



# Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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

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## School Leaders & SRC Induction

### Congratulations School Leaders and SRC Members

Peak Hill Central School Leaders and Induction Assembly was held Tuesday 20 February with students receiving their badges from Mr Olsson.

Parents/Carers, Family & Friends were present for the Induction Assembly and afterwards joined Staff, and Students for lunch.

**Our School community congratulates:**

**School Leader**

Chloe Gould

**Primary School Captains**

Sarah Charlton and Natalie Davis

**SRC Members**

Kerryanne Watson, Goran Milinkovic, Pagan Kristl, Clair Sellers, Amelia Barwick, Angel Rez, Cooper Dart, Shelby Dargan & Mary Breznikar





## Principal

Mr Scott Olsson

## Head Teachers

### Secondary Studies

Mr Jeremy Whiterod

Mrs Catherine Doyle (Rel)

## 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 2018

### President

Ms Kim Dern

### Vice President

Mrs Kelly Dart

### Secretary

Mrs Loedicia Strahorn

### Treasurer

Ms Tammy Gavin

# Principals Report

Congratulations to all the students who swam at NARRAF, the feedback was all students swam exceptionally well, behaviour was excellent and sportsmanship was first class.

Welcome to Debra Sharkey who is acting as Deputy Principal K – 12 and also to Mr. Veikko Kunkel who has arrived with a Maths/Science teaching background. The Assistant Principal position will be finalised soon as the advertisement closed Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

On behalf of Barnardos Australia and HSBC, **we are very pleased to inform you that Loedicia Strahorn was successful with application BACH-18-0229** to the Barnardos Children's Support Program *Achieve*.

Your school's *Achieve* project has been allocated full funding of \$4,950.00 for "The Learning Together Program". Congratulations Loedicia and the staff that assisted putting together the application.

The School Administrative Officer – Aboriginal Identified position will also be going to advertisement and is put online with criteria to be addressed, if you have any questions please contact the school.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a BBQ at school starting at 1:30pm for students and parents. I'm inviting parents and community members in to meet our new teaching staff and also to see the wonderful facilities at our school for the quality teaching and learning that occurs. I am also happy to answer questions at 2pm in the hall from parents and community members on how we are looking to spend money to support the directions of our school plan. I am also happy to present the information to different community groups outside of school time if required.

I always focus on the positives in my newsletter, so some quality feedback on success at the moment for Peak Hill Central School is:

- Student attendance rates are up
- Student numbers are up
- Staff absenteeism is down
- Student suspension rates are down

Keep looking out for all the wonderful things that are happening at the school via Facebook and school stream. What a great place to teach and learn.

## Changes to the HSC Minimum Standard

The requirement to meet the HSC Minimum Standard have been simplified under a change announced today by Education Minister Rob Stokes.

Following detailed consultation over the past 12 months, results for Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be linked to the minimum standard of numeracy and literacy for the HSC.

Mr Stokes said that the introduction of a minimum standard to receive the HSC from 2020 was a reform that had widespread support, ensuring all students who receive the HSC have the literacy and numeracy skills needed to succeed in life after school.

However, he recognised the link of this standard to Year 9 NAPLAN tests placed unnecessary pressure on Year 9 students.

"NAPLAN should be a simple check-up, not a major operation. It is one tool used to assess educational progress—not a high stakes test", Mr Stokes said.

"Allowing students to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard early with their Year 9 NAPLAN scores inadvertently transformed NAPLAN into a high stakes test."

Mr Stokes expressed his gratitude to teachers, parents and school communities for their feedback over the past year.

All HSC students will now meet the HSC minimum standard through short online tests in reading, writing and numeracy. Tests can be taken in Years 10, 11 or 12, in a process similar to obtaining the NSW Learner Drivers Licence.

"These tests are available for students to take anytime their teachers think they are ready, removing the stress and protecting the value of the HSC," Mr Stokes said.

NSW education Standards Authority CEO David de Carvalho supports the change.

"The NSW Government's decision has removed a complicating aspect of the policy that was causing concern about the purpose of NAPLAN," Mr de Carvalho said.

The change does not affect current Year 10 students.

