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Peakhurst South Public School

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



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TERM 1

WEEK 11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hardwork."

Colin Powell

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 1 Wrap Up

Thank you for a positive and productive Term 1 at Peakhurst South Public School. There has been a number of highlights and positive changes throughout the term. I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to Peakhurst South Public School. The students are exposed to a wide array of opportunities that are only made possible through the commitment of our staff.

I would also like to thank the P&C and sub-committees for their time and effort in supporting the school.

Lastly, thank you and congratulations to all of our students for a wonderful first term of learning for 2019.

Some of the positives for Term 1:

- Purchased 30 additional iPads
- Purchased 30 additional laptops. These will arrive early Term 2.

The ongoing replacement and maintenance of technology allows the school to continue to provide opportunities for our students without expecting parents/carers to purchase their own device to be provided at school. This ensures equity for all students.

- Two more classrooms upgraded with two more to come shortly.

This project should be finalised this year or early 2020. The upgrade of classrooms includes pinwall lining and new furniture. Improved classrooms leads to improved engagement for students. Thank you to the P&C for all of the time and effort spent fundraising to make this possible for our students.

- Professional learning for staff on Collective Efficacy and Growth Mindset

Collective Efficacy makes the biggest difference to

CALENDAR DATES

TERM 2 WEEK 1

Mon 29 Apr	Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS
Tues 30 Apr	Students return for Term 2 Applications for OC Class opens - Parents must apply online. Nude Food Day Got Game - Athletic Skills Years 3-6 3.20pm - 4.20pm: Uniform Shop open
Wed 1 May	8.45am - 9.15am: } Staff meeting 4.00pm - 6.00pm: } Staff Professional Development
Thur 2 May	
Fri 3 May	PSSA Sport - Round 9 Season 1

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 6 May	Got Game - Athletic Skills Years 3-6
Tues 7 May	Nude Food Day Urban Landscape Design - SRC
Wed 8 May	Mothers Day Stall - P&C
Fri 10 May	Assembly K - 6

student learning outcomes (Hattie, 2018). It is about building a strong vision and direction on how best to improve student learning.

On reflection, I believe it is about 'collective school efficacy' and that our school, through the ongoing support of the P&C, is working together to achieve a common vision and direction for our school.

- Introduction of InitialLit into Kindergarten

This year we have introduced a new approach to teaching reading in Kindergarten. The new program focuses on all aspects of reading and most importantly a stronger focus on comprehension. The purpose of reading is 'reading for meaning.' When reading at home for 20 minutes. We encourage parents/carers to spend 10 minutes reading and 10 minutes discussing the text read. This will ensure that your child gains the understanding that when reading the purpose is to gain meaning.

- Peaceful Kids and Peaceful Classrooms Teacher Professional Learning

Peaceful Kids and Parents will be implemented in Term 2. Look out for training dates for parents. This will be invaluable in building students capacity to manage stress and anxiety.

- New Science and Technology Syllabus being implemented
- New Mathematics Scope and Sequence developed for whole school
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- New progression tool implemented K-6 enabling teachers to track growth from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- Multitit Tutors trained and the program implemented for 2019

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable break over the Easter period and I look forward to seeing everyone return safely in Term 2.

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton

Principal

Friday Assembly

WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY

Term 1 Week 10 10	Ruby	Topaz	Emerald
Total Points	17 - 2nd	14 - 3rd	19 - 1st

CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

Term 1 Week 10	KT
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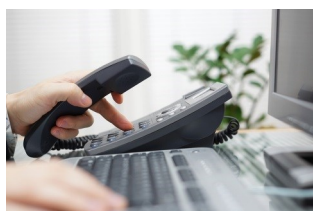
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please note that there will be a school development day for staff only on Monday 29 April 2019.

This means that **students** do not return to school for Term 2 until **Tuesday 30 April 2019**.

