

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

**We are Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful
Learners and Leaders**

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From the Principal's Desk

School Calendar - Term 4

Thank you to staff and students for the organisation of a very special evening for the Class of 2014 last Thursday.

The event was held at the school with the hall being transformed into a very different space, by Mr Shannon Gane and his team, to give an ambience to the formal proceedings. The students looked amazing as they celebrated the completion of the HSC and their formal schooling at Peak Hill Central School. The Year



11 students who coordinated the evening with Ms Georgia Maxwell, Ms Shenae Dron and Ms Crystal Williams worked tirelessly to ensure that Year 12 would remember the occasion with fond memories. The delicious meal was prepared by Mrs Catherine Doyle with her team of staff who gave each dish every attention to detail. Thank you to Mrs Lucy Burns for making the cake and well done to the students from Years 9 and 10 who waited on the tables for the evening. It was a reflection of what can be done when a school community work together to create something special and out of the ordinary. Each student will be presented with a USB of all the photographs taken by Mr Robert Kibble and the addresses made throughout the evening. Enjoy the selection of photos included in this edition of the newsletter. I am very appreciative of all the help that went into making this a night to remember.

This week we received the outcomes of the Principal's Report Entry Program (PREP). This is a Schools Recommendation Scheme which provides students with the opportunity to gain a place at university prior to the release of HSC results in December. It is based on the students submitting an application which is endorsed by the school referees and myself as the principal.

Congratulations to all six students from our class of 2014 who applied and were successful. This is a great result for the students and their school. Well done Hayden Cook, Rhianna Goodwin, Amy Hart, Mikaela Keed, Georgia Westcott and Sally Wright. As a school community we wish you well as you embark on your future studies at university.

23-28 November	Work Placement
23-29 November	Schools Spectacular
23-26 November	Duke of Edinburgh Excursion
15 December	Presentation Evening

On Tuesday we remembered those who had sacrificed their lives in war and how fortunate Australia is to be the country that we are now. *The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month became universally associated with the remembrance of those who died in the fury of World War I.*



The poignant Remembrance Day Service was organised by Mr Karel Giffen. Thank you to Kasey Kilby for her Acknowledgement of Country, Ms Dron and Year 9 students Brianna Finn, Wynona Douglas and Charlica Schnitger for their reading and dramatic presentation of *Flanders Field* and the students for their respectful attendance. Representing Peak Hill Central School at the town service were Talecia Keed and Isabelle Goodwin who were fine ambassadors for their school.

Georgia Westcott travelled with her family to Coffs Harbour last weekend as a member of the Western Region Rugby 7 competition. She was selected to the State team and will compete at this level in early 2015. Well done Georgia!

Year 12 2015, travelled to Charles Sturt University on Tuesday as part of the Future Moves Program. The Fix Day aims to provide students with preparation skills for Year 12 and the HSC. Thank you to Mrs Rachel Cody for her support, organisation and transportation of the students.

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The process for electing Leaders for 2015 has begun. Students in Years 10 and 11 are eligible to stand for Student Leaders while School Captains will be elected from Year 11. Each student is to complete a nomination form which is signed by the student and their parent. After the closing date, 17 November, the students will be interviewed by a panel convened by me before the final vote. Successful School Captains and Student Leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

On Tuesday we held our *Friends of Peak Hill Central School* Community Forum. It was great to see some new faces and there was lots of discussion as we focussed on developing the Purpose and Products of our strategic directions within the School Plan for 2015. Our next meeting will be in December and I encourage everyone to come along and bring a friend. The main focus of the next forum will be to review the draft of the Strategic direction around Communicating and Engaging with the community and develop some strategies for how community can impact on student learning.

It is my expectation that students attend school each day wearing uniform until the end of term. A number of secondary students still have overdue assessment tasks. Parents are being contacted to meet with me to investigate how students will complete the requirements of their courses to enable them to progress to the next year of study.

Our Presentation Evening for this year will be on Monday, 15 December commencing at 6.30 p.m. Please note this date in your calendars to celebrate the success of 2014.

Have an enjoyable and safe fortnight!

