Term 4 Week 4

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

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<td>9.20am School Assembly in hall All welcome! Years 3-6 Dance 7.30pm School Council Meeting</td>
<td>Years K-2 Dance</td>
<td>8.45-9.15am and 3.30-4.30pm Staff Meetings</td>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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<td>11am Remembrance Day Service @ Riverwood</td>
<td>ANSTO Excursion Stage 2 &amp; 3 10am Parent Coffee Meeting</td>
<td>Captain’s Speeches &amp; Voting</td>
<td>Year 6 Mini Fete</td>
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Rule for Next Week: Care for all property.

Thought for the Week: Hate. It has caused a lot of problems in this world but has not solved one yet. Maya Angelou

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

P&C

Thank you to the many parents who attended the P&C AGM and General P&C meeting last night. I went through the NAPLAN 2014 Data and addressed the areas of further development and how the school plans to address these areas.

I discussed the highlights and future direction of Peakhurst South PS.

A big Thank You to Jodie, our outgoing P&C President for all of her work in leading the P&C this year. Jodie and the P&C should feel proud of their achievements in raising over $40,000 throughout the year. The P&C purchased 10 new computers for the school, 6 iPads (which will be installed this year), new sporting equipment and ‘AMAZINGLY’ $40,000 towards our playground upgrade.

I have personally enjoyed building a strong and positive relationship between the school and the P&C this year and know it will continue into 2015 with our new P&C President. Congratulations to Rachel Robinson who was nominated and accepted the position of President. Congratulations also to Tina Webb, Treasurer, Martin Shields, Secretary and to our four General Executive Members. At this stage we do not have a Vice President and will vote on this position in 2015.

Playground Upgrade

This week the SRC led the way in working with all classes in choosing playground equipment for our new playground upgrade. The upgrade will include tables and chairs, some sporting equipment and an imaginary play area. This will be a great addition to the school and the playground for our students.

Values

The Stage 3 students developed ‘kid friendly’ definitions for our school values. These are listed below and will form a culture that the school community will strive to live by at Peakhurst South PS. Thank you to our Year 5 and Year 6 students for your time and effort in formulating the following:

Respect - Accepting others differences
Being polite to teachers, parents and other students

Excellence - Strive to Excel
Never Give up
Always try your best!

Fairness - Treat everyone equally no matter their differences
Equality - Be Fair/The Same

Integrity - Be considerate, honest and trustworthy to all of Peakhurst South PS
Learn from your mistakes
Cooperation - Work well as a team with your teachers, fellow students and the whole Peakhurst South PS community. Accept others opinions

School Planning
Peakhurst South PS are in the process of formulating our new School Plan for 2015-2017 and we need your help in setting clear and formulated directions. Please complete the survey by following the link below. It will take 5 minutes of your valuable time but it will help in building Peakhurst South PS in moving forward positively, in building and growing our school. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXFG5YG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXFG5YG)

Front Garden
Susan Ray spent most of her Tuesday cleaning out the front garden and we are very thankful for her efforts. However, it is not a one person job so if you are available to help with gardening we will be meeting next Wednesday at 9am. For all parents who attend I will provide coffee, tea and a light morning tea.

Skoolbag Application
The Skoolbag Application is ready for download. The application will allow the school to send instant notifications to your smartphone or tablet, upload notes and newsletters as well as receive absent notes via email.

Please see the attached instructions on how to download the application on your phone.

Thoughtful Student
Violet M in Year 4 recently displayed a kind and selfless act for a worthy charitable cause.

This act was to donate her long hair to be made into a wig for cancer patients. Violet should be commended on her bravery and caring nature.

Well done, Violet!

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TARONGA MOBILE ZOO EXCURSION

On Friday 24 October, a group of Year 5 and 6 students went to Simmo’s beach at Macquarie Fields. I (Anna) had won this excursion through an ABC radio competition. It was a long bus trip that took about an hour.

Once we got there, there were another two schools that had been included on the excursion. The three schools were divided into three activity groups; the tree planting group, the bush walking group and the animal group.

Our school started off with tree planting. Mike (one of the council people) explained how to plant the trees and about the animals that like to live in them. He told us about koalas and snakes. He also told us to watch out for bugs in the ground and on the plants. We enjoyed planting native plants and found out that this would increase the number of native animals in the area.

After that we got to see animals from Taronga Mobile Zoo. We all agreed that that was our favourite part. First we saw a stick insect and learnt some fun facts. Then we saw a Shingleback lizard. After that we saw a bearded dragon from the desert that was orange and sooo cute. Next we saw a small possum that was really really cute. After that the man brought out an adorable magnificent tree frog. We learnt a lot about all of the animals and how to take care of them.

Finally it was time for the bushwalk. It was short and fun. Along the way we did some activities. The first thing we did was to find some small bugs and study them. Some people were a bit squeamish about doing it (NOT MENTIONING ANY NAMES). Then along the track we did some bird watching with binoculars. Later on the way back we did some drawing on some special paper that has a black layer that you scratch to draw the surrounding environment.

Soon after the walk we were back on the bus and on our way to school. Finally we were back at school feeling very tired from our big day. We received some free seedlings that we can plant at our school.

By Anna W and Kaylee M
Thank you Anna for winning that wonderful excursion!

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Natasha Eaton
Miss Natasha Eaton
R/Principal
We're sorry for her passing.
We miss your happy laughing.
You used to laugh every day,
but now it's hidden away.
I know this is so sudden and
doesn't happen often
But in time it will soften
She is always by your side
Protecting you from outside.

