Term 4 Week 2  
16 October 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

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<td>All welcome!</td>
<td>Bankstown Dance Festival - combined</td>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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<td>P&amp;C AGM 7.30pm</td>
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Rule for Next Week: Respect others.

Thought for the Week: Teachers plant the seeds of knowledge that grow faster.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

School Planning
It has been another busy and productive week at Peakhurst South PS. The teaching staff have begun working on our new school plan for 2015-2017. The executive staff met with Betty Harper from High Performance Learning, High Performance and Accountability department on Tuesday afternoon. This information was then presented to the whole staff and we have begun collecting data towards establishing the school’s vision.

Coffee Meeting- Next Wednesday
The coffee meeting has been rescheduled to next Wednesday at 10am as I am attending a Finance Meeting on Thursday. The coffee meeting will be held in the staffroom. Morning tea, coffee, and tea will be provided. If you would like to have a say in the vision and direction of our school and are unable to attend the P & C meeting this is a great meeting to attend!

Selection Panel Training
Thank you to Susan Ray and Mrs Torresan for attending the Selection Panel Training today. This is a great way of getting parents and staff working together!

Mathematics
This morning the teachers met with a representative from Orico to look at a new whole school mathematics program. This is part of the preparation for the new Mathematics Syllabus to be implemented next year. The Mathematics program, ‘Stepping Stones’ has been designed by experts in Mathematics. It is written for the new syllabus and includes differentiation for students of varying mathematics needs.

Writing
It is very exciting that the school has been able to secure experts in the area of writing. Next week I meet with Ann Leaf in designing a professional learning package in the area of writing. This is a great move as this is an area that the school believes we can further develop. For further information follow the link below:

Finance
All schools roll over to a new finance model next year.

Miss Cole and I will be attending a Finance Meeting with principals and executives next Thursday morning. All relevant staff will then be trained in the new finance model.
We have also secured Robyn Wild for our first Staff Development Day on the 18th December. She is well renowned for her inspirational teaching practices in the area of Literacy. She is currently employed by PETAA (Primary English Teaching Association Australia. For further information click on the link below:

http://www.robynwild.com/ 

**P & C Meeting**

Just a reminder that I will be discussing Future Planning and our NAPLAN results for 2014 at the next P&C Meeting. This will be following the AGM to be held at 7:30pm on 29 October 2014.

**Natasha Eaton**

Miss Natasha Eaton
R/Principal

**COMMUNITY CAPERS**

On Wednesday 15/10/14 residents from several nursing homes in the area visited our school for the annual Community Capers. The visitors and their carers were treated to a wonderful concert provided by our Tap Kittens, Combined and Girls’ Dance Troupes, Junior and Senior Choirs and Advanced Band. The visitors and their carers thoroughly enjoyed the great entertainment and bopped along to the music. The students then helped serve afternoon tea to complete a fun afternoon. There were lovely comments about the talent of our students as well as their politeness, friendliness and courtesy from the visitors and their carers. A big thank you to all students who assisted these people both on and off their buses and into the hall, served afternoon tea, chatted to them and entertained them. Also a big thank you to Miss Cole, Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Wright, Mrs Paul, Mrs Dufly, Mr Marshall and Mr Forrester for their assistance on the day. Well done everyone!!!!

Mrs Blake

**Motivating “laid-back” children**

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazy-bones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

**MONDAY ASSEMBLY**

**WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY**

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Total Points: 33—Equal 1st
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**CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD**

Term 4 Week 2

3/4S

**PEAK AWARD ACHIEVERS - THIS WEEK**

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**SPORT RESULTS – Round 3 Date: 10/10/2014**

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**Where will you be in 2015?**

If your family is not returning to Peakhurst South PS next year, would you please advise the Principal in writing as soon as possible? This greatly assists our planning and organisation. Thank you!
This year the students in 1/2C have been given access to a secure class blog, via the DET blogging tool known as blog Ed. The purpose of 1/2C’s Class Blog is to increase student engagement with classroom learning activities, provide an authentic audience for student writing, develop responsibility for learning and to develop digital literacy skills. All students have accessed the class blog during class time and in their weekly technology lessons. Many students are also enjoying the opportunity to visit the class blog from home. The 1/2C Class Blog contains links to activities and learning games used in class. The blog is also being used as a class journal, with pictures and comments documenting our classroom activities throughout the year. The students in 1/2C are enjoying their learning experiences on the blog and sharing their progress with peers. The comments below have been posted throughout the year.

**Riley says:** I like Spelling Bee because it teaches you new words!

**Sarah says:** I really like Bomomo!

**Hayley says:** Last night I went on Study Ladder and I played walk the plank. It was fun because I beat it!

**Seth says:** I like looking at videos because it is fun!

**Liam says:** I have been on Study Ladder a lot and it is really fun.

**Lachlan says:** I like to play on Spelling City because the find-a-words are fun!

**Ryleigh says:** I liked todays lesson because I like doing art.

**Alec says:** Bomomo is going to be awesome! I also like Study Ladder because it has lots of games to play. My favourite game is Walk the Plank.

