Term 4 Week 10
11 December 2014

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

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<td>9.20am School Assembly in hall All welcome! Band Breakfast Year 6 Farewell @ Maso’s</td>
<td>Years K-6 Dance SRC Gold Coin Mufti Day</td>
<td>8.45-9.15am and 3.30-4.30pm Staff Meetings LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</td>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Rule for Next Week: Be responsible for your actions.

Thought for the Week: “What appears to be the end may really be a new beginning.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the final newsletter for the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of your support over the past two terms. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Peakhurst South Community this year. I am proud of the achievements we have made this year and I would like to thank the students, parents and staff who helped the school achieve the following:

- The SRC combined with the school raised funds towards a new flagpole.
- The SRC, P&C and school worked together in upgrading the playground, $40,000 from the P&C, a further $16,000 from the school and the SRC working with all of the students in designing the new area. You can see the design in the front office of the school.
- The School combined with the P&C in purchasing 30 iPads for the school, a docking station and an apple laptop to back up the iPads at a cost of $21,000.
- Introduced an emotional intelligence program in K-2, known as Kimochis.
- Purchased and introduced a new whole school Maths Program, ‘Stepping Stones’ and purchased new Maths Resources.
- Purchased a new whole school Science Program, ‘Primary Connections’.
- Updated our Reading Resource Area and purchased additional books.
- Upgrade of the walkways.
- The completion and official opening of the 50th Anniversary Garden thanks to the School Council.
• Taking the first steps towards the school becoming a ‘kidsmatter’ school with the introduction of programs to cater for students mental health and emotional intelligence.

And much, much more.

I would like to personally thank the staff at Peakhurst South PS. Their dedication and commitment to their profession goes far beyond the four walls of their classroom. It is because of their commitment to their profession that the students at Peakhurst South PS are offered so many wonderful opportunities. As we move to the end of the year, the ‘best gift’ for a teacher is to show thanks and appreciation for all that they do in educating our children.

I would also like to thank the School Council, the P&C, Uniform Shop and all of the other parents who have helped in some way this year. Your commitment to the school does not go unnoticed. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable Christmas Break.

Stage Teams for 2015

Please note that the class compositions listed below are in draft form and it is possible that there could be changes between now and 2015 as enrolment numbers could slightly change between now and next year.

Kindergarten Team - Mrs Torresan and Mrs Blake

• 2 Kindergarten Classes

Stage 1 Team - Miss Cole, Mrs Strangward, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Buchly

• 2 Year 1 Classes and
• 1 Year 2 Class

Stage 2 and 3 Team - Mr Marshall, Mrs Paul, Miss Weston, Mrs Duffy, Miss Wright

• 2 Year 3/4 Classes,
• 1 Year 4/5,
• 1 Year 5/6,
• 1 Year 6 Class

The teachers spend a lot of time forming the classes and placing students in the best class with the best possible teacher for them. Considering the time and effort placed into forming classes I cannot always guarantee requests for certain classes or teachers. The teachers and class order listed above are not in any particular order and the class and teacher order does not match up in anyway.

Christmas Concert

Thank you to Mrs Ray and Mrs Paul for organising the Christmas Concert last Friday. It was a fantastic evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by students, parents, visitors and teachers. The students in the band carol and dance items were exceptional and showed amazing talent.

Presentation Day

Thank you to Mrs Torresan, Mr Marshall, Mrs Caltabiano, Mrs McLaughlin and any other teacher that helped in organising the Annual Presentation Day. It was a fantastic morning and a great way to celebrate the successes of this year. Congratulations to all of the students for your effort this year. Not everyone can receive an award but the teachers and I know that every student at this school has made significant gains in their learning and everyone should be proud of their efforts for this year.
School Captains and Vice Captains—2015

Congratulations to the following 4 Students in being elected as Peakhurst South Captains and Vice Captains for 2015:

Marcus R - School Captain
Patrice M - School Captain
Liam T - School Vice Captain
Alexandra M - School Vice Captain

Natasha Eaton

Ms Natasha Eaton
R/Principal

CHESS CLUB

Our final chess club for the year was on Wednesday. We all had fun playing with human pieces on the giant chess board and eating a yummy breakfast. Many thanks to Jo Richmond, Susan Ray and Sue Lay for helping out and keeping the club running throughout the year and to the students who are always enthusiastic, polite and helpful.

Congratulations to Oliver L, our club champion, who fought off Liam T in the final and will now have his name added to the perpetual trophy that hangs in the library. Also Joshua R the Most Improved player in 2014 and Brandon H who received the Encouragement Award.

Chess Club will resume in Term 2 2015. I would really appreciate any help with running the club next year, no experience is necessary, please contact me on 0410 499 971.

Kylie Richardson

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Please put these important dates in your diary!

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TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE

Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nitbusters program have head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

- Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists
- Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb
- Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs
- Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.


