

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to our students who performed in the 2012 Schools Spectacular *Our Time*. It was exciting and a wonderful opportunity to view the production which included a staggering three and a half thousand students from NSW Public Schools. With ages from seven to eighteen it is a show which celebrates extraordinary talent, creativity and courage of our young people who have recognised the relevance of the theme *Our Time* in their own life. As a principal I am incredibly proud of and excited for, each and every one of our students. It was a privilege to share this experience with you at the Entertainment Centre. Well done Nathan Carr, Tiarni, Kyle and Jyi Cohen, Bondi and Grace Fitzpatrick, Taleica and Mikaela Dart, Kasey Kilby, Jaylan Williams Corey Ridgeway, Hayden Robinson and Tiyana Toney. On behalf of the school community may I extend a thank you to the coach Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon and Mrs Vicki Sarah, Mr Matt Sarah and all the staff, parents and community members who helped our ensemble.

This year two significant changes in the structure of classes in the school were implemented. The first was my decision to staff Kindergarten as a separate class and then group our primary students in stage groups. This decision was to ensure the maximum opportunity for each student but especially our youngest students to have the Best Start in Literacy and Numeracy. The latest data indicates this has made an outstanding difference with all students reading instructional texts at the state benchmark with many students exceeding the expectation for Kindergarten. The class is confident and competent; they love the excitement of reading and the challenge of learning. It is the highlight of my day when one of them comes and reads a book to me beaming with pride as they get a Principal's Special Award. Well done kindergarten and your teacher Mrs Joy Wyner. The introduction of our Middle School for Years 5-8 has also been a successful initiative. This weekend I will be working with all the teachers involved in the Middle Years in 2013 as we formally begin our project which is being evaluated by a state team. As the only school in NSW to gain Transition Funding our findings will be closely watched to identify best practice. I thank all the staff involved for their time and commitment. I look forward to meeting with Year 4 parents in our transition meetings as we work together to provide the best learning environment for your child. Feedback and conversations with parents and the community are important if we are to be a great school. I encourage you

School Calendar - Term 4

28 Nov to 7 Dec	Outdoor Recreation at Lithgow
3 to 7 December	Year 10 Work Experience
12 December	School and Community Triathlon
14 December	Year 11 Belrose Excursion
10 to 14 December	Year 10 Work Experience
17 to 18 December	Year 10 First Aid
18 December	6.30pm Presentation Ceremony
19 December	PBL Activities Day, Opening of the Indigenous Garden and Students Last Day of School
Wed 6 February 2013	Students Return Term 1 2013



Future Moves

Linking CSU and PHCS

Building aspirations to achieve K-12

Information session and morning tea

10.30 am 6 December

School Hall

All parents, friends and community welcome

to please contact me if there is something you would like to see done or suggestions which you think would enhance our school. It is disappointing when the first I know that a student is relocating to another school for whatever reason, such as a change in family circumstances, is the phone call from the other principal!

The School Leaders for 2013 have been elected. Congratulations to Year 10 students Mikaela Dart, Erin O'Leary, James Peters and Georgia Westcott. Each of these students will be outstanding in their leadership role and I look forward to working with them. The Leaders will be involved in a Planning day on 12 December to develop their roles and responsibilities in coordinating a Student Action Team which will focus on priority areas for our student body.

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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

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Mrs Margaret Edwards

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Program



These teams will lead initiatives and programs in the Environment, Community Engagement, School Culture and Student Well Being. Nominations have closed and elections for the Student Representative Council (SRC) will take place next week. The Induction of our school leaders will be held at an Assembly and Morning Tea on **15 February** commencing at 10.30 am. I would like to invite family and community to join us to acknowledge the significant contribution the team will make in our school and celebrate their achievement.

An evaluation of Sport and School Houses has recommended that due to student numbers and inequity in group sizes, we should reduce the groups from four to three to encourage more competition and engagement in school activities such as PBL. Each House will have a Sport's Captain who will be elected from within the new grouping.

Last week the irrigation along Caswell Street was completed. The next step is to get some grass growing. If you are able to help with runners for a working bee planting could you please contact the school. All offers of assistance would be very much appreciated as we continue to improve the presentation and environment of the school.

