

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Week Three

Monday of last week was School Photo's, we look forward with anticipation to receiving the prints back; especially the Year 12 Informal Photograph. Also on Monday, Year 11 students participated in a combined Western Access Program (WAP) study day hosted at Peak Hill. Students from the other WAP schools came to Peak Hill to engage in lessons and work on assessment tasks as a combined class cohort.

On Thursday last week, Ms Tawny Gleeson travelled on the School Bus to Tottenham Central School where our students participated in a Debating Day; student reports were very positive and we hope that our involvement in this extra-curricula activity can be built upon.

Last Friday, the Police Liaison Officer- Mr Craig Skene visited our school to talk with our students about bullying, harassment and social media. Several workshops were presented by Mr Skene with our students enthusiastically engaged in the information that was presented. We hope to work more closely with external agencies like the Police to ensure all students' wellbeing is supported.

This week, the Preliminary Examinations are being held. I encourage our Year 11 students to be well prepared and rested as they endeavour to complete their examinations to the best of their ability. A reminder that the Year 7-10 Examinations will be held in Week 7 starting on Wednesday 8 June.

Mrs Pauline Allen will travel to Dubbo this Sunday with Stage 6 VET students. Our Year 11 and 12 students studying Vocational Education & Training courses are required to complete 35 hours of mandatory work placement for each VET course each year. Students have been placed with a host employer where they will be presented with real-world work experiences; students undertake work tasks which demonstrate their competency and are provide a true insight into the work environment.

Mr Jeremy Whiterod will travel to Sydney next Wednesday with our School Captains Taleica Keed and David Heywood who have been invited to participate in the Leadership Program hosted by the NSW Parliament. This wonderful opportunity will enable Taleica and David to meet School Captains from across the state, to share their common experiences, visit the State Parliament and meet the NSW Governor, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd).

Diary Dates 2016

May

Monday 30 School Assembly 9am

Monday 30-3 Work Placement Dubbo

June

Monday 6 School Assembly 9am

Wednesday 8-10 Half Yearly Exams Years 7-10

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)

Marissa Wins Educational Scholarship



Peak Hill Central School student Marissa Robinson was nominated for The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship. The Harding Miller Education Foundation in partnership with the Public Education Foundation, held a celebration honouring the excellence & effort of Students, teachers, Principals & staff in Public Educations. The Ceremony was held in Sydney at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, 18 May. Marissa was a recipient of the Scholarship and attended the evening to receive her certificate with her mother. Congratulations Marissa, a well deserved Scholarship.

Principal	
Mr Paul Champion	
Head Teacher	
Teacher and Learning	
Mrs Catherine Doyle	
Head Teacher	
Wellbeing	
Mr Jeremy Whiterod	
Administration Manager	
Mrs Tanya Stanford	
Aboriginal Education Officer	
Mrs Vicki Sharah	
Assistant Principal	Pri-
mary	
Miss Sarah Browning	
Miss Keira Wilson	
Head Teacher	
Access	
Mr James Peter	
In School Access	
Coordinator	
Mr Jeremy Whiterod	
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President	
Mrs Donna Kopp	
Vice President	
Mr Matthew Sharah	
Secretary	
Mrs Cathy Goodwin	
Treasurer	
Ms Kim Dern	



Peak Hill Central School Kick Start Kindergarten

Every Monday
11:30am - 1:30pm



What to bring:

- Water bottle
- Hat
- Piece of fruit
- Sandwich

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Give your child the Best Start to School, by attending our Kick Start Kindergarten Transition to School Program.

Further information contact Sarah Browning on 68691304



PBL Winners



Week 4 Russell Winners

Michael Welsh, Goran Mlinkovic, Jackson Leedham and Jakaya Stewart

Week 4 Secondary PBL Winners

Brendan Dargan, Gabby Robinson, Akayla Hando, Tom Hartin, John Hamilton and David Heywood



Week 6 Secondary PBL Winners: Dylan Hauser, Joseph Dargan, George Robinson and Taleica Keed



Week 6 Primary PBL Winners: Jock Strahorn, Taliyah Keed-White, Natalie Davis and Makaylah McMaster

TEACHERS OF THE WEEK



Sarah Browning: Outstanding planning and organisation in preparation for Kick Start Kindy



Lucy Dempsey: Tireless effort in organising and planning the Athletics Carnival



Tawny Gleeson: Dedication and enthusiasm in the delivery of English and the promotion of the debating team

Secondary News

Stage 6 Hospitality prepared and served a main course which featured:

Tender pork fillets, zucchini and a side dish of creamy potato bake.



