

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Thank you to the school community for my warm welcome back. Our travels in Europe were a wonderful opportunity to experience different cultures, appreciate the architecture and landscapes and to be absorbed in the rich history of countries which have influenced our world. I would like to thank Mrs Maria George for leading the school while I was away with the assistance of Mr Jeremy Whiterod and Mr Jamie Sampson. Mr Sampson will continue as the Deputy Principal for the remainder of the term in Mr Champion's absence. I also appreciate the support of all the staff as we move into the final term of the year.

This week we welcome a new member to Peak Hill Central School, Mr Filip Rafaneli. He has been appointed as the Rural Area Relief, based in Peak Hill. He can be called for relief in other Western Access schools as well as Narromine and Dubbo. I am sure his time in the Central West will be rewarding. Mr Matthew Clarke has also been appointed to Dubbo College South Campus from 2014. This is great news for Mr Clarke as it is a permanent position. In the next few weeks I will be working through the staffing process to fill the positions for a primary classroom teacher and a secondary English teacher

Mr Peter Snowden, Relieving Director for the Lachlan Network of Schools visited our school last week, spending time with the Whudagagarra Award recipients. He presented each student with a certificate from the Director General as a further acknowledgment of their success and he enjoyed the opportunity to meet with staff and students.

Congratulations to Year 12 students. Amy Hart and Georgia Westcott who have both been selected for the NSW 2013 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll: *Recognising rural women volunteers*. This initiative was developed by the NSW Department of Primary Industries' Rural Women's Network as a way of recognising the significant and diverse roles women volunteers play as key participants within NSW rural communities. Amy and Georgia were nominated for their initiative, commitment and dedication in facilitating the Active Kids After School program. The booklet which includes the citations is available on the Rural Women's Network website at: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/activities/hidden-treasures. Well done girls! It is an honour which is very much deserved. Nominations for the 2014 Honour Roll will open on 1 May 2014 so you may like to consider who we could nominate next year!

School Calendar - Term 4

7 November	Year 12 Banquet
8-13 November	Belrose Excursion
25-29 November	School Spectacular
12 December	Presentation Night 6pm
13 December	Commendation Assembly 10am

The process for selecting our School Leaders for 2014 will commence next week. I will meet with Years 10 and 11 to outline the roles and responsibilities of being a School Captain or Student Leader. Students will then complete a written nomination which will include endorsement from their parents. Successful students will be announced at our Presentation Night on **Thursday 12 December** with the badging to be done at the Leadership Induction Ceremony in early February.

The reunion held on the weekend of 19 October was a huge success with over one hundred people visiting Peak Hill Central School. Visitors included students from 1936, many others in the 1950s and 60s up to the most recent who completed their HSC in 2000. After a welcome by Mr David Towney and a BBQ lunch, tours of the facilities were conducted. Ex-students were so impressed with the bright colourful playground, Hospitality and Trade Training Centre, science laboratory and video-conference facilities. Many wondered how much better they would have performed in such a well-resourced learning environment.



We have recently dealt with a number of issues regarding students using phones and social media inappropriately. It is important for everyone to realise the guidelines regarding mobile phone and social media are quite explicit. A Police Youth Liaison Officer has been asked to speak to students to make them aware of their responsibilities and the legal

implications. The Australian Government provides an 'Easy Guide to Socialising Online'. Information on the website: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> provides advice on how internet users can protect themselves and their information when using social networking sites, search engines and online games. Importantly, students need to understand their responsibilities when taking photos and uploading onto social media.

Principal

Mrs Paula Payne

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**Head Teacher
English**

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

Head Teacher T&L

Mrs Rachel Cody

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Miss Tara Lightfoot and
Mr James Peter

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Mikaela Dart, Brooke Carpenter, Molly Wright and Charlica Schnitger represented Peak Hill Central School proud at the recent Youth Eco Summit, held at Olympic Park, Sydney. The girls presented an overview of the Environmental projects at the school and impressed many people with their enthusiasm and desire to improve what the school is doing in Environmental education. As a result of their conversations we have had requests to visit our school and offers of donations to support our program.

A dental van (similar to Healthy Harold) will be visiting Peak Hill Central School later in Term Four. With parental permission, students will be able to have a free dental check-up, including x-rays and further dental work if required (at a cost). Families Benefit A recipients are able to have some treatments at no cost. Forms have been given to primary students which must be returned while secondary students completed their details and parents will be contacted by the company.