FROM THE LIBRARY

We had a successful book covering morning today. Thank you to the wonderful parents who came and covered the many new resources we have purchased for the library.

I would like to thank the community for book club purchases throughout the year and the wonderful parents who coordinate the sales. For each catalogue, with student consultation, we create a library "wish list" and I am pleased to say we received everything (and more) that we asked for this year.

Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be handed out in week 11. Congratulations to the students who completed the challenge.

Library programs have now ceased for the year and we are currently stocktaking. If you have any library books at home, no matter how overdue, please return them as soon as you can to the library.

Mrs Hart
Librarian

PEAK AWARD ACHIEVERS - THIS WEEK

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CHOOSING SCHOOL SHOES

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

TEACH YOUR KIDS TO BE WATERPROOF

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more:

Citizen of the Month
November 2014

Congratulations:

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FROM THE CANTEEN

TERM 4, WEEK 10

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 12th December  Stephanie Webb
                 Kylie Richardson
                 Anita Kyriakides

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

A huge thank you to all our helpers during the year, we really can’t do it without you. Hope to see you all again next year.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

SCHOOL BANKING

This week is the last for school banking in 2014. You have all done a fantastic job in helping raise just under $300 for the P&C. I hope you have enjoyed saving, earning your certificates, and receiving your rewards!

SILVER CERTIFICATES (20 deposits): Emily K and Aidan A.

Sharon Burns will start School Banking next year on the 5th of February (the 2nd week of Term 1).

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and safe holidays!

Sandy Grassmayr
School Banking Co-ordinator

BAND

Congratulations and thank you to our school Bands led by Mr Rae Forrester, choirs, dance troupes, and class groups for their fabulous performances at our Twilight BBQ and Carols evening — well done!

A huge thank you to the many volunteers who assisted on or before the night to make it such a success — parents of children in the band and other school parents, our dedicated teachers, members of Church@thepeak, staff from Sanders Noonan Lugarno, and Santa. Your help is very much appreciated.

Many thanks also to Oatley Lions Club for the use of their BBQs and to the St George Masonic Club for donating the ice.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Susan, Sue, Amanda, and Jocelyn
Band Committee

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year in the Uniform Shop. A special thank-you to Lisa, Lauren, Rae, Susan, Melissa, and Cathie who have continuously supported the school by opening the shop with Sarah and myself to make sure our children are dressed in school uniform!

We will re-open the shop on the first Wednesday of Back. It will be busy, so please visit us from 8:40am to ensure we can help you before classes commence.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to a number of our volunteers, so if you would like to help in the shop next year we’d be most grateful if you can contact Sarah or Sam by emailing the school indicating your interest.

Lastly and most importantly, we wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in 2015!

Sam and Sarah
Uniform Committee

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a way to kick off the season’s festivities with last Friday night’s Christmas Concert. It was truly a showcase of all the wonderful things about Peakhurst South. I am always so impressed at how the school community makes everyone feel so welcome.

The 50th Anniversary Garden opening was a very special beginning to the night. Thank you to Helen Hardie for her hard work and organisation. I’m sure you will all agree that the garden looks beautiful.

I also want to thank Susan Ray and the amazing Band Committee for their tremendous organisation and the volunteers who turned up to lend a hand. Every job was important and valued and led to making the night enjoyable. The Church@thePeak volunteers, especially Richard Cracknell, the School Band, Choir, and all the dance performances made the night truly memorable.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and restful school holiday. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year and at the first P&C meeting on Wed. 25th February at 7:30pm in the School Library!

Rachel Robinson
P&C President

As part of your community, Sanders Noonan is once again happy to support Peakhurst South PS with their Christmas Carol and BBQ night. We thank you for your patronage throughout the year and look forward to helping you with your real estate needs in 2015 and beyond. Merry Christmas to you and your family from everyone at Sanders Noonan.
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**2nd Mortdale Scout Group Christmas Tree Sale**

**When:** Saturday 13th December 2014, 8am – 11am

**Where:** 2nd Mortdale Scout Hall
Cnr Gungah Bay Rd & Roberts Ave, Mortdale

**Cost:** $50 each pre-ordered or $55 to purchase on the day
(All Christmas trees are 7 ft tall)

**Tree stands:** $25 each (pre-order only)

**How to order:** Send us an email at 2ndmortdalescouts@gmail.com with your name, contact details and your requirements, such as number of trees, tree stands, collection or delivery*

**Payment options:** Cash on the day or direct credit for pre-orders

Please note there will be a limited amount of trees available on the day so we recommend pre-ordering.

All pre-orders need to be received and paid for by Thursday 27th November 2014.

*Deliveries are within a 5km radius of 2nd Mortdale Hall – please add $10 to your total.

Thank you for supporting 2nd Mortdale Scout Group.