

# Peak Hill Central School

# Newsletter

## We are Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful

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## From the Principal's Desk

Thank you to the school community for your support and condolences following the death of my mother in law. It was very much appreciated by me and my husband Ron. I regret that I was unable to celebrate with Year 12 their banquet as a rite of passage from school. By the photographs it was a wonderful evening and you all looked the part. Well done to Year 11, the Year 10 students who waited on tables and the staff who supported the students in coordinating the event. The school community hope that you will accept our invitation to your final school event, the Presentation Awards ceremony on 18 December.

The Remembrance Day service was held on Monday 12 November. It was a moving reminder that as Australians we have our freedom because others have sacrificed their lives. Thank you to Ms Crystal Williams, Mr David Gaunt, Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon, Brad Edwards and Shari Carpenter for organising and leading the service and our girls singing group for their beautiful rendition of *Travellin' Soldier*.

Over the last fortnight Years 7 to 10 have been completing their Yearly Examinations prior to Semester Two reports being compiled. I have been impressed by the way the students have responded to the exams and tried their best, acting respectfully and responsibly. From 2013, Half Yearly and Yearly Examinations will take place to ensure that our students learn the processes and expectations required in the Senior School.

The process for electing our School Leaders for 2013 began this week. It was very encouraging to have eleven Year 10 students nominate for a position as School Leader. Next year we will have our Year 12 School Captains, Bradley Edwards and Georgia Sharkey and four School Leaders from Year 11. Each leader will coordinate a Student Action Team which will focus on priority areas for our student body. Voting has occurred and the successful students will meet with me in the coming week.

Nominations and elections for the Student Representative Council (SRC) will take place shortly. The students are encouraged to join the leadership program which will increase Student Voice. The student leaders and SRC will be recognised at our Presentation Evening; however the badging and oath taking will be in February. I would like family and community to join us for a formal assembly and morning tea to acknowledge the significant contribution the team will make in our school and celebrate their

## School Calendar - Term 4

<b>20 to 25 November</b>	School Spectacular
<b>25 to 30 November</b>	VET Work Placement
<b>28 November</b>	Community Literacy Day
<b>29 November</b>	Paint The Town ReAD Day and Gran-Friends Day
<b>28 Nov to 7 Dec</b>	Outdoor Rec at Lithgow
<b>3 to 7 December</b>	Year 10 Work Experience
<b>12 December</b>	School and Community Triathlon
<b>10 to 14 December</b>	Year 10 Work Experience
<b>18 December</b>	6.30pm Presentation Ceremony
<b>19 December</b>	Students Last Day of School



# Create Our Canteen



We have used a *Wordle* image to contrast our existing canteen with what we would like to create for our school. The words describe what our students think of our canteen and what they want.

## Can you help us to create their vision?

achievement.

The staffing process continues for 2013 with Ms Robin Barnes being the successful applicant for the School Administration Officer's position. We also welcome Mr Karel Giffen who will join our staff in the near future as a HSIE Classroom Teacher. We hope that they are both very happy in their appointment.

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**Principal**

Mrs Paula Payne

**Deputy Principal**

Mr Paul Champion

**Administration  
Manager**

Mrs Tanya Stanford

**Aboriginal Education  
Officer**

Mrs Vicki Sharah

**Assistant Principal  
Primary**

Ms Joy Wyner

Ms Sarah Browning

**Head Teacher  
Maths and Science**

Mrs Maria George

**Head Teacher  
English**

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

**Head Teacher T&L**

Mrs Rachel Cody

**Head Teacher  
Middle Years**

Mrs Lucy Burns

**WAP Access  
Co-ordinator**

Ms Crystal Williams

**P & C 2012****President**

Mrs Donna Kopp

**Vice President**

Mrs Narelle Peters

**Secretary**

Mrs Cathy Goodwin

**Treasurer**

Mrs Margaret Edwards

A Member of the  
Western Access  
Program

On the front page is a copy of our entry into the Food Distributor's competition to revamp school canteens. I was delighted to hear that we have won the NSW award and will receive \$1,000 to *Create our Canteen*. Thank you to Mrs Lucy Burns for helping me one Friday afternoon as we designed our entry! The SRC will now work with Ms Carmen Sharah to make our canteen vibrant and engaging.

