



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School

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School Leaders, Captains & SRC



Our School Leaders and Primary Captains with Principal (Rel) Mr Darren Hamilton. Back L-R: Lauren Hando and Chloe Gould. Front L-R: Cooper Dart and Missy Beeby.



Our SRC for 2019. Back L-R: Bayn-Jemon Schnitger and Haidee Hando.
Middle L-R: Kerryanne Watson, Lamia Bell, Jada Redpath, Maddison Powell and Principal (Rel) Darren Hamilton.
Front L-R: Willo McLachlan, Sharntelle Schnitger, Bailey Dart and Dhakota Hando.

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**Principal**

Mr Darren Hamilton
(Rel)

Deputy Principal

Miss Deb Sharkey

Head Teachers**Secondary Studies**

Miss Lucy Dempsey
(Rel)
Mrs Catherine Doyle

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

2019

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Vice President

Mrs Kelly Dart

Miss Renee Keed

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Western Access Camp

Congratulations to the Year 11 and 12 students who travelled to Lake Burrendong for the Western Access camp. School and camp staff reported our students were fantastic ambassadors, building friendships and consolidating their links with their online teachers. Face to face lessons and team building activities has set a strong platform of support and lesson delivery for the year ahead.

District Swimming

Congratulations to our 12 Primary students; Taliyah Keed-White, Michael Redpath, Ruby Bell, Jacob Bell, Kaya Gavin, Jonathon Dargan, Cadin Klein-Cohen, Maddison Powell, Isabella Read, Clair Sellers, Cooper Dart and Jock Strahorn who travelled to Narromine last Friday to participated in the Gobondery NARRAF swimming carnival. We had the Open Girls Relay team Isabella Read, Kaya Gavin, Taliyah Keed-White and Ruby Bell make it to Western Swimming Championships. These will be held in Dubbo on Thursday 14th March, best of luck to the girls for this event!

Updating Attendance tracking with Sentral

Peak Hill CS is presently updating its attendance tracking and roll marking procedures and will be trialing electronic marking and associated parent contact procedures. We will be working towards using Sentral to mark each period of secondary classes and we will be able to contact parents via Sentral's internal messaging service for attendance follow-up. I will be discussing these changes at the upcoming P&C meeting.

P&C Meeting

I look forward to meeting parents at the first P&C meeting to be held on Thursday 14th March from 4.00pm in the Library. This is a chance for parents to hear what is happening at school for planning and allows parents the opportunity to ask questions, take part in the process and contribute positively to school planning. I will also discuss the school plans for External Validation, a process where the school will conduct an internal review that is measured across 35 areas and consistent with schools around the state. This will help support our plans for improvement in teaching and learning at Peak Hill Central School.

Parent and Learning Plan Meeting

Parents are invited to attend an afternoon tea on Monday 4 March from 3:30pm – 5:30pm to complete and sign learning plan processes and talk with teachers at the school. We will be meeting in the Library and I look forward to meeting you all for this great opportunity to be involved in your child's learning.

Darren Hamilton

Principal (Rel)

Deputy Principal's Report

Five weeks into Term 1 already!

Kindergarten and Year 7 students are completing Best Start assessments which will help staff better support the students, particularly in relation to Literacy and Numeracy.

Our teachers, K-12, are ensuring high expectations are in place, explicit teaching is the

Deputy Principal's Report Continues

norm and effective feedback is provided for all students.

It's lovely to see so many children making use of the sandpit during breaks. Unstructured developmental play is a vital component in students learning many life skills such as how to collaborate, communicate, compromise, cooperate and create.

Miss Deb Sharkey
Deputy Principal

Head Teachers' News

Uniforms

Congratulations to Students, Parent and Carer's for supporting the wearing of school uniforms at PHCS. Today every student in Years 7-12 were in school uniform. The pride and respect our students show in themselves and their school is a credit to themselves and their families. Well done!

School equipment for 7-12

Year Advisers will be handing out to every student in Secondary a school diary and updated timetable on Monday next week. Teachers will be working closely with their classes, to assist students to develop organisational skills to manage deadlines and complete set tasks on time. For any students who may need any extra books, pens or school equipment please let your teachers know.

Pancake Breakfast this Friday

A big thank you to Mr Thomas and Vicki Sharah for organising the wonderful Pancake breakfast for the school this morning. This was a great inspiration and your efforts are truly appreciated! We all look forward to the next Pancake breakfast on Friday Week 10.