Mrs Paula Payne
Principal

“quoted”

*To Say Thank you
It takes so little.
Yet it means so much.
Make the effort.
No matter how late.
Say it generously.
It lifts spirits.
It maintains friendships.
And seals love.*

Who gives not thanks to men, gives not thanks to God



**CSU
Student**

Stacey Jones has been helping with Stage 2 for the past 3 weeks. Stacey is a third year CSU student and it has been great to have her with us. We wish her well in the rest of her studies.

Mrs Zoe Ruckley

Literacy In Kindergarten



It is exciting to see the progress made in Kindergarten literacy as we near the middle of Term 4. In three and a half terms most students have progressed from learning how to hold a pencil and recognise a single letter, to being able to write full sentences -sometimes full pages and reading books with 100s of words. Our L3 program encourages students to work independently during literacy to practice their skills and allows them to have important three on one time with the teacher for specific reading and writing instruction. As a result of this program, together with our Early Action for Success program, we are seeing ever improving results in literacy acquisition within the formative years of school. It is great to see students enjoying their learning.

Miss Rachel Heywood



P&C Make Generous Donation

Enjoy the photos of Kindergarten using their three new 4th generation iPads. The students have been using them to supplement their literacy learning, with handwriting, comprehension, spelling and phonics games assisting them to practice skills learned in class. Thank you to the P&C for their generous donation to support our young students.



Drama Spotlight

This fortnight's Drama Spotlight shines a light on the work that Kindergarten are doing in their Drama lessons. This term they have been studying *Story Drama*. The basic concept is to take a piece of literature that the students can appreciate, and act it out. Students use their performance and expressive skills to experience and enact story and character.

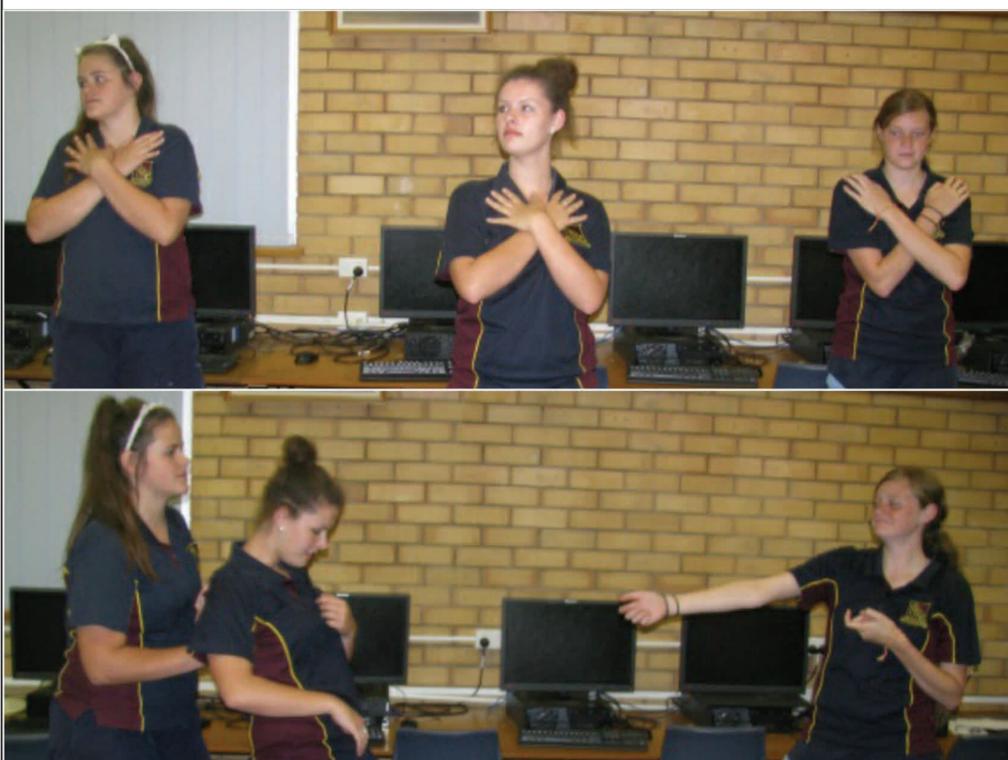
So far, students have enacted a story drama about driving to Dubbo where they contributed some of their own ideas to the imagined world being created. Students shared 'what they did on their visit to Dubbo' with responses including 'I went to the movies', 'I went bowling', and 'I went to Maccas and KFC'.