**Tenique says:** Bomomo is fun. You can paint stuff and there is glitter. I played tonight!

**Rohan says:** I like Study Ladder because it has Bomomo on it and you get to do art. I like it a lot!

**Cameron says:** I like Bomomo because it is fun and creative. I show my friends and they like it.

**Christian says:** I like playing Spelling Bee and I also like Walk the Plank.

**Jemma says:** Hi 1/2C. I played Who Came First and I won!

**Liliana says:** Hi 1/2C like practising my spelling test and word search. I also like playing Bomomo because I like doing art. I like playing addition battle and versing other people.

**Lucy says:** I like Study Ladder, it is the best! I really love it because I like playing games.

**Christopher says:** Hi 1/2C I had another great night with Spelling City. My favourite game is the find-a-word and the spelling test. I like these two games because they are awesome and cool!

**Olivia says:** I like playing on Study Ladder, because I like playing on making pizza and it is really fun. I like Bomomo, it is fun too!

**Lyla says:** I like watching the videos of Grandparents Day, Making Bread and Ceramics. I am in love with Study Ladder too!

**Rory says** I Word Maker on Study Ladder because my high score is 190. My friend Brodie is good at it too! It is my favourite game!

**Brodie says** I like Study Ladder, because of Word Maker. My high score is 290. It was really fun!
KINDER EXCURSION TO SYMBIO

During the last week of Term 3, KT and KB went to Symbio Wildlife Park. The students were all very excited about their excursion and were even more excited when they saw that they were travelling on a double-decker bus! They all enjoyed participating in a ‘hands on’ mammal and reptile show and saw so many interesting animals, including the very large Sumatran tiger. One of the highlights of the day was patting and hand-feeding the kangaroos which was so much fun! All of our students were extremely well behaved and listened intently to the zookeepers during their presentations, answering lots of questions.

FROM THE OFFICE

If your child is has been prescribed non-regular medication to be taken at school ie. antibiotics, eye drops etc please contact the office to obtain a Medication Administration Permission Form. This form is necessary when medication for your child is handed in at the office.

Medication will not be administered to your child without this form being completed.

Mrs Karen McDonald
School Administration Manager
With much discussion, planning, anticipation and excitement ZooSnooze 2014 had finally arrived. Stage 2 students in 4W, 34S & 34E joined Ms Eaton, Ms Weston, Mrs Dufty, Miss Carton and Mr Irwin for an action-packed adventure and overnight stay at Taronga Zoo. After a delicious camp BBQ students had the opportunity to get up close to a variety of animals. Students embarked on a night safari where they were amazed to see the animals so active at night. Well, except for the snow leopard who failed to make an appearance despite our best ‘leopard calling’ efforts! Students enjoyed a fruit supper overlooking the gorgeous Sydney Harbour before getting ready for the “Snooze” part of “ZooSnooze”. Following a lot of giggling and ‘camp out’ excitement students drifted off to sleep wondering what the next day’s adventure would hold. Teachers on the other hand found it a little trickier to fall off to sleep with a distant (or not so distant) sound rumbling in the night. Wednesday morning saw an early rise and sleeping bag rolling competition won by ___________________________.

After breakfast students had a chance for more animal encounters and a special behind the scenes tour of the zoo where we got to see the Tasmanian Devils and Birds. The rest of the day was for us to enjoy the zoo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their fabulous behaviour and all of the teachers for attending. A very special mention and thank you to Mr Irwin who came along for the adventure at short notice.

Miss Weston xx

ZooSnooze was the best excursion I’ve ever been on. It was really hot in the sleeping bag. Zoey 3-4E

My favourite part was sleeping where we could see the monkeys and have a fund time with my class and friends. Kyren—3/4E

ZooSnooze is the best excursion ever. Its not like other excursions since you camp there, they give you food and you get to see all the exciting animals. Elayna 4-5CW

My favourite thing about the excursion was the night safari. I found out when a tiger sleeps on its back it means it is going to rain the next day. Emily 3/4E

ZooSnooze is the best place. I went and I loved it so much I want to go again. My favourite part of ZooSnooze was everything, it was the best. Timothy—3/4S

My favourite part was sleeping where we could see the monkeys and have a fund time with my class and friends. Kyren—3/4E
At ZooSnooze I had so much fun. I liked ZooSnooze because I liked the seal show, it was so funny. Thank you teachers. Liam—3/4S

ZooSnooze is one of the best experiences I have ever had. You get to meet and greet animals and that was one of my favourite parts. Isabel—4/5CW

The results for the International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) competitions for Computer Skills, Science, Spelling and English have been received.