Mr Olsson



## School Diary

| Term 1<br>2018                    | Monday               | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday             | Friday                                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|----------------------|--|
| <b>Week 6</b><br>05 Mar to 9 Mar  |                      |   | Interagency Expo  |                      | Meet our Staff<br>Community BBQ 1.30pm |
| <b>Week 7</b><br>12 Mar to 16 Mar |                      | Future Moves Study<br>Skills Day                        | HSC Hospitality Practical<br>Assessment Day<br>Year 7 Immunisations |                      | WSSA Boys Hockey<br>Trials             |
| <b>Week 8</b><br>19 Mar to 23 Mar |                      |   |   |                      |  |
| <b>Week 9</b><br>26 Mar to 30 Mar | Youth Esteem Project | Youth Esteem Project                                    | Youth Esteem Project  | Youth Esteem Project |  |
| <b>Week 10</b><br>2 Apr to 6 Apr  |                      |   |   |                      |  |
| <b>Week 11</b><br>9 Apr to 13 Apr |                      | Year 9 Future Moves<br>Excursion to CSU<br>Dubbo Campus |   |                      |  |

## A School Record Broken



### Record Breaking Swim at our School Carnival

Peak Hill Central School Student Malachi Dart broke the 33m Freestyle Record which was held by Rob Keed since 1985.

Rob Keed swam the 33m Freestyle in 19.50 seconds and Malachi Dart swam it in 19.34 seconds.

**Congratulations Malachi**

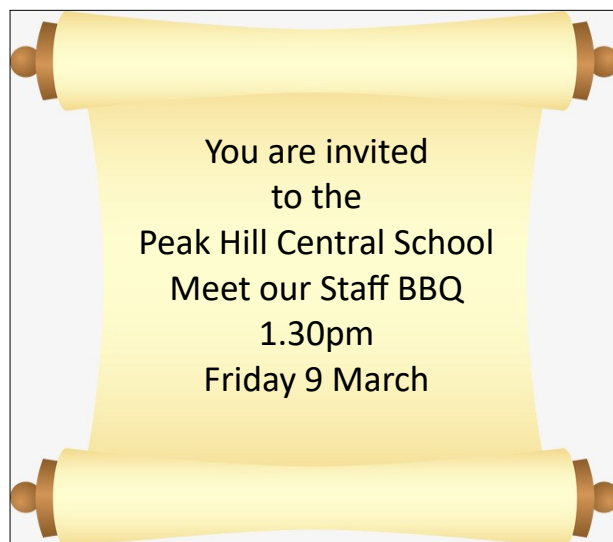
**Great Effort**



### Preloved School Uniforms

Peak Hill Central is in need of any  
preloved School uniforms.

Your kind donation can be left at the  
School Office and would be greatly  
appreciated



You are invited  
to the  
Peak Hill Central School  
Meet our Staff BBQ  
1.30pm  
Friday 9 March

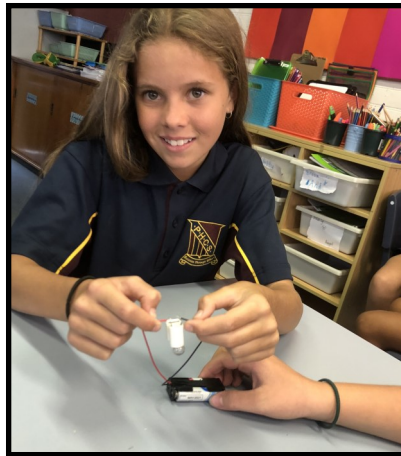
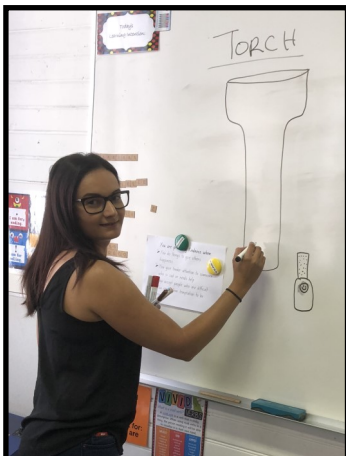


### A Fabulous Friday

After cooling off at the swimming pool 5/6R participated in a fun-filled NRL skills session. Later in the afternoon electrical engineer Amelia Sarah joined us for our science lesson where students learnt about the torch circuit.

We look forward to Amelia volunteering in our class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Ms Ross





## Year 5/6

This term has been very busy for year 5/6. Students are working on building their work ethic and community focus.

