



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School



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Week 6 Term 4, Friday 22 November 2019

Remembrance Day



**LEST WE
FORGET**

**Principal**

Mr Darren Hamilton
(Rel)

Deputy Principal

Mrs Anna Brain (Rel)

Head Teachers**Secondary Studies**

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Miss Lucy Dempsey
(Rel)

**Administration
Manager**

Mrs Tanya Stanford

**Aboriginal
Education Officer**

Mrs Vicki Sharah

Assistant Principal

Miss Grace Stewart

**Head Teacher
Access**

Mrs Crystal
Stanford

P & C Committee**President**

Mrs Kelly Dart

Secretary/Treasurer

Ms Kim Dern

Aboriginal Education Team Touch Football Afternoon.

This week sees out first Aboriginal Education team town event with a combined Touch Football afternoon on Thursday 21st November. This will be an informal chance for parents and community members to meet with teachers. It is hoped that the hotter weather does not dampen the spirits of the those that will attend...maybe it might provide an opportunity for the staff to get a win.

**Sun Safety and Weather**

As the weather becomes hotter and increasing levels of dust are impacting on students, it is very important that students bring hats and asthma relievers to school. The school will implement actions from the Department of Education heat policy and inclement weather to keep students safe. Please provide your child with a drink bottle so they can keep up water intake throughout the day.

Policy Drafts

Peak Hill CS is continuing the policy drafts for Student Wellbeing and Discipline and Attendance and these will be made available for public viewing and input via the P & C at school. Please take the time to have your say on the draft documents, so we can best support all students to improve learning outcomes. If you require more information, please make an appointment time through our front office contacts.

Learn to Swim for Primary

Staff and students are looking forward to the Learn to Swim program in two weeks. This is an important program to support the swimming ability of all students in Primary. Please make sure that you provide the school with all the required information in a timely manner to help support this program running successfully. If you have any questions leading up to this program, please contact Miss Grace Stewart the Assistant Principal in Primary.

**Mr Darren Hamilton
Principal (Rel)**

Congratulations to Brent Murray who was named Player of the match for the Staff V's Community Touch Football game.



It is a hot term!

Prepare for the Heat

Summer has well and truly made its presence known. Keeping that in mind, students really need to come to school in uniform with proper shoes, a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle or at least encourage students to drink lots of water. We do have shaded areas for students to play and encourage the use of these areas.

Attendance

I am aware we are nearing the end of the year, but attendance at school is extremely important. Each day a student misses out of school, means that they are missing out on vital information and opportunities for success in the future. Our school sends SMS messages home each day a student is not present at school. If you are not getting messages, then we probably do not have the right contact information on the system. A reminder that it is the parent/carers responsibility to keep us up to date and informed.

Policies

The Attendance Policy consultation period ended on the 19th November and already the Anti-bullying Policy is out for consultation, and this period will end on the 4th December. If you would like to view a copy of the draft policy, please collect a copy at the School Administration office.

Newsletter Dates

The distribution of the newsletter will be changing to 3 times per term. We will trial this from now and into 2020. Please expect the next newsletter to come out Friday, Week 9.

Head Lice

We have seen a few cases of head lice, so we ask that

parents/carers are vigilant in checking children's hair and treat this condition as soon as possible. Lice are a friendly bunch and love all types of hair, they do not discriminate.

Staff

We have had a few teachers away marking the HSC and as such teachers have taken on extra lessons to cover. They have then had to move around due to paint work and have been temporarily located in the library. They are to be congratulated for making these changes at short notice.

Play at Breaks

It is so lovely to see student playing handball during breaks and enjoying the positive play with their peers. I would like to however, remind students to use appropriate language at all times while on school premises.


School and Post School Traineeships and Apprenticeships

We had two gentlemen from the department come in and inform students of options while at school and post school traineeships and apprenticeships. I would like to thank Tony Taylor and Tom Brain for coming here to speak to our students in Years 9-11.

Wednesday 27th November

We have some special guests coming into school next Wednesday to talking about no smoking – healthy life. I have in on good authority that these NRL players are excited to meet our great kids from Peak Hill Central School. They should be in between recess and lunch.