School Leaders and SRC Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to the 2019 School Captains and the SRC Members who were recognised at the Induction Ceremony today. It was such a positive celebration with so many families present for this special ceremony and the family BBQ which followed.

Work Placement for Stage 6 in Week 6

This Sunday, 3 March at 3pm the Year 11 and 12 VET

Head Teachers' News Continues

VET students, will be meeting Mrs Crystal Stanford at the front of the school to travel by bus to the Midstate Caravan Park in Dubbo to attend a one week block of Work Placement. The students will be returning to school on Friday 8 March at approximately 6pm. The students who will be participating include: Jade Gavin, Marissa Robinson, Sky Welsh, Haidee Hando, Lauren Hando and Bayn Schnitger. We know that these students will be excellent ambassadors for our school and we wish them all the best for a successful week.

Parent Teacher Afternoon Tea, Monday 4 March

Parents and Carers of all students from Kindergarten to Year 12 are warmly invited to come along and meet the staff on Monday from 3.30pm. If you would like to make a time to meet with specific teachers, please call the front office and book a time. Otherwise, please drop into the school Library between 3.30 - 5.30pm. We would love to see you there. Please come and share a beautiful afternoon tea.

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

7-12 Sport

We are off to a flying start with sport this term. After a great swimming carnival earlier this term the successful students will attend the Western Swimming Championship on the 15th of March. The Open Boys Soccer Team are off to play Parkes on the 28th of February. Our Lawn Bowls Team will be up against Forbes in the first round of the Western Knockout on the 6th of March. Good luck to all our athletes.

Year 7

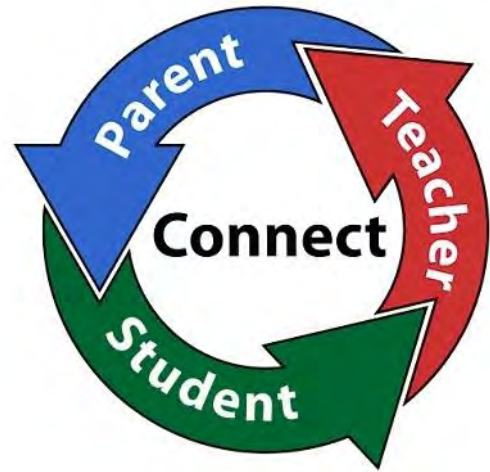
Congratulations to Year 7 who have made a successful start to Secondary School.

After the transition program implemented in 2019 with Mr Mitchell Thomas, our students are demonstrating our school values are loving their new classes. Year 7 also completed their Best Start Year 7 Assessments in Week 4 and 5, which is aligned with the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017-2020. This aims to ensure the students have the essential literacy and numeracy skills they need for success in learning and in life.

Stage 5

Our Year 9 and 10 students have been able to choose Music and Art as an elective this term, as well as Physical Activity and Sports Studies, Design and Technology and Food Technology. The students are loving the range of subject choices and have been demonstrating great skills in all areas.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Rel)



Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal Star of the Fortnight!



Congratulations to Brook Rez for an awesome effort during Handwriting.
Keep up the great work!

Term 1 Calendar

Term 1 2019	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	25	26	27	28	1 March School Leaders & SRC Induction Ceremony 12:30pm
Week 6	4 Parent Teacher Afternoon Tea 3.30pm to 5.30pm WAP Workplacement	5 WAP Workplacement	6 WAP Workplacement	7 WAP Workplacement	8 Primary Assembly 10:10am WAP Workplacement
Week 7	11	12	13 Year 11 WAP Metals Practical Day at Peak Hill	14 P&C meeting at 4pm in the school Library	15 Primary Assembly 10:10am
Week 8	18	19	20	21	22 Primary Assembly 10:10am Gobondery - NARRAF Cricket Gala Day at Peak Hill Year 3-6
Week 9	25	26	27	28	29 Primary Assembly 10:10am
Week 10	1 April	2	3 WAP Year 11 Hospitality Practical at Peak Hill	4	5 Primary Assembly 10:10am PBL Colour Run
Week 11	8	9	10	11 Rugby League Trials at Peak Hill	12 Primary Assembly 10:10am Last day of term 1

PBL Students of the week for Primary Week 3



Lilly Gavin - Stage 1



Jackson Leedham -
Stage 2

Absent from photos: Bella Robinson - Stage 3

Russel Draw Winners for Primary
Week 3



Aarna Patel - Stage 1



Jock Strahorn -
Stage 2



Brock Rez - Stage 3

Russel Draw Winners for Secondary
Week 3



Zac Read - Stage 4



Kerryanne Watson -
Stage 5



Jade Gavin – stage 6

COLOUR RUN DAY @ PHCS!

