

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

We are Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Week Five.

The term is steadily progressing; we enter Autumn next week and hope for a cool change in the weather. The students and staff have continued to achieve a significant number of successes. Last Tuesday we welcomed a number of parents and community members to the school for the first of our Parents in Partnership activities where parents were invited into classrooms to meet teachers, look at our facilities and observe their children engaged in learning; I thank those who could attend and encourage more parents and community members to become involved in our Parents in Partnership initiative.

Last Wednesday our Year 11 and 12 Metal and Engineering class hosted a combined Western Access Program (WAP) Study Day where students from our WAP Schools came together as a single class and completed work on their first assessment; a steel tool box. I thank Mr Mitchell McAlister, Mr Robert Cain and our students for their enthusiasm and participation.

Our first representative sporting event was held in Warren last Thursday; Ms Sarah Browning travelled with those primary students selected to compete at the Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival. The reports from the day demonstrate the Positive Behaviour for Learning values we celebrate at Peak Hill: Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Success. Well Done to our students!

Professional Learning is an essential element in ensuring we provide our students with a quality education. Professional Learning allows our staff to work with other professionals in improving their skills and knowledge to develop teaching and learning activities which engage all students and enables our students to develop to their full learning potential. Some of the professional learning events over the last two weeks include:

* Last Wednesday saw Mrs Tracey Lickess travel to Dubbo to participate in an Early Action for Success (EaFS) Network Day. The EaFS program supports the development of Literacy and Numeracy for students from Kindergarten to Year 2.

Diary Dates 2016

February

Wed – Fri 24-26 WAP Camp

Monday 29 Whole School Assembly

March

Wednesday 9 Hospitality Prac Day Peak Hill

Thursday 17 Breakfast Club/SRC Fundraiser

* Last Thursday both Ms Grace Stewart and Ms Jackie Brabrook attended professional learning to ensure they continue to develop excellence in education. Ms Stewart travelled to Dubbo working on the Best Start Kindy Assessment, while Ms Brabrook travelled to Forbes for her first training session in L3 (Language Learning and Literacy).

* This Tuesday's Staff Meeting examined the Numeracy Continuum, Ms Tracey Lickess led a professional learning session for staff to develop and incorporate numeracy across all curriculum areas; numeracy is an essential skill and is a vital area of all teaching practice.

* On Wednesday, Mrs Pauline Allen travelled to Bathurst to participate in a training day focused on the Crossroads Program which she is delivering to Year 11, Mrs Allen reported that the day was of great benefit and she is looking forward to her weekly Crossroad's lesson with Year 11. Also, on Wednesday our Primary Staff were fortunate in taking delivery of two Sound Field systems for our classrooms; these systems support the learning of students who can have difficulty in hearing the teacher in a classroom environment. We express our gratitude to the local Quota Club for their donation and for providing our staff with a training session in effectively using the technology.

* On Thursday, Ms Grace Stewart travelled to Forbes to participate in her first session of Language Learning and Literacy (L3), the L3 program is a key piece of the Early Action for Success Strategy. Thursday also saw Ms Jacque Orr training in Access Requests; Ms Sarah Browning worked alongside Ms Orr to develop access requests to ensure our students are well supported in their education.

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Principal

Mr Paul Champion

Head Teacher Admin

Mrs Catherine Doyle

**Head Teacher
Well Being**

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

**Administration
Manager**

Mrs Tanya Stanford

**Aboriginal Education
Officer**

Mrs Vicki Sharah

**Assistant Principal
Primary**

Miss Sarah Browning

Miss Keira Wilson

**Head Teacher of
Access**

Mr James Peter

**In School Access
Coordinator**

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

**P & C 2016
President**

Mrs Donna Kopp

Vice President

Mr Matthew Sharah

Secretary

Mrs Cathy Goodwin

Treasurer

Ms Kim Dern

Principals report continued:

This week the Western Access Program Schools held their annual Lake Burrendong Camp, Year 11 and 12 students from the six participating schools travelled to Burrendong on Wednesday to participate in a range of activities including structured lessons with their course coordinators together with more social based activities to develop a one class shared vision. I thank

all participating staff who stayed overnight including Mr James Peter, Mr Jeremy Whiterod and Mrs Pauline Allen and our staff who travelled for the day the deliver their course presentations: Mrs Catherine Doyle, Mr Karel Giffen and Mr John Grubb.