Poem: Claudia B – 3/4E
Picture: Claudia B – 3/4E

The mug you gave on Mother's Day!
Remember when you played in the hay!
When it was cool
You would always go in the pool.
That's the last tear
Because you know she is always near.
She is always by your side
Protecting you from outside.

Poem: Emily M – 3/4E
Picture: Claudia B – 3/4E

The last hug he got from his mum,
The last kiss he got from his mum,
The last mug he gave to his mum,
The last day
Was very gray
All happy usually
Crazy and silly normally
We're sorry for this passing
We miss your happy laughing
This sad moment is stuck in our brain
When I first heard this, I thought I was going insane.
I thought it wasn't true.
I had no clue,
Until Miss Blake said it was real.
It was so heartbreaking. It was making people cry.
This is no lie.
One last kiss
One last hug
She is always by your side
Protecting you from outside.

Poem: Emily M – 3/4E
Picture: Claudia B – 3/4E
**MONDAY ASSEMBLY**

**WEEKLY HOUSE GROUPS TALLY**

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**CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD**

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**PEAK AWARD ACHIEVERS - THIS WEEK**

**KINDER**

Samantha A Level 2m
Samuel K Level 2m
Robert M Level 1m
Olivia S Level 1m

**YEAR 1**

Jessica B Level 5m

**YEAR 2**

Cameron H Level 6m
Jemma R Level 8m
Hugo W Level 5m

**YEAR 3**

Lachlan A Level 6m
Kyren B Level 7m
Archie F Level 3m
Kiahna K Level 8m
Gene T Level 1m

**YEAR 4**

Ruby D Level 5m

**SPORT RESULTS – Round 5 Date: 24/10/2014**

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**DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**

We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.


**PARKING**

There are two ongoing concerns with parking around the school at the moment. Please be reminded that 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.

Please obey the parking signs in the streets and only park legally. I have asked police to monitor the streets before and after school.

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

**SUN SAFETY**

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.


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In Term 3 & 4, 3/4S have been exploring and learning about the importance of caring for the environment and their responsibilities in relation to recycling and sustainability.

During Creative Arts lessons 3/4s will be making and appreciating art made from recycled materials. The images shown are of “recycled pets” made from newspaper. Students’ were asked to create a collage of their favourite pet or animal made from recycled paper. This lesson incorporated mathematics as students were asked to cut out 2D shapes in order to create their pet collage.

Mrs Dufty

What is a Homonym?

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym

Sport and Group Photos

The band, sport, dance and group photos are now on display in the Library. If you would like to order any of these photos, please collect an envelope from the office.

The envelope needs to be returned to the office no later than Friday 7 November. No late orders will be accepted due to tight end of year turn around.

Mrs K McDonald
School Admin Manager
Every day, young people are faced with a number of online safety risks, which can include inappropriate content, cyber bullying, spam and scams.

I am hosting the Banks Online Safety Forum to inform parents, teachers and carers about the risks faced by young people online and to provide help in creating a safer online experience.

Details for the Banks Online Safety Forum can be found below:

When: Tuesday 11 November 2014

Where: Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus

Address: Oatley Avenue, Oatley

Time: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

RSVP: Sinclaire Prowse on 9771 3400 or sinclaire.prowse@aph.gov.au

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, the Hon. Paul Fletcher, MP will attend the Forum to speak about the ways in which parents and teachers can be better informed about online safety.
FROM THE CANTEEN

TERM 4, WEEKS 4 & 5

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 31st October  Shelley Maclean  Taryn McCarthy  Anita Kyriakides
Mon 3rd November  VACANT
Wed 5th November  VACANT
Fri 7th November  Carol Bathis  Jayne Humphreys  Stephanie Webb

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

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Thank you to all the families who participated. $420 was raised for the school. Don’t forget to pick up your portrait this Thursday (today!) at the time you arranged with the photographer!

Kylie Richardson

SCHOOL BANKING

Our CBA school bankers have been very busy this year.

Gold Certificates — 30 deposits:
Samuel L, Zara B, Lindsey G, and Cooper G.

Silver Certificates — 20 deposits:
Yanni C, Claudia D, Mario K, Joshua W, Marcus W, and Lilia R.

Bronze Certificates — 10 deposits:
Thomas M and Daniel W.

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

Sandy Grassmayr
School Banking Co-ordinator

P&C AGM

Thanks to everyone who came along to the P&C AGM last night.

Due to the fact that this note is written pre-emptively on Tuesday and my attempts at prognostication are invariably flawed, news from the meeting will be definitively disseminated in next week’s newsletter (or you can ask someone who was at the meeting)!

P&C Executive

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop’s next open morning is Thursday, 13 November from 8:40am to 9:30am. If you need anything urgently, please fill out an order form and place it in the office in the uniform shop tray and we will fill your order and send it to your child’s classroom.

Please be aware that the girls’ summer uniform can be either the tunic or royal blue shorts and white collared polo shirt. If your daughter would like to wear the shorts, they are the boys’ royal blue short with elastic waist (these are now the universal Peakhurst South School short).

Finally, there have been lots of items of clothing left in the playground. Please ensure you are labelling your child’s clothes so they can be returned to the correct owner.

Thank you!

Sam and Sarah
Uniform Committee

BAND

The Band Family Concert is coming up on Friday, 31 October at 6:30pm at the school. It includes great music from both the PSPS Training Band and the Senior Band, fun quizzes, and a delicious supper.

All welcome!

Susan, Sue, Carmen, Amanda, and Jocelyn
Band Committee

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
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On 0405 356 708
Killara, Bexley, Riverwood, Oatley

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