Congratulations to Year 10 students Mikaela Dart and Amy Hart who have been selected to join the 2013 *Roadtrip to End Poverty*. The roadtrip will see over 1,000 young people in March travelling across Australia in an effort to help end extreme poverty. The trip is organised by *Oaktree Foundation* and provides an incredible opportunity for our students to grow their skills, knowledge and passion while spending a week with a group of inspired and like-minded peers campaigning under the vision that extreme poverty can be ended in their generation.

As part of our strengthening partnership with the CSU *Future Moves* Program, Stage 3 and their teacher Ms Katie Lonsdale have been to *Check it out* at the Bathurst Campus. The students participated in a variety of activities which will encourage them to start talking and thinking about potential career opportunities and pathways. Meanwhile Kindergarten with their teacher Mrs Joy Wyner has explored the Peak Hill CBD as part of their unit on *My Place*. They also joined Stage 1 and Ms Natalie Barnes and Stage 2 with Ms Sarah Browning on an exciting visit to Parkes Shire Council, pool, the library and CBD. They also visited Middleton Public School who allowed our students to have their recess and lunch breaks with them and play on their equipment. How impressive is our little mayor with his chains. Samuel Gregson I see you making some big decisions in the future!



Next week our Aboriginal Dance Ensemble accompanied by Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon, Mrs Vicki Sharah and Mr Matt Sharah will head to Sydney for *School Spectacular*. I am looking forward to experiencing the spectacular after the many months of rehearsals and I am sure our students will do us proud. Yesterday I was very moved by the generous donation made to the school to assist the students with their expenses. Thank you to the Aboriginal Reference Group of Central West Management Authority. On behalf of the school we are very grateful for all the community support we have received to make it possible for the students to participate in this event. A donation of \$250 was also provided for the Year 9 Indigenous Garden Project which will be opened on 5 December.

Our launch of Peak Hill as a *Paint the Town ReAD* community will be on 29 November. Activities will commence at lunchtime with a community meeting at 5 pm in our library. For more information please contact our coordinator Ms Sarah Browning. In the next week parents of Year 4 students will receive invitations to meet with us to develop a transition plan for the Middle School. Our Presentation Evening will be on Tuesday 18 December commencing at 6.30 pm. We hope that parents, family and community will join us in all these opportunities to engage with our school.

Enjoy the next fortnight. It is only five weeks to Christmas!

Mrs Paula Payne  
Principal

“quoted”

‘Comparison, a great teacher told me, is the cardinal sin of modern life.  
It traps us in a game we can't win.

Once we define ourselves in terms of others we lose the freedom to shape our own lives.’





Dear parents, staff and community members,



Is open for business!

Thursday 22 November 2012  
11am – 2pm

Come and enjoy a tasty selection of coffee,  
cakes, open sandwiches and wraps!