This week's assembly saw the badging of our 2016 Student Representative Council (SRC), I thank Mr Jeremy Whiterod for coordinating the elections for our SRC and

congratulate our new council: Connor Baillie, Dylan Sellers, Sky Welsh, Tyden Barlow, Goran Milinkovic, Tijuana Keed, Kerryanne Watson, Shaylee Wright Edwards and Jakaya Stewart.

I wish everyone all the best for the week ahead and please contact the school if you wish to discuss any aspect of the education of your child.

Paul Champion

Principal (R)

**Elected SRC
representatives for 2016**



The BRAVE Program.

BRAVE Self-Help is an online program for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of youth anxiety. It was developed at The University of Queensland by experts in youth anxiety and has now been running for over 14 years throughout Australia. The program is fun, interactive, based on cognitive-behavioural principles and has been found to be effective in reducing anxiety in children and adolescents. It has helped hundreds of children experiencing social anxiety, shyness, separation anxiety, phobias and general worries. **BRAVE Self-Help is now available to use at home for free** due to the support of *beyondblue*. Any Australian young people who would like help with anxiety can access the self-help program via <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>. The program can be accessed through any computer or tablet device, at any time and includes up to 10 sessions for youth. Parents can also take part in a separate parent program to learn ways of helping their child or teenagers manage anxiety. Teachers, young people and parents can also find out more about the program or take a trial or any of the programs through the BRAVE website.



PBL Winners Week 5

Primary Award Winners

Russell Raffle Winners



Taliyah Keed-White, Jada Redpath and Chelsea Boneham



Goran Milinkovic, Lillianna Bendeich, India Sant and Isabelle Goodwin (not pictured)

Trade Training



Two of our senior students, Taleica Keed and Trent Williams have been successful in completing their studies to obtain Certificate I qualifications in Construction and Hospitality. These courses were undertaken during the year at Peak Hill Central School as part of their Year 11 studies. They will continue their studies this year to obtain Cert II in these courses.

Well Done Trent and Taleica



HAVE YOUR SAY

You are invited to let us know what you think. It might be something you like or maybe something you think we can improve on that happens at your school. Write it down and drop into the office.

These items will be addressed at our next “Parents in Partnership” afternoon, later this term. Also on this afternoon parents and carers will have the opportunity to have a look at our facilities, our Industrial Tech Room, Hospitality Room, Library and other areas the students work in.

Our next Parents in Partnership afternoon will be advertised in the next newsletter and on facebook.

Supported by the P & C Assoc Inc and the AECG

Name: _____

Date: _____

Primary News



Gobondery/

NARRAF

Swimming Carnival Warren

Congratulations to the swimming team who travelled to Warren on Thursday 18 February.

The children represented their school with great pride and exhibited fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour on the day.

Congratulations!

Thank You Quota



Sound Systems for our Classrooms

We have been lucky enough to have received a fabulous donation from the local Quota Club of two sound systems for our classrooms.

Primary staff and members from quota are pictured below with one of the two Sound field systems that will be used in Stage 3 and Early Stage 1 (Kinder) which will assist with the audio quality in the classroom.

Easter Raffle

We are currently running an Easter Raffle to raise money for the students extracurricular activities.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could **donate an Easter Egg to the raffle.**

Donations can be left at the school office, tickets will also be available at the office or the classroom teachers. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.



PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL

95% Attendance Excursion

In **2016**, students in Years K-2 have the opportunity to participate in an **all expenses** paid trip to Dubbo Inflatable World and Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre and Park*. To be eligible, you must have 95% or more attendance for the school year -this includes whole day and partial absences.

