12.00pm: Lily S 12.00pm - 2.30pm: Nina
Friday 29/3	10.00am: Sophie P <b>10:00am: Vacant</b>
Monday 1/4	<b>10:00am: Vacant</b>
Wednesday 3/4	<b>10:00am: Vacant</b>
Friday 29/3	10.00am: Carol B <b>10:00am: Vacant</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	

Hello lovely parents/carers and grandparents

Still many vacant spots in the canteen so if you have a spare few hours, please come down and lend a hand.

Idy Washbourn

**Canteen Manager**

## P&C

### Cross Country

The P&C are holding a Sausage Sizzle at the Cross-Country Fun Run at Gannons Park on **Monday 8 April 2019**.

Children will be able to buy a sausage after they have run their race. Parents, carers, family and friends are also able to buy on the day.

We are using a pre-order/pre-pay system for Kindergarten **ONLY**. This note will be sent home soon.

**All other children will be required to bring cash on the day.** Please try to send your child with exact money.

**NOTE:** Sausages are dairy, nut and gluten free and Halal.

**Sausage on bread: \$2.50 each**  
**Drinks: \$1.50 each**

### Calling BBQ Volunteers

If you can help cook and/or serve on the day, please let us know by filling out the CareMonkey form by Tuesday 2 April. We will contact you with your rostered time a few days before the event. THANK YOU!

Mardi Haworth

**P&C President**

## VOLUNTEER



## Uniform Shop

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

The next opening day will be

- **Monday 1 April (last day for Term 1)**

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.

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 3.20 please come down.**

Stephanie Cook

**Uniform Shop Coordinator**

# PS: Advertising

*The inclusion of any advertising does not constitute or imply endorsement, sponsorship or recommendation thereof by Peakhurst South Public School.*



## MIRANDA / SYLVANIA



Located in the Sutherland Shire for over 35 years we have recently moved from Central Road Miranda into our new Box Road store. Boasting a huge [wallpaper](#) showroom upstairs, we service both trade and retail in all painting and wallpapering products. An authorised Haymes Paint trade depot. Home also to the beautiful new art space available for local artists to use FREE of charge. Please contact [The Art Passage](#) for artist enquiries.

# PS: Advertising

*The inclusion of any advertising does not constitute or imply endorsement, sponsorship or recommendation thereof by Peakhurst South Public School.*

## VARIETY EASTER FUN DAY



Come enjoy a free day of fun, music and entertainment for the whole family at the Variety Easter Fun Day, as part of the Sydney Family Show.

Packed with activities and entertainment for kids of all abilities, performances from Rachel Coopes and Teo Gebert from Play School and a special appearance from Big Ted, the Variety Easter Fun Day promises to deliver outrageous fun during the School Holidays.

**Tuesday 16th April  
10am - 2.30pm**

**The Showring, Entertainment Quarter, 122 Lang Road, Moore Park**

**Free entry and special ride pass offer for the Variety community**

For more details, check [variety.org.au/nsw/event/variety-easter-fun-day/](http://variety.org.au/nsw/event/variety-easter-fun-day/)



**Musical  
Picnic**



**Easter  
Egg  
Hunt**

*Variety believes all kids deserve a fair go so we support kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs.*