

Peak Hill Central School Newsletter



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Week 10 Term 3, Friday 27 September 2019

Graduating Class of 2019



Congratulations to our Year 12 students L-R: Chloe Gould, Marissa Robinson, Sky Welsh and Jade Gavin.

Good luck with your upcoming exams and we wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Head Teacher

Congratulations

**Principal**

Mr Darren Hamilton
(Rel)

Deputy Principal

Mrs Anna Brain (Rel)

Head Teachers**Secondary Studies**

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Miss Lucy Dempsey
(Rel)

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Miss Grace Stewart

Head Teacher**Access**

Mrs Crystal
Stanford

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Treasurer

Ms Tammy Gavin

Australian Merit Selection in Lawn Bowls for James Robinson

It is indeed a rare privilege for a Principal to say they have a current Australian Sporting representative in their student body. The whole school community congratulates James Robinson for making the Australian Merit selection for Lawn Bowls while recently competing on the Gold Coast for New South Wales Combined High Schools (NSWCHS). James was a pivotal senior member of the NSWCHS team that travelled to Tweed Heads a week ago to compete in multi-competition format against Victoria and Queensland teams. James was able to be part of the pairs, triples and 4's teams for each of the games, winning many of them. At the conclusion of the competition an Australian Merit side was announced. This is effectively the best players in Australia for their respective ages and categories as there are no further competitions for which the team progresses. This is an amazing effort from James, particularly outstanding given the small school setting and bowling club that James and his Father Steve are associated with in Peak Hill.



Australian Merit Side 2019

**Year 12 Graduation and Higher School Certificate**

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who celebrated their Graduation from Peak Hill Central School last week at Parkes with students from Tottenham, Trundle, Tullamore and Yeoval Central Schools. It was a great night and supported by staff and family from Peak Hill. All the very best to Chloe Gould, Jade Gavin, Marissa Robinson and Sky Welsh for their continued study towards the upcoming Higher School Certificate in October.

NAIDOC Day 2019 – Monday 23rd September

Peak Hill CS held its NAIDOC Day celebrations this week, combining with St Josephs' School and the Peak Hill Preschool. The workshops and student items throughout the assembly showcased students from the three educational settings in Peak Hill; Pre-School, St Josephs and Peak Hill CS. Students had the opportunity to be involved in art, craft and music activities and experiences throughout the day to celebrate this years' NAIDOC theme of Voice, Treaty, Truth. I would like to thank our special guests included Mr Herb Smith, CEO and founder of Dreamtime Tuka who spoke to the assembly about building a company using locally sourced bush foods and selling it to a large scale market place like QANTAS. Mr Daniel Williams demonstrated the use of the Didgeridoo and played for students as they danced the story of the Murray Cod. He then demonstrated to small groups the use of the Didgeridoo throughout the workshop sessions. I would like to thank all staff involved in developing this years' program of events, involving all students in building items for the assembly and also the Pre-School and St Josephs schools for their continued involvement in joint celebrations this year.

School holidays and Term Four start dates

I would like to wish all students, staff and families a safe and happy holiday break starting on Friday. The first day of Term Four will be Monday 14th October.

Mr Darren Hamilton
Principal (Rel)

The school holidays are just around the corner. After this busy term, all students and staff deserve a good break to prepare for the next busy term starting Monday 14th October.

In the last two weeks, Year 11 students have been completing examinations, assessment tasks, practical days and general study preparing to head into HSC starting Term 4. Year 10 have been to CSU for a visit in Dubbo.

On Thursday 19th September students dressed up to raise money for Fight Cancer Foundation. The day ended with the fantastic PBL acknowledgement fete.

On Monday 23rd September we hosted NAIDOC celebrations. The day was full of activities for all students and community members to participate in.

As the term draws to an end teaching staff are planning for next term. The Learning and Support Team are also preparing to support teachers and students from Year 6 in their transition to Year 7.

There will be opportunities for parents to work with teachers, support teachers and their children to develop individual learning plans and learning pathways that will assist the school to support students further in their education. A quote from Family Involvement in Children's Education by Janie Funkhouser, *"when educators, families, and communities work together, schools get better. As a result, students get the high quality education they need to lead productive lives."* I believe that parents and carers are a great asset to the school when it comes to teaching and learning programs and supporting students in their learning. We would like to try and complete as many learning pathways with students and their parents over the next term and will be inviting parents in as the term progresses.

During the holidays, please keep safe and well.

We look forward to seeing you back in the new term, refreshed and ready for learning.

Mrs Anna Brain
Deputy Principal (Rel)

What's happening at PHCS this fortnight?

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Kate Border on the occasion of her wedding last weekend. Kate is now Mrs Lee and we wish her and her husband Ben much joy and happiness for the future life together. In other staff news, we would like to congratulate Mr Mitchell McAlister on his appointment to Condobolin High School as the Science/Agriculture Teacher starting next term. Mr McAlister has been a highly valued and respected staff member at PHCS for the past seven years, and his talent, skills and tireless efforts will be sincerely missed. We do wish Mr McAlister all the best in his new role.

PHCS Fete

A sincere thank you to Mrs Lisa Levick and Miss Teagan Heraghty through whose inspiration our school community enjoyed a beautiful afternoon last Thursday at the first ever Positive Behaviour for Learning Fete! Thank you to the families who came along to be part of the wholesome fun. It was a truly wonderful celebration of our students successes this term.

7 - 12 Success Through Effort Excursion

Congratulations to the students from Year 7 to Year 12 who qualified with zero negative entries for the past five weeks of term, to attend the **Success Through Effort** excursion in Parkes yesterday. Thank you to Mr Michael Labone, Mr Mitchell Thomas and Mrs Mel Naden who travelled with the students and enthusiastically participated in multiple games of Wheelchair Basket Ball and a picnic lunch at Kelly Reserve. The students reported having a brilliant day!