16 of our Year 3 to 6 students participated in the **Computer Skills Competition** held on Tuesday 20 May. Our school received 1 High Distinction, 4 Distinctions, 2 Credits and 2 Merits.

**High Distinction:** Gene T (Yr 3)

**Distinction:** Ellie H (Yr 4), Isabel S (Yr 4), Oliver H (Yr 5), Lachlan W (Yr 5)

**Credit:** Thomas W (Yr 3), Liam T (Yr 5)

**Merit:** Kiahna K (Yr 3), Brandon H (Yr 4)

On Tuesday, 3 June, 17 students took part in the **Science Competition**. Our students achieved 2 High Distinctions, 2 Distinctions, 5 Credits and 1 Merit.

**High Distinction:** Gene T (Yr 3), Lachlan W (Yr 5)

**Distinction:** Oliver H (Yr 5), Liam T (Yr 5)

**Credit:** Aiden T (Yr 3), Eleanor H (Yr 4), Alexandra M (Yr 5), Jessica T (Yr 5), Montana W (Yr 5)

**Merit:** Luke H (Yr 3)

19 students participated in the **ICAS Spelling Competition** held on Tuesday, 17 June. Our school received 1 High Distinction, 3 Distinctions, 2 Credits and 1 Merit.

**High Distinction:** Oliver H (Yr 5)

**Distinction:** Gene T (Yr 3), Thomas W (Yr 3), Liam T (Yr 5)

**Credit:** Alexandra M (Yr 5), Lachlan W (Yr 5)

**Merit:** Montana W (Yr 5)

The **English Competition** was held on Tuesday, 29 July with 18 Year 3 to 6 students participating.

Our students received 1 High Distinction, 1 Distinction and 5 Credits.

**High Distinction:** Eleanor H (Yr 4)

**Distinction:** Oliver H (Yr 5)

**Credit:** Gene T (Yr 3), Alexandra M (Yr 5), Patrice M (Yr 5), Liam T (Yr 5), Lachlan W (Yr 5)

Congratulations to all of the students who entered the competitions and for performing to the best of their ability.

Mr A Marshall

ICAS Competition Co-ordinator
FROM THE CANTEEN

TERM 4, WEEKS 2 & 3

We have some refreshing new drinks available in the canteen this week: Chill Iced Tea in three flavours — Raspberry, Lemon, or Peach — for just $1.50.

Our roster is looking a little thin, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you can spare a few hours (11:30 to 2:30) please drop by the canteen and let Jacinta know.

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

Mon 20th October — VACANT

Wed 22nd October — Jocelyn Woodford

Fri 24th October — Carol Bathis
Meliassa Rhodes-Smith
Carol Bilton

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

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM is coming soon! It’s on Wednesday, 29th October at 7:30pm in the School Library. At the AGM all executive positions are declared vacant and voting will take place to decide who will fill these positions for the remainder of 2014 and into 2015. The positions on the executive are:

- President
- Vice President (2 positions)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- General Member (2 positions)

Nomination forms were sent home with last week’s newsletter, but if you need another one just email Martin at peakhurstsouthpc@gmail.com and if he’s not already declared vacant he will send you another copy.

Jodie, Anita, Sarah, Kylie, Martin, Jayne, Melissa, Lou, and Fiona
P&C Executive

BOOK CLUB

New Book Club catalogues were sent home this week with orders due in by Friday, 24th October. Parents: this is a great opportunity to do some pre-Christmas shopping — remember 20% of your order comes back to PSPS in credits to spend on resources for the library and classrooms. Just make a note on your order form with contact details to arrange to collect your order directly from us. Kids: this is a great chance to start your Wish List for Christmas!

We would like to thank Carmen for all her time and hard work processing all the orders these past two years. Carmen is handing back to Sarah Philp who is looking forward to helping out again.

Happy reading everyone!

Jayne and Sarah
Book Club Co-ordinators

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to the last term of the year and also my last term as School Banking Co-ordinator. Due to changing circumstances I can no longer fill this position. A new co-ordinator is needed for 2015. All it takes is approximately an hour each week, no experience needed. I’m happy to teach you all I know.

New Reward Items: Projector Cup and Sea Streamers.

All items from terms 1, 2, and 3 are still available. Just put 10 tokens in your banking book with the reward coupon.

Don’t forget to bring your deposit book in on Thursdays!

Sandy Grassmayr
School Banking Co-ordinator

Follow us on Facebook for the latest information from the P&C! You’ll find us at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Peakhurst-South-Public-School-P-and-C/609196729107573?fref=ts
**AMY’S Art School**

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Amy is a professional and a very experienced art teacher now with over 15 years of teaching specialized art and drawing lessons for children. Students will be taught the basic skills of drawing and cartoon design right up to professional sketching and painting. Children’s future intellectual development will be improved with these life long skills.

Please feel free to contact **Amy**

On **0405 356 708**

Killara, Bexley, Riverwood, Oatley

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