Stage 4 Technology (Mandatory)

The students in Stage 4 prepared Mrs Doyle's Grandmothers recipe for Chocolate Afgans. These amazing chocolate morsels are traditionally topped with glossy chocolate icing and a blanched almond. Stage 4 put a modern twist on this old fashioned favourite and sprinkled the tops of the biscuits with chocolate flakes to everyone's delight!

Stage 5 Food Technology this week used their food preparation and time management skills to prepare a selection of crumbed chicken strips which they shallow fried until they were golden brown and then served with an amazing sweet and sour dipping sauce. A quality product was presented by all students. Well Done, Stage 5.



Human Society & Its Environment

This Term in Human Society and Its Environment students have seen the start of some new units of work in the ancient and modern world. HSIE is taught in a dedicated environment where all students are given the opportunity to engage with as broad a range of human history as possible, locally and globally.

In Stage 4, students are investigating the Asian World: Ancient China. They have begun by exploring the role of geography in shaping the Chinese people and have found that the oceans, rivers, and mountains of the Asian continent had isolated China for thousands of years, creating a very unique people. Students listened to some Chinese creation myths explaining how the world was formed and illustrated this story through their eyes. They have also explored the importance of dragons in Chinese myths and have created some warning signs to beware of the Peak Hill dragon!

China is a distinct culture from our own, and whilst Australia might be isolated from parts of the greater Western world, our location to Asia may allow us to take advantage of opportunities in the future.



In Stage 5 HSIE, students have started to explore the topic Australians at War: World War I. This is a timely opportunity to apply the skills of historical research students have been developing; in the centenary of World War I the possibilities of uncovering fresh perspectives on this chapter of Australian history is exciting. Students have outlined some of the causes of World War I and through engaging source studies have learnt to empathise with the conditions our Diggers faced in the trenches. Of course in Australia we cannot study World War I without focusing on the Gallipoli Campaign. Students will be using sources and their skills of historical investigation to discuss the achievements of our men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Students who demonstrate success through effort find HSIE to be a meaningful and rewarding study because it shows us our history, culture, and identity; traits which are sometimes in short supply but which nevertheless must be held on to in order to find meaning in our futures.

Karel Giffen
HSIE Teacher

Stage 4 Technology (Mandatory) Mr McAlister

Stage 4 are building a cypress pine window box.

Students have practised a range of wood work joints and learnt the importance of pre drilling before putting screws in to avoid splitting timber. The timber used was donated by the Stephenson Sawmilling Co from Trundle.



Stage 5 Agriculture

As part of a Pasture Unit Stage 5 are learning the practical skills of fencing. Students are digging holes for strainer posts for a gateway to improve animal movement in the big Ag plot and practising the figure eight, double loop and end assembly knots.

Mitch McAlister Agriculture Teacher







Year 7 –10 Half Yearly Exam Timetable

Tuesday 7 June	Wednesday 8 June	Thursday 9 June	Friday 10 June
	7 - 10 English 9.00-10.00	7 – 10 Maths 9.00-10.00	7 – 10 Science 9.00-10.00
	S 4 Technology S 5 Design & Tech S 5 PASS 11.30-12.30	7 - 10 HSIE 11.30-12.30	7 - 10 PD/H/PE 11.30-12.30
S 5 Agriculture (In class exam) 2 -3pm			

NOTE
All examinations will be held in the School Hall
Students are required to bring all necessary equipment: pens, pencils, ruler and calculator
All other classes will be run as normal on these days

WEEK 6 RUSSELL RAFFLE WINNERS



Jackson Leedham, Clair Sellers (Primary)



Joseph Dargan, Michael Welsh (Secondary)



SAVE THE DATE
YOU ARE INVITED TO



The Biggest Morning Tea

To be held at

Peak Hill Central School

on Monday 20 June 2016

12 noon—1.30pm

Gourmet Lunch Packs \$10 (take away or eat in)

Pre order and pay at the Front Office
to help support this very worthy cause

Lunch packs include home baked products including:
a gourmet roast beef, cheese and mango chutney dinner bun.

Delectable assorted tea sandwiches,
a mini quiche,
zucchini slice
and
two sweet treats).

For further details please contact Catherine Doyle at PHCS

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NDIS First Step workshops

Northcott
supporting choice & opportunity

**Do you want to learn more
about the NDIS?**

**Do you want to understand how
the NDIS might benefit your
child?**

This short information session will help you
understand:

- What the NDIS is
- How early intervention fits in the NDIS
- All the supports your child is currently receiving
- Which supports for you child work, which don't and why
- How to identify support you might want for your child
- How the NDIA might support you to do those new things



When: Tuesday 14th June 2016

Time:

Session 1 – NDIS First Steps (10am-12pm)

Session 2 – Getting ready for the NDIS (1pm-3pm)

Session 3 – NDIS First Steps &

Getting ready for the NDIS (6pm-8pm)

Where: Milestone Hotel

195 Macquarie St, Dubbo

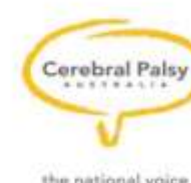
Contact for more information:

Please phone 6882 1099 for more
information or to RSVP by 8th June 2016

Cost: FREE

Workshops funded by Department of
Social Services, Australian
Government and provided by Cerebral
Palsy Australia and First Step Alliance.