Mrs Anna Brain
Deputy Principal (Rel)

 EVERY DAY COUNTS.... A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...				
When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Belrose Excursion

From Friday 22nd November - 27th November six students from Year 10 will attend the annual Belrose Excursion. During the excursion students will attend workplaces, TAFE and iconic locations such as Taronga Zoo. This excursion provides students with a chance to see the world outside of Peak Hill, and the opportunities are that available in bigger centres.

Community Touch Football Game

On Thursday 21st of November Peak Hill Central School hosted a touch football afternoon at Lindner Oval. Despite the heat, it was a great afternoon. Thank you to Willy Barnes who volunteered to referee the game, and to Dennis Moran and Dean Murray who supported the staff team. Well done to all the students and community who showed up in the heat and put in a great effort. The final score was 7-7. Congratulations to Brent Murray who won Player of the Match.

Junior AECG Meeting

On Tuesday 12th of November Mollie Barlow, Lamia Bell and Jono Dargan attended the Parkes combined Junior AECG Meeting at Middleton Primary School Parkes. This initiative develops leadership among Indigenous students, and provides the opportunity for our school to network with other Primary Schools and High Schools. Peak Hill Central School will continue to be a part of the Parkes Combined Junior AECG in 2020. If your child is interested in being a part of this, please encourage them to see Mr Thomas.

Women's Yarning Circle

On Wednesday 13th of November students in Years 9 and 10 attended the Peak Hill Women's Gathering at the Peak Hill Multi-Purpose Service Hospital. The students created artwork to be sewn together as a tablecloth by Pam Keed. The students learnt about breast cancer and the importance of early intervention. Thank you to Breast Screen and NSW Health for hosting such an informative and enjoyable event.

7-10 Examinations

In Week 6 the Year 7-10 examinations were held. Congratulations to the majority of students who tried their best and demonstrated responsibility for their own learning and the learning of others during the exams.

WAP Work Placement

Joseph Dargan and Tyden Barlow have both started their Metals and Engineering Work Placement this week. Joseph is completing his work placement at Furney's Building Industries in Dubbo. Tyden has started a local placement at Peak Hill Industries. Well done Tyden and Joseph!

Miss Lucy Dempsey Head Teacher (Rel)

"Success
doesn't just
come and
find you,
you have to
go out and
get it."

via cartman.com

Nanyaburra - Senior Camp

In Week 4, nine students attended a camp lead by Dennis Moran at the Murrook Cultural Centre in Williamtown. Roy, Quentin, Zac, Sam, Zak, Jaedyn, Billy, Wayne and Joseph left school early Tuesday morning on the three night camp, which taught students about the local Worimi culture. On the first full day at camp, students participated in a guided quad bike tour of the sand dunes, where students were shown significant sites and dug for fresh water. After returning to the centre for lunch, students tackled the steep one kilometre climb up Tomaree Mountain. Despite the heat, all students reached the summit, and were met with breathtaking views of the local area. The next day students were taken to experience the rock circles, an initiation site for young men. After lunch, each of the students cut their own Coolamon, before then spending the afternoon fishing. A massive thankyou to Justin, John, and all the staff at the Murrook Cultural Centre, who have now worked with both primary and secondary students from Peak Hill Central this year. Since returning, students have continued their work with Dennis Moran on Tuesdays.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, as it sets students up to be successful learners in class. Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8:30, serving fresh fruit and cereal. On Friday of Week 9, Breakfast Club is once again planning to hold a Pancake breakfast.

Mr Mitchell Thomas Head Teacher (Rel)



Assistant Principal Star of the Fortnight



Isabella Robinson for always being a respectful, responsible, safe and successful student.

Myself, Mrs Levick and Ms Ross are very proud of Isabella. As the weeks go by she is becoming more confident to engage in class discussions and volunteer her ideas.

Well done Isabella!



Miss Grace Stewart
Assistant Principal

Scott Olsson - 2020

Hello to the Peak Hill School Community.

I certainly have missed you all, students, staff and members of the community. It is with great excitement that I will be returning next year to Peak Hill to be the Principal. I certainly want to thank Darren Hamilton and the team of staff who have done a fantastic job in leading the school throughout 2019.

At this stage I will be coming out for a visit on Monday the 2nd of December with other planned visits in week 9 and 10. During this time I want to catch up with as many groups as I can to discuss the successes of 2019 and how I can help you make 2020 even better. I feel like an NRL footballer who has had a knee reconstruction and haven't played for 12 months. I must admit I am a little nervous again and have to earn the respect again from my team mates, coaches and supporters. So my flexible plan is.....

