



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017





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Principal's Report

Newsletter Week 7 Term 2

Congratulations to all the Secondary students in Week 6 sitting their Half-yearly exams, Year 11 and 12 students on Work Placement and to the PBL award winners.

Thanks to Mrs Doyle for taking our school Captain Charlica Schnitger to Government House last week. I have been many times before and is such a wonderful experience so rich in history and tradition.

Well done to all involved in the Athletics Carnival and a massive congratulations to Miss Dempsey for her outstanding organisation. Although cold and windy, there were some fantastic individual performances.

I had the pleasure of coaching the Western Boys Hockey side at the NSWCHS Championships. We were fortunate to win the carnival and had 3 students make the NSW side. It is always difficult being out of the school, however I have tremendous confidence in the staff stepping up in roles and thank everyone for allowing me to remain in a sport that provided me with so much.

We will be using an app School Stream very soon and details can be found on page 5 of our newsletter. All parents are encouraged to make use of this app.

During Term 3 there may need to be changes in the Primary Department especially in the makeup of classes for Years 3 to 6. I am asking parents to provide feedback by 3pm Friday 16 June to the office on:

*Are you happy with the current class structure with Class A, Class B, Class C ?

*If we were to change the structure what would be preferred and why?

Options could be:

-3/4/5 A, 3/4/5 B and Year 6

-Year 3, Year 4 and 5/6

-Year 3, 4/5 and Year 6

The opportunities are endless but am happy to take on parent feedback as I have been asking the primary staff this week for suggestions.

Scott Olsson

Principal

Term 2 DIARY DATES

June

Mon 12 Queens Birthday Holiday

Tues 13 Under 16's League 7's - Dubbo

Wed 14 Metals Study Day - Peak Hill

Hospitality Study Day - Peak Hill

Western Region Cross Country - Guerie

Thur 15 Under 14's/Opens League 7's - Dubbo

Fri 16 NARRAF Soccer Trangie

Wed 21 Metals Study Day - Peak Hill

Wed 21 Open Netball - Dubbo

Fri 23 Life Education Van Visit

Mon 26 Life Education Van Visit

GOVERNORS VISIT



Mrs Doyle and Charlica Schnitger are pictured with His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'r) at Government House in Sydney.

Students of the Week



Primary Students of the Week - Week 5

Sophia Robinson, Bailey Dart, Emma Beeby and Caleah Charlton



Primary Students of the Week - Week 6

Lillianna Bendeich, Sharntelle Schnitger, Shelby Dargan, Dakota Wright, Sarah Charlton and Lilly Gavin



Primary PBL Raffle Winners - Week 5

Mason Leedham and Darius Andrews



Primary PBL Raffle Winners - Week 6

Dhakota Hando and Azaria Dargan

Belrose Rotary Visit



The annual visit from our friends of Belrose Rotary was once again a great success and greatly appreciated by our students.

Participating in a leadership workshop and then mock interviews our students gained incredible experience over the two days.

With the visitors was their exchange student Haakon Risbrathe from Norway who is participating in the Rotary Exchange student program. Haakon gave presentations to individual primary and secondary classes about his country and culture which the children found fascinating.

We thank the Belrose Rotary club for their continued support.

Mrs Catherine Doyle

VET Work Placement



VET WORK PLACEMENT

During Week 6 of this term, 16 students from Tullamore, Trundle, Yeoval, Trangie, Tottenham and Peak Hill Central Schools, had the opportunity to complete one full week of Work Placement with employers in Dubbo and an additional 3 students completed placements locally. Students experienced a full working day, some with early starts, late nights and split shifts, all of which gained hours towards their Vocational Education and Training area of Industry; Hospitality, Construction, Primary Industries or Metals & Engineering.

Along with a full working week, students had the opportunity to attend various social outings in their time off, this included going out for meals, shopping, ten-pin bowling and the movies. They were responsible for their own meals, washing and finances throughout the week, which allowed them to make independent decisions based on the weeks workload. Some students were offered part-time and full-time job opportunities, including an apprenticeship; all of which is a credit to them, their teachers and schools.

The students found the week exhausting, yet incredibly rewarding and are already looking forward to their next placement. We would like to thank Western Student Connections for assisting in the organisation of placements, the businesses that hosted our students, Dubbo Mid State Caravan Park for being so accommodating and supervising staff who gave their time throughout the week.