On Friday 5 April, Peak Hill Central School will be holding a COLOUR RUN DAY, for students Kindergarten to Year 12, as an acknowledgement day for PBL.

Students are asked to bring a white t-shirt for the colour run day.

Miss Heraghty & Mrs Levick
PBL



PBL Students of the week for week 4

PBL Focus for Weeks 4 & 5

The PBL focus for weeks 4 and 5 is Responsible.

The colour for Responsible is blue and students will receive blue Russels for these two weeks.

To be a Responsible learner students can:

- Be in the right place at the right time
- Keep hands and feet to them selves
- Wear a hat when playing in the sun
- Line up quietly
- Be prepared and ready to learn in class

PBL Students of the week for Primary Week 4



Savannah Weaver -
Stage 1



Bailey Dart - Stage 2



Missy Beeby - Stage 3

PBL Students of the week for Secondary Week 4

Stage 4: Hunter Judd and Jada Read

Stage 5: Tia Cohen and Tijuana Keed

Stage 6: Lauren Hando and Chloe Gould

Russel Draw Winners for Secondary Week 4

Stage 4: Shelby Dargan

Stage 5: Jada Read

Stage 6: Haidee Hando

Russel Draw Winners for Primary Week 4



Billy Pearson O'Brien -
Stage 1



Bailey Dart - Stage 2

Absent from photos: Jono Dargan - Stage 3



Russel – our PBL mascot

K/1/2

Literacy Rotations



Peak Hill Sight Word Program

Your child is completing the Peak Hill Sight Word Program at school.
You will find an animal full of words in your child's pouch.
Practise these words at home. Each time a word is recognised give it a tick. Once the word has three ticks, learn a new word.

Pouches

Pouches have been sent home this week. Inside you will find a home reader and recording sheet. Please read to or with your child each night or morning and sign the recording sheet before returning it back to school the next day to be swapped.

Don't forget to come and meet with us during our parent/teacher conferences
Monday 4 March.

Miss Stewart & Miss Woodley

Welcome to Stage 2 News!

Congratulations to our first two PBL students of the week, Jackson Leedham and Bailey Dart. These students have shown exceptional qualities of being Respectful and Responsible.

Last Friday saw Taliyah Keed-White, Michael Redpath and Jock Strahorn represent Peak Hill Central School at Gobondery NARRAF swimming. Well done to these students for their participation and behaviour on the day.

In the classroom Stage 2 have enjoyed learning:

- The skills and rules of cricket
- How to write persuasive texts
- Number patterns and place value

Miss Heraghty and Mrs Levick will be holding Parent interviews on the 4th March 2019 and would love to meet as many parents from Stage 2 as possible. If you are wanting to book a time please contact us at school. We can't wait to share the amazing things your child is doing in our classroom.

We would like you to meet our first two class students of the week: Taliyah Keed-White and Michael Redpath

Name: Taliyah Keed-White
Favourite Sport: Soccer
Favourite Subject: Sport
I like coming to school because: I get to see my friends
On the weekends I love to: watch TV



Name: Michael Redpath
Favourite Sport: Cricket
Favourite Subject: Sport
I like coming to school because: I get to do fun stuff
On the weekends I love to: Play my games



Stage 3 with Ms Michelle Ross & Miss Georgia Stewart

Stage 3 Yarn Up!

My name is Clair Sellers.

I am in Year 6.

My Favourite sport is swimming, league tag and soccer.

I follow the Rabbitohs in the NRL.

I'd like to travel to a lot of places in the world in the future.

My favourite subjects are technology and art.

If I had a million dollars I'd donate it to a charity.

My favourite fruit is a peach.

Selena Gomez is my role model.

When I leave school I'd like to be an artist, engineer and own a cafe.



What's happening in high school Mathematics?

This term has started with a new math room, a new math teacher and a whole lot of work being completed across the board.

Year 8 has completed their first topic called 'computation with integers', which is a fancy way of saying 'answer questions with whole numbers'. The students worked with positive and negative numbers across the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They are now starting a new topic of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Stage 5 are working on their first topic on 'Financial mathematics', where they are learning about real world applications of mathematical concepts. Such as, what would be the 'best buy' while grocery shopping.

Stage 6 are working through 'algebra and formulae' and 'networks and paths'.

Our classroom is slowly coming together and as of this week has a 'rewards couch'.

