

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

It is a great privilege for me to write the final Principal's Address for this term.

Term 3 is the last term of formal schooling for our Year Twelve Students; the culmination of thirteen years of school. I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate the students of our graduating class and sincerely wish them well in their future endeavours, be that further study or employment.

The opportunities which Peak Hill Central School presents to our students are astounding; the variety of extra curricula events for a small rural school is certainly



comparable to that of a larger school in a regional setting. This last fortnight is no exception, events and opportunities included:

- Preliminary Final Examinations, the last examinations in Year 11
- Fred Hollows Award Presentation in Sydney, congratulations Goran Milinkovic
- Year 10 VALID, Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development
- Stage 3 NARRAF, Soccer in Trangie with Mrs Tremain-Cannon
- PBL Platinum Rewards in Dubbo, Ten-Pin Bowling with Mr Whiterod
- HSC Graduation in Dubbo, thankyou Ms Williams, Mr Gaunt and Mrs Doyle

Diary Dates

September Friday 18 Last Day of Term 3

October Tuesday 6 First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 13 HSC Exams Commence

November Thursday 5 Yr 12 Banquet

- K-12 Commendation Assembly, congratulations to our Award Recipients
- PBL Rewards Afternoon, BBQ, Games and a film
- HSC Hospitality Assessment Day, at Peak Hill with Mrs Doyle
- Marty Paice Visit, Police Liaison talk on Cyber Bullying Kindergarten to Year 10
- HSC Biology Study Day, at Peak Hill with Mr Grubb
- Stage 3 Visiting Artist Workshop, coordinated by Mr Whiterod
- HSC Construction Assessment Day, at Peak Hill with Mr Peters
- Stage 4/5 Visiting Photography Workshop, coordinated by Mr Whiterod
- HSC Extension Mathematics Study Day, Alistar Kopp at Trundle
- NSW Rugby League Workshop, at Peak Hill with Kindergarten to Year 6.

The above list demonstrates the opportunities presented in one fortnight; you could imagine how many could be listed for a term or even the year! Sincere thanks go to the staff of Peak Hill Central School who seek out the very best opportunities to support the learning and development of our students.

I would like to wish everybody a relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday and look forward to working in partnership with you next term as we endeavour to provide all students of Peak Hill Central School with the best possible learning opportunities.

Paul Champion
Relieving Principal

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 2014**President**

Mrs Donna Kopp

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Ms Kim Dern

Teacher of the Fortnight**Mrs Corina Barnes**For: Consistently
upholding the schools
PBL values**Thank You****Fred Hollows Award for Humanity**

Goran Milinkovic is pictured receiving his award which was presented by the The Hon Premier Mike Baird and Gabby Hollows.

Staff and students of Peak Hill Central Humanity Award at the NSW Parliament School would like to congratulate Goran house.

Milinkovic for his fantastic achievement in receiving a Fred Hollows Award for kindness and compassion. Goran was nominated by the school for his exemplary treatment of those around him. His patience, kindness, resilience and willingness to help others were among the reasons given for his nomination. On Monday 7 September, Goran and his mother Kim as well as Principal Paula Payne travelled to Sydney to the NSW presentation ceremony of the Fred Hollows

The Hon Mike Baird MP - Premier of NSW presented Goran with his certificate. What a wonderful achievement Goran! Your school and community are so proud.

Miss Rachel Heywood
Assistant Principal

2015 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

JUNIOR PRIMARY

SENIOR PRIMARY



Jada Read and Malachi Dart



Vincent Barlow and Lilly Schaefer

JUNIOR SECONDARY



Dylan Hamilton and Shaniya Smith

SENIOR SECONDARY



Alistar Kopp and Molly Wright

WAP Presentation Night



Future Moves

On Wednesday 2 September, Year 9 students participated in the *Future Directions* day at CSU Dubbo Campus. The day was geared towards giving students a taste of the university experience, and sampling a range of courses on offer including; Media, Wiradjuri Language, Nursing, Drama, Social Work, Education and Business. Students elected two of the seven courses and participated in workshops in their chosen field.



The photos accompanying this article show students participating in the Media workshop, and exploring the different modes of communication. Students can be seen playing a game of Chinese Whispers that had to be communicated without the spoken word.