Ali Dorman

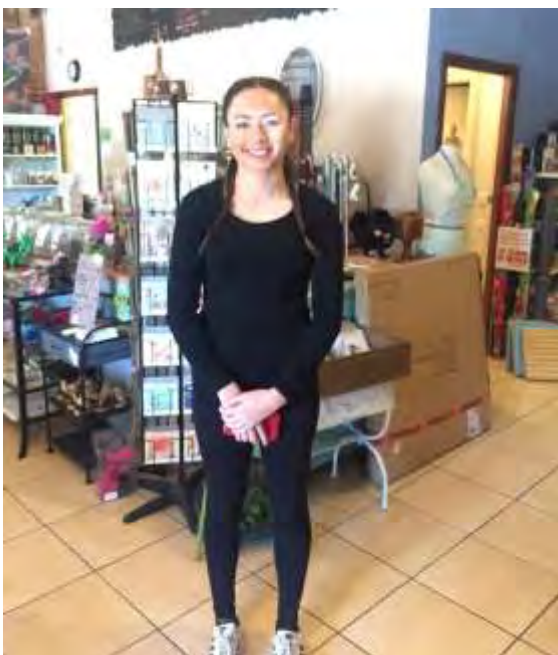
WAP Work Placement Coordinator



Brendan Dargan taking part in his Work Placement with Damien Sharah in Peak Hill



Gabby Robinson completed her Work Placement at the Dubbo Business, Lavish



Nakayla Dart completed her Work Placement at Little Birdy in Bourke.

Nicholas Harris worked at Classic Style Homes in Dubbo



New Books in the Library

FRANKIE FISH

Peter Helliar

Frankie Fish is excited. He's about to spend the school holidays with his best friend, Drew Bird, and the entire Bird family, at their beach house. Frankie won't have to spend time with his sister (a professional saint), or help in the family business, Fish Pest Control.

But Frankie is a prankster and Drew is an even bigger prankster. So when they target the end-of-term assembly, pulling a stunt that humiliates Miss Merryweather, things don't go as planned and Frankie is sent to his grandparents' house as punishment.

But instead of the "old-people jail" that Frankie expects, he discovers some amazing things: a shed full of mysteries and a Sonic Suitcase that makes time travel possible. He also discovers that his knowledge of Doctor Who is invaluable and that he has much more in common with his cantankerous old grandad that he could have ever imagined.

Together, Frankie and his grandad must return to Scotland, 1952, to save the family.



READY, STEADY, HATCH!

Ben Long

Round and bright, and creamy white, amid the pumpkin patch, a clutch of eggs was sprouting legs. Ready, steady, hatch!

Ten newborn chicks are excited to discover the world outside their eggshells, but the smallest is soon separated from the rest. Where can she be? As the search gets underway, the story turns into rollicking adventure about curiosity, camaraderie and, above all, having a play along the way!

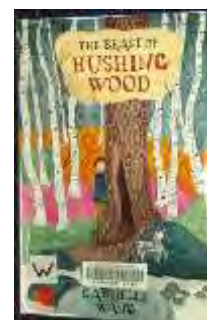


THE BEAST OF HUSHING WOOD

Gabrielle Wang

Ziggy Truegood lives in a tiny town deep in Hushing Wood, where strange things are happening. The townspeople are fighting, Ziggy feels like something is hunting her, and her beloved woods have become dark and hostile. When exotic Raffi and his grandfather arrive in town, Ziggy finds herself strangely drawn to them. But are they there to save Ziggy or are they the hunters?

A powerful magic realism story about Ziggy Truegood, a young girl who has premonition that she will drown on her 12th birthday.



Sports Report

Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country

On Friday 26 May students travelled to Yeoval with Mr Olsson to compete in the Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country. Well done to the students who competed, your sportsmanship and efforts were a wonderful reflection of our school.

Congratulations Students



2017 School Levies and Charges

Each year our school seeks your support through a general levy and specific course charges which contribute towards the costs of the many materials used by our students in their school activities.

These contributions are an essential part of our school budgeting. Without this levy, many materials which our students use on a day to day basis could not be provided, would have to be charged on an individual basis or provided from home. Experience has shown that bulk purchase of materials by the school for both general materials,

consumed by students on a day to day basis and for materials required for practical subjects, is far cheaper and more convenient for parents.

We can make provision for you to make part payments of school levies and charges over each term.

We would be grateful if you could assist our school by arranging for payment of these contributions, so that we can continue to offer our students the best possible resources to assist in their education.