9 -10 Meet with Mr Hamilton regarding transition.
10 – 11 Meet with Mrs Stanford regarding finance.
11 – 11:30 Morning Tea with Primary staff.
11:30 – 1:30 Meet with SRC, staff and students whilst visiting classrooms.
1:30 – 2:00 Lunch with secondary Staff.
2:00 – 3:00 Meet with P and C and parents at school and at primary gate.
3:00 – 4:00 Meet with executive.
4:00 – 5:00 Meet with Parents and students at the swimming pool.

There has been some planning already in process and at this stage we have allocated money to a bus, new playground in Primary, additional student learning resources in technology and sensory equipment, additional teaching staff to support teaching and learning. I am hoping that this visit will finalise these and at this stage the primary classes and allocations of teachers will be finalised and communicated to students and parents by the end of the year.

The focus for 2020 in my mind will be on creating the best possible environments for teachers to concentrate on their core business which is teaching. The best possible environment for students to concentrate on and that is learning. The best possible environment for members of the community to feel comfortable being involved in and welcome in school. Collectively we need to allow each to do their job so my visit will be solely focussed on how we collectively make 2020 the best year we have had to learn and teach. Wellbeing and caring for each other will allow this to be achieved. Responsibility from all will allow this to be achieved. Trust and rapport will allow this to be achieved. Respect will allow this to be achieved.

I have learned plenty since being away and how I need to be better so I can effectively lead better. I look forward to sharing this and working with all next year so that we can all be better in some way. If you wish to see me at any stage please contact the office and as you know I will always make time for you.

See you all Monday 2nd December

Regards

Scott Olsson
Principal In Residence
Rural South and West Operational Directorate Project

School Calendar

Term 4 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	25 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm Stage 5 Work Experience	26	27 Belrose Excursion Yr 10 Orientation for WAP 2020	28	29
Week 8	2 December Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Stage 5 Music Excursion	3 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	4 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Year 6 Farewell Whitecard Training in Trundle	5 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Christmas Carols 4pm NSW Health Presentation Stage 5 Girls	6 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm
Week 9	9 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Graham Baker visit & BBQ	10 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Wingara Wira Excursion	11 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Year 12 VET Hospitality Day	12 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Year 10 2020 Orientation Day	13 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm
Week 10	16 Presentation Night 6pm	17 PBL Water Play Day	18 Last Day of School	19	20

Term 1 Calendar 2020

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	27 January	28	29	30	31
Week 2	3 February	4 SDD	5 Students First Day	6	7 Swimming Carnival
Week 3	10	11	12	13	14
Week 4	17	18	19	20	21 Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival
Week 5	24	25	26	27	28
Week 6	2 March	3	4	5	6
Week 7	9	10	11	12	13
Week 8	16	17	18	19	20
Week 9	23	24	25	26	27
Week 10	30	31	1 April	2	3
Week 11	6	7	8	9 Last Day of Term	10 Good Friday

SRC Report – 2019

Throughout 2019 the Peak Hill Central School Student Representative Council (SRC) have engaged in a range of experiences and events aimed at improving leadership skills and the student experience at Peak Hill Central School (PHCS).

A key focus of the SRC in 2019 has been breaking down the barriers between official and unofficial student representation at PHCS, with elected SRC members actively seeking input from their peers and the community.

Throughout Term 1 students were introduced to meeting structure and to the staff members who would be assisting them in their advocacy this year. Students broadly planned the events they would like to run throughout the year and were informed of the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning priorities (PBL) and rewards events. Participation in the swimming carnival was a significant highlight, with an increase in students representing their house.

In Term 2 members of the Primary SRC headed to Dubbo to be part of the GRIP Leadership conference. Here our students learned the skills to identify issues in their community and how to address them in a positive way. These skills were put to use by our primary students in identifying issues around the school such as the Primary sandpit. Our Primary members shared these experiences with their Secondary peers which helped to create a more cohesive and effective SRC for Terms 3 and 4.

