

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

As Term 3 draws to a close may I take this opportunity to thank the school community for your ongoing support for our school. We wish our Year 12 students every success in their upcoming HSC. As a school community we hope that each of them achieves personal fulfilment and happiness as they prepare for further education, training or employment. May their lives be enriched by being part of Peak Hill Central School.



It was an occasion to celebrate last Thursday when many of our students were recognized at the Whudagagarra Awards for Western Region in Dubbo. A Wiradjuri word meaning *to listen to learn* the awards celebrate achievement Academically, in sport, the Creative Arts, Leadership, commitment to Aboriginal Education and improving student learning outcomes. Students in our school who received Academic Encouragement Awards were India Sant in Kindergarten, Quentin Weaver in Stage 1 and Wayne Dargan in Stage 2. Year 9 student Taleica Dart was recognised for her achievement in Creative Arts while Mikaela Dart in Year 11 received the Student Leadership award. Peak Hill Central School was successfully nominated for the *Most Outstanding Central School*. This is an achievement which gives me immense pride in what we have been able to do together to make a difference for all the students in our school. Thank you to the School Captains, Bradley Edwards and Georgia Sharkey for accepting the award. My appreciation is extended to all the parents who supported their children and the school at the presentation.



School Calendar - Term 3

Friday 20 September	Year 12 Final Assembly: 7-12 Commendation Assembly: K-12
Friday 20 September	Term 3 Ends
Monday 7 October	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 8 October	Term 4 Begins

Last Friday evening the Western Access Program Graduation was held at the Dubbo RSL. I was very proud of our class of 2013 who looked very mature in their formal attire. Congratulations to all the students who were recipients of Awards of Excellence and Achievement. I was very proud to present Gabrielle Byrne with the Dux Award for the Western Access Program for 2012. Gabrielle's insightful speech articulated her reflective nature and commitment to her career pathway in Speech Pathology. She is a credit to herself, her family and her community.



Thank you to Ms Crystal Williams, Mr David Gaunt and the team for a well organised event.



Congratulations to Mikaela Dart who has received the Parkes Shire *Indigenous Youth of the Year*. Mikaela will be presented with her award at the Naidoc celebrations in Parkes on 5 October. Well done Mikaela for a well-deserved recognition of all that you do for your school and community.

In the last fortnight we welcomed Sylvia and Pamela Johnson – Pollard as new students to our school. Sylvia joins our Stage 1 class while Pamela is in Stage 3. Brayden and Aaron Shaw have also joined Stages 3 and 4. They have all settled well into the school. We hope that they enjoy the many opportunities we offer to engage in learning and we welcome their families to our community.

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Mr Paul Champion

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Officer**

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Mr Jeremy Whiterod

Head Teacher T&L

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Mr James Peter

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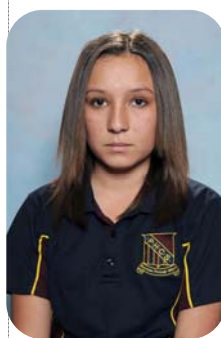
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Western Access
Program**



Congratulations to Students of the Week in primary; Stacey McMaster, Quentin Weaver, Tijuana Keed and Jade Gavin. These students have demonstrated our PBL expectations and worked diligently in class. Bradley Edwards, Amy Hart, Brooke Carpenter, Dale Bendeich, David Heywood, Shyan Read Charlica Schnitger and Natasha Ahern have been recognised by the secondary staff for their consistent effort, commitment and involvement in activities throughout the school. This week I was visited by Billy Hill from Kindergarten who shared with me his list of words which he spelt by sounding them out all by himself. Malachi James, James Robinson and George Coffey also shared their writing about elephants. It is so rewarding to see students so proud of sharing their learning and the sense of achievement it gives them.

Last Monday we held our Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr Wade Richardson and the staff who along with the students ensured it was a well organised, enjoyable event.

Congratulations to Harvey, the Champion House.



Well done to Shania Gould who has been successful in her expression of interest to participate in the Aboriginal Education Support School based Traineeship Program (AEST) which will commence in Term 4. In partnership with TAFE Western AEST she will gain a Certificate 111 Education Support qualification which contributes to her HSC.