As part of our strengthening partnership with the CSU *Future Moves Program* an information session and Morning tea will be held next Thursday 6 December at 10.30 am. Please come along and hear what this innovative project will look like for all our students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Year 9 students have been working with Mr Trevor Robinson, Ms Irene Ridgeway, Ms Jessica Williams and the Mission Australia team in the research, design and construction of the Indigenous Garden near the Derribong entry to school. The opening of the garden will be on 19 December and all community members are most welcome to come along and share what the students have achieved.

Our launch of Peak Hill as a *Paint the Town ReAD* community is today at 5pm in the library where we will welcome Mrs Rhonda Brain and the Reading Bug mascot. This afternoon it was a great atmosphere as we celebrated the importance of Nursery Rhymes in developing Early Literacy. For more information please contact Ms Sarah Browning. We hope that parents, family and community will join us to see how you can get involved.

Could I please remind parents that the school relies on student contributions to resource the school. In completing the budget this week with Mrs Tanya Stanford over 50% of our global funds goes on the payment of utilities such as telephone, water and electricity. Paper and printing are also significant expenses. With 90% of fees NOT paid this means that there is less opportunity to purchase new texts, craft materials and classroom resources. Families are asked to contribute \$30 for their first child and \$20 for siblings. I encourage everyone to make the effort to support the school. Thank you in anticipation as we plan for next year.

Take care. Let us have a great fortnight. It is only three weeks to Christmas!

**Mrs Paula Payne
Principal**

“quoted”

“Dance as if no one were watching,
Sing as if no one were listening,
And live every day as if it were your last.”
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Canteen Crisis Meeting

WE NEED YOU



We need your ideas and suggestions!

If you want your canteen to be available for your children come along to the Canteen Crisis Meeting

Canteen may close without your support!

When: Thursday 6 December 5.30pm

Where: School Meeting Room

School Spectacular

On Tuesday 20 November the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble travelled to Sydney to perform at the Schools Spectacular concert held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Students auditioned for the concert back in March and have worked tirelessly to learn challenging choreography for the concert. Students participated in several rehearsal sessions and performed a total of 5 concerts while in Sydney. Bangarra Dance Company provided the students with the choreography and music for the dance. The piece was called *Gapan* which has been a part of Bangarra's repertoire since 1995. Students performed in front of capacity audiences alongside approximately 200 other

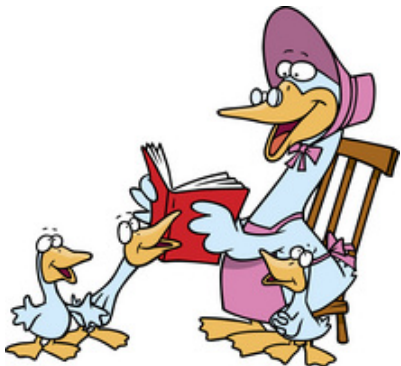
dancers for the piece and 2500 dancers for the complete show. We received positive feedback on our students' behaviour and performances while at the Entertainment Centre. I would like to thank the students for a fantastic week away. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all those that donated money and bought tickets in our fund raising, without you we would not have been able to attend. A big thank you goes to Vicki and Matt Sharah for attending the excursion. I hope all of our dancers are able to use the experience to help them with their studies and social skills.

Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon



Middle School News

As the year is nearing its end I would like to remind all students that it is expected that you will be working up until the last day of term. This Thursday is our Grand Friends and Paint the Town REaD day. I would like to invite all parents, carers and grand friends to join us in some lunch and fun literacy activities in the afternoon. Come along to see how the wonderful staff engages your child in a range of literacy based activities.



I am currently working with Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon, as next year's Stage 3 teacher, and Miss Sarah Browning as the current Stage 2 teacher, on transition plans for our current Year 4 students. We will be inviting the parents of these students into the school 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 possible educational setting for your children.

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

Mrs Paula Payne, 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. I look forward to seeing how the staff use this information in planning and programming for our Middle Years program in 2013.

Congratulations to our two Middle School students of the week this week, Miriama Barlow and Ethan Peters. Both of these students will receive a \$5.00 canteen voucher for demonstrating consistent Safe, Successful, Respectful and Responsible behaviours.



Thank you,
Mrs Lucy Burns
Head Teacher Middle Years

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 Payne and Mrs Burns to discuss current issues 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 an 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.