Throughout the day students experienced campus life; a tour of the campus, the dorms, following a schedule and attending lectures, as well as lunch in the cafeteria. The day also highlighted to students that going to university is achievable at any age, even if it is not something students are currently aspiring to. Two of the Future Moves leaders who helped facilitate the day are working mums. They decided to change direction in their careers and at a later point in life than expected. The students found the day to be incredibly valuable and enjoyable. I would like to commend them on their behaviour at this event and thank *CSU Future Moves* for your ongoing partnership and commitment to Peak Hill Central School.

Mrs Rachel Cody
Future Moves Coordinator

Year 12 Industrial Tech Timber Major Works

Corey Ridgeway



Clayton Hartin



James Dunn



Alistar Kopp



Keagan Finn



Stage Two Cooking

Stage Two had the privilege of working in the hospitality room to make choc chip cookies. The students had to follow the recipe procedure, measure the ingredients accurately, mix them together and then had the fun part of rolling them into little balls. The cookies were made as a present for students to give for Father's Day or to someone who they wanted to thank for their hard work. A big "thank you" to all our helpers on the day including Mrs Catherine Doyle, Miss Crystal Williams, Mrs Barbra Sharkey and Year 12 students for preparing the hospitality room and getting the ingredients ready.

Mrs Zoe Ruckley

Stage 2 Classroom Teacher



Quick Smart

Quick Smart helps me in Maths because I never used to know all my times tables and now I know most of them. It helps me and my Math become a lot easier.

Taigan Brennan -Ingram

Quick Smart helps me. I like getting help because it helps me get better at Maths and do well in my assessments.

Jack Bendeich

Drama Spotlight

Students in Kindergarten have begun their study of Puppetry, which will see them engage with and make a range of puppets. The unit began with students exploring how to manipulate their bodies to create shapes, and turning these shapes and movements into characters through voice and enactment.

Students were then provided with a range of objects from around the home, and had to use their performance skills to bring these objects to life. Objects included tongs, chopsticks, a can opener etc., and these were transformed into crocodiles, men on stilts, dolphins etc.

We then made a simple finger puppet in the shape of an elephant. Students coloured in their elephant and we workshopped it to the Dance with the Elephants song and presented it at the Week 8 Assembly. The photos included with this article show students exploring how to manipulate their puppets.

Following on from this, students made another finger puppet, this time using their index and middle fingers to form the legs. They practised how to manipulate it so that their puppet was sitting, standing, walking, running, kicking and jumping.

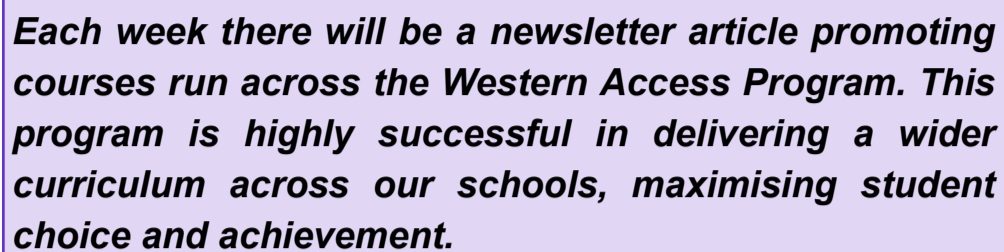
Next term, students will continue to explore a range of puppets including pipe cleaner puppets, talking egg-box puppets and hand puppets. If anyone is able to donate half-dozen egg cartons for the talking egg-box puppets, this would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the Stage 1 Drama students who performed their native animal acrostic poems at the Commendation Assembly on Monday. Congratulations to Cooper Dart, Maddison Powell, Bella Read, and India Sant who performed WOMBAT, and also to Lani Bishop, Arahya Hill, Emily Pearson and Clair Sellers who performed KOOKABURRA. Students demonstrated professionalism during their rehearsals and it was my pleasure to have them showcase some of the quality work that they have been developing in class. Well done students!