Next term there will be some staff changes. My Deputy, Mr Paul Champion, was successful in his Expression of Interest to relieve as principal at Mungindi Central School. While this is a loss for our school it is an amazing opportunity for Paul and his wife Nikki to return to her home town. I wish Paul every success in his endeavour and while it is for Term 4 at this stage, I know that he hopes for much more. He has been a loyal and supportive colleague and friend and his dedication and commitment to our school is a testament to his integrity and desire to make a difference for our students.

The relieving Deputy Principal for weeks one and two will be Mr Jeremy Whiterod prior to his commitments to support the SRC and Youth Eco Summit, Duke of Edinburgh and Schools Spectacular. In Week 3 we will be joined by Mr Jamie Sampson. As I will be on leave at the beginning of term Mrs Maria George will be relieving principal. I know that they will do a great job and I will return to a school well led and organised.

This week we say farewell to Ms Katie Lonsdale, prior to the birth of Baby Peter in October. On behalf of the school community I wish Katie and her husband Mr James Peter, the safe arrival of their first child and we look forward to sharing good news soon. We welcome Ms Grace Stewart to the staff in Term 4 who will be teaching Stage 1. We also wish Mrs Narelle Peters every success as she leaves us to embrace her hairdressing endeavour. Narelle has worked in a number of roles within the school and we thank her for her passion and enthusiasm. Mrs Pauline Allen is also leaving us having worked as the Work Placement Coordinator in the Western Access Program and we extend our appreciation to her for all that she has done for the students in the program and our school. We also farewell Mrs Merinda Read who leaves our front office team to take up a permanent appointment. Tomorrow is also the last day for Mr Nick Ruddell who next term will be completing his thesis. I am sure he has enjoyed his time at the school and his internship as a teacher. May I also thank Mrs Yvonne Rourke for her support in the *Norta Norta* program and wish her every happiness in her "retirement". Thank you to all these staff members who have contributed to our successful school.

All our parents, friends and community members are invited to our Commendation Assembly which will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the hall. I look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the achievements of Term 3.

Congratulations to the students who will receive commendation certificates at the assembly. It is always pleasing to see parents attending to share in the achievements of Term 3 and celebrate our success stories. Thank you to all the students and staff who have contributed to making our school what it is “An Outstanding Central School” and we have the plaque to prove it!

Enjoy the break and take the time to dream, believe, care and share!

Mrs Paula Payne

Principal

“quoted”

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change
 Courage to change the things I can
 Wisdom to know the difference

NAPLAN

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Parent Tips

Camp giveaway

As part of Sport and Recreation’s outdoor education week you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/index.asp>

Getting ready for school camp

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-ready-for-camp>

Creative thinking

Eleven-year-olds of the world rejoice. It seems MINECRAFT has "the potential to teach kids creative thinking, geometry, and even a little geology". Read the review to help you make an informed choice.

Find out more: <http://www.commonsemmedia.org/game-reviews/minecraft>

Exam stress busters

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead-up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-exam-stress-busters>

Stage 2

Stage Two have started a new spelling routine which is producing fabulous results with over half of the students achieving 100% in our last test. The new routine involves several hands on activities which the students rotate around each day to help spelling stick. If you would like to help your child at home with spelling you can test them on their spelling words that are on their homework each week.

Miss Zoe Ruckley



Middle School

In Enrichment English Stage 4 have been looking closely at the text *The Binna Binna Man* and have created a word bank of terms that students did not know or understand. It has been an interesting process of using our own knowledge and learning how to use our comprehension skills to define the terms.