Community members gathered in Café Russell last Thursday for a delightful luncheon prepared and served by the incoming Year 12 Banquet committee. We are pleased our guests could visit school and contribute to this important fundraiser and thank them for their continuing support. Next Thursday 7

November we officially farewell Year 12 2013 and wish them every success for their future

The Aboriginal Women's Gathering at Peak Hill Hospital allowed students Tiarni Cohen, Jacinta Read, Shaye Cohen, Shania and Kaelee Gould, Tiyana Towney and Shyan Read to hear important health information regarding screening for breast cancer, but to participate in traditional basket weaving with women from Condobolin. Students and staff supported breast cancer awareness today by wearing pink and contributing a gold coin donation.

Tickets for the 2013 Schools Spectacular – *30 Spectacular Years* are now on sale. The Schools Spectacular is a brilliantly choreographed and costumed production featuring over 3,500 singers, dancers and musicians, representing public schools from across the state including Peak Hill Central School. This year celebrates the Spectacular's 30th anniversary. The show reflects on the history, times and music of the last 30 years while at the same time looking toward the future. The 2013 Schools Spectacular will be held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre from Friday 29 November until Saturday 30 November 2013. Great tickets are still available for all shows. For further ticket information please visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au or email details@schoolsspectacular.com.au.

I look forward to catching up with many of you over the next fortnight. Take care.

**Mrs Paula Payne
Principal**

“quoted”

To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted.” – Bill Bryson

Middle School

It is hard to believe that its nearly half way through term 4 for this year. This week the Middle School team anticipates the delivering of a shade cloth for the outdoor learning centre which will then kickstart the construction process. We are all very interested in the final product, which will provide additional space for the students.

The Middle School have begun their work on the adoption of *Helping Hands* a focus on natural disasters and humanitarian efforts.

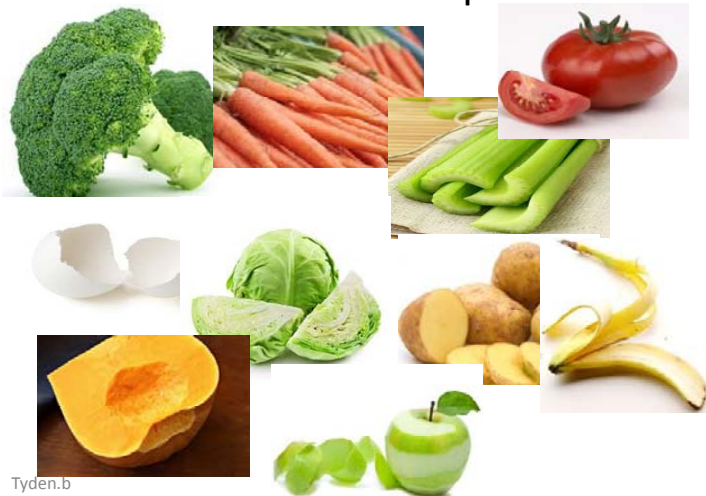
In Art Stage 3 have learnt about appropriation and are using this knowledge to appropriate the Japanese painting *The Wave*. They have also looked at the work of the Australian artist Ann Zahlka who has famously appropriated *The Sunbaker* and work is in the Sydney International airport. Using the film *The Impossible* students have been learning about the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004 and the devastating impacts of natural disasters. They are now working on collaging their own debris into the prints of *The Wave*.

In Stage 4 art students have been forming skills in researching on the internet and transforming their research into their own words. Students have examined the work of author and illustrator Jeannie Baker who is known for her distinctively detailed collages that use various media to create a tactile piece of art and then takes a photograph. The class are creating tactile textural artworks that depict the strength and devastation of their natural disaster by collaging materials and building them up over a photograph.

In PDHPE students have been studying the different aspects of mental health including depression, anxiety, stress and bullying.

In the Stephanie Alexander Program with Miss Maxwell students have been creating posters on composting, recycling and food waste management. The student may also try their hands at baking with a possible Halloween theme.

What can be composted



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The Kitchen Garden was also a part of the composting program that was presented at Homebush at the Youth Eco Summit. Our Middle School was proud to have Charlica Schnitger as one of the presenters in Sydney.