Prices available at the PHCS office

RSVP: Monday 19 November 2012

Dine in or take away available

Peak Hill Central School

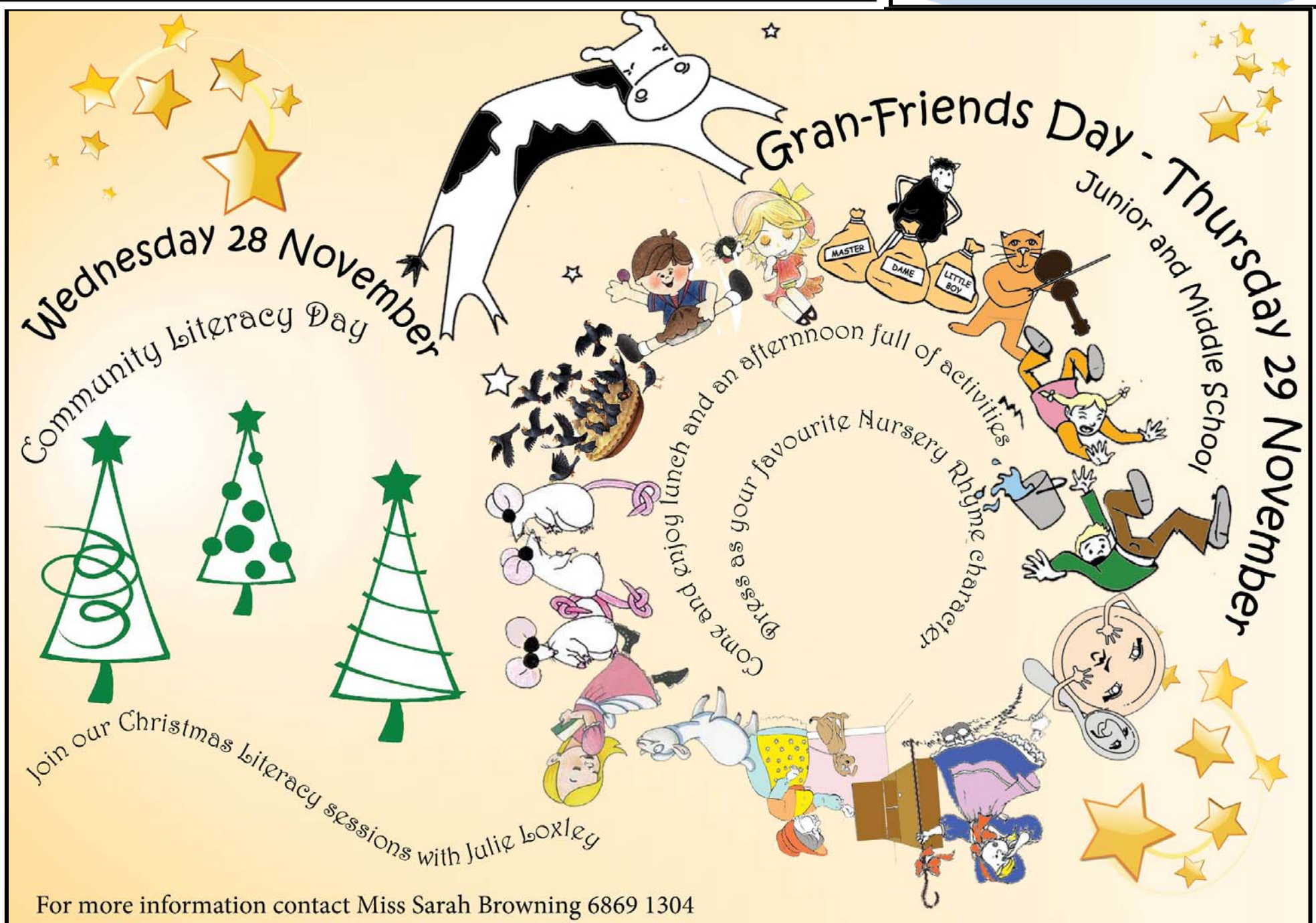
2012

Presentation Ceremony

We invite all parents, grandparents and  
community members to join us for our  
annual Presentation Ceremony.

The ceremony will be held on  
**Tuesday 18 December** commencing at  
**6.30pm** under the school COLA.  
Light refreshments will be held in the  
hall prior to commencement.

We encourage everyone to join us in  
this acknowledgement and celebration  
of the successes of 2012



## SRC News

The PHCS SRC are currently selling raffle tickets to  
fundraise for their environmental based projects within the  
school for 2013. The prize is a 2012 signed NSW State of  
Origin jersey which was donated by Willy Barnes.  
Students have tickets and you can find them in the  
playground at recess or lunch. They are \$2.00 each or 3  
for \$5.00. The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Night.