Footy Colours Day was the main focus of the SRC in Term 3. Students worked collaboratively to organise their first major fundraising event of the year, with students creating advertising for Facebook and around the school. The event was tied to the end of term PBL rewards afternoon, with all funds donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

In Term 4, the SRC and PHCS embraced Pink up Peak Hill. Students worked collaboratively with community members to organise the event. It was excellent to see the school decorated in pink, along with staff and students. The cupcake stall and the pink stumps cricket afternoon were a major success, contributing significantly to the funds raised on the day. The SRC would like to thank those community members who

bought cupcakes from the front office throughout the day. Pink up Peak Hill was one of the largest SRC fundraises at PHCS in the past couple of years. The SRC look forward to embracing the event again next year.

Mr Mitchell Thomas
SRC Coordinator



Womens Health

Women's Health at Peak Hill Multi Purpose Centre

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Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Relieving)



Remembrance Day





K/1/2 presenting their artworks on various cloud types learnt during Science lessons.



Recycling Award
Winners: Stage 2,
Mundara Smith-Read
holding the trophy



Left: Student Of
The Week L-R
Adrian Bell and
Ida Gavin



Left: PBL Student
Of The Week L-R
Lochlan
Hawksworth and
Ruby Bell



Russell Draw Winners: L-R Jono Dargan, Aido Bell
and Eva Strahorn



Good Listening Awards: L-R Benjamin Ridgeway-
Dreier, Caitlin Reid, Willo McLachlan and Noah
Beilby



Merit Award Winners: L-R Henry Stanford, Zane Pearson-
O'Brien, Nikki Cohen, Brock Rez and Savannah Weaver

Mathematic Investigations in K/1/2

Last Friday K/1/2 completed a Maths investigation as part of their Maths lesson.

They worked in pairs and were given 3 different coloured blocks. Their job was to find out how many different towers they could create using their blocks. After this students were given a fourth block and continued their investigation.

Miss Grace Stewart and Miss Elsie Woodley
Classroom Teachers



Stage 2

Stage 2 has been having a great time each Tuesday afternoon with Ms Ellem, as she teaches the students about Music. Over the past couple of weeks, we have learned about rhythm by having the chance to play different types of drums. One afternoon we were given the opportunity to play on the School's drum kit. During other lessons, we have learned about how some singers have used different singing styles when creating their lyrics, which have over time produced some funny songs.

During our time with Miss Ellem we have also been able to learn how music has been used by the creators of Television shows and Movies to generate different types of thoughts and feelings in their viewers. Different types of music has the power to make people feel a range of emotions.

Miss Tiarne McLeod and Miss Georgia Stewart
Classroom Teachers



Stage 3

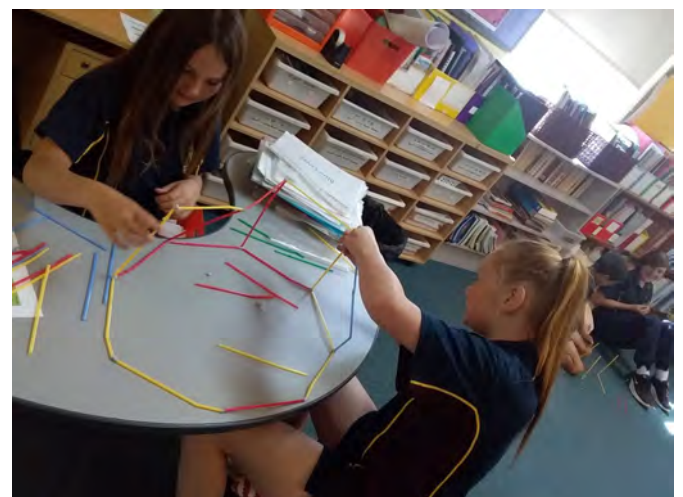
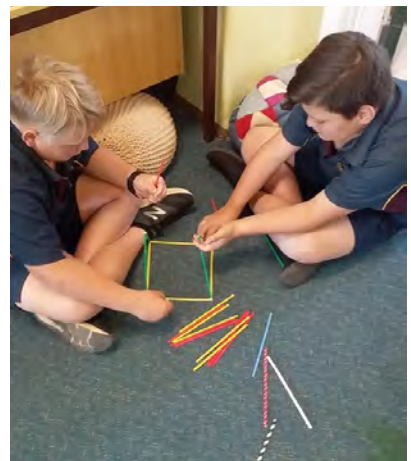
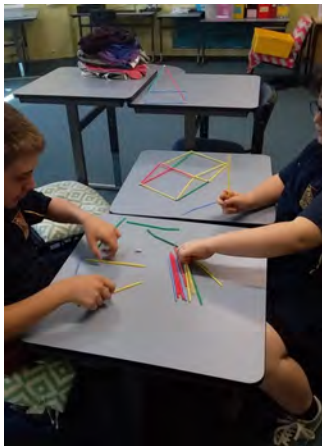
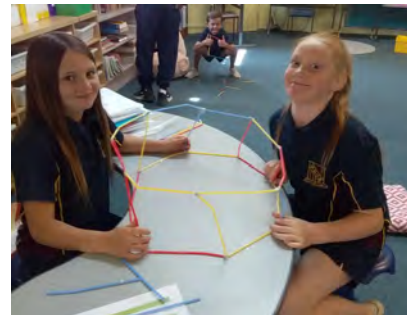
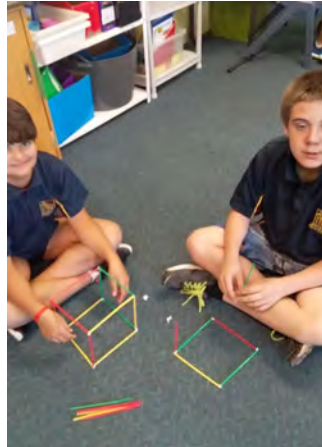
Over the past few weeks Primary SRC members have been assisting in the delivery of Meals on Wheels for our community members. This service provides the students with the opportunity to talk to and care for the elder generation while forming a stronger community link.