FIRST STEP ALLIANCE



Official Opening

Peak Hill's 43rd Annual Arts and Craft Exhibition

Friday June 10, 2016

At the Leisure Centre

Open Invitation to all the Community

Entry fee \$5

Proceeds to Peak Hill CanAssist

Drinks and Finger Food from 6pm

OFFICIAL OPENING 7PM

Guest of Honour

Tonia Francis

Sing Australia Choir

performing



Peak Hill Leisure Centre Arts and Crafts

Our 43rd Annual Exhibition

Displays of members' work including Folk Art, Patchwork, Card Making, Paintings, Crafts, Glass Slumping and Fabulous Raf

People's choice voting!

At the Leisure Centre

Demonstrators include:

Maria Harrison - Card making

Helen 2 Fat Ladies - Tying scarves

Claire Dalton - Candlewicking/embroidery

Colleen Flynn - Patchwork kits and fabrics

Kerrie McIntyre - Fabric Crafts

Elsie Howe - Bobbin Lace

Devonshire Tea and Soup

At the Southern Cross Hall

Stuart Vorias - Artist-In-Residence

Kim Willoughby - Paverpol

May Chandler and Dawn Armstrong - Cards

Jo Thomas - Spinning and Weaving

Maggie Gordon - Poetry

Yvonne Fee - Embroidery

Parkes Art Group - Painting

Gordon Ingram - Local Beekeeper

BBQ and refreshments

Peak Hill's 43rd Annual Arts and Craft Exhibition

June Long Weekend

11, 12 & 13 June 2016

Come along to see a wonderful display of local arts and crafts. Displays, stalls and demonstrations are at two locations in the main street.

Leisure Centre and Southern Cross Hall on the Newell Highway

Displays

Patchwork * Embroidery * Folk Art * Glass slumping
* Knitting * Paintings * Artworks * Fabric crafts * Poetry
* Handmade cards * Local produce and crafts for sale
* District artists

Demonstrations

Card making * Paverpol * Spinning and weaving * Bee-keeping
* Wood-turning * Artist-in-Residence * Scarf tying



Patchwork Quilt and other Raffles

Admission \$2 at each venue

9.30am – 4.00pm Sat & Sun

9.30am – 3.00pm Mon

Devonshire Teas and Homemade Soups
available at the Leisure Centre

Light Refreshments and a BBQ at the
Southern Cross Hall

Enjoy great small town hospitality!

Peak Hill Leisure Centre Arts and Crafts

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Important Information RE: Contact Sports in NSW Public Schools

Dear Parents & Carers,

Rugby League, Rugby Union and Australian Rules Football can all be enjoyable physical activities and these sports even form an important part of our national identity.

When properly structured and supervised these sports provide students with opportunities to develop significant personal, physical and social skills, and encourage fitness and lifelong participation in physical activity. However, involvement in what are referred to as body contact sports also carries an increased and inherent risk of injury to participants.

NSW schools are responsible for the provision of safe, inclusive, relevant and well-structured sport and physical activity programs. For safety, legal and student wellbeing reasons, schools and students cannot participate in potentially high risk activities without meeting stringent sport specific guidelines.

In order to participate in body contact sports within or when representing NSW Public Schools it is a requirement that:

- Signed parental permission is obtained for every match
- Coaching/refereeing/officiating staff have relevant qualifications
- Risk management forms be completed and submitted for review
- Harm minimisation is achieved through grounds inspection, post pads being affixed, boot/apparel inspection by referee, participant familiarisation with activity
- Mouthguards and where identified, additional protective equipment are used correctly
- First aid equipment and appropriately trained medical staff are in attendance

With consideration for the Department's School Sport Unit policy and the Guidelines for Safe Conduct of Sport & Physical Activity in Schools document, **it is essential that students do not:**

- Participate in any contact sports or activities not developed by the school when under the duty of care of school staff
- Play, practice or train for contact sports without appropriately qualified supervising staff
- Use school grounds or sporting equipment in any manner contrary to the requirements listed above
- Encourage or promote unsafe play, sport or physical activity among other students

Any student who chooses to ignore the school rules or the instructions of staff is breaching PHCS's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and Discipline Policy. Consequences will be applied in order to establish safe conduct and ensure student wellbeing. Students who can not demonstrate the school's expectation of Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful behaviours may also find that they are ineligible to represent the school in representative sporting opportunities.