Mrs Paula Payne and I will be working on nominations for SRC from Years 4 to 12. Students have been required to fill in nomination forms and will be elected by the peers in

their year group. The SRC members for 2013 will be announced at Presentation Night and a formal Induction Ceremony will be conducted on 15 February 2013.

Thank you,
PHCS SRC and Mrs Lucy Burns



Sexual Health Presentation

NSW Health representative and sexual health worker, Mr Mark Bayliss accompanied by staff Tina and Brenda presented our Year 11s with vital information on sexually transmitted infections.

A PowerPoint presentation, handouts and question time made up the hour and a half session.

Some revealing facts shared on the day include: the incidence of Chlamydia has increased 300% since 2000, Hep C sufferers in Australia number 25,000 and 24,000

Australians are HIV positive.

To have face to face time with on the ground experts in the field of sexual health is educationally invaluable and much appreciated.

Our youth always need explicit information regarding all health issues in order to make informed and hopefully healthy decisions throughout their lives.

Mrs Pauline Allen



School Noticeboard

Uniform Shop

Every Thursday

9am to 11am

At the School Administration Office

NEW SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED

To arrange sizes and payment please come to the Front Office during shop hours.

Shirts must be paid for in full before being taken.

P & C

The Meeting for December will not proceed with the next meeting scheduled for February 2013 with a date to be advised.

The P & C would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who generously donated their time throughout the year in the canteen and fundraisers.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.





Congratulations Russell Winners

Week 7

Secondary: Dylan Arnold and Taleica Dart

Primary: Bilal Dirani

Week 8

Secondary: Isabelle Goodwin and Jarrod Westcott

Primary: Skye Rosewarne

Winners of a \$5 Canteen Voucher



Congratulations to the following Award Recipients

12 November to 25 November

Hassan Dirani - Bronze

Joseph Dargan - Bronze

Brandon Hamilton - Bronze

Canteen Roster Term 4

Week Beginning	3-Dec	10-Dec
Monday	Ellen Hart	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Geoffrey Davis
Thursday		Mary Wright
Friday		

Welcome to our new school website

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.

Term 4 HSC Assessment Schedule

Week	Subject	Weighting	Task
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

BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN IPAD MINI

Simply making a deposit through School Banking before Friday 14 December will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPad Mini's valued at \$369 each for Christmas.

For more information talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Terms and conditions: The competition will run from 8am 19th November, 2012 – 11.59pm 14th December 2012. Competition is Australia wide. The prize draw will take place at Level 13 Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney. NSW at 3pm 19th December 2012. The winner will be notified by telephone and by mail. The winners will be published in the Australian Newspaper on 27th December 2012. The Promoter is the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney. NSW. Terms and Conditions are available at www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/schoolbanking. *A total of twelve (12) Apple iPad Mini's (16GB with wifi) to be won. Two (2) each to be won in New South Wales (including ACT), Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia (including Northern Territory). Permit Number NSW LTPS/12/10140 and ACT TP 12/04570.

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

FREE TWO HOUR WORKSHOP FOR PEAK HILL

A free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers will be held at Peak Hill Central School on Thursday 6 December commencing at 5pm.

"The workshop covers topics such as; the new licence conditions for learner and P-plate drivers, how to use the Learner Driver Logbook, the benefits of on-road driving sessions and tips on supervising a learner driver.

Light refreshments will be available during the workshop.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Ms Melanie Suitor on (02) 6861 2364.

Identifying and supporting children at risk of anxiety and depression

Video Conference for Parents

Date: Thursday, 6 December 2012, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Where: Peak Hill Central School

Presenter: Clinical psychologists, Melissa Theobald and Rowena Micha

About the session: There are many life events that can be extremely stressful and which can lead to children being at risk of suffering from anxiety and depression. Divorce, bullying, death, exams even Christmas can be stressful times! Come and join two prominent local Clinical psychologists, Melissa Theobald and Rowena Micha and learn some very useful tips and strategies for keeping you and your family healthy and relaxed in the good and not so good times! This is a must attend for all parents and caregivers!

