

# Peak Hill Central School

## Newsletter

*We are Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful*

Celebrating 125 Years of Public Education

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### From The Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week Four; the past fortnight has again been filled with amazing opportunities for both students and staff.

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) students have enthusiastically supported the Meals On Wheels Program. I thank the students and our drivers, Mrs Donna Kopp, Mr Geoff Davis, and Mr Matt Sharah for their commitment to such a worthy program. Secondary students participated in a presentation from the Aboriginal Resource Group, thank you to Mr Richardson for coordinating this important presentation which provided our students with some insights into career opportunities. Mr Richardson also coordinated the Super 8 Cricket Match in Dubbo last Wednesday; our boys thoroughly enjoyed this format of cricket. Mr Peter travelled with the Year 11 Metals & Engineering students to Yeoval last week, the students participated in practical workshop activities, demonstrating their developing competencies in this Vocational Education Course.

The staff of Peak Hill continued to participate in professional learning activities to develop their skills to ensure your children are provided with quality learning experiences. Ms Heywood continued with her Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) training, Mrs Doyle travelled to Sydney for a conference to support the Transition Program at our school. On Monday this week Ms Barnes and Ms Stewart attended a workshop focused on developing responses to meet Challenging Behaviours; while Ms Williams has been delivering several workshops to develop staffs' expertise with Google Drive. And on Tuesday all staff participated in the mandatory Chemical Safety course; I thank Mr Grubb for facilitating this professional learning.

Today, Brendan Dargan is participating in the IPROWD Program; IPROWD is an innovative partnership between the Federal Government, TAFE NSW and the NSW Police Force. The program aims to provide opportunities for



### Diary Dates

#### November

Mon	2	Yr 11 Ag Excursion Trangie
Tues	3	Yr 11 Bio Prac Day Trundle
Thurs	5	Yr 12 Banquet
Fri	6	HSC Concludes
Sun	8-13	Work Placement Dubbo
Mon	9 - 12	Yr 7 - 10 Exams
Thurs	12	P & C Annual General Meeting 6pm
Sun	22-29	School Spectacular

#### December

Monday 14 Presentation Ceremony 6.30p.m.

Aboriginal people to gain the skills and confidence to succeed in joining the NSW Police Force. I thank Ms Barnes for supporting Brendan through the process of applying for this program and also to Ms Keed and Mr Gaunt who have acted as 'mock interviewers' helping prepare Brendan for his interview; we wish Brendan every success today.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and the community for their support during these weeks that I have been relieving Principal, next week we welcome back Mrs Payne who returns from her long service leave. I have certainly enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with you and truly believe that in partnership we can ensure every student of Peak Hill Central School can participate in a quality education.

Wishing you all the very best for the fortnight ahead, please do not hesitate in contacting the school to discuss any concern or question you may have regarding your child's schooling.

**Paul Champion**  
Relieving Principal

*Brendan Dargan is pictured left, he is participating in the IPROWD program.*



**Principal**

Mrs Paula Payne

**Head Teacher Admin**

Mr Paul Champion

**Head Teacher Well Being**

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

**Head Teacher T&L**

Mrs Rachel Cody

**Administration Manager**

Mrs Tanya Stanford

**Aboriginal Education Officer**

Mrs Vicki Sharah

**Assistant Principal Primary**

Miss Rachel Heywood

Miss Sarah Browning

**Head Teacher of WAP**

Ms Crystal Williams

**In School Access Coordinator**

Ms Crystal Williams

**P & C 2015**

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**Teacher of the Fortnight**



**PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

*2015*



**PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL**

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

The ceremony will be held on **Monday 14 December** commencing at **6.30pm** under the School Cola.

We encourage everyone to join us in acknowledging and celebrating the successes of 2015.

Primary are now enforcing  
**"No Hat- Play in the Shade"**

In all areas of the school  
This applies to all primary students  
Please pack a hat for your child.





## K-2 Literacy

K-2 students – Early Action for Success is living up to its name.

In literacy this year, K-2 have been focusing on good reading and good writing. We know that reading is not just about knowing how to say the words, but being able to read so it sounds like good reading, and most importantly, to be able to understand those words and then be able to discuss what they have read.

We also know that good writing is not just about writing some words on a page, but what an author does to make their writing exciting and hook the reader in.

The students are also able to work independently on reading and writing tasks, with help from Miss Stewart and Miss Heywood and also Miss Browning, who works with students in K-2 as part of the Early Action for Success strategy. This strategy enables us to put aside time to work with teachers and students to make our reading and writing skills even better.

Pictured to the right is Maddison Powell, Bella Read and India Sant who are working independently on an information report about dinosaurs. They read, question and clarify any tricky or unfamiliar information, then they check in with Miss Stewart or Miss Browning to discuss the information and their writing.



