Term 1 Week 1

29 January 2015

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

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<td>9.20am School Assembly in hall All welcome!</td>
<td>Kinder students start</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>School Council Meeting 7.30pm</td>
<td>AFL Paul Kelly Cup</td>
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Rule for Next Week: Learn all you can.

Thought for the Week: Positive beginnings bring about positive change. Ms Eaton

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and is refreshed and ready to start the New Year.

Classes for 2015

- KT - Mrs Torresan
- KB - Mrs Blake
- 1J - Ms Johnston
- 1SB - Mrs Buchly (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) & Mrs Strangward (Thursday, Friday)
- 2C - Miss Cole: Assistant Principal K-2
- 3/4W - Mrs Wright
- 3/4P - Mrs Paul: Assistant Principal Stage 2
- 4/5M - Mr Marshall: Assistant Principal Stage 3
- 5/6W - Miss Weston
- 6D - Mrs Dufty

Please note that the formation of classes is a long process that takes hours of preparation and discussion from all teachers. Teachers consider social, academic, emotional and behavioural concerns when forming classes. Teachers place each student in the best possible class for their learning needs. This means that not all requests can be guaranteed.

Term Notes

Next Tuesday the Term Notes will be sent home including:

- School Contributions and Fees
- Term Planner
- Code of Conduct - Technology Use
- Update of Contact Details
- Update of Medical Form
- Update of FOEI Information

The FOEI (Family Occupation Education Index) helps determine part of the schools financial allocation. Each school is ranked on a continuum between 0 and 300. Currently Peakhurst South PS has a FOEI Score of 57. It is important that our records are up to date in case of any change of employment or education status amongst our parents. In the information sent home on Tuesday it is important to note down your current employment.

Staff Development Days

The teachers participated in three Staff Development Days at the end of last year and the beginning of this year. The teachers engaged in Professional Learning in the teaching of writing with Robyn Wild and Joanne Rossbridge, the new performance and development framework, the new School Plan, Code of Conduct and Child Protection.

This term we are continuing to work with Joanne Rossbridge in the teaching and learning aspects of writing. Joanne is an experienced Literacy Consultant currently working for Sydney University and PETAA (Primary English Teaching Association Australia).

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead at Peakhurst South Public School and working with the teachers, parents and students in continuing to build this fantastic school.
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Mrs Paul
SRC Co-ordinator

**Newsletter**
The newsletter is now available on the PSPS website and the Skoolbag app. It will also be emailed to your family email address/es each Thursday. Hard copies will no longer be sent home but there will be copies available in the front office if you or your child wish to collect one.

**Skoolbag Application**
The new Version 3 of Skoolbag Application is ready. This release fixes the issues with the current Android version, and also brings it up to date with the same features that have been on iPhone for some time.

If you have the earlier version of Skoolbag installed on your devices, you will see this new version as an app update, and will install it as an update. Some users may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the app will update itself.

New Version 3 features include:
- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- Support for the Custom Form Builder
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users.

iPad Version
If you have not downloaded Skoolbag on your smartphone or device please see the download instructions in the newsletter.

*Natasha Eaton*
Ms Natasha Eaton
R/Principal

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**SCHOOL ONLINE PAYMENTS**

Parents/carers can make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sport, performances, sales to students and other activities. There is also a category called Other, which will cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Ms Karen McDonald
School Admin Manager

**AT THE END OF THE DAY...**

School Hours and Supervision
Parents are reminded that if you are on the school grounds after 3.20pm, your children are in your care and there is no formal school supervision. Therefore **PARENTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN PROMPTLY** at the end of the day. If you are running late, a phone call to the office to let us and your child know can prevent tears. 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.
P&C News and Information

FROM THE CANTEEN
Welcome back! We hope everyone had a relaxing and fun holiday.

The canteen will be open from Friday.

We need lots of new helpers this year as many of our regular helpers have moved on to High School! Please come in and see Jacinta in the canteen about volunteering, it’s a great way to be involved with your school. No experience necessary and it’s lots of fun!

Jacinta Goodacre
Canteen Supervisor

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking starts next Thursday 5 February.

It’s easy and fun and our school receives 5% back as a thank-you for banking. If you need any assistance, please see Sharon Burns.

Sharon Burns
School Banking Co-ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP
Welcome back to everyone returning to Peakhurst South and a big welcome to our new Kindergarten students and Parents. We certainly hope you enjoyed your break over the festive season.

The Uniform shop is located near the staircase leading to the year 6 classrooms just near the library. We open the first Wednesday of each term and fortnightly thereafter on a Thursday. We stock all of the Peakhurst South Uniform requirements except for School shoes. Our opening times are from 8:40am – 9:20am and our operating days are placed on the noticeboard near the office as well as on the door near the shop. Price lists and order forms can be viewed and printed from the PSPS Website. If you are unable to make it to the shop on our operating days please feel free to place your order form in the uniform shop tray in the office and we will send your items to your child’s classroom.

If you are wanting to pick up some second hand items we also have these available in the shop for $2 an item, so please feel free to come and check out our bargains.

Please ensure all articles of clothing, hats and lunch boxes and bags are labelled with iron on labels or permanent marker for the new year so items can be returned promptly to your child.

School hats are mandatory for kids to play in the playground. If your child loses their hat at some point in the term you can pick up a new hat, if the shop isn’t open, from the office for $10.

For our Year 6 students, your personalised shirts are nearly completed with the printing you all designed and voted on for your final year. The shirts will be available as of the second week of term. We will get them to your classroom as soon as they arrive!

The next opening will be on Thursday 5 February from 8:20am – 9:20am. This is a volunteered run shop so please ensure you come early so as we can assist you as quickly as possible and can close on time.

Samantha Elliott and Sarah Philp
Uniform Shop Sub-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
Taking your child to the dentist regularly from a young age is the best way to prevent problems and develop good oral health habits.

With regular general check-ups for both adults and children, problems such as tooth decay, gum disease and crooked teeth will be minimised.

If you have any concerns with your own teeth, or are due for a check-up, call us or come in for a chat.

Dr Ron Borgnolo offers expert treatments and a personalised and gentle service. With over 25 years’ experience, Dr Ron takes the time to meet each patient’s individual needs in a professional and caring manner.

Medicare Child Benefit Scheme is accepted here. We also have HICAPS so you can claim from your health fund on the spot. We look forward to meeting you.

Dr Ron Borgnolo BDS Syd Uni
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