Mrs Rachel Cody

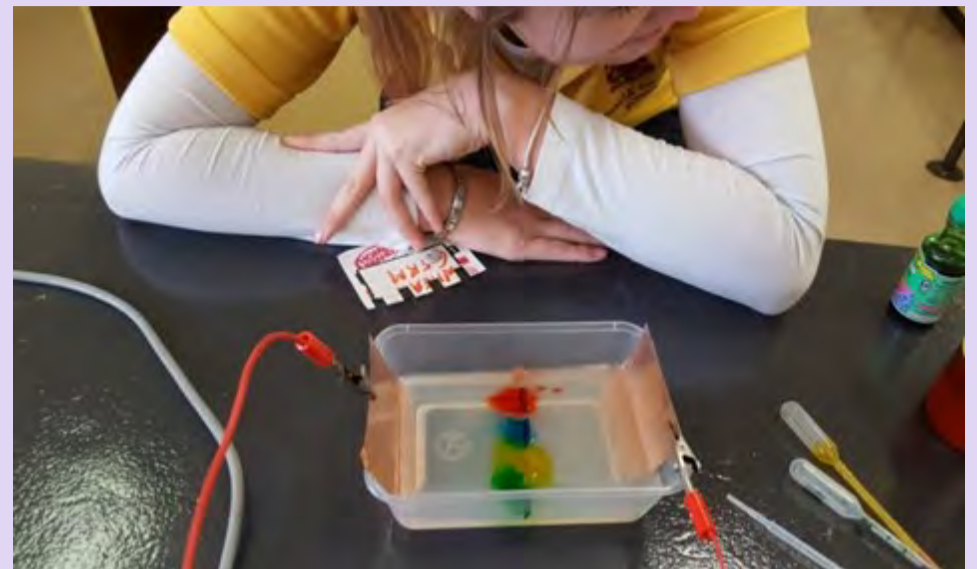
Drama Teacher





HSC Chemistry students have been studying Forensic Chemistry, exploring how chemistry is used to solve crime through various analytical techniques, including electrophoresis, used in analysis of DNA. We performed an experiment to model electrophoresis, involving making a gel with copper electrodes embedded in it and 4 'wells' in the centre, into which we placed four different food colourings. The aim was to see them move through the gel due to their charge. In the photo it can be seen that all the food colouring molecules had the same charge, negative, as they all moved towards the positive plate.

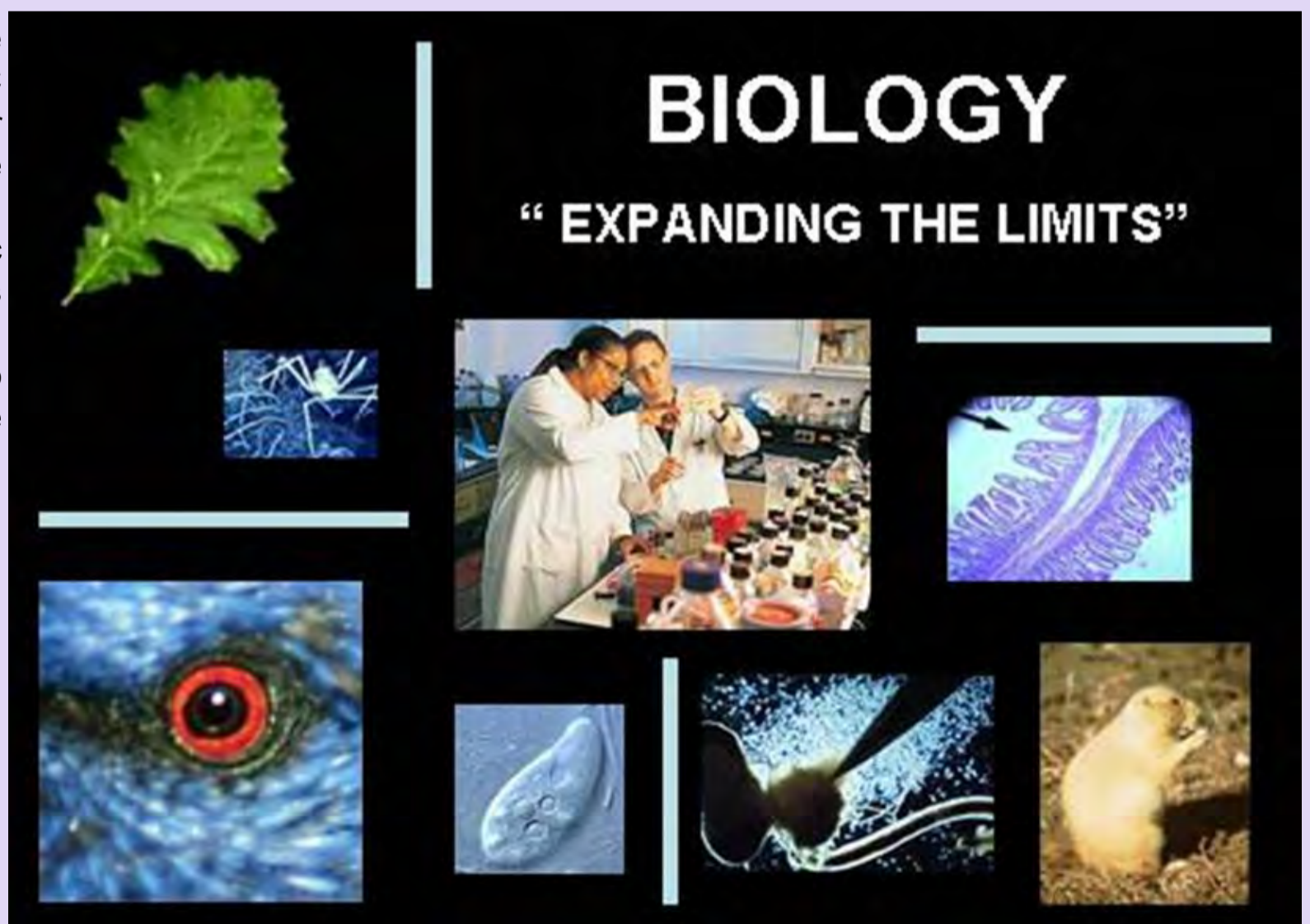
Biology is one of the major disciplines of Science, which focuses on the study of living organisms. It has a substantial impact on our society because it is closely linked to the study of health and medicine as well as agriculture, biochemistry, ecology, genetics, microbiology and zoology (and many more). The Preliminary and HSC Biology courses offer students the opportunity to learn various scientific ideas across the fields mentioned above and allows them to develop key science skills through both first and second hand investigations.