Tea & Coffee available

For more information please contact the school office on 0268691304

Community News



Photo With Santa

Friday 7 December,

2.30pm to 4.30pm

Peak Hill CTC

Prices remain the same as last year

Join the most trusted profession

Ambulance is recruiting Trainee and Qualified Paramedics

The jobs are a special measure under our EEO Management Plan

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply
 - Includes on-the-job training

For more information contact: Callista Bryan

Aboriginal Employment Coordinator 0293207644 or

Email: cbryan@ambulance.nsw.gov.au



Community Health Visit

Tuesday 18 December

For an appointment phone 0268691446 – Brenda Hurst

Library Assistant - Peak Hill

Applications are invited for the position of Permanent Part-Time Library Assistant at Peak Hill. The Primary purpose of the position is to staff the Peak Hill branch of the Parkes Shire Library Service and assist in the provision of information, recreation and educational needs to the residents of the Shire.

Applications for this position will be received by the undersigned up until 10.00am on Monday, 10 December 2012. Applicants must specifically address each of the essential and desirable criteria for the position. An information package must be obtained by accessing Council's website at www.parkes.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the Human Resources Section. Further direct information on the position can be obtained by contacting Shellie Buckle on 68612337.

General Manager, Parkes Shire Council, PO Box 337, PARKES NSW 2870



*Parkes Shire Council is an
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2013 Class Requirements

Primary: General Equipment for Each Class

Library Bag (K-6), Paint Shirt (K-1), Lead and Coloured Pencils (2-6), Eraser and Glue Stick(2-6), Red Black and Blue Pens (5-6) and Headphones (All Years).

Secondary & WAP: General Equipment for all Subjects

Black, Blue and Red Pens, Lead Pencils (HB or 2B), Eraser, Sharpener, Ruler, Scissors, Scientific Calculator, Highlighters, Glue Stick, Coloured Pencils/Textas, Headphones and a Large Pencil Case – Clearly Labelled & a USB Drive 2 to 4 Gigabyte.

Year 7/8 Subject Equipment Requirements

Subject	Equipment Details
English	96 Page A4 Workbook
Science	164 page exercise book, Enclosed Leather Shoes and a Geometry Set
HSIE	64 Page A4 Workbook x 2
Maths	Grid Exercise book 96 page and a Geometry Set
PDHPE	Sports Uniform (Available from Canteen), Approved Sports Shoes & A4 Workbook
Technology	Enclosed Leather Shoes, an A4 Workbook, Long hair tied back and restrained, No loose clothing, No dangly jewellery and no hats unless restraining long hair.
LOTE	A4 Workbook
Creative Arts	Enclosed Leather Shoes, A4 Sketch Book & 4B Lead Pencils
Music	A4 Workbook

Year 9/10 Subject Equipment Requirements

Subject	Equipment Details
English	96 Page A4 Workbook
Science	164 page exercise book, Enclosed Leather Shoes and an A4 Workbook
HSIE	64 Page A4 Workbook x 2
Maths	Geometry Set and a A4 Grid Book 164 page
PDHPE	Sports Uniform (Available from Canteen), Approved Sports Shoes & A4 Workbook
Agriculture	Enclosed Leather Shoes and an A4 Workbook
Food Tech	Enclosed Leather Shoes, A4 Display Folder/Binder & A4 Workbook
Metal Tech	Enclosed Leather Shoes, an A4 Workbook, Long hair tied back and restrained, No loose clothing, No dangly jewellery and no hats unless restraining long hair.
Timber Tech	Enclosed Leather Shoes, an A4 Workbook, Long hair tied back and restrained, No loose clothing, No dangly jewellery and no hats unless restraining long hair.
Art	Enclosed Leather Shoes, A4 Sketch Book & 4B Lead Pencils
Physical Activity & Sports Studies(Y10)	A4 Workbook

Year 11/12 Subject Equipment Requirements

Subject	Equipment Details
Sciences (Senior Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	Enclosed Leather Shoes, A 240 Page A4 Workbook and a display folder
Maths	A4 Grid book 164 page and a Geometry Set
Food Technology & Hospitality	Enclosed Leather Shoes, a Display Folder and an A4 Workbook
Western Access Program	Workbook for every subject and a storage folder with dividers
Art	Enclosed Leather Shoes, A4 Sketch Book & 4B Lead Pencils

Note

Each subjects' work needs to be kept in a separate book. Every book must be covered in contact with the students full name and subject on the front cover.