The Binna Binna Man

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I	J	I	L	L	Y	N	F	Y	V	H	I	H	I	E
T	A	Z	A	I	U	B	S	W	T	A	S	C	N	C
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DAMPER
DEADLY
DUNGHAI
EUNJEE
FEEDCUS
FULLA
GAMMIN
GIRRAGUNDJI
GULMRA
LOUVER
MIGALOO
MOB
MOOJU
MUNYARD
QUINKIN
YIDINJI
YOUSE

The Word Bank in action for Enrichment English

Pictured right



Medibank Art
Design
Competition
Entries



The Stage 3 and 4 TAS Groups are working hard on their Medibank Art and Design Competition with bumblebees and fairies made out of recycled products such as stockings and shredded paper. We wish them all the best for the competition. The scarecrows are also developing nicely. Made from recycled products such as clothing and sourced timber., they are a welcome addition to the garden combining sustainability, purpose and aesthetics.

The community is more than welcome to join our Stephanie Alexander Program as volunteers are needed to ensure the program continues to be a success! Don't forget to 'like' the Stephanie Alexander Program page

<https://www.facebook.com/SAKGF>

Stage 4 Art have finished their lino prints based on an Aboriginal design. The students should be proud of their wonderful work. Stage 4 Maths has been putting measurement into action with students creating scale drawings. It was delightful to see Maths used in a "real life" setting. The Middle School looks forward to a jam packed Term 4 filled with wonderful learning opportunities but first we shall enjoy a well-deserved break!

Ms Tara Lightfoot & Mr James Peter
Middle School Coordinators



Athletics Carnival

House Championship:

- 1st Harvey
- 2nd Newell
- 3rd Bogan
- 4th Mungery

Individual Championships:

Division	Girl	Boy
Junior Primary	Akayla Hando	Brandon Hamilton
Senior Primary	Sky Welsh	Dylan Hamilton
Junior Secondary	Kasey Kilby	Nick Hartin
Senior Secondary	Erin O'Leary	Bradley Hart





Drama Spotlight

This term Stage 2 Drama have been exploring the way that authors put forward different characters' points of view. They have been learning that there is always more than one side to the story.

Early in their study of this unit of work, students had to take on the role of detectives to uncover who a series of mysterious items belonged to. These included a photo of a beloved cow, a jar with some beans, an advertisement for the markets and a foreclosure document. Students put forward some interesting character profiles and correctly identified the owner as Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk.

They then took on the role of the townspeople who had received a letter from the Giant. In this letter, the Giant was seeking assistance from the townspeople to help find the boy who stole his possessions. Students discovered that Jack was not necessarily a good guy!

The next week students had a visit from the Giant's wife, Thelma. They learnt that the Giant wasn't a fierce ogre as they were lead to believe and agreed that the townspeople should in fact help to find Jack and bring him to justice.

Finally, students got to meet Jack (played by three of the students) and were able to ask him questions about his 'crimes'. We then spent some time talking about the consequences of Jack's actions and better choices that Jack could have made along the way. Students role-played these ideas, and we all agreed that Jack and the Giant could have reached a compromise. The concluding activities will see students retelling the story from the point of view of the hen. From here they will explore a fairy tale of their choosing and tell it from the point of view of one of the other characters.

Mrs Rachel Cody
Drama Teacher



Check It Out Day

On Tuesday 3 September, Stage 3 with Mrs Cody, Mr Ruddell and Mr Wade) went on an excursion to Charles Sturt University in Orange to learn about things we could do at University. We had to be at school at 7:20am, but we didn't mind it. After nearly two hours on the bus (kindly driven by Mr Wade) we arrived and were greeted by Tonia who showed us where to go. She took us into a room to get our bags, pens and drink bottles, and then we were given some cookies and poppers for Morning Tea.

We were split into different groups (based on the colour of our bags) and had to introduce ourselves and the type of food we liked. Some people said "cake" and "strawberries" and many more. Then we headed off to our first activity. We did things like Science, Nursing, Botany and PE.

My group went to Nursing where we had to wash our hands thoroughly. We then had to check them under a UV light to see if there was any cream left. This showed us where the germs were! After cleaning our hands we went into the ward which had anatomical mannequins. We had to pull out all of the body parts and then work out how to put them back together again. While my group was putting the body back together, I worked on figuring out how to reassemble the brain. After this, we checked pulses on the dummies that were in bed.