Exciting times are coming our way in Stage 3 with the Year 6 shirt order being placed last week. During Weeks 8 and 9 we will be developing our life saving skills at the Peak Hill Swimming Pool. On the 4th December we will hold the Year 6 Farewell with a Year 5/6 supper at 4-5pm then a K-6 disco from 5-6pm. The following day at 4pm students will participate in the K-6 Christmas concert at Koinonia House. Please begin to organise your swimming items and Christmas outfits for these activities.

Stage 3 have been working hard in class, particularly during Maths. Last week we finished our unit of Chance and Probability. Students enjoyed a number of hands on activities to compliment their learning. This week we have been focusing on 3 dimensional shapes and started the week constructing a number of 3D shapes out of straws and bluetack. Ask your child what they have learnt about these topics. We have also started studying the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and replicating some of his well known paintings. Stay tuned for some photos of our amazing creations.

We wish you a wonderful fortnight and look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Ms Michelle Ross and Mrs Lisa Levick
Classroom Teachers



Stage 5

YES Program at TAFE Parkes

The YES Program continues at Parkes TAFE with students learning about the dangers of safety devices in cars and what to watch out for when working on cars.

Malachi Dart and Billy Cohen were the first to complete the rebuild of the engine with Mr Cain and Joseph Dargan coming in second place.

Students are enjoying to opportunity to get hands on experience in this program.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Rel)



Stage 6

Work Placement

Metal and Engineering student Joseph Dargan is undertaking his Work Placement at Furney's Building Industries this week.

Joseph has been busy with metal fabrication, making precision cuts and developing his knowledge of industry.

Great job Joseph!

Mrs Crystal Stanford
Head Teacher WAP



Peak Hill Central School would like to thank Grima Brothers Wholesale Produce for their donation of oranges and the S&B Girls Club for their donation of \$150 both in support of our breakfast program.

Your kind support is greatly appreciated.



The delivery of the oranges and the donation was arranged by Janice Gestro. Pictured is Janice receiving flowers and a present as a token of our appreciation and friendship.

Peak Hill Central School would like to gratefully thank Que Club of Parkes for their wonderful donation of a Redcat Hearing System. This system allows everything a teacher says in the classroom to be delivered clearly and consistently to students especially those with hearing issues.

Que Club supports causes that empower and improves the lives of Women and Children. Peak Hill Central School thanks them for their continued support of our students.