We are seeing some great reading and writing right across Kindergarten to Year 2 and it is great to see the enjoyment of the students as they discover lots of new things.

**Tracey Lickess**  
Early Action for Success

**Peak Hill Central School**  
**Parents and Citizens Association Inc**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 12 November 2015 - 6pm**  
**At the School Meeting Room**

**Your P & C Association is Currently**

- Supporting the running expenses of the school bus
- Supporting the Mobile Phone Policy currently being proposed
- Employing the School Chaplain

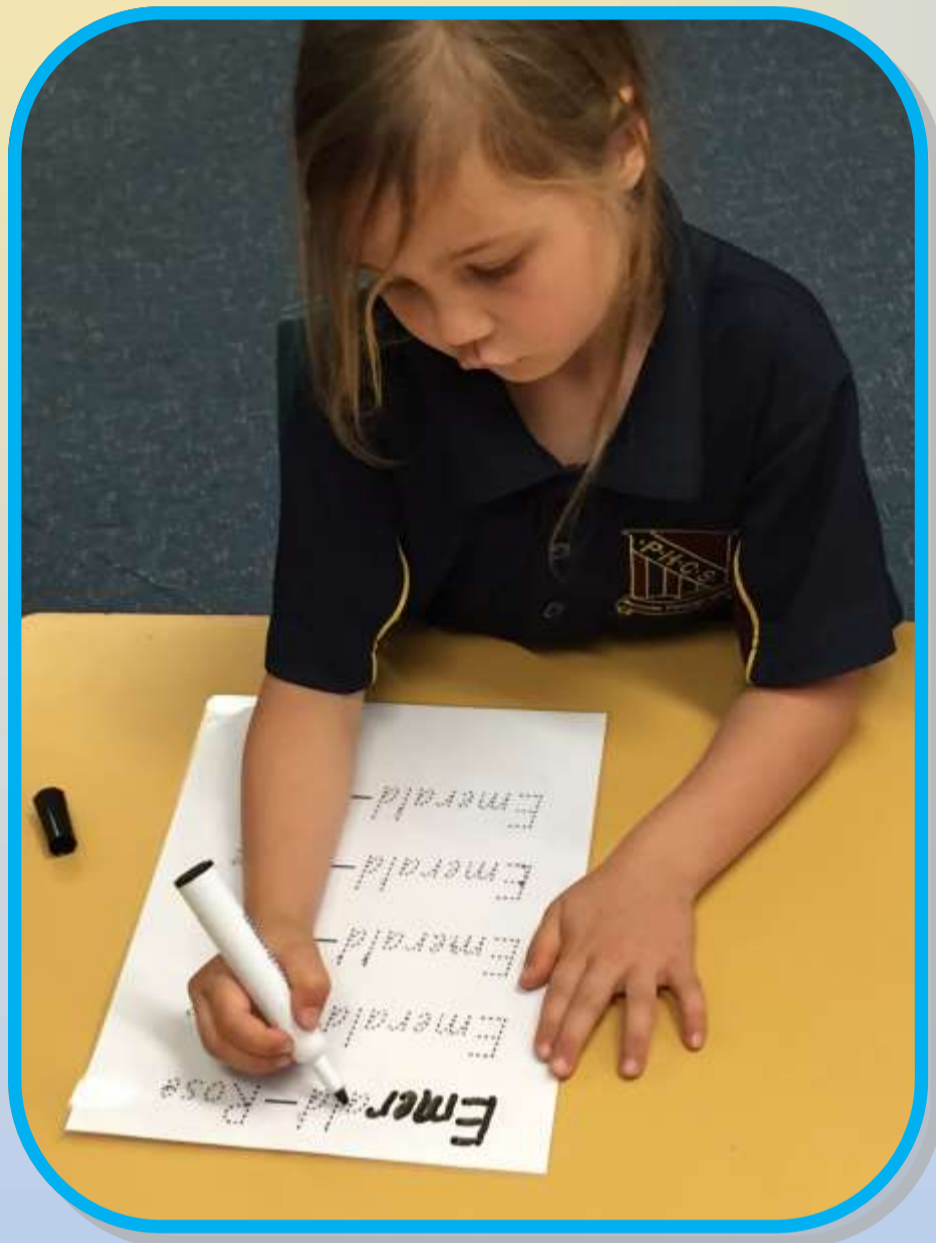
**All parents and citizens are welcome to attend.**



## KICK START KINDY

Kick Start Kindergarten hours are now 9am-12noon. Students enjoyed the extended session meeting new students and being able to play with the 'big kids' at recess. Students participated in a variety of fine motor skills today, practised writing their names, revised letters S and A and learnt the letter T. Next week Kick Start Kindergarten will run from 9am-12noon. If you have any enquirers or would like to know more about the program please contact Sarah Browning at the School.