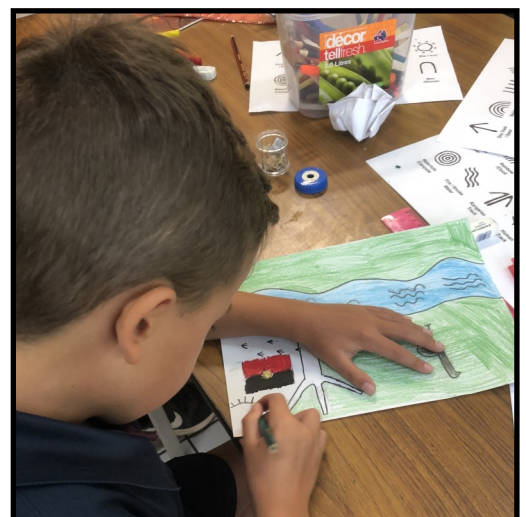
They have enjoyed their new flexible seating space, working in the garden, positive pool reward and organising a roster to help within our school.

Ms Ross



This term Year5/6 students will be visiting the Peak Hill Neighbourhood Centre on a Tuesday to complete a variety activities.

This week the students shared lunch and had a yarn up with Aunty Mandy, Aunty Bec and Aunty Irene. After lunch Aunty Irene shared her knowledge of Indigenous art history and supported the student in completing their own artwork.





## League Skills Clinic

For the past two weeks at Sport students have been participating in NRL workshops. Students have been taking part in numerous amounts of drills. These drills will help students improve their football skills. Students have all been enjoying the workshops which will run for another three weeks.

Miss Barry



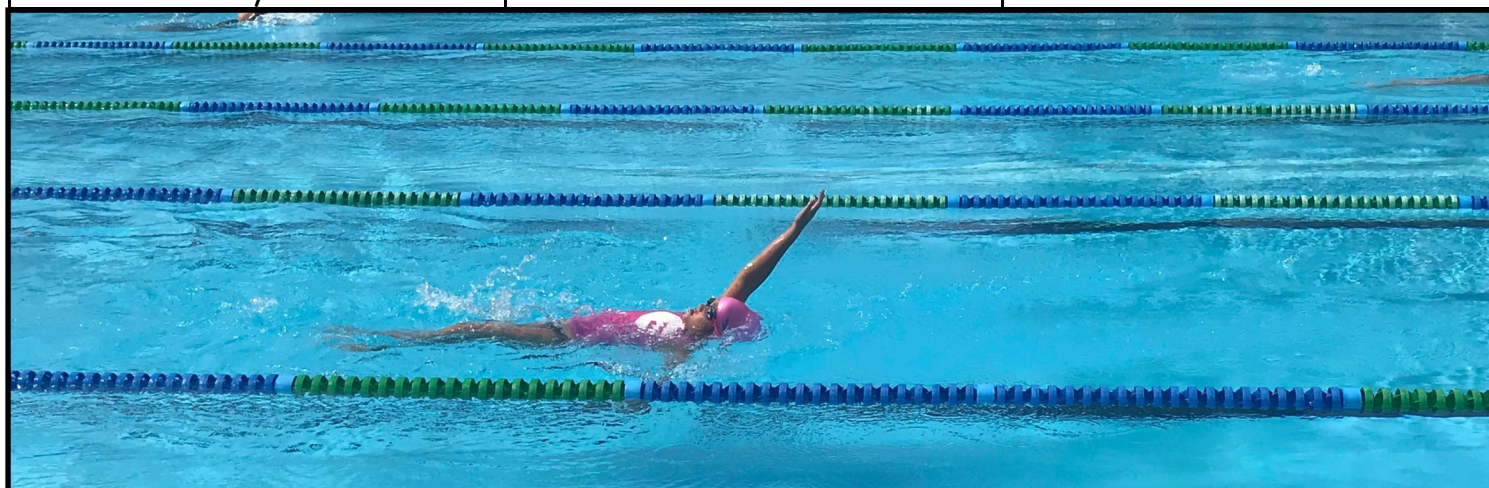


## Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival

On Friday 23rd February students from Peak Hill Central School went to Warren to participate in the Gobondery/NARRAF swimming carnival. Students competed in all their events on the day and the improvement of each child was outstanding. I would like to congratulate students on their behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. Results from individual races will be posted at a later date once received. Well done all students!