They then enacted a guided storytelling of some cheeky garden gnomes that come to life at night. Students created their gnome characters and also contributed their own ideas to the development of the events of the story. Some of the antics of the garden gnomes suggested by the students included 'putting the slugs on the vegetables', 'teasing the cat', 'moving the pot plants around' and 'putting a spider at the front door to scare the humans when they wake'.

Students also enacted a retelling of 'Little Miss Muffet' and the nursery rhyme 'This Little Piggy'. Students shared ideas on the types of activities that these characters would be involved in before bringing their responses to life.

Our most recent exploration has been around the nursery rhyme 'The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe'. Students were told the nursery rhyme and then engaged in discussion around the events described. I asked them whether the children were good or naughty, and the students agreed that most of them were naughty which is why they were 'whipped' before being put to bed. I asked them what were some of the things that these naughty children did, and their responses ranged from 'hitting, biting and punching each other' to 'throwing their toys and not packing them up' and 'pulling their clothes out of the cupboard'. We discussed how the children might eat/drink their broth. Students were then given time in two groups to rehearse their own enactments to the nursery rhyme, complete with narrator for each group before presenting these to each other through performance.

It was during this presentation that one of the students asked "Can we perform this at an assembly?" I asked the class if they wanted to perform it for an assembly, and they all put their hands up. This was a wonderful moment for me as a Drama teacher as it is testament to the confidence that students have in themselves. Their imaginations have been activated, they have been able to present and share dramatic work in collaboration with others and are keen to share this learning with an audience.



As part of the Remembrance Day commemorations at Peak Hill Central School, Wynona Douglas, Brianna Finn and Charlica Schnitger devised a short performance based on the poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae, May 1915. Congratulations and sincere thanks must be afforded to these girls for helping to commemorate such a significant day.

In other Drama news, Nakarli Harrison and Dylan Sellers were invited to be part of the filming of a Drama Resource Package for Teachers last Wednesday in Dubbo. The day was quite extensive and exhaustive, with students gaining a real insight into the nature of filmed work. What may actually be a few seconds of screen time can in reality be numerous takes and cuts of the same scene over and over again. Both Nakarli and Dylan are to be commended on being ambassadors for Peak Hill Central School.

Mrs Rachel Cody
Drama Teacher

Future Moves

On Tuesday, I accompanied three Year 11 students to CSU Dubbo to participate in *Skill Fix*; a series of workshops designed to equip them with extra skills in preparing for Year 12 and the HSC. Workshops included Effective Internet and Research Skills; Writing Effectively; Exam Preparation and Note-Taking. Students also had the chance to interact with current CSU students and toured the Dubbo campus.

While the workshops were aimed at Stage 6 students, much of the information presented could easily be applied to students in Stage 4 and Stage 5. The *Pack a Punch Paragraphs* advice is particularly worth sharing in this article. The acronym PEA is an easy structure to follow to ensure that you are writing effective paragraphs:

P- Point- the topic sentence. This tells the reader the point of the paragraph and takes them to the next stage in your argument.

E- Evidence- supports the point. Here you explain, elaborate and draw on literature relevant to the discipline.

A- Analysis- explains, interprets or evaluates the evidence and ties the paragraph together, and can also link to the next point.

Another useful piece of advice from the day applies to Internet research and using the CRAP test:

C- Currency- How recent is the information?

R- Reliability- Is the information balanced or biased?

A- Authority- Can you determine who the author is? Do they have any sort of recognised reputation?

P- Purpose- What's the intent of the article?



Mrs Rachel Cody- Future Moves Coordinator

Year 9 Build Paper Rockets



Students in year 9 are studying the topic, Motion. Their Science teacher, Mr Grubb prepared a series of activities which required students to design and build a paper rocket and then test them to see which one could travel the greatest distance. While Mr Grubb has been on Long Service Leave, Mr McAlistar has been instructing the students and helping them with their work.

