



# Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

***We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School***

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## Stage 4 Create Picture Books



At the end of Term 3 and in the first week of Term 4 Stage 4 students created a personalised picture book to appeal to a 'buddy' in Year 3.

Stage 4 students first collected information on their Primary buddy student, such as favourite colours, books, activities, characters and games. Using this information, Stage 4 selected five picture books from the School Library and read the books to their buddy student.

The Year 3 students then selected their favourite book of all those read to them and Stage 4 spent several lessons re-writing and illustrating a short alternate version of the book to appeal to their buddy student.

On Friday Week 1, Year 3 came to the Library and Stage 4 read the students their personalised picture book. The activities were a great chance for Stage 4 to practice writing for an audience, to build relationships across the school and to share the joys of reading with students in both the Primary and Secondary sections of our Central School.

***Ms Tawny Gleeson, Stage 4 English Teacher***





# Principal

Mr Scott Olsson

# Relieving Deputy Principal

Mr Paul Champion

# Head Teacher

# Secondary Studies

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

# Administration Manager

Mrs Tanya Stanford

# Aboriginal Education Officer

Mrs Vicki Sharah

# Assistant Principal

Miss Grace Stewart

# Head Teacher

# Access

Mrs Crystal Stanford

# In School Access

# Coordinator

Mrs Catherine Doyle

# P & C 2017

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## Diary Dates

Term 3 2017	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Term 4 Week 2</b>	16 HSC Exams Commence Kick Start Kindy 2-3pm	17 Dental Health Screening 7-11	18 Anti Bullying Virtual Reality Experience K-12	19	20 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 3</b>	23 Naidoc Week Kick Start Kindy 2-3pm Yr 6-7 Transition 11.30am-12.30pm Yr 6-7 Parent Meeting 2-3pm	24	25 League Tag - Girls Grenfell	26	27 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 4</b>	30 Kick Start Kindy 2-3pm Yr 6-7 Transition 11.30am-12.30pm	31	November 1	2	3 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 5</b>	6 Kick Start Kindy 2-3pm Yr 6-7 Transition 11.30am-12.30pm	7	8	9 P & C AGM 4pm	10 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 6</b>	13 Yr 7-10 Exams Kick Start Kindy 2-3pm Yr 6-7 Transition 11.30am-12.30pm Work Placement Dubbo	14	15	16	17 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 7</b>	20 Yr 6-7 Transition 11.30am-12.30pm School Spectacular	21	22	23	24 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 8</b>	27 K-7 Intensive Swimming	28	29	30	December 1 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 9</b>	4 K-7 Intensive Swimming	5	6	7	8 9am Whole School Assembly
<b>Week 10</b>	11	12 Presentation Night	13	14	15 Last day of term

## Kick Start Kindergarten

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

Every Monday  
2pm-3pm

New Students Always Welcome

The program will extend as the year progresses as your child's confidence and skills develop

### The Program includes:

- Introducing the school environment
- Introduction to Jolly Phonics and other curriculum areas
- Daily school routines
- Building positive relationship between home and school
- Fostering a love for learning
- Information for parents on providing your child with the best start
- Literacy/Numeracy packs for students



For further information please contact Grace Stewart on 6869 1304



## Term 4 Students of the Week



**Primary** Jonothan Dargan, India Sant, Jada Redpath, Indika Gavin



**Secondary** Tyden Barlow, Billy Cohen, Ziyu Hao & Chloe Gould



**Primary** Henry Stanford, Michael Redpath, Lillianna Bendeich

**Teacher of the Week** Miss Teagan Heraghty



**Secondary** Domonic Gabriel-White, Jaedyn Murray and Akayla Hando

### Week 1



**PBL Raffle Winners** Kaya Gavin, Domonic Gabriel-White, Jaylee Robinson & Billy Cohen

### Week 2



**PBL Raffle Winners** Charlee Beeby, Haidee Hando, Lilly Schaefer and Danial Day



# Year 12's Farewell Banquet





# Principals Report

## Newsletter Week 2 Term 4

Welcome back to all students and staff for term 4. I would like to welcome Teagan Heraghty to the school and is doing a great job teaching Year 3.

The best part of being in a Central School was truly highlighted on Monday when we had Kick Start Kindy and also had students begin the HSC examinations. We get to provide quality teaching and learning for students from Kindergarten to Year 12. I was extremely excited to see next years Kindergarten and also showed them the backpack they will receive next year once enrolment has commenced (pictured left).

All the best to Mrs. Doyle and the WAP team competing in the World Skills for Hospitality. I am sure they will represent themselves to the best of their ability.

I would like to welcome back Mr. McAlister from leave and he is doing a wonderful job delivering HSC Primary Industries but also spending time delivering transition for Year 6 into Year 7. As a result of Mr McAlister returning that has freed up Mr Champion's teaching load so he can assume the role and duties of a Relieving Deputy Principal in the school. This will allow another avenue for successful transition back into classes for students when they have behaviour concerns.