Miss Heraghty

| Name/Event                      | PHCS Swimming Carnival time |              | Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival time |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Jada Redpath-100m Freestyle     | 2:33.80                     |              | 2:22.00                                 |
| Zac Read-100m Freestyle         | 2:07.34                     |              | 1:59.56                                 |
| Jacob Bell-100m Freestyle       | 2:12.30                     |              | 2:01.13                                 |
| Cooper Dart-100m Freestyle      | 3:09.13                     |              | 2:30.77                                 |
| Sharntelle Schnitger Free-style | 33m- 48.40                  |              | 50m- 1:11.26                            |
| Michael Redpath Freestyle       | 33m- 40.37                  | 66m-1:36.40  | 50m-1:11.12                             |
| Taliyah Keed-White-Freestyle    | 33m-31.7                    |              | 50m- 52.46                              |
| Hayley Charlton-Freestyle       | 33m- 59.7                   | 66m- 2:23.30 | 50m- 1:28.09                            |
| Sebastien Leonard-Freestyle     | 33m- 43.37                  | 66m- 1:45.82 | 50m- 1:21.34                            |
| Ruby Bell-Freestyle             | 33m- 41.10                  | 66m- 1:44.70 | 50m- 57.92                              |
| Lillianna Bendeich-Freestyle    | 33m- 53.80                  | 66m- 1:58.0  | 50m- 1:15.90                            |
| Jono Dargan-Freestyle           | 33m- 48.38                  | 66m- 2:29.57 | 50m- 1:23.40                            |
| Natalie Davis-Freestyle         | 33m- 29.70                  |              | 50m- 51.68                              |
| Jada Redpath-Freestyle          | 33m- 34.07                  | 66m-1:26.60  | 50m- 1:03.72                            |
| Brent Murray-Freestyle          | 33m- 27.25                  |              | 50m- 45.80                              |
| Zac Read-Freestyle              | 33m- 45.00                  | 66m- 1:11.34 | 50m- 50.25                              |
| Jacob Bell-Freestyle            | 33m- 33.34                  | 66m- 1:21.60 | 50m- 50.50                              |
| Emma Beeby-Freestyle            | 33m- 44.94                  |              | 50m- 1:09.22                            |
| Shelby Dargan-Freestyle         | 33m- 33.20                  |              | 50m- 57.69                              |
| Jada Redpath-Breaststroke       | 33m- 49.90                  |              | 50m- 1:22.00                            |
| Zac Read-Breaststroke           | 33m- 45.87                  |              | 50m- 1:15.16                            |
| Jacob Bell-Breaststroke         | 33m- 50.40                  |              | 50m- 1:18.21                            |
| Taliyah Keed-White-Backstroke   | 33m- 47.62                  |              | 50m-1:17.18                             |
| Missy Beeby-Backstroke          | 33m- 56.00                  |              | 50m- 1:28.75                            |
| Cooper Dart-Backstroke          | 33m- 1:03.75                |              | 50m- 1:40.84                            |
| Jono Dargan-Backstroke          | 33m- 1:19.19                |              | 50m- 1:59.59                            |
| Natalie Davis-Backstroke        | 33m- 48.41                  |              | 50m- 1:06.65                            |
| Jada Redpath-Backstroke         | 33m-57.75                   |              | 50m- 1:40.43                            |
| Jacob Bell-Backstroke           | 33m- 50.31                  |              | 50m- 1:11.75                            |
| Brent Murray-Backstroke         | 33m- 56.88                  |              | 50m- 1:13.68                            |







Education &  
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## Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be recorded as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