Students launch their rockets using an air compressor from the tennis courts at the top of Area 3 towards Derribong Street. By recording the distance travelled and the average time taken, the speed of the rocket can be calculated. However the real achievement is to see who has the greatest distance!

The record to beat is 99.5 metres, by Alistar Kopp in Year 12 Physics.

Pictured are : Charlica, Wynona and Brianna with their paper rockets and the launching gear.

Mrs Maria George

Netwaste Visit

On Thursday 13 November Stage 2 & 3 students were delivered a presentation from Rachel who is from Netwaste. Rachel reinforced with the students the importance of recycling and the effects it can have on our environment, what products we can recycle and what we can make from recycled products. In the picture below Tyden Barlow is matching the product to mineral ie paper to tree.



Recycling

What can I recycle?

1. Check it can be recycled

2. Wipe or rinse (use old dish water)

3. Squash

Recycling Check List

- Glass bottles and jars
- Milk and juice cartons
- Steel and aluminium cans and empty aerosols
- Rigid plastic containers, bottles and tubs from the kitchen, bathroom and laundry
- Newspaper, cardboard, paper, magazines, brochures and all junk mail

Items DO NOT go in your recycling bin

- No plastic bags
- No nappies

Stage 3 Cakes



Sports News

Rugby 7s

Georgia Westcott has just returned from Coffs Harbour where she was competing as part of a Central West team at the NSW Country Rugby 7s trials. Georgia was captain of the Central West team which played against teams from the Far North Coast, Newcastle/Hunter, North West, Mid North Coast, and the Central Coast.

Players competed in a Round Robin Tournament under the watchful eye of NSW Youth Girls Coaches who selected the NSW Country Youth Girls 7s Train On Squad – the first time a regional representative squad has been selected in Youth Girls 7s.



Georgia – although succumbing to an injury early in the day – impressed the selectors enough to make the training squad which will now travel to Sydney in February to attend the trials for the u18s NSW Rugby 7s team.



Super 8s Cricket

Two teams from PHCS travelled to Dubbo on Tuesday 4 November to participate in the Western Region Central Schools Super 8s Cricket Gala Day.

Our u14s team consisted of Jason Bonwick, Jack Bendeich, Dylan Hamilton, Jackson Ross-O'Hara, Michael Welsh, Victor Wilson, Taigan Brennan-Ingram and Joshua Finn. These boys had some hard fought matches against Gulargambone, Tullamore and Yeoval however were unfortunate not to secure a victory.

Year 12 Banquet Thank You

Last Thursday 6 November we held the Year 12 Banquet at the Peak Hill Central School Hall. It was a great night and I would like to thank a number of community members, staff and students for their contributions and assistance in making the banquet a beautiful success. It could not have happened without you.

A massive thank you goes to the following people:

Julie Westcott, Cathy Goodwin and the P & C, Donna Kopp, Annette Parker, Carmen Sarah, Shannon Gane, Gai Strahorn, Tracey Lickess, Corina Barnes, Crystal Williams, Tanya Stanford, Rach Heywood, Bob Kibble, Jeremy Whiterod, Terry Robinson, Jaylan Williams, Rachel Cody, David Gaunt, Matt Sarah, Mitchell McAlister, Daneille Deiner and Paula and Ron Payne.