Year	Purpose	Charge
Kindergarten – Year 4	Performances	\$10.00
	Classroom Materials	\$10.00
	Maths/Technology/Craft	\$10.00
General Levy Secondary	1st Child	\$30.00
	2nd & Subsequent Child	\$20.00
Years 5, 6, 7 & 8	Agriculture Semester 1	\$25.00
	Food Technology Semester 1	\$50.00
	Timber Semester 2	\$25.00
	Art Semester 2	\$25.00
	Stage 5 Food Technology	\$120.00
Years 9 & 10	Stage 5 Design & Technology	\$50.00
	Stage 5 Timber	\$120.00
	Stage 5 Metals	\$50.00
	Stage 6 Metals and Engineering	\$120.00
	Stage 6 Construction	\$120.00
Years 11 & 12	Stage 6 Yr 11 Hospitality	\$165.00
	Stage 6 Yr 12 Hospitality	\$165.00
	Stage 6 Yr 11 Food Technology	\$120.00
	Stage 6 Yr 12 Construction Major Work	Own Expense
	Stage 6 Yr 11 & 12 Worplacement	\$150.00/placement
	Students studying a subject through Dubbo School of Distance Education incur course costs of \$95.00 per subject per year.	



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Dear Parents and Carers

Peak Hill Central School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **Direct deposits:** As of **25 August 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **25 August 2017**.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **30 August 2017** and **4 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Online payments (POP):** As of **25 August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until **Monday 4 September 2017**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the **Principal, Scott Olsson on 02 6869 1304**.

Yours sincerely


Scott Olsson
Principal

School Photographs

Parents and carers are still able to order school photographs through Advance Photography. Students who did not receive a photo pack would have taken home a card with instructions on how to order this years individual and class photographs.

The **group photographs** which were taken on the day are displayed in the school office foyer. They are **\$17.00** each and need to be ordered at the office **by Friday 23 June**.

Groups include:

- Captains
- Captains and Leaders

- SRC
- Primary League Team
- Primary Cricket Team
- Primary NARRAF Swimming Team
- Senior Girls 7's League Team
- Bangarra Dance Group
- Yr 12 Muck Up Photo

2017 PHCS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

On Wednesday 7th June, the annual Peak Hill Central School Athletics Carnival was held. All students showed great enthusiasm on the day, and participated successfully. Harvey/Newell won the day with 470 points, defeating Bogan/Mungery who accumulated 376 points.

The Age Champions of the day were:

Junior Primary Boy: Jacob Bell

Junior Primary Girl: India Sant

Senior Primary Boy: Zach Read

Senior Primary Girl: Regan Barlow

Junior Secondary Boy: Zak Hawksworth

Junior Secondary Girl: Pagan Kristl

Senior Secondary Boy: Taigan Brennan-Ingram

Senior Secondary Girl: Nakayla Dart



India Sant clearing the bar in the high jump.



There was strong competition in the Junior girls division all day. Kerryanne Watson and Jada Read are pictured leading the field in the 800m



Zac Read had a successful day taking out the Senior Primary Boy Champion.

Healthy Tuckshop Day



Wednesday 14 June is Healthy Tuckshop Day.

Our school canteen will be participating on the day.