Peak Hill Central School Principal Darren Hamilton being presented with a cheque from the Que Club of Parkes. Pictured L-R are Cathy Clarke, Darren Hamilton, Raelene Rout and Miriam Luyt (Club President)

Thank

you

for your
kindness &
generosity



PBL Students of the Week for Week 5 are:

Year 7: Angel Rez

Year 8: Brianna Simon

Year 9: Jaedyn Murray

Year 10: Jada Read

Stage 6: Haidee Hando

Russell Draw Winners:

Stage 4: Mason Leedham

Stage 5: Lamia Bell

Stage 6: Lauren Hando



**“ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT
YOU'RE DOING TODAY IS
GETTING YOU CLOSER TO
WHERE YOU WANT TO BE
TOMORROW”-UNKNOWN**

Community Information

Peak Hill Swimming Club 2019/20

Training for the 2019/20 season will commence on Monday 18th November from 4.30pm for 8 years & under and 5pm for all other swimmers at the Peak Hill Pool.

An information session around training and time trials will be held for parents/guardians around 5pm. Registration for the season is \$100 and Active Kids Vouchers can be used. Registration assistance will be available on the day. If you are using your child's active kids voucher, please bring it with you.

If you would like to complete your registration online or have any questions about swimming club please contact Kathleen Pizzi on 0427 699 605 or via email on peakhillswimclub@gmail.com



Community Information



RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Ag & Chat

Join us for a free morning tea & chance to chat about getting through the dry.

Where: Peak Hill Bowling Club
52 Caswell Street

When: Monday 25th of Nov
At 10-00am

RSVP:
Di Gill on 0427 460 430
or email:
dianne.gill@health.nsw.gov.au

Guest speaker to be advised



Department of
Primary Industries



RAMHNP
RURAL ADVERSITY
MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM



FREE WORKSHOP: SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR FAMILY BUSINESSES

Succession planning in family businesses is an important process that rarely works if it "just happens". Drought and the higher debt levels that sometimes come with managing through drought, shouldn't mean succession planning stops. This workshop will explore the timely issues of how succession can be a positive process for the family business managing severe drought and how the bank and government support or interest rate subsidies can be more supportive, once succession planning has been done.

The workshop presenters will provide valuable tips and tools for navigating the path through family communication to create a "family-owned" business plan, showcasing a clear vision to banks and other stakeholders. There is nothing more powerful than a long term vision articulated by the family for their business. It brings people together - so everyone (including the bank) can navigate the current challenges with a shared goal, and ensure the family business succeeds sustainably, for many generations to come."

The workshop aims to assist you in creating choice, hope and options for your family business. With options, we achieve confidence and wonderful outcomes for our rural communities and everyone connected therein - the most important being a stronger mindset and wellbeing as we progress through drought and enter the eventual recovery process.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Clare Booth is a Senior Associate solicitor with Duffy Elliott Lawyers specialising in Wills, Succession Planning, and the transfer of wealth across the generations involved in farming and business. Clare works with experts to ensure succession planning is holistic - creating great businesses for future generations.

James Hamilton of Cultivate Advisory specialises in facilitating sensitive conversations involving family succession. Creating a safe environment for all to be heard and understood to enable the exploration of future possibilities.

9am-4pm, Thursday 28 November 2019
Parkes Services Club, Short Street, Parkes

Registration Essential! Register Online: www.nalag.org.au/familymatters
Event Contact: Brenda Baker 0428 676 528

SUPPORTING NSW COMMUNITIES:



Peak Hill Boori Christmas Big Splash Summer Pool Party

When : 14th December, 2019
Where: Peak Hill Memorial Pool
Time: 12pm -4pm

Inflatable Pyramid, Tunnel, Ball and Slide
Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Christmas Story Corner for little Boori's
Candy Cane Hunt
Visit from Santa
Lolly Bags




Children under the age of 12 years must be accompanied by an Adult




Peak Hill Community Health are offering:

Aqua Fitness

Peak Hill Memorial Swimming pool

6.00pm ~ Monday evenings
11:00am ~ Wednesdays
10:00am ~ Saturdays

Cost: \$ Gold coin donation + "FREE" pool entry

Bring:
Hat, Water bottle, Sunscreen and towel.

Exercises for all ages and ability

Pool steps will be available for easier access in and out of the pool.

Contact: Peak Hill Community Health on 68617100



CAROLS

***Come join the fun for an
afternoon of Christmas with
the Primary students from
Peak Hill Central School***



When- Thursday 5/12/19 at 4pm

Where- Koinonia House

Enchie Street, Peak Hill

All Welcome