This could be YOU!

*As part of Peak Hill Central School Increase Attendance Initiative



SECONDARY

PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL

95% Attendance Excursion

In **2016**, students in Years 3-12 have the opportunity to participate in an **all expenses** paid trip to Wet 'n' Wild Sydney*. To be eligible, you must have 95% or more attendance for the school year -this includes whole day and partial absences.

This could be YOU!



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Western Access Program



The WAP car has had a face lift and is looking very stylish. We are striving towards and committed to raising the profile of WAP so keep a look out for our updated look.

This week we are running annual WAP camp at Burrendong Sport and Recreational Park.

Coordinators, Support Staff and Students will have three days of action packed learning, fun activities and socialising. For the Preliminary Cohort it is a chance to meet the other students and for HSC students a great catch up.

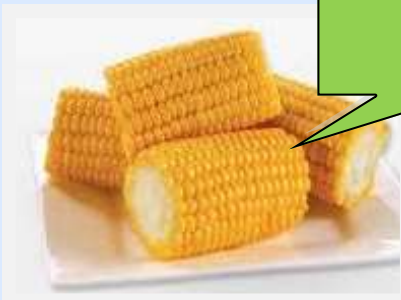
James Peter

Head Teacher Access (R)



Tuckerbox Specials

Corn on the Cob
50c



Fruit Salad
\$2.00



Yummy Drummies
\$1 each



Home Work Centre

**DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A HAND WITH
HIS OR HER HOMEWORK?
OR STRUGGLING TO COMPLETE THEIR
ASSIGNMENTS?**

Neighbourhood Central is offering a Free Homework program for indigenous high school students in Peak Hill.

[Spaces are limited, call now to register.](#)

Brendan Read Phone 6862 4140

WHERE: Peak Hill, 87 Caswell St

WHEN: Tuesdays: 3.30pm—4.30pm

Afternoon tea is provided



2016 NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to all Year 7 students:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months.

The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised. Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians.

To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course will be offered catch-up doses the following year in Year 8)

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that these records are kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

For further information regarding the School Vaccination Program, please contact Sue Turcato on 6330 5880.



UPCYCLING

Jane Milburn, rural communicator and upcycler, believes there is a pressing need to rethink our approach to clothing for sustainability. Jane's model includes empowering individuals to reimagine and recreate their own wardrobe collection by resewing at home. Jane is part of the Fashion Revolution bringing awareness to where clothes come from and the resources from which they are made.



EVENING CHAT

Friday 4 March, 6pm - 7.30pm

Parkes Library

RSVP 3 March on 6861 2309

Jane will share her passion for bringing awareness to where clothes come from and the resources from which they are made over some wine and cheese.

WORKSHOPS

Reuse clothing in creative and sustainable ways. Bring along your imagination and creative spirit. Workshop for all skill levels and with all natural-fibre garments.

Saturday 5 March, 10am - 4pm

Sunday 6 March, 10am - 4pm

Parkes Library, Coventry Room

Workshops are free.

Bookings required on 6861 2309.

Westlink Church
Children's Ministry Building Fundraiser
Yard Sale

Saturday 19 March 2016
9am to 2pm



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ABBA
FESTIVAL**

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**BJÖRN
AGAIN**

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7 MAY 2016

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EASTER 2016

Tullamore

**IRISH MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

live music by
DAMIEN LEITH
"THE PARTING GLASS"
AN IRISH JOURNEY

THURSDAY 24 MARCH
Art show

FRIDAY 25 MARCH
\$20/person / kids under 18 free
Twilight concert
Irish dancing
Forever Diamond Show

SATURDAY 26 MARCH
\$30/person / kids under 18 free
All kids entertainment free
Street parade
Irish food
Irish dancing
Soairse
DAMIEN LEITH
"The Parting Glass"
an Irish Journey

SUNDAY 27 MARCH
Hooley

Art Show • Irish Food • Irish Dancing
Irish Hurdles • Irish Tug of War • Street Parade

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