Students are selected to sit on the couch to work for the lesson if they are displaying the schools PBL expectations. Jordyn Logan and Quentin Weaver were selected to be the first to use the rewards couch. Jordyn for being successful in math, receiving the top mark in a topic test and Quentin for being respectful of students, teachers and equipment during math class.

I'm enjoying seeing the students' 'math brains' being challenged and having them rise to the occasion.

Keep up the brilliant work.

Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon
Mathematics Teacher



Bray Bendeich



Jordyn Logan & Quentin Weaver



Tyden Barlow

Stage 5 Visual Arts

This semester in Stage 5 Visual Arts, we are exploring the works of David Smith, an American sculptor. Each week we have analysed his artworks and then participated in practical tasks to deepen our understanding of artmaking.

The images presented show the students working with a variety of materials to create sculptures. From here, we are evaluating the materials and processes to make informed decisions about how to complete the assessment task due in Week 11. So far, every student in this class has demonstrated developing understanding and skill.

Please feel welcome to make an appointment to visit our classroom at any time. I hope to meet you all at our upcoming parent-teacher afternoon.

Miss Kate Border
Visual Arts Teacher



Ziyu Hao



Justin Ellis



Shaylee Wright Edwards



Tijuana Keed



Samuel Gregson

Stage 5 Design and Technology

Peak Hill Central School Technology and Applied Studies TAS classes are using design and problem solving skills to create a wooden mallet. This project allows students the opportunity to demonstrate skills in reading plans, cutting wood and using hand tools. James and Malachi can be seen with their completed Woodworker's mallet and the rest of the class has almost finished this project.

Year 11 VET Construction

Part of the beginning projects for the students studying Year 11 Construction is the process of creating a set of usable hand tools. Bayn and Joseph are pictured here working on their Carpenters mallets and their finished product looks amazing. The next set of products for this class will be a bench hook, a tool box and a concrete float, all of which will be put to use building other projects over the coming semester.

Stage 6 Metals and Engineering

The students in Stage 6, are currently making a camping stool with a folding seat and adjustable height. Students had to carefully measure out the steel and cut it to length prior to assembly. For this task students practiced their welding skills, marking out and drilling holes to attach all of the fixtures. This is a fantastic project as it is something they can take with them when they go camping, which a lot of our students enjoy doing during the leisure time.

Mr Robert Cain
TAS Teacher



Gobondery NARRAF Swimming Carnival

On Friday 22nd February 2019, 12 Peak Hill Central School students travelled to Narromine to compete at the Gobondery NARRAF swimming carnival. Students swam their absolute best and should be congratulated on the level of behaviour shown throughout the day.

It was a very successful day for Peak Hill students with the following results:

- Ruby Bell placed 3rd in the 50 metre freestyle, narrowly missing out on a spot through to Western.
- Ruby Bell, Jacob Bell, Kaya Gavin, Maddison Powell and Clair Sellers all swimming times that have improved on the Peak Hill Central School carnival.
- Cooper Dart and Taliyah Keed-White swam in every event of the day, a huge effort from them both.
- Our Senior Girls relay team placed 2nd in their event, which books them a spot through to the Western Carnival.

A special mention must go to **Michael Redpath** who heard that another school was short team members for the Junior Relay and offered to swim for them so they could enter a team. What an outstanding display of sportsmanship. Well done, Michael!

The Western Swimming Carnival takes place in Dubbo on the 14th March 2019. A note will be sent home with the senior girls who will be participating with further details. Peak Hill Central School would like to wish the girls all the very best of luck.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Primary Sports Co-ordinator



The Gobondery NARRAF swimming team, absent from photo: Clair Sellers and Kaya Gavin



Senior Girls Relay Team L-R: Isabella Read, Taliyah Keed-White, Ruby Bell & Kaya Gavin

Sport - Bootcamp 27.2.2019

Today's bootcamp for sport saw us completing wheelchair aerobics, followed by an abdominals workout and finishing up with some meditation. Thank you to those students who selected bootcamp and participated fully.

Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon
Teacher





Parent Teacher Afternoon Tea

All parents/carers are invited to our parent teacher afternoon tea for Kindergarten to year 12 students on **Monday, 4 March 2019 from 3:30pm -5:30pm in the school Library.**

The parent teacher afternoon tea is an excellent opportunity to follow up on the progress made by your child/ren during the first part of Term 1.

This is also an ideal time to update Student Health Plans.