This term is extremely busy with reports, assessments, transitions, intensive swimming and plenty more. You can keep up to date with all the events via our school webpage and our Facebook page.

Week 3 NAIDOC celebrations. This has been a real community effort and I congratulate Mr Whiterod for putting together a program that involves students attending Bulgandramine for tree planting and cultural awareness as well as on the Friday an in school day of activities involving sport, dance and art. I received an email from Karryn and Kevin stating that the roads after the rain may not be accessible so if the day is cancelled on Monday, school will be as normal and we will re schedule to another day. The Friday activities will be on and the program will be posted on our Facebook page and community involvement and attendance is greatly welcome and appreciated.

Next year 4 Western Access Schools will have common bell times with all schools starting at 8:55am, primary finishing at 3:00pm and secondary finishing at 3:15pm. We will be doing this so that senior students can access further support if required via video conferencing from 3:00 – 3:15pm.

I'm excited to lead this great school and look forward to celebrating our successes and strategically planning to make this great school even better over the next 3 years.

**Mr Scott Olsson**  
Principal

## Tuckerbox Update

On the 1st of November the NSW government is introducing a new tax on items that come in bottles, e.g. water, milk, juice. Due to the tax increase per bottle which we all must start paying, I will be increasing the cost of these items in the school canteen on the 1/11/17 to cover the extra tax cost per bottle. If you collect your empty bottles from the 1/11/17 on the 1/12/17 and onwards you will be able to take them to one of the many new collection stations to receive 10 cents per bottle you return to be recycled.



As the day's are warming up could all **hot food** please be ordered as I will only have a limited amount for over the counter sales and you may miss out.



Thanks Kim

## Bowls

**James Robinson continues to excel in Lawn Bowls**

**His Bowls Results so far in 2017**

### **School**

Peak Hill Central School knockout  
CHS 4's winner  
CHS Pairs R/Up  
CHS Singles 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Bowls NSW/Zone/District/Club**

Picked to play for Country in annual City V Country tests  
4<sup>th</sup> Zone pairs in the State 7-a-side format  
Won 2017 Minor Singles (youngest to do so)  
R/Up in the Presidents Singles  
R/up Pairs in junior carnival in Wingdang  
R/Up Gulgong Junior Pairs  
R/Up Tottenham Classic Open Pairs  
Part of the 7's Pennants to make Zone playoffs  
Played all championship at the Club (West Dubbo Men's Bowling Club) Still has one to go

**Well Done James**



## PHCS P & C Association Inc

**Annual General Meeting - Thursday 9 November - 4pm at the school**

All positions are open for nomination. Please come along and support your parent organisation.

# Numeracy and Gardening

Last week Year 1/2 walked to AgriWest to buy potting mix.

They then used plants in their numeracy lesson to practise counting

**Mrs Michelle Ross**

**Stage 1 Classroom Teacher**



## Find out about a life as an Actor?

Great video. Actors portray roles in both live and recorded or filmed productions. The job not only requires talent and passion; actors need a great deal of patience and commitment, as most productions require long rehearsal schedules and many hours of memorising lines outside the rehearsal periods. Peter Rowsthorn takes us through how he began his acting career and what a typical work day entails

<https://studentedge.org/career-life/find-a-career/actor>

## Want to be a Counsellor?

Counsellors assist people to identify and define their emotional issues and better understand themselves by explaining options, setting goals, providing therapy and helping them to take action.

<https://studentedge.org/career-life/find-a-career/counsellor>

## We Are What We Eat. True for Bacteria Too

Microbiologists from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) have published an article for early high school students on bacteria in the journal Frontiers for Young Minds. This will explain the link between food processing and cell division in bacteria.

<http://kids.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/frym.2017.00054>

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## How to Apply for a Job At Woolworths

We have developed the following 'how to' guides to support external job seekers through our application process. All current Woolworths employees are asked to apply for positions through the WOW Careers internal website only. Don't forget to visit our [questions and answers](#) page should you have any further queries about working with us.

[https://www.wowcareers.com.au/page/Careers/Come\\_and\\_work\\_for\\_us/How\\_to\\_apply\\_for\\_a\\_job](https://www.wowcareers.com.au/page/Careers/Come_and_work_for_us/How_to_apply_for_a_job)

## Career Pathways with Coles

With over 2,200 locations around Australia and a team of 100,000 personalities working together, there's no limit to the experiences you can have in a career at Coles. A world class graduate program, structured in-store training, specialist academies and experiences you won't find anywhere else... Coles can be the difference to your career!