We look forward to sharing more of the Middle School with you over the term.

Ms Tara Lightfoot and Mr James Peter

Middle School Coordinators

Middle School *Helping Hands* artworks



Careers Corner

As I gathered my resources to begin writing this fortnight's article, I wondered where to begin but quickly found that I had a variety of emails and links relating to exam preparation and technique. Hence, I begin my article with information to assist all students around examinations. While our 2013 graduates are well into their HSC exams, the advice is timely for all students as they prepare for their end of year examinations. Students are asked to take the time to consider the advice offered in this article, especially with regard to how they can improve their results. It is never too late to begin studying and you are never too young to learn. The information and advice is also suitable for parents and carers who wish to support their students through this difficult time.

Charles Sturt University are also conscious that it is exam time which 'should get everyone thinking'. "It's exam season again, and all around the country year-12 students are knuckling down in preparation. But it's not just the seniors who should be thinking about post high-school options. If you're in Year 10 and considering going to university, now is the time to be thinking about subjects for Years 11 and 12, and what you want to do when school ends even if you might not yet be sure what career you'd like to pursue." Visit <http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information> for more information.

I would like to take this chance to remind students and parents about the Seek 2B website (www.seek2b.com). Here students can find out about different careers, investigate pathways, compare and contrast different courses etc. Peak Hill Central School has subscribed to this website, and all students in Year 7 to 12 were emailed



with the password and are able to access this site any time they want. An added bonus is that students can register to receive personalised emails relating to specific careers. I often am asked if I have specific career related advice or information, and I would encourage everyone to

register for this service.

Hobsons Course Finder is another excellent site to explore the different course options and pathways available.

As the class of 2013 prepare themselves for 'life after school' many may be considering taking a gap year. If you have ever wondered about the pros and cons of a gap year, a very interesting article can be found at

<http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/news/news-and-views/the-gap-year-debate/>

Still on gap years, "Camp America - is now recruiting enthusiastic, travel-hungry Aussies to work as counselors at summer camps in the USA from May-Aug 2014. Camp America is a 9-week adventure. It's your chance to get out and experience something different by living and working at a summer camp in the USA with thousands of others from all over the world. For more information please visit www.campamerica.com.au or call our experienced staff on 1300 889 067."

The next bit of information I received is very relevant to those students wanting to enter the teaching profession.

- **"Changes to Education Entry Requirements - The NSW Institute of Teachers** is working with universities to ensure high quality entrants to teacher education programs. As a result, from 2014, a literacy and numeracy test based on the NSW curriculum will be implemented in all universities before students attend their final practice teaching placement. All current and commencing Education students across NSW must successfully pass this test in order to register with the Institute of Teachers. Another fundamental change is the achievement of a Band 5 in three Higher School Certificate (HSC) subjects, including English. Although there is no set date for the implementation of this new requirement, it may affect applicants wishing to commence their studies in Semester 1, 2015. For more information please visit the NSW Institute of Teachers website."
- **New scholarship and cadetship opportunities for teachers in training:** High-achieving final year high school students planning to study teacher education can now access a new cadetship program introduced by the NSW Government. The program offers successful applicants a job while they undertake their initial teacher training, and guarantees them employment as a teacher once they have successfully completed their education. Talented HSC students interested in teaching and training in rural and remote locations are also eligible to apply for the new *teach.Rural* scholarship. Teaching students already at university are able to apply for internships to work as a part-time educational paraprofessional during the final year of study under the guidance and supervision of an experienced teacher.
- CSU's teacher education course profile provides graduates with a dual qualification in either early childhood and primary teaching or primary and secondary teaching, improving their employability within their own communities and across the profession. Visit www.csu.edu.au/teaching for details.
- **Applications for the government's scholarships, cadetships, and internships close on 15 November.** Visit www.dec.nsw.gov.au/gtil-initial-teacher-education for more details and application forms.

I have forwarded on a number of emails to senior students pertaining to course and career information. Students should be checking their emails regularly and acting upon any relevant information. Last week I forwarded on information about some possible apprenticeship opportunities, so it is not always information just for students intending on going to university. One such email that I forwarded on to students was about a Media Boot camp run during the holidays. This is "A six-week online (email) private coaching course offering students aged 16 to 24 (or anyone looking to change career direction) industry insights, training and an opportunity to fast-track a career now into magazines, television, radio, publishing, writing, digital media content production, and public relations".