We appreciate that this day and time may not suit everyone. Please feel free to contact the school to arrange an alternative meeting time if needed.

Please contact the school to book a meeting time on 6869 1304.

P & C Meeting

Thursday, 14 March at 4pm in the school Library

Everyone is welcome to attend



School Stream - School App

Did you know Peak Hill Central School has it's own FREE App?

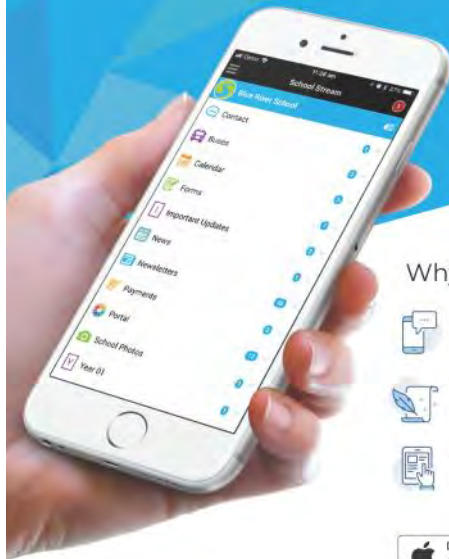
It's easy to download and simple to use. On our school app you can access the following information:

- School Newsletter
- Excursion forms
- Events
- Important notices
- Community information




Please ask the office staff to help you download the app if you'd like to keep up to date with what's happening at school.



Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



Do you want to be an apprentice?

TAFE

Maxima Indigenous Traineeships and Apprenticeships

An amazing and comprehensive site to support indigenous youth into employment, training, apprenticeships and traineeships. Call for more information to: 1300 669 859

<https://maxima.com.au/jobseekers/indigenous-employment/indigenous-careers/>

Steps to Becoming an Australian Apprentice

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money while learning a trade! Getting started in an apprenticeship can seem a little daunting, but it can be broken down into four easy-to-understand steps. Research; Preparation; Job Hunting and Sign-up. If you would like to learn more about each step, plus heaps more useful information, visit

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting/steps>

Sarina Russo Apprenticeships

Want an apprenticeship? Register to view the job board. Incentives and allowances for apprentices also explained.

<https://www.sarinarusso.com/apprenticeship/>

Vantage Automotive Apprenticeships

Mechanic, Auto electrician, parts, body repair and painting.

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<https://www.vantageautomotive.com/index.php>



STRONG ABORIGINAL WOMEN

Dubbo

Breaking the silence about family violence: What do we say when she tells us about violence & abuse (AB20-82130): **01-05 April 2019**

WOMEN TOGETHER
MAKING CHANGE
LEARNING
SUPPORTING
ENJOYING



What do you do ...

She is your friend, neighbour or family member

She is experiencing violence in her home

What do you say?
WOMEN!



JOIN US AT
**Connecting Community Services
Conference Room
1/80 Gipps St Dubbo
10am – 3pm**

MORNING TEA, LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

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ABN 48 702 394 764



Education Centre
AGAINST VIOLENCE



NSW Health

COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Dementia Australia's Memory Van is visiting **PEAK HILL**

Dementia Australia's Memory Van is a mobile information service packed with helpful resources about memory concerns, dementia and information including the simple steps you can take to maintain brain health. Drop by for a chat and collect some brochures and information sheets. Material is provided free of charge.



MEMORY VAN LOCATION

Date Friday 15th March 2019

Cost **FREE**

Time 10am - 2pm

Venue Ex Services Club
Caswell Street
PEAK HILL

No BOOKINGS required

MAIN TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Dementia Australia's services
- Memory changes
- Memory concerns
- What is Dementia?
- Information for carers
- Dementia Risk Reduction including 5 Simple Steps to maximise brain health

Information sheets will be available for all visitors

NATIONAL DEMENTIA HELPLINE

1800 100 500



dementia
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PARKES BOARS RUGBY UNION

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

**Saturday 9th March
3pm onwards**

Parkes Aquatic Centre
Dalton Street, Parkes

Free BBQ!

U6 & U7 Touch Rugby
U7, U9 & U11 Modified Tackle Rugby
U13, U15 & U17 Standard Rules Rugby

**Don't forget to redeem your
Active Kids voucher!**



Peak Hill Vinnies Centre/Shop

Operating Hours

Tuesday 9am to 4.00pm

Thursday 9am to 4.00pm

Friday 9am to 4.00pm

Saturday 9am to 12 noon.

Our volunteers look forward to
welcoming you to the Centre.