 A collage of three images. The top image shows a single green leaf with prominent veins against a black background. The bottom-left image is a blue-tinted photograph of a spider on a web. The bottom-right image is a small, partially visible inset showing a laboratory setting with glassware and equipment.


Eloise Clayton with her Electrophoresis setup



The same gel as seen after 30mins. You can see the colouring has moved to the positive terminal



PBL Rewards Day



Community Noticeboard

Westlink Church Children's Ministry Fundraiser



Westlink Church has postponed the planned Yard Sale fundraiser advertised in the last School Newsletter.

A new date will be set early next year.

Thank You.

DON'T BE BORED DURING THESE HOLIDAYS ...

COME TO



11am Sunday 4th October

-try to arrive by at least 10.45-

on the lawns of St. Stephen's

(just around the corner from the school)

Bring your pet or farm animal and join in the fun ..

remember, though, all animals must be on a lead or in a carry cage etc.

ANIMALS-BIRDS-FISH



ALL WELCOME!

School Holiday Fun! **Science Hot Pot!**

Is frothing at the mouth something you try to avoid?

Do these and other science-y questions keep you awake at night?

Maybe you need to try **Science Hot Pot!**

Thursday 24 September at 10am.

Location: Boatswain House.

Not for pre schoolers.

Bookings in person essential at Peak Hill Library.

Cost \$2. Peak Hill Library - Enquiries 6869 1078.

Wednesday 10 am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm and Friday 3pm - 5pm.

Many thanks, Shellie

Shellie Buckle | Manager Cultural, Education and Library Services

Parkes Shire Library | 25 Bogan Street Parkes NSW 2870 (P) 02 6861 2338 | (F) 02 6862 1501

School Fundraiser - Cook Books

Only \$4 each



Available at School Office

Or

Peak Hill Post Office



School Tea Towels

The school is selling unique tea-towels!

There are two designs. One is made up of drawings by all our students and staff at PHCS. The drawings are arranged into one commemorative design and screen printed in navy blue onto high quality white tea towels.

The other is the design used for our plaque to celebrate 125yrs of Public Education at PHCS. This is screen printed in black onto high quality white tea towels.

The tea-towels will be sold for \$10 each at the top office.

Miss Grace Stewart

Stage 1 Classroom Teacher