The SRC have been having weekly meetings with Mrs  
Paula Payne and Mrs Lucy Burns to discuss current  
activities within the school. This is an opportunity for  
students to touch base with their principal to network and  
gain focus for other student led activities which can be

incorporated into our curriculum.

The meetings have allowed for a range of priority areas to  
come up through discussion, one being the formation of  
Student Action Teams to lead key initiatives in the school.  
This will allow for increased student voice within the school  
where students are involved in the planning and decision  
making process on issues which are relevant and  
important to them.

Thank you,  
PHCS SRC and Mrs Lucy Burns





# Lake Burrendong Excursion

On Monday the 29 October, 13 Year 5 and Year 6 students went on an excursion to Lake Burrendong Sport and Rec Camp. The aim of the excursion was to help promote new experiences and self-confidence. The students participated in a wide range of activities including kayaking, rock climbing, bush craft, boomerang throwing and archery. They also did a cook out where the students were involved in the preparation and cooking of their lunch. This involved them starting and looking after the fire, cutting up food, cooking and then cleaning. There were other schools at the camp with us and we would join them at night for different activities such as games and a disco.

Overall the camp was enjoyable but very tiring. The staff at Lake Burrendong commended our students on how well behaved they were and said they would be welcome back anytime. Thank you to the office staff who helped organise this excursion and Mr Jesse Robinson for all his help during the week.

Ms Katie Lonsdale

At Burrendong we did lots of fun things like rock climbing, kayaking, and grass skiing, low ropes and raft building. We had an awesome Halloween disco, a movie night and mini Olympics. I had so much fun I didn't want to go home!

*Tamika Read*

Lake Burrendong was pretty cool. The best thing was dinner. It was some of the best food I have ever had! At night time we would go to a big hall and we would have games with all the different schools and we had a disco on Halloween.

*Dylan Sellers*

When we went to Burrendong I met people from different schools. I thought going canoeing was scary because Nakarli and I nearly tipped the canoe and we thought we saw a crab. We also did archery which was really fun for a first experience. When we were rock climbing I thought it was really hard but it was also fun.

*Nakayla Dart*



## Middle School News

The Stage 3 class have attended the Charles Sturt University Future Moves program this week. Peak Hill Central School is one of 23 schools in the Western NSW Region who are involved in the program with other year groups attending later in the year. The students attended the *Check it Out* day where students participated in a range of workshops all designed to assist them in beginning to think about their career paths and changing common perceptions about Tertiary Education. Our students are very lucky to be involved in this wonderful program and we can't wait to hear more about what the students have achieved.

I will be working with Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon, as next years Stage 3 teacher, and Miss Sarah Browning as the current Stage 2 teacher, this term on transition plans for our current Year 4 students. We will be inviting parents of these students during Week 9 to work together in planning for their educational needs in the 2013 New Year. I look forward to meeting with you all and working together in creating the best transition for your children.

I am working with the Middle Years staff for 2013 this term in the development of quality integrated units of work. With Mrs Payne, I will be facilitating a workshop in Dubbo for

the staff on current academic research into the learning needs of our middle years students and working together in planning for a quality curriculum in 2013.

Congratulations to our two Middle School students of the week this week, Isabelle Goodwin and Marissa Robinson. Both of these students will receive a \$5.00 canteen voucher for demonstrating consistent safe, responsible, respectful and responsible behaviours.



Thank you,

Mrs Lucy Burns

Head Teacher Middle Years



## Goobang National Park Excursion

Students in Year 9 attended an excursion to Goobang National Park on Wednesday 31 October. This excursion was part of the work students in Year 9 are currently undertaking each Wednesday morning in partnership with Mission Australia and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Year 9 are designing, preparing and planting an *Indigenous Garden* along the Derribong Street entrance to our school.