In Science, I learned how to extract DNA from strawberries. First we put three strawberries and a little bit of tap water in a sealable bag. Then we had to squish the strawberries and water up until there were no lumps left in it. We poured the strawberry mix into a funnel and it slowly dripped into a test tube. We then poured some rubbing alcohol into the test tube and started to see the DNA of the strawberries.

After every group had finished their first lot of activities we had lunch (hamburgers and chips). After lunch we went on a hunt around the university where we had to answer questions and create a poem. We all came back together and showed everyone the poems we wrote.

To finish the day, we all got to dress in graduation gowns and were presented with a certificate. We all graduated from the *Check It Out Day*.

We had an amazing day and would like to thank CSU Orange and Future Moves for a great time.

Rona Fitzpatrick and Jade Gavin
(with the help of Mrs Cody)





Western Access Program

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WAP Graduation



Over the holidays Mr Wade and Mr Grubb are willing to run HSC study sessions for Maths and Science each Thursday in the Peak Hill CS Library (entrance via Library gate). HSC students can choose to come to one or both sessions on the day to work through past papers or revise areas they are struggling with from Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Senior Science. There is no cost involved; however, students will need to notify Mr Wade or Mr Grubb either this week, or by email over the holidays by the Wednesday before each day if they intend attending a session.

Mr John Grubb

WAP Physics Coordinator

	Thursday September 26		Thursday October 3
9:30-12:00	Session 1	9:30-12:00	Session 1
Break		Break	
12:30-3:00	Session 2	12:30-3:00	Session 2

School Noticeboard

Congratulations PBL Winners



Tye Faulkner-Turner
Kindergarten



Natasha Ahern
Stage 4



Georgia Sharkey
Year 12

P & C Meeting.

The next meeting is on 10th October at 7pm new time in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome

Sun Safety

Schools support students and preschool children to understand why sun safety is important and to take action to protect themselves such as:

- wearing sun safe hats, clothing and sunglasses
- seeking shade during peak ultra violet radiation (UVR) times during the school day
- wearing SPF 30+ (or higher) broad-spectrum and water-resistant sunscreen.



Term 4 2013 Canteen Roster

2013	Week 1 7 Oct	Week 2 14 Oct	Week 3 21 Oct	Week 4 28 Oct	Week 5 4 Nov
Monday	Public Holiday				Ellen Hart
Tuesday					Jo Robinson
Wednesday			Gail Hando		
Thursday					Mary Wright
Friday		Julie Westcott		Tanya Wright Alisa McNeil	



Community Noticeboard

Australia Day Peak Hill 26th January 2014

Nominations are called for

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Community Service Appreciation Award



Nominations close 18th November 2013. Nomination forms available at the Post Office, CRT or email mingerong@yahoo.com.au

Cliff George

Secretary Australia Day Committee

PA System available for community use

The Australia Day Committee has purchased a public address system that is available free for community use. Contact Bob Bell for access and information.

 	Christin Monday 16.9.13 14.10.13 28.10.13 11.11.13 25.11.13 9.12.13	Peak Hill Pedal Playgroup St Joseph's Primary School 10am -12pm
	Alicia Monday 21.10.13 4.11.13 18.11.13 2.12.13 16.12.13	Peak Hill Pedal Playgroup St Joseph's Primary School 10am -12pm

Cartooning Camps

Special Weekend Cartoon Programs

Orange: October 19-20 Bathurst: October 26-27

Dubbo: November 2-3 Mid-Central Coast: November 9-10

See you on Sunday 22nd September.

Be there

Puppets!

Free Sausage sizzle!

Craft!

Fun with friends!

Games!

Music!

Learn about God's love



**COME TO PEAK HILL KID'S TIME - starts
Sunday 22nd September, 2013.**

Cost: nothing Time: 10:15am

Where: Peak Hill Uniting Church or "Kolonia"



ALL KIDS WELCOME; PARENTS TOO!



CHILAX!

FROM 11-4pm

BBQ Info stalls
PHOTO BOOTH
Live music
BEER GOOGLES
Jumping castle
PRIZES

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3rd October 2013

At Cooke Park, Parkes

For more information please call Brooke on 68635113

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