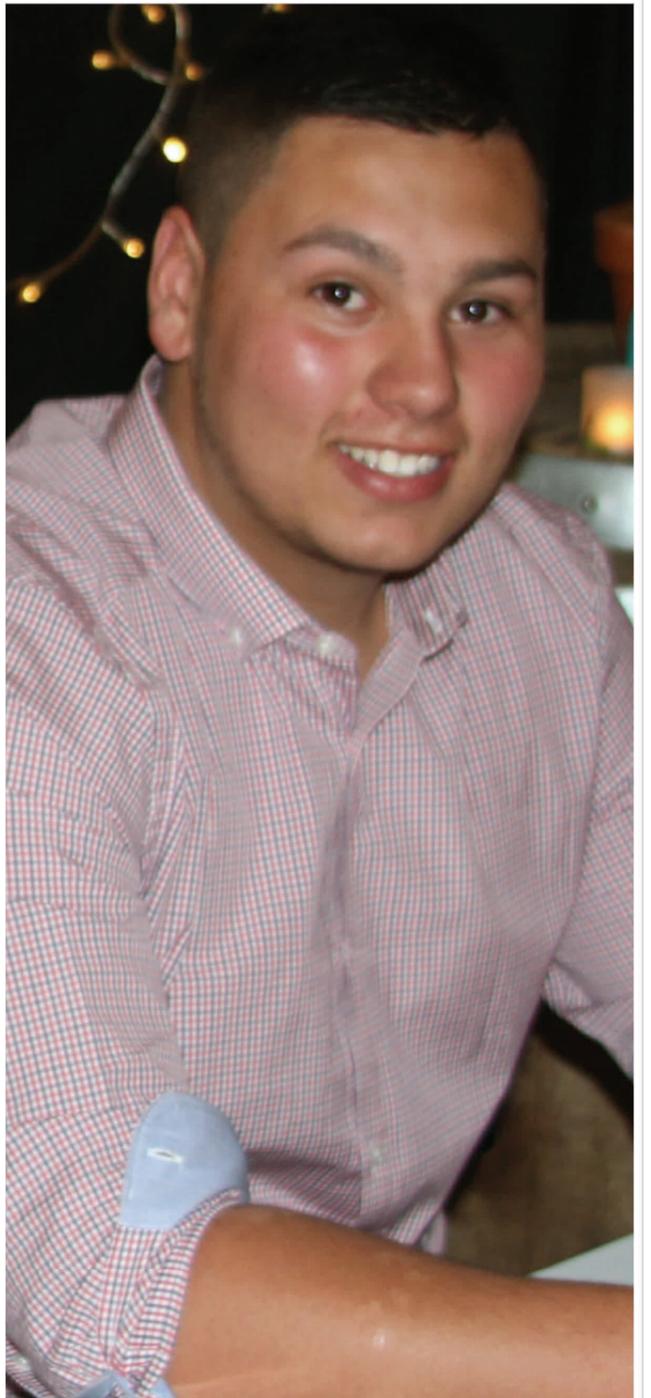
Thank you also to the following students: Alistar Kopp, Taylor Fairley, Jessica Simmons, Brooke Carpenter, Shanika Robinson and Roosa Kallio, Trent Williams, Shyan Read, Wynona Douglas, Natasha Ahern and Charlica Schnitger.

Finally, a huge thank you is extended to Catherine Doyle who organised the amazing food for the evening with the help of Barbara Sharkey, Margaret Edwards and Caitlin Doyle who assisted her mum.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the night a great success.

With thanks

Miss Georgia Maxwell and Miss Shenae Dron







Each week there will be a newsletter article promoting courses run across the Western Access Program. This program is highly successful in delivering a wider curriculum across our schools, maximising student choice and achievement.

Agriculture



Agriculture is one of the key industries that drive Australia's economy. It has even bigger influence in Central NSW as the livelihoods of its inhabitants are closely linked to farming and its attribute industries. This year, Preliminary Agriculture students studied Agriculture from multiple perspectives - they looked at different internal and external systems of Agriculture and learned about different management practices and strategies in Animal and Plant enterprises. Students also had a chance to observe and analyse various farming practices in a local farm during Farm Case Study unit, through which they applied and linked taught knowledge into practical settings. Students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of Agriculture as they progress to HSC part of the subject.

Ms Jin-Kyung Jung

Trundle Central School

VET Construction

VET Construction is a course that develops necessary skills for the Construction Industry ranging from carpentry based projects to levelling and concreting. During 2014 the Preliminary students participating in this course included Sam Jackson (Tottenham), Jordon Stubbs (Yeoval), James Dunn and Clayton Hartin (Peak Hill). We have two students that have joined our group coming into the HSC year with the inclusion of Joshua Kilby and Jaleel Hando (Peak Hill). The Preliminary group this year have been working on projects such as the Carry All Toolbox, Oil Stone Case, Bench Hook, Mitre Box and the Saw Horse.