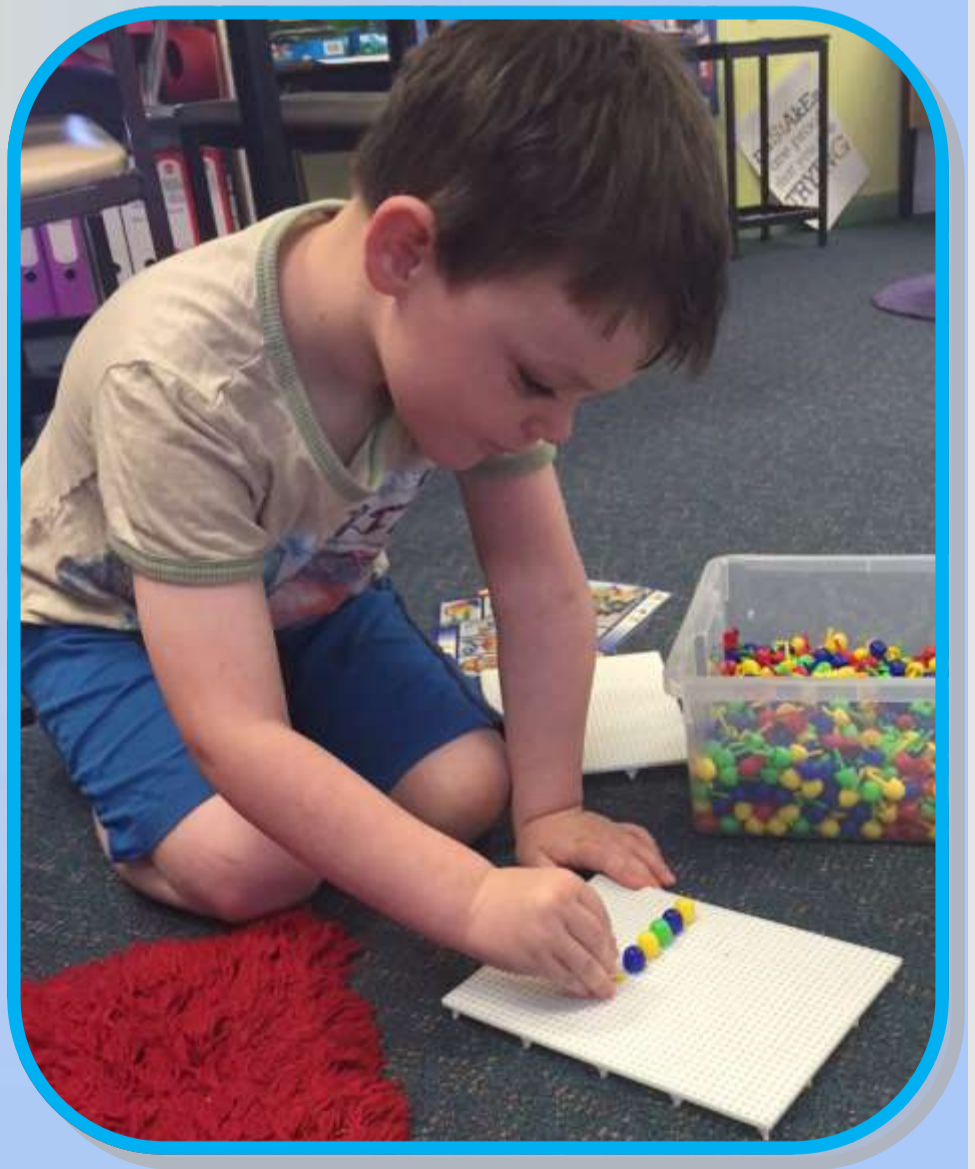
**Ms Sarah Browning - Assistant Principal**



*Emerald -Rose Leonard*



*Zara Caldwell*



*Jack Leedham*



*Dakoda Wright*



# Future Moves

This semester, Stage 3 has been Developing additional abilities for building positive relationships in life. They have explored ways of resolving conflict and practised their conflict resolution skills through role-plays and Forum Theatre. They also spent a lesson outside of the classroom discovering things they didn't necessarily know about their peers in an effort to demonstrate openness towards the diversity of others cultures, lifestyles and abilities. Students were also all given a sultana to observe and then place in the centre of the group. The sultanas were mixed and students had the task of identifying their individual sultana from the group. Some were able to recognise their sultana, while others were not. This activity was a metaphor for the similarities and differences among people. Students then had to find out ways that they were similar and different from their classmates. Students also listened to Michael Jackson's Man in the Mirror and considered the meaning behind his lyrics, and are now reflecting on their own behaviours and attitudes and the impact these have upon the development of positive relationships in their own lives.