The Australian College of Physical Education will be holding two Open Days on Saturday 9th November and Sunday 17 November 2013. This is particularly relevant for students interested in pursuing a career in the fields of Sports, Fitness and Dance. Students will get the chance to:

- Hear from lecturers about the courses offered and the potential career outcomes;
- Check out facilities and take a campus tour;
- Meet special guests and gain insight into their careers;
- Meet staff, current students and graduates and ask questions;
- Speak with Student Enrolment Advisors about how to get started.

RSVP is essential via <http://www.acpe.edu.au/about/openday.html> Here you can complete the online registration. If you would like any more information about ACPE Open Days or Colleges please don't hesitate to contact lflakusshort@studygroup.com or phone (02) 9739 3361.

"Your career success in the workplace of today—independent of technical expertise—depends on the quality of your people skills. (9)" — Max Messmer Jr., Managing Your Career for Dummies

Rachel Cody
Careers Adviser

Drama Spotlight

This term in Drama, Stage 3 are studying *Poetry in Motion*, a unit designed to complement their Poetry studies with Mrs Tremain-Cannon. Students have been learning about the different poetic techniques and explored ways of representing these visually. This will then lead them into an exploration of how poetry can be brought to life through performance.

The photos that accompany this article show students' visual representations of a range of poetic techniques such as simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, hyperbole and assonance. Students were asked to consider how the techniques could be represented visually and present their interpretations and justifications to their peers. I was particularly impressed with the quality of these interpretations and am confident that students will create some entertaining and engaging performances later in the term.

Mrs Rachel Cody
Drama Teacher



From top Left

Simile: I am smart like Einstein; I am as small as a meerkat; I am as fast as a cheetah; I shine brightly like a star.

Hyperbole: The snake was a mile long.

Assonance: The number 8 and the letter A represent the repetition of the vowel sound- *Eight* and *A*.

Metaphor: Jaidah is an acrobat

Onomatopoeia: Bang, crash, thud.



Access Program

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Visual Design gives students the opportunity to develop an understanding and practice in a variety of fields including Graphic Design, Wearable Design, Product Design and Interior and Exterior Design. Students are challenged with a Design Brief each unit to create a product for a mock client. Students document the technical aspects of their work and document the evolution of their concepts and ideas through critical reflection and sketches. It encourages the exchange of views, constructive criticism and further enhances their design concepts. This term students are designing labels and packaging for a mock company.

Mr Troy Jones Trangie
Visual Design



Graphic Design
Tattoos, Wearable
Design - canvas shoes
Product Design - lamps

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT				
30/10/2013	HSC Biology Practical Day at Peak Hill CS				
31/10/2013	Mathematics PL day held at Trundle CS				
04/11/2013	2014 HSC Entries Open on the Board of Studies				
07/11/2013	HSC Math Study Day at Peak Hill CS				
WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	28/10	29/10	30/10 ISAC VC HSC Biology Practical @ PHCS LIT AND NUM TEST CLOSE ON EBOS	31/10 MATHEMATICS PL @ TRUNDLE CS	01/11
5	04/11 2014 HSC Entries Open BOS	05/11	06/11	07/11 HSC Math Study Day @ PHCS HSIE PL @ TULLAMORE CS	08/11 LAST DAY OF HSC EXAMINATIONS
6	11/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12/11	13/11 ISAC VC	14/11 TAS PL @ TRANGIE CS	15/11
7	18/11	19/11	20/11 WAPM F2F (TBC)	21/11	22/11
8	25/11 WORK PLACEMENT	26/11 WORK PLACEMENT	27/11 ISAC F2F (TBC) WORK PLACEMENT	28/11 ART PL @ TULLAMORE CS WORK PLACEMENT	29/11 WORK PLACEMENT
9	02/12	03/12	04/12	05/12	06/12 PDHPE PL @ TRUNDLE CS
10	09/12	10/12	11/12 ISAC VC	12/12	13/12
11	16/12	17/12	18/12 HSC RESULTS RELEASED	19/12 SDD	20/12 SDD

School Noticeboard

Congratulations PBL Winners



Taleica Dart
Stage 5



Wynona Douglas
Stage 4

Parent Tips

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>



Are your details up to date?