Meanwhile the HSC group comprised of only Peak Hill students included Corey Hando, Chad Hartin, Elliott Learmonth, Marcus Dargan and Bondi Fitzpatrick. The HSC group finished their Construction course with the laying of a concrete path as pictured below.

Mr James Peter



Chad Hartin floating a concrete slab



Sam Jackson with his Carry All Toolbox (Tottenham)

School Noticeboard

Book club orders are to be returned by Tuesday 21 November
Thank you

SMS Reminder Messages

Shortly the School will place Parent and Carer mobile numbers on our SMS database to receive messages from the School. Please make sure we have your correct mobile number.

If you would like to opt out of this service please contact the school office on 68691304

Tucker Box

NO CREDIT available to students.



PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL TUCKERBOX MENU TERM 4 - 2014



SANDWICHES

White or Grain Bread (Toasted if Requested)

Honey, Vegemite or Jam	\$1.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Chicken or Ham	\$3.00
Chicken, Avocado, Tom & Lettuce	\$4.00
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot, Cucumber)	\$3.00
Salad & Cheese	\$3.50
Salad with Ham or Chicken or Tuna	\$4.00
Ham, Tomato & Cheese	\$3.50
Egg and Lettuce	\$3.00



TOASTED SANDWICHES & TURKISH BREAD

Ham/ Cheese/ Tom or Pineapple	\$3.50
Chicken, Cheese & Pineapple	\$3.50
Chicken & Cheese with Chilli or BBQ Sauce	\$3.50

WRAPS & BUNS

Salad Wrap (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot, Cucumber, Pineapple)	\$3.00
Ham Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Egg & Lettuce Wrap	\$3.50
Tuna & Salad Wrap	\$4.50
½ Chicken or Ham Wrap	\$2.50
With Lettuce, Carrot & Cheese	\$2.50
Chicken or Ham Bun	\$2.50
With Lettuce, Carrot & Cheese	\$2.50
Chicken or Ham Salad Bun (Full Salad)	\$4.50



SALADS & FRUIT

Salad Box (Tom, Cue, Beet, Carrot, Lettuce, Pineapple, Corn) Salad Onion is Available	\$3.00
Chicken or Ham Salad Box	\$4.00
Tuna Salad Box	\$4.00
Fish & Salad - Salad Box + 2 Pieces Fish Friday Only	\$5.00
French & Italian Dressing is available for all Salad	
Extras (Cheese, Avocado & Egg)	.50c each
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit Salad & Yogurt	\$2.50
Pieces of Fruit	Starting from .50c to \$1.00

PLEASE CHECK CANTEEN BLACK BOARD AND SCHOOL NEWS LETTER FOR SPECIALS

HOT FOOD

Lasagne & Spaghetti Bolognese	\$4.00
Hot Chicken Wrap (Orders Only)	\$4.50
Chicken Burger (Chicken Patty, Lettuce & Mayo)	\$4.00
Hamburger (Fresh Meat Patty & Salad) Tues Only	\$5.00
Cheeseburger (Fresh Meat Patty & Cheese) Tues Only	\$3.00
Meatball Sub in Hot Dog Roll Thursday Only	\$3.00
Beef Pie and Sauce	\$3.50
Beef Potato Top & Beef, Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$4.00
Beef Party Pies	\$1.00
Spinach and Ricotta Roll	\$3.00
Sausage Roll and Sauce	\$3.00
Pizza Single / Pizza Rounda	\$3.00
Hot Chicken or Beef Noodle Cup	\$2.00
Chicken and Dino Nuggets (Orders Only)	.50c each
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Melts (Ham, Cheese, Pineapple)	\$2.50
3 Chicken Nuggets + 6 Potato Gems + Sauce + 200ml Juice Popper - Dinner Box	\$3.00
3 Dino Nuggets + 6 Potato Gems + Sauce + 200ml Juice Popper - Dinner Box	\$3.00