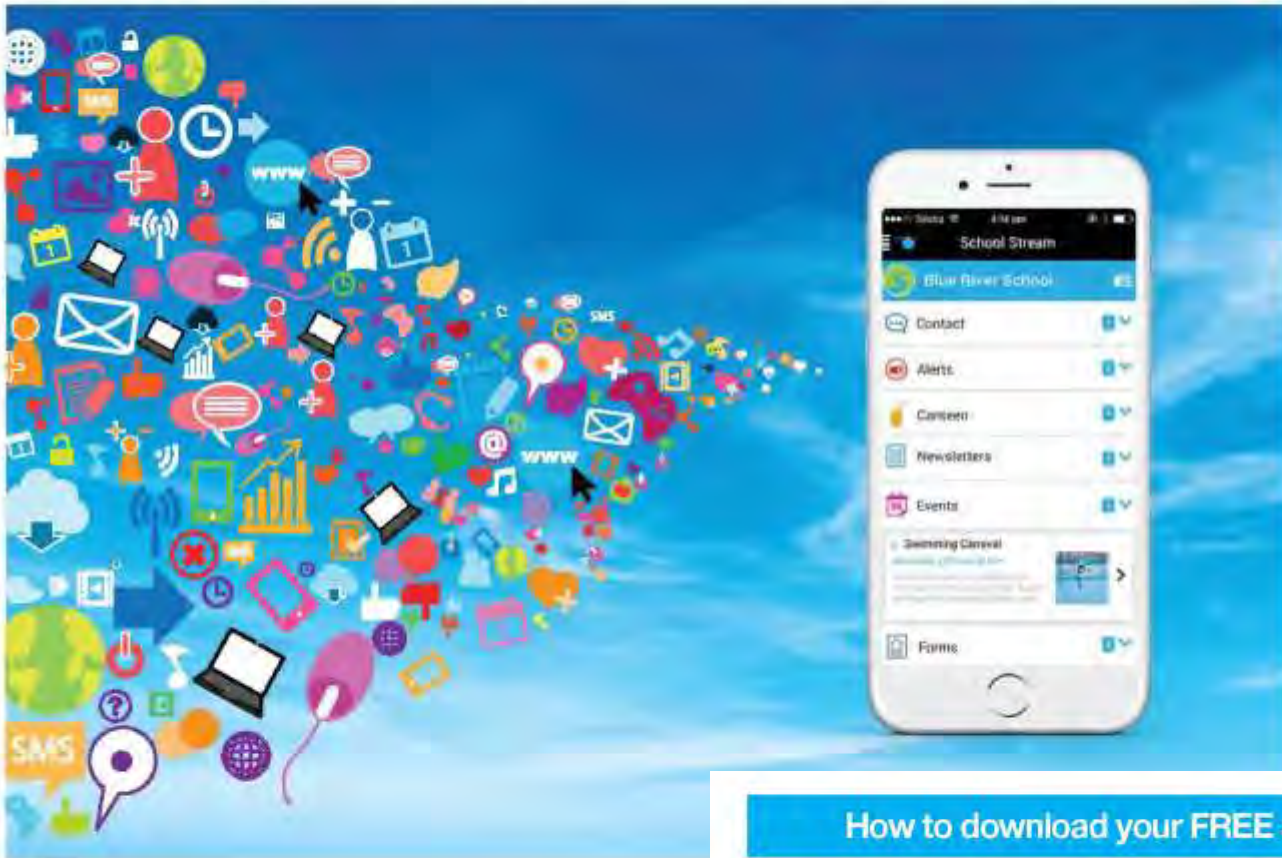
There will be over the counter healthy food to purchase for recess and lunch. All primary classes will be having munch and crunch at 12.30pm under the cola.

Let's get behind the Healthy Tuckshop Day and encourage our kids to eat healthy.

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Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

www.nap.edu.au

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

Community News

Peak Hill's 44th Annual Arts and Craft Exhibition

*Official Opening
Friday Night
9th June, 2017*

at the Leisure Centre

**All community members
welcome to attend**

Entry fee \$5

Proceeds to CanAssist

Drinks and Finger Food from 6 pm

Official Opening 7 pm

Guest of Honour

Pam White

Cnr Louise O'Leary unveiling restored Council Photographs

Sing Australia Performing

Peak Hill's 44th Annual Arts and Craft Exhibition

*June Long Weekend
10 - 11 June 2017*

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
* Wood turning * Photography * District artists * Herbarium

Demonstrations

* Card making * Poverpol * Spinning and weaving * Bee-keeping
* Artist-in-Residence * Machine embroidery

Admission \$2 at each venue
9.30am - 4.00pm Sat & Sun

Devonshire Teas and Homemade Soups
available at the Leisure Centre

Light Refreshments and a BBQ at the
Southern Cross Hall

Official Opening:

Friday Night 9 June at 6.00pm
at the Peak Hill Leisure Centre

Enjoy great small town hospitality!

Peak Hill Leisure Centre 2301 and 2302



Patchwork Quilt and other Raffles



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

CARERS AND CONSUMER ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP.

WHEN: Consumers Tues 27 & Wed 28 June, 2017

Carers Thur 29 & Fri 30 June, 2017

WHERE: 34 Church Street, Oliver House, Dubbo NSW 2830.

RSVP: ASAP Please contact Tamara via phone: (02) 6882 2855 - 0466 434 665, or

E-mail: tamara.francis@onedoor.org.au

COST: Free! Morning tea and lunch provided.

Topics covered in the workshop include;

Consumers: Self Advocacy in Mental Health and Physical Health and Mental Illness.

Carers: Advocacy and Self Advocacy for carers in Mental Health and Holistic Self care Practice.

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