Please contact the school administration office to update your contact information.

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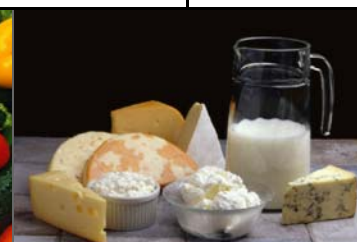
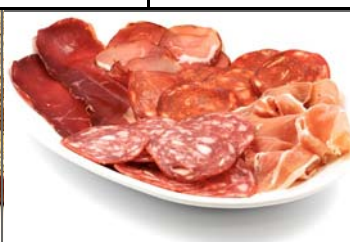
Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be>

Term 4 2013 Canteen Roster

2013	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Monday					Ellen Hart
Tuesday					Jo Robinson
Wednesday					
Thursday					Mary Wright
Friday				Tanya Wright Alisa McNeil	



Community Noticeboard



**Peak Hill
Swimming Club**

Starts

Wednesday 6 November
5pm Muster

Monday- Training
Wednesday- Training
Fridays- Time Trials

Register Online at www.nswswimming.com.au
\$60 per swimmer

On registration you will receive our information pack
Enquiries to Donna Kopp Secretary 0458 691 724
Or Deb Faye Registrar 0410 192 023

Peak Hill Touch Football Competition 2013/14



Peak Hill Touch is now taking team and individual nominations for the summer 2013/14 mixed, junior, mens and ladies competition. All competitions will be run on Tuesday nights starting on Tuesday 12th November and run until 17th December at Linden Oval. The Mixed, ladies and mens Competition is for players aged 14yrs and above and will start at 6pm with an expected 8:30pm finish.

The junior competition will cater for two divisions, 6/9 yrs and 10/13yrs, starting at 4pm and finishing at 6pm. Depending on numbers this may change. Juniors are accepting and encourage individual nominations.

Please note each registered team is required to have a nominated referee, and each registered senior team will be required to do one night of duty during the competition.

Cost to play will be \$35 per player. This may be paid via \$3 per week or as a lump sum at the beginning of competition. Please complete registration forms return to:

Peak Hill Touch
47 Howard St.
Peak Hill
2859
0426837215

Full time Teacher Director required for Trundle Children's Centre.

Trundle Children's centre is a small non-for-profit child care centre that caters for the Trundle community and its surrounding localities. It operates 5 days a week and is licensed for 39 placements.

The centre is currently seeking a full time Teacher Director with a recognised degree in Early Childhood to commence in December 2013.

Responsibilities and tasks involved with being the Teacher Director are as follows:

- plan and implement relevant curriculum and programs, especially Early Years Learning Framework, National Quality Standards, and Education and Care Services National Regulations
- lead and work effectively with other team members and committee members to meet the needs of the centre
- develop and maintain positive relationships with the wider community
- liaise with parents to develop individual development plans
- It is also essential to hold a current First Aid & CPR certificate, working with children check, anaphylaxis, and asthma certificates.

The ideal candidate will be innovative, enthusiastic, patient and committed to the children's wellbeing. Along with all the relevant qualifications and skills, candidates must be able to give three referees with a minimum of one referee that has seen them teach directly or in a supervisory capacity.

For any further information please contact the Management Committee on (02) 6892 1022. All applications need to be emailed or posted to:

The President

Trundle Children's Centre Management Committee

Railway Pde

Trundle 2875

Email trundlecc@bigpond.com

Applications are due by 4:00 pm Friday 15th November 2013.

A permanent part-time child care worker also required. Please contact centre if interested.

URGENT

NSW Bush Fire Appeal

Please support a Street Stall on

Friday 1 November 2013

- A town and country effort in main shopping area under Business and Tourism Peak Hill
- No expenses deducted - all profits will go to the NSW Fire Victims Appeal
- Male or female help on the day will be appreciated
- Saleable goods, cooking, craft, books, plants, toys, vegies, white-elephant, furniture, appliances, in other words anything and everything, no matter how small. (If there is something not sold on the day, please feel free to pick up)
- Any suggestions for raffles - please contact Tonia
- Anyone who could make up some quick signs for town entrances and perhaps main street garden beds.
- If all Organisations, Church groups, Sporting groups, Schools, Cubs etc join in.

Thank you sincerely to all

Tonia Francis

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Business & Tourism Association.