The visit to Goobang National Park enabled students to observe and record the type and range of flora present in

the natural environment. The students' findings will determine the most suitable native plants to source for their project.

Accompanying our students on the excursion were Mr Trevor Robinson from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Ms Jesse Williams from Mission Australia, Ms Carmen Sharah and Mrs Vicki Sharah. Sincere thanks to both students and staff for an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Mr Paul Champion - Deputy Principal



## HSC Physics Projectile Motion

The first Topic in the HSC Physics Course involves investigations into Projectile Motion and Rocketry. Michael Lee and Brad Hart are currently working on an assessment task to study the effect of velocity and launch angle on the path of projectiles.

Making use of an air powered paper rocket launcher and paper rockets of their own design, they can calculate the launch speed of the rockets, maximum height and final speeds from recording flight time and distance travelled.

So far Brad holds the record for longest flight, sending his original design 98m, while Michael has the record for most impressive launch after one of his rockets decided to become confetti at blast-off.

(Its a hard life being a test rocket, if you survive the launch you still have to make it through the landing.)

Mr John Grubb





# Year 12 Banquet









# Journey to Respect 2012

On Thursday 1 November, a group of 5 of our Year 9 boys departed from Peak Hill Central School on the annual *Journey to Respect* Camp. The boys participating included Alistar Kopp, Jarrod Westcott, Clayton Hartin, James Dunn and Caleb Cohen.

The camp started with the team having to get Caleb out of bed because he had slept in, which then triggered a series of jokes from Willie and Matt at his expense which he thoroughly enjoyed. The boys set up camp and we set down some ground rules. Throughout the first day we participated in a variety of activities including talks about respect and responsibility, recreational activities such as yabbing and cricket, and a search and rescue for a certain someone who was lost and injured while walking down the river.

The boys had made it nearly all the way through the first day without having to do any push-ups until one of the boys had a slip-up which resulted in some team exercise. We created a camp fire and cooked our dinner followed by some damper on sticks which went down a treat.

The second day started early with Willie's workout session. The boys were small in number however strong at heart as they were able to tackle the same obstacles as much bigger groups have in the past. Throughout the second day the boys participated in a range of activities including a talk about becoming a man with Matt, Willie and myself. During the respect talk each of the boys identified an outcome that they would like to achieve in their schooling for the rest of this year, which hopefully they all still have in mind!

And as the final day came to a close, a new record was set! The least push-ups completed by any group so far, which is a positive outcome as this means the least amount of accidental swearing had occurred ever on a *Journey to Respect* Camp. Congrats boys!

A big thank you to Mrs Vicki Sharah, Mr Matt Sharah, Mr Willie Barnes and the parents of each of the boys for helping them on their journey.

Mr James Peter





# Access Orientation Day for 2013

Year 10 students from our Access schools met at Peak Hill Central on Thursday 1 November to begin their preparations for their senior learning programs for 2013 -14.

Yeoval, Trundle, Trangie, Tullamore, Tottenham and Mendooran were represented on the day with approximately 60 students participating.

Mrs Payne welcomed the group before Head Teacher Access, Ms Crystal Williams explained the overall organisation and expectations for the Access Program, followed by introductions to subject coordinators.

The middle session was an introduction to Crossroads with *Getting to Know You* activities, a *Relationship* exercise as well as an introduction to *Drug* issues with a song competition to be finalised at camp. As it is to feature in camp activities next year, a brief introduction to Theatre Sports ended the session.

Notice was given for the Western Access Camp for Year 11, which will be held 21 - 23 February at Lake Burrendong costing \$150 per student for the three days. *Crossroads* will take a strong emphasis in the camp proceedings with the sexual health team presenting a session as well as other related course activities to be integrated into the camp program.

A very motivational and informative presentation was also made by Mrs Narelle Peters who organises all Work Placement for VET students.

As well as student participation in the day, ten of the visiting and accompanying staff made use of the opportunity for a two hour Moodle training session with WAP Moodle Administrator, Mr John Grubb.