<https://www.colescareers.com.au/why-work-with-us>



## Year 6 - 7 Transition Program

### 2017 Year 6 into Year 7 Transition

This week has seen the start of the Year 6 into Year 7 program for Peak Hill Central School. Students are getting to know some of the classrooms, subjects, and some basic routines for secondary studies. Students have also been demonstrating their skills with times tables, spelling and reading.



Above: Mr McAlister, assisting the transition students go over their maths work L - R, Bray Bendeich, Amelia Barwick, Quentin Weaver and Baillie Logan



Above: Jakaya Stewart, Jordyn Logan, Sophia Robinson, Regan Barlow, Vincent Barlow and Mason Leedham

### Transition Parent Meeting 2:30pm PHCS Library

There will be an information session on the  
**Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Program**  
for parents at **2:30PM** in the PHCS library  
on **Monday 23 October** after  
the community NAIDOC event at Bulgandramine.

After a brief overview of the course, interested parents and students can come along on a guided tour of the classrooms, especially the practical areas. The science lab, ag plot, hospitality room and workshop will all be covered so parents can see the facilities available to our students in Secondary.

**There will be a light afternoon tea available.**

**For information call Mr Mitchell McAlister 68691304**

## Parkes Shire Bird Count

### RESIDENTS INVITED TO JOIN THE AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Parkes Shire Council is once again encouraging all Parkes Shire community members to head into their backyards, local parks or favourite outdoor spaces to help BirdLife Australia count 1.5 million birds for the Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

Running from 23 until 29 October 2017, the initiative aims to raise awareness about wildlife conservation and celebrate the incredible variety of beautiful birds found in Australia.

Parkes Shire Council's Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator Michael Chambers said, "It's a great opportunity for people of all ages to get outside into nature and participate in this fun activity which provides valuable data about the birdlife in our region, state and country."

Members of the community are encouraged to become citizen scientists for the week, not only to help BirdLife Australia but also to help Parkes Shire Council find out more about the birds that live within our Shire boundary. With exceptional avifauna on offer, residents can count anywhere they can find Australian birds, anytime of the day or night.

Last year 46 observers participated in the bird count within the Parkes Shire, recording a total of 1287 individual birds across 68 bird species. The introduced House Sparrow led the tally, followed closely by the Galah, the Magpie, the Apostlebird and the Eastern Rosella.

"Out of 68 species recorded in the Parkes Shire in 2016 only 5 are introduced," Mr Chambers said.

"This is good news for our local native birds who have to compete with feral birds, and feral honey bees, for homes in hollow tree trunks and branches"

"This year Council would like to see more people get involved in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count. We'd love to see over 100 people participate in the 2017 survey."

To take part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count, all you need is 20 minutes, the Aussie Bird Count app or the website [aussiebirdcount.org.au](http://aussiebirdcount.org.au).



# Swim Club

*Annual General Meeting*

**Thursday 26 October**

5pm at the Bowling Club

Please come along

## Swim Season Starts Early November

Contact Tammy Darcy for more information  
0401 300 379



## PEAK HILL Early Literacy Event



**When:** 27th October 2017

**Time:** 11.00am until 1.30pm

**Where:** Memorial Park, Peak Hill

**Cost:** FREE

Neighbourhood Central invites you to come along to an action packed event, there will be a jumping castle, craft, sausage sizzle and a gift for every child attending between the ages of 0-8.

**familiesNSW**  
supporting families to raise children

**Neighbourhood CENTRAL**

## TIPS FOR ADULTS AT KIDS SPORT

- Keep it fun**  
don't take it *too seriously*  
It's not the World Titles
- Be enthusiastic**  
but don't *scream & shout* instructions from the sideline
- Emphasise trying hard**  
*not winning*
- Cheer & acknowledge**  
good plays by *all players, both teams*
- Accept decisions by officials**  
they are human & *can make mistakes*
- Let coaches do the coaching**
- Always remember, volunteers run kids sport**
- Understand, uphold and support your club's code of conduct**
- Allow your child to play for themselves**  
Let kids make the decisions on and off the field
- Think before you speak**  
*Your words may harm others*

## PEAK HILL 3x3 Basketball Series

# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WANTED

We are looking to start a 3 on 3 basketball series in Peak Hill.  
Starting mid-November through to April.

There would be a break from the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2017  
recommencing in the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2018

Peak Hill 3 x 3 basketball series

Playing on either Monday or Wednesday nights  
Grades U14, U16 and Open (depending on interest)

Approximate Start Times Under 14 start at 6pm  
Under 16 start at 7:15pm  
Open start at 8:20pm

Games will go for 10 minutes or the first team to make 21 points.  
There will be at least 3 games in a night depending on team numbers.  
You can either form a team of 3 or 4 people or we can find a team for you if you don't have one.

Rules will be as per Fiba Official 3x3 rules

If you or your kids are interested please call **Steve 0427 691 449**