OFFICE HOURS

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



Peak Award Achievers

YEAR 1

Joshua M	Base Camp
Andrija R	Base Camp
Sara B	Level 2m
Grace D	Level 1m & 2m
Taytum S	Level 1m & 2m
Imogen P	Level 2m
Zara D	Base Camp

YEAR 2

Elin K	Level 2m
Miles X	Level 2m
Celine N	Level 1m
Teagan E	Level 3m
Gibson L	Level 2m
William A	Level 2m
Cody S	Level 1m
Macy H	Level 2m
Sophie H	Level 3m
Anneliese H	Level 2m
Hunter P	Level 1m
Tyler M	Level 2m
Audrey V	Level 3m
Ewen C	Level 2m

YEAR 3

Ellysha W	Level 6m
Anders k	Level 4m

YEAR 4

Annabel M	Level 6m
Ruby P	Level 7m

YEAR 5

Samantha A	Level 10m
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YEAR 6

Lucy G	Level 7m & 8m
Ryleigh E	Level 80m & 90m

Nude Food Tuesday

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 10 Percentage	Total
KW	81%	41.7
KT	95%	51.2
KDS	89%	50.2
1R	80%	41.4
1JB	50%	34
1/2M	70%	36.2
2R	62%	37.4
2B	77%	45.6
3M	52%	33
3/4M	73%	39.2
4/5T	63%	35.1
5/6C	66%	39.2
5/6P	67%	35.7

Congratulations to **KT** who had the highest percentage again this week with **95%** of students bringing nude food. They are also the Term 1 winners of the Nude Food Tuesday Challenge and will be having a nude food party with Ms Eaton early in Term 2. Congratulations KT and enjoy your prize!

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- hold your child's hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.



The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at:

[Transport for NSW
http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/
children/pedestriansafety.html](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html)

Have a safe holiday break!

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019



Your child has brought home a Sticker Sheet today for the Woolworths Earn & Learn program 2019.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is a great way to earn valuable equipment for Peakhurst South Public School.

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday **1 May to Tuesday 25 June 2019** or while stock lasts, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, via team members at the self service checkout or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the **Peakhurst South Public School Collection Box**. These collection boxes are located at:

- Peakhurst South Public School front office**
- Woolworths Mortdale Plaza and**
- Woolworths Riverwood.**



Spare sticker sheets, can be obtained at your local Woolworths store or the office.

You can find everything you'll need for the program below.

And don't forget parents and friends can access your barometer via woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn so be sure to keep updating your points!



Leadership by the River

Last week the four captains attended The Leadership by the River Day at Kyle Bay. We listened to 2 speakers speak about their experiences and how they had demonstrated skills and values. We discussed how PSPS celebrates Education Week and shared this with representatives from the Department of Education.

The leaders had to come up with a project that will improve our school. We are continuing the Playground Improvement project from last year and adding in ways our school can be more sustainable and Eco friendly. More details of this will come throughout the year.

Lyla B, Christopher S, Ryleigh E, Riley B
PSPS School & Vice Captains



Anzac Day Service

We are having our Anzac Day service this **Friday 12 April at 2.15pm** in the hall. All parents, friends, etc. are invited to attend. If your child would like to wear family war medals please remember to pin these to the right hand side of your child's uniform. If your child would like to bring a small posy of flowers, please send to school on Friday morning and these may be laid alongside the school wreath during the service.

Thank you
Mrs G Blake and Mr J Mee



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From the Office

Lunches

Please **do not** send your child with food for lunch that needs to be hot or warmed up. The office staff and Canteen are not permitted to heat lunches up for students. If your child wants a hot lunch they can order it from the Canteen on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday.

Late Arrivals

If your child is late to school we need you to either call the school, provide a note either in person, via CareMonkey, the Skoolbag app or email. Alternatively you can come in with them to the school office to provide an explanation.

If you do not do this their absence will be entered as unjustified and unexplained. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medication

If your child is required to take medication (ie. Antibiotics or Panadol) during the school day please see the office for the appropriate medication documentation to complete.