Ms Crystal Williams - WAP Access Co-ordinator





# Sport

## Boys Cricket

On Monday 5 November the P.H.C.S Opens Boys Cricket team travelled to Trundle for our first game of the Central Schools Knockout. The team led by Bradley Hart won the toss and elected to bowl first. The team had early success taking many quick wickets including Trundle's leading batsmen. At the end of Trundle's innings they had scored 75 runs although many of the runs due to wides and no balls.

The Peak Hill innings started well with Rohan and Alistar Kopp opening the batting and showing good technique. Quick wickets soon followed due to some great bowling by Trundle and it was up to Bondi Fitzpatrick and Jordon Towney to steady the ship. Both Jordon and Bondi got the team to within 8 runs of victory however just fell short.

The day was very enjoyable with both teams playing with a very positive attitude and socialising well during the breaks. A massive thank you must go to Ms Carmen Sharah and Mr Jessie Robinson for assisting in the transportation of the students.

Full Scorecard		
	Batting	Bowling
Alistar Kopp	4	2-6
Rohan Kopp	2	Wicket Keeper
Jarrood Westcott	1	0-3
Brad Hart	4	2-5
Hayden Cook	2	2-13
Perry Hando	1	0-4
Jordon Towney	22	2-8
Bondi Fitzpatrick	16	0-8
Marcus Dargan	0	0-5
James Peters	0	0-10
Brad Edwards	0	0-7
Corey Hando	Did Not Bat	0-3

Yours in sport,  
Mr Wade Richardson

## P.H.C.S Annual Triathlon

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual School/Community Triathlon will be held on Wednesday 12 December 2012.

The event will commence at 2:00 pm and consist of individual and team events.

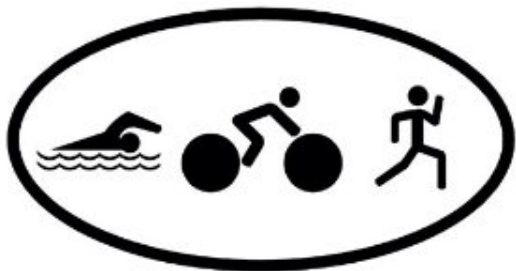
Having a go and participating is the main focus of the day, regardless of ability so enter yourself as an individual or find 2 friends willing to do a leg of the triathlon each.

The format:

**TEAMS:** (Male, Female and Mixed teams welcome)

- Swim: 2 laps (66m)
- Bike: 3 laps around Lindner Oval
- Run: 1km

**INDIVIDUAL:**  
Same as Teams except U11's do 2 laps of the bike.  
The bicycle must be in good working order and an approved helmet used.  
You may enter yourself as an individual and in a team.  
Please contact Mr Richardson at school for an entry form.  
Mr Wade Richardson



## 2011 Results

Teams				
Age Group	Swim	Bike	Run	Time
U13's Boys	Kyle Cohen	Ethan Peters	Brodie Wilson	11:30
U13's Mixed (1 Boy)	Tyler Read	Joshua Finn	Kasey Kilby	11.53
U13's Mixed (1 Boy)	Abbey Reid	Michael Welsh	Jasmin Pollard	13.49
U15's Boys	Nathan Carr	Elliott Learmonth	Chad Hartin	8.46
Opens Boys	Rohan Kopp	Brad Edwards	Brad Hart	8.43
Opens Girls	Georgia Sharkey	Amy Hart	Georgia Westcott	11.01
Opens Mixed	Molly Wright	Caitlin Bell	Aron Peters	11.34



# School Noticeboard



## Congratulations Russell Winners

### Week 5

**Secondary:** Kyle Cohen & Molly Wright

**Primary:** Bilal Dirani

### Week 6

**Secondary:** Jarrod Westcott & Erin O'Leary

**Primary:** Tye Fraser

**Winners of a \$5 Canteen Voucher**

## P & C

## AGM Meeting

**When:** Tonight

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** Administration Meeting Room