## **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

## **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

## **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

## **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

## **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

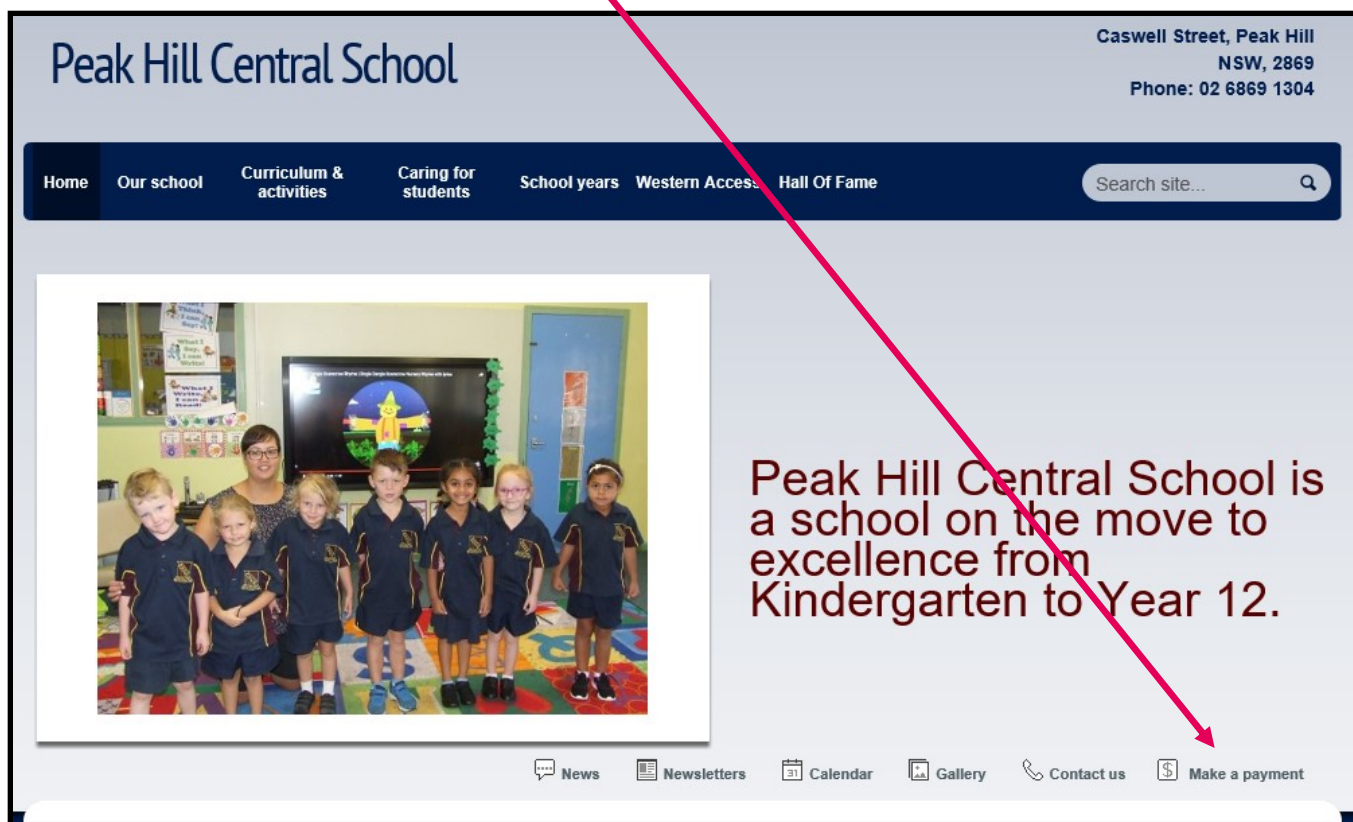
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## HOW TO PAY SCHOOL COSTS BY THE WEB

- 1) Log into the school website: [www.peakhill-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.peakhill-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)
- 2) Click on the Make A Payment Button



- 3) This will take you to the Westpac site:

### Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

#### Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

★ Given Name

★ Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref:

★ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

e.g. 31/01/1980.

Required if only one of 'Class or Year' or 'Invoice Number' are filled.

- 4) Please complete the following details:

Students Given Name

Students Surname

Class or Year

Date Of Birth

Payer Details (all fields)

Payment Options: Select which items you would like to make a payment for

Complete your credit card details and click on the *Next* button

- 5) You will then receive an Online Payment Receipt Number. Please keep this number for your records.

**Note:** If you are using a MAC computer please use FIREFOX browser.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The P&C are looking for parent/carers volunteers to help with fundraisers. If you would like to help please get in touch with one of our executives:

President - Kim Dern

Vice President - Kelly Dart

Secretary - Loedicia Strahorn

Treasurer - Tammy Gavin

Without parent/carers helpers, we can't continue to raise money which provides funding for opportunities that benefit our children at Peak Hill Central School.