This medication must also have a valid expiry date.

No medication can be given until these forms are completed.

Mrs Karen Bowcock
School Administration 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	OVERDUE
Yr 5 & 6	Canberra & Snow Deposit	\$80.00	12/04/2019
Yr 3 - 6	Got Game	\$40.00	12/04/2019
Yr 1 & 2	Hazelhurst Art Gallery	\$25.00	3/05/2019

P&C News and Information

Canteen

Term 1 Week 11

Canteen Roster	
Friday 12/4	CANTEEN CLOSED (last day of Term 1)
Wednesday 01/5	11.00am: Carol am: Vacant
Friday 03/5	9.30am: Katherine Vacant
Monday 06/5	11:00am: Ingrid Vacant
Wednesday 08/5	11:00am: Elene Vacant
Friday 10/5	Vacant Vacant
MON: Half Day (HD) 11.30am – 2.30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm	

Still plenty of spots that need filling, so please get in contact and join the fun!

After a very busy few weeks, this term has now come to an end. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that's helped me take on the canteen. Without your help and support I'm sure I would have burnt more than just a couple of pizzas! Hope you all have a wonderful and safe Easter break!

Idy Washbourn
Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open **every second Monday afternoon in Term 2 from 3.20pm - 4.20pm.**

The next opening day will be:

- **Tuesday 30 April - the first day back in Term 2**

Orders can be placed through our online store 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 all enquiries by email to
stephanie.cook29@det.nsw.edu.au

Stephanie Cook
Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&C

Cross Country

What a week! We know how to send the term out with a bang don't we PSPS! It was wonderful to see how many parents stepped up and helped make our Cross Country a great success.

The children were so appreciative of the cold ice block as they came across the finish line. Lots of smiles and thank you's to our volunteers.

A big thank you to Clare (Anders and Elin's Mum) and Alex (Claudia and Sully's Mum) who worked together to count and collate both BBQ and Sponsorship money and to Alison (Patrick and Jack's Mum) who banked the money multiple times a week in the lead up.

Please ensure we get **all sponsorship forms back** as they are numbered and counted by our auditor.

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to Anita who takes this event on each year and organises the delicious hot cross buns, to the parents who help out in the canteen, and to all the parents who take time to attend the event to cheer on our little bunnies!

I hope all our PSPS families enjoy a safe and restful break. See you all in Term 2!

Warm wishes
Mardi Haworth
P&C President

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Sing Australia

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Flip Out Caringbah	Monday	4.00 - 6.00pm	starts April 29, 2019
Bexley Public School	Monday	4.00 - 6.00pm	starts April 29, 2019
Kensington Park Community Centre	Wednesday	4.30 - 6.30pm	starts May 1, 2019
Anzac Oval Youth and Recreation Centre	Thursday	4.00 - 6.00pm	starts May 2, 2019
Brighton-Le-Sands Public School	Saturday	10.00 - 12.00pm	starts May 4, 2019





Which containers can be returned for a refund?



Most 150ml to three litre drink containers will be eligible for a 10 cent refund at an approved NSW collection point. Container materials that may be eligible for a refund include:

- Glass
- Plastic
- Aluminium
- Steel
- Liquid paperboard (cartons)

Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached. Wine, spirits, cordial and plain milk containers are generally not eligible.

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Return and Earn has been introduced to reduce drink container litter across NSW. As such, containers that are eligible under the scheme are those most commonly found as litter.

Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached.

We do not accept these containers:



NO - Broken or damaged containers



NO - Wine or spirits bottles



NO - Plain milk or milk substitute bottles or cartons



NO - Casks or sachets for wine or water



NO - Flavoured milk 1 litre or larger



NO - Fruit & vegetable concentrates & cordial bottles - any size



NO - Pure fruit or vegetable juices 1 litre or larger



NO - Registered health tonics