**All Welcome**

## Canteen Roster Term 4

Week Beginning	19-Nov	26-Nov	3-Dec	10-Dec
<b>Monday</b>	Alana Simmons		Ellen Hart	
<b>Tuesday</b>				
<b>Wednesday</b>				Geoffrey Davis
<b>Thursday</b>				Mary Wright
<b>Friday</b>		Suzie Swain & Jenni Westcott		

## Welcome to our new school website

[www.peakhill-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.peakhill-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Here you will find all the current Department of Education information along with photos, calendar dates, copies of school newsletters and much more.

Don't forget, we also have a site on Facebook, where you will get quick updates on school life at Peak Hill Central School. Whilst there take the opportunity to complete the homework survey and let us know what you think.

## You + CSU = \$20,000

Entries are now open for Charles Sturt University's *You + CSU* competition, which gives school leavers a chance to win \$20,000 towards the cost of study at the University.

All you have to do is upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be like and you could pocket the \$20,000 and land a role as CSU's Digital Ambassador for 2013.

Entry is open to all Australian school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 or 2012 who intend to begin their first university degree, full-time, on campus at CSU next year.

More details are available at [www.csu.edu.au/experience](http://www.csu.edu.au/experience) and entries are open until December 9.

## Would \$2,500 Help Your Higher Education Studies?

If you're a school leaver planning to attend University in 2013, you could be eligible to receive a scholarship of up to \$2,500!

The Jack Scoble Scholarship is open to students who are completing the Higher School Certificate at a school within the Parkes Shire and entering their first year of full time university studies.

**Applications close  
January 25, 2013.**

**More information:**

**call** 0417 824 350 (Lisa)

**visit** [www.parkes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parkes.nsw.gov.au)



## Congratulations to the following Award Recipients

**28 October to 11 November**

**Bronze - Rhett Gavin**

**Bronze - Molly Wright**



# Term 4 HSC Assessment Schedule

Week	Subject	Weighting	Task
6	Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation*	10	Games and Sport Application 2
	Chemistry	15	Research Task - Batteries
7	Advanced English	25	Area of Study - Portfolio and Critique of <i>Immigrant Chronicle</i>
	Physics	15	Projectile Motion
	Hospitality	--	Practical - Held at Peak Hill Central School
	Primary Industries*	--	Topic Test
	Construction	--	White Card - Held at Trangie Central School
8	Business Studies	20	Topic Test
	Industrial Technology	10	Folio
	Mathematics	20	Topic Test
	Modern History	10	Source Analysis: Core Study
	Senior Science	20	First Hand Investigation
9	Ancient History	10	Sourced Based Examination
	General Mathematics	15	Multi Topic Test
	PDHPE	20	Data Analysis: Factors Affecting Performance
	Visual Art	15	Case Study
10	Agriculture	20	Investigation - Plant and Animal
	Biology	15	Practical Report
	Extension Mathematics	15	Assignment- Induction, Binomial Theorem, Permutations and Combinations
	Applied Mathematics	20	Household - Mathematics and Design
	English CEC	15	Film Project - <i>The Big Screen</i>
	Standard English	30	Belonging Film Trailer and Oral Presentation: <i>Strictly Ballroom</i>
	Visual Design CEC	30	Interior/ Exterior Design Project

## Community News



UnitingCare Burnside's Communities for Children Coordinator together with Western NSW Health are offering:

**FREE**

Prior to School Hearing and Vision Checks

**When:** 21 November

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Where:** Dubbo City Council Conference Rooms (alongside Immunisation Clinic)

**All Children are welcome**



CanAssist Christmas Dinner

Thursday 22 November 2012 at the Tomingley Hotel

Start Time: 6pm

RSVP Sue Strahorn or Jan Mackay by Tuesday 20 November.

*Please remember our Street Stall on 16 November.*

## Nel's Sew & Patch



For all of your sewing and alterations

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