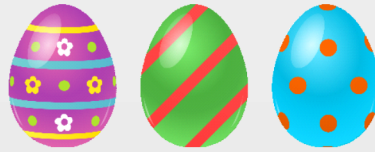
Did you know the P&C contribute **\$3,000** every year towards the on-road costs of our **school bus**. This is an invaluable asset to our students who use it for transport to sporting events, training days, excursions and school camps.



Pictured above is our 2018 Kindergarten class: Aarna Patel, Rose Beeby, Billy Pearson-O'Brien, Savannah Weaver, Caitlin Reid, Karleigha Dargan and Lochlan Hawksworth proudly wearing their school hats donated by the P&C Association.

## No Hat No Play

A reminder for all of our students that we are a  
NO HAT NO PLAY Sun Safe School



PHCS P&C Association

# Easter Raffle

**can you help by donating....**

**Chocolate Eggs, Easter Egg Baskets,  
Chocolate Packs or Other Easter Gifts?**

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL CANTEEN**



**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE, THE SCHOOL CANTEEN AND  
VARIOUS SHOPS IN TOWN**

**TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5 OR 7 FOR \$10**

The Easter raffle will be drawn at the school after the Easter Hat Parade. If winners are unable to attend the parade they will be notified via phone call.



# Parents and Carers Supporting Each Other

**Venue** CentaCare Parkes  
**When** Fortnightly Wednesdays  
**Commencing February 28th**  
**Start time** 12:00pm – 2:00pm

A parents and carers group dedicated to providing support and information for parents of children with Autism, Special and/or Behavioural needs.

Free support group meeting fortnightly at the CentaCare Parkes office.

Free lunch provided!



For more information:  
Phone or visit the team at CentaCare Wilcannia-Forbes  
17 Church St, Parkes 2870  
Ph: 6863542

## BEGINNER BOOTCAMP



**10-week Bootcamp. Monday afternoons @4:00pm.**  
**Peak Hill Memorial Park**

Predominately utilising body weight exercises, we focus on developing core strength while increasing the heart rate for maximum fat burn! 🔥

**All ages and fitness levels welcome, we tailor it to you! ✔️**

*10 weeks for \$150 PAID IN FULL Week 1*

*Or \$20 casual class*

*Term 1 Dates*

First class Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>, last class Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>

[www.melbenfitness.com](http://www.melbenfitness.com)

[melbenfitness@outlook.com](mailto:melbenfitness@outlook.com)

**Mel – 0448 453 178**



## MEDIA RELEASE

### PARKES SHIRE RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO HELP CLEAN UP

Parkes Shire residents are invited to join the nation-wide effort to help conserve the environment as part of this year's Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 4 March 2018.

Community members are encouraged to gather their friends, family and colleagues to join Council staff in helping to clean up, fix up and conserve our local parks, gardens and reserves.

In 2017, 6,215 ute loads of rubbish were removed by 266,831 Clean Up Australia Day volunteers from 2,822 sites across New South Wales, including Parkes and Peak Hill. This year, the Parkes Shire has the opportunity to help set some new records.

Parkes Shire Mayor, Cr Ken Keith said "a little effort from all of us goes a long way to maintaining and conserving our unique natural environment".

"By doing our bit to remove and reduce rubbish accumulating in our local parks, roadsides, bushland and waterways, we can ensure that our natural assets will be there to enjoy well into the future."

"Clean Up Australia Day is not only good for our native flora and fauna, it is also a great community event and a way for everyone to show pride in our region."

Registrations will take place at Lions Park in Parkes from 8am on Sunday 4 March, where they will be given a clean-up kit and allocated a site.

Participants in Peak Hill can register from 7.30am on Sunday 4 March at the Commercial Gardens.

After the clean-up, Parkes participants can enjoy a well-earned sausage sizzle in Lions Park. A reminder for participants to slip, slop, slap, wear some sturdy shoes and bring along some gloves.

To register online, visit [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/2BBQ+Area+Lions+Park](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/2BBQ+Area+Lions+Park).

+ Schools Clean Up Day  
2 March 2017

+ Clean Up Australia Day  
4 March 2018



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[www.parkes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parkes.nsw.gov.au)

**PARKES**  
It all adds up.



The School has two disabled parking spots designated and sign posted to assist those with a disability to gain access to our School. When visiting the School or dropping off/picking up students please be courteous and do not block or park in the disabled parking area unless you have a disability parking permit.

The School appreciates and is grateful for your cooperation.