I would also like to remind students and parents about the CSU Regional Schools Overnight Excursion. This is open to students in Years 9-11 and will involve an overnight excursion to CSU Bathurst and Orange Campuses on 26 and 27 November. Students in Years 9-10 will participate in programs lead by the Future Moves team, while students in Year 11 will experience university life and opportunities available to them at CSU. Currently I am seeking expressions of interest for this excursion (with limited places). Interested students or parents and carers are welcome to speak with me for further information. If this sounds like an opportunity that students would like to attend, please register your interest ASAP. Please note, this is an expression of interest only and does not guarantee a student's participation in this event.

Stage 4 Future Moves should now be preparing for their Yearly Examination in Week 6. This will cover work studied throughout the whole year and is their final assessment task for this subject.

**Mrs Rachel Cody**  
**Future Moves**  
**Coordinator**





# Drama Spotlight

Stage 4 continues their study of Clowning this term in Drama and English, as part of an integrated unit of work. They have explored how to safely incorporate elements of slapstick comedy (slips, trips, slaps and hits) into their clown routines. Students were also taught how to make juggling balls out of balloons and birdseed, and more recently have been practising their juggling abilities. The next few lessons will cover the essential elements of a clown routine, and then students will work on developing clown skits to perform to a K-2 audience towards the end of the term.

**Mrs Rachel Cody**

**Drama Teacher**





# Super 8's Cricket

On October 21 the PHCS u14s Super 8s Cricket team traveled to Dubbo to participate in the Western Region Central Schools Gala Day. The students had some tough games against Trundle, Coolah, and Yeoval but managed to defeat Tullamore in a close encounter. All students need to be congratulated for their demonstration of being respectful, responsible and successful throughout the day.

**Mr Richardson - Sports Coordinator**



# Western Access Program



## Metal and Engineering

On Wednesday WAP Metal and Engineering students joined students at Yeoval Central School for a training day. During the day they learned the finer points of Manual Metal Arc Welding. Arc or stick welding, as it is commonly called, is the most used method of welding in the world. In the morning students practised their technique, with Mr McLaurin's help, and in the afternoon they welded some foot plates onto the old primary students monkey bar set to turn it into a green house. They also had enough time in the afternoon to begin learning brazing using oxygen- acetylene equipment. This is a low heat welding process that does not cause the metal to distort as much. In further weeks students will create a stage for junior students at Peak Hill Central School. Mr Peter will assist with the organisation for this day with levelling and concreting of the structure.

## Preliminary Construction

Construction Pathways is an introduction to the construction industry with students receiving a Certificate II at the end of the course if they are competent in all areas. This year students have completed a range of practical projects including a tool box, bench hook, mallet and saw horse. The class travelled to Trundle to participate in a practical day and completed two picnic tables.



*Trent Williams and Wesley Sharkey of Peak Hill sitting on their completed picnic table.*



## IMPACT YOUTH GROUP

Friday 30 October

Koinonia House

7:30-9pm

All welcome from Years 7-10

Dinner and a drink provided.



# PEAK HILL SWIM CLUB

## First Training Muster

**Monday 2 November 2015**

4.30pm start at the Peak Hill Pool

*Training: Monday & Wednesday*

*Times Trials: Friday*

**Join Online Before You Train**

at [nswswimming.org.au](http://nswswimming.org.au)

**\$64 per swimmer**

**For more information contact**

**Deb Fay on 6869 1069**

**or Jodi Sant 0400 279 819**



Calling all teachers and parents who would like to give back to the community.

The 2016 Parkes Elvis Festival Volunteer Program is now open and we are looking for people to help out in a variety of ways. We need volunteers at information points, Elvis Central shop attendants, event assistants and raffle ticket sellers.

Volunteering is a rewarding experience. Call the Festival on 02 6862 6000 for more information or drop by the Visitor Information Centre.

# MEET YOU UP THE STREET FESTIVAL



OUR MASCOT - Yesterdays Billy cart



TYPE OF CART YOU WILL RACE - Todays Billy Cart



**Bigger & better than ever**

# Billy Cart Derby

ALL BILLY CARTS SUPPLIED - parents permission required

**WHEN FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> December after school, at 4.00pm**

**WHERE Old gold mine Top end Mingelo Street Peak Hill**

## CATEGORIES

- Primary School
- High School

# FREE ENTRY GREAT PRIZE MONEY

**Get your name in now !**

ENTRY FORMS AND MORE DETAILS :  
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