SNACKS/DRINKS/BLOCKS

Chips	\$1.00
Popcorn	.50c
Milo Scoop Shakes	\$2.80
Life Saver Ice block	\$2.00
Frozen Mony & Zooper Dooper Iceblocks	.50c
Fandangles Ice cream	\$1.50
Frozen Yogurt Cups	\$2.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cups	\$1.00
Jelly Sticks (Limit 5)	.20c
200ml Juice Poppers	\$1.00
250ml Pop Top Juices	\$1.50
350ml Goulburn Valley Juices	\$2.50
400ml Small Pump Water	\$1.50
750ml Large Pump Water (Plain & Flavoured)	\$3.50
600ml Water	\$1.00
300ml Flavoured Milk	\$1.50
500ml Coffee Dare	\$3.50
Up and Go Milk	\$2.00
Muffins	\$1.50
Crackers and Cheese Cubes	.50c
Two Fruits, Custard, Jelly Cups	\$1.00



Community Noticeboard



Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Inc.

is now taking

ENROLMENTS for 2015!

Children 2- 5 years old

Open: 9am - 3pm, Monday to Friday

We offer quality early childhood education that is play-based and builds upon the strengths and interests of each child, and that reflects the Early Years Learning Framework.

PLACES ARE LIMITED!

For more information: please call the

Preschool on **6869 1655** or email

peakhillpreschool@aapt.net.au

95-97 Euchie St, Peak Hill NSW 2869

Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Inc. is a not-for-profit community based preschool operating since 1966.



Street Stall

Friday 21 November 2014

Donations of saleable goods would be greatly appreciated

Sue Strahorn – Secretary

Mobile Dental Van

Located in the Peak Hill Services Club car park.

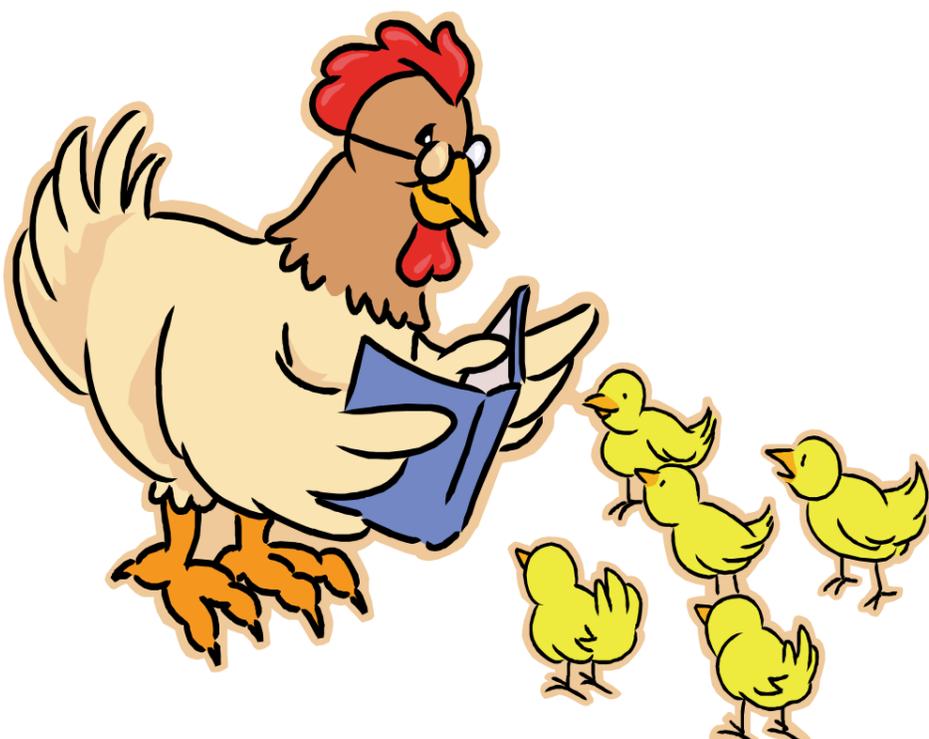
Appointments still available for children

phone **1300552626**



For Sale

Mixed sex chooks located at school ag plot \$10 each. Please call in and see staff at the office or phone 68691304 during school hours



Peak Hill Central School

2014

Presentation Ceremony

We invite all parents, grandparents and community members to join us for our annual Awards evening

Presentation Ceremony

The ceremony will be held on **Monday 15 December** commencing at **6.30pm** under the school cola.

We encourage everyone to this acknowledgement and celebration of the successes of 2014