Year 12 Farewell Celebrations

It's been a busy social week for the students in Year 12 and their families as we have celebrated the Western Access Program Farewell and the PHCS Farewell which were both held in Parkes. We are very proud of our Year 12 Graduating students: Chloe Gould, Jade Gavin, Marissa Robinson and Sky Welsh. We wish the students all the best for their Higher School Certificate Examinations and their future endeavours.

Your chance to WIN one of three \$50 Coles Gift cards!

Parent and Carers are invited to complete the confidential **Tell Them from Me Survey (TTFM)** to provide us with valuable feedback to better inform

Head Teachers' News Continues

school priorities. The Parent/Carer address for this survey is:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/peakhillcs1>

Be sure to let the Front Office know if you complete this survey, as we will be placing your name in a draw to win one of three possible \$50 Coles Gift Cards.

Wishing everyone a safe and rejuvenating holiday!

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Head Teacher



NAIDOC Celebrations

On Monday 23rd of September our community came together to celebrate National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The celebrations took place at Peak Hill Central School, with St Joseph's and community members joining us for an assembly. We were extremely lucky to have Herb Smith, the founder and managing director of *Dreamtime Tuka*. *Dreamtime Tuka* is a leading supplier of bush food products, linking the nutritional value and cultural wealth of Indigenous foods to the national and international market. It was inspiring to hear Herb tell us his story, and inspire our students to follow their dreams. Thank you Herb!

We were also very lucky to have Daniel Williams, who was born and raised in Peak Hill, join us for a performance and to run a didgeridoo and dance workshop with Secondary students. The performance was excellent and all the students really enjoyed the workshop. Thank you Daniel! Other activities included Story Time, Indigenous Games, Indigenous Tools and Weapon workshop, face painting, and cooking and baking. Thank you to everyone who put in so much time and effort to make it a great day, and well done to all the students who received awards on the day.

Head Teachers' News Continues

Thank you to all of the students who have continued to try their best day in day out at Peak Hill Central School. As we approach Term 4, I would like to remind all students that "there are no shortcuts to any place worth going" (Beverly Sills). If you continually strive to achieve to the best of your ability, regardless of how difficult it may be, there is nothing stopping you from going far in life.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Rel)



P&C Information

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November.

Everyone is welcome to attend

Sports Jersey Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser and purchased tickets in our raffle.

A big thank you to Mr Scott Olsson for donating the prize.

The lucky winner was Baillie Logan.

Mrs Melanie Naden
Secretary



Young Writers Award

The Young Writers' Award, designed to discover the talent of children aged between 9 and 13 years of age. This award seeks to develop the writing skills of this particular age group and assist these children to find their unique voice through storytelling. Children are great storytellers; they can create entertaining stories, both written and oral, that with a little assistance can be turned into lively, imaginative and character-filled books for all to enjoy.

The Young Writers' Award recognises and encourages the writing talents of Australian children by providing them the opportunity to have their stories published and distributed in Australia. The award is designed for easy entry with no prescriptive theme or topic, and may be incorporated as part of a school's writing program or pursued by individual children working with an adult mentor or alone.

Visit this website for more information:
<https://www.youngwritersaward.com.au>



League Tag

On Thursday 19th September Jada Read, Tia Cohen, Kerryanne Watson, Akayla Hando, Summah McMaster and Cieanna Cohen travelled to Canowindra to play in a 6-a-side League Tag Gala Day.

The girls played against Parkes High School, Molong Central School, Orange High School and Condobolin High School. The girls did Peak Hill Central School proud. With no substitute players on an unusually hot day, they tagged their hearts out and scored five tries in four very tough games.

The girls should be commended on their persistence, resilience and determination. They played extremely well and demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication.

Well done girls!

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Rel)



School Calendar

Term 4 Calendar

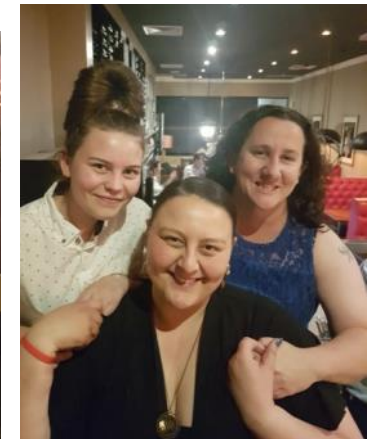
Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	14 October Students Return Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	15	16	17 Vaccinations	18 3-6 Macquarie Sports day in Mudgee
Week 2	21 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	22	23	24	25
Week 3	28 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	29	30	31	1 November
Week 4	4 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	5	6	7	8
Week 5	11 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	12	13	14	15
Week 6	18 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	19	20	21	22 Belrose Excursion
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	3 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	4 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	5 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	6 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm
Week 9	9 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	10 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	11 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	12 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	13 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm
Week 10	16 Presentation Night 6pm	17	18 Last Day of School	19	20



RELAX & ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS



Year 12 Graduation at Bellas



PBL Rewards Fete



PBL Rewards Fete



Mathematics

In recent Mathematics lessons K/1/2 have been learning about position.

Students enjoyed working in groups to create a simple map.

They had to write simple directions, using terms left and right to describe a path for a bee-bot to follow.

Miss Grace Stewart and Miss Elsie Woodley
Classroom Teachers



Stage 2 with Mrs Lisa Levick & Miss Tiarne McLeod

Stage 2

We have had a fabulous end of term in Stage 2 and we cannot thank you and your children enough.

Our fete day was lots of fun and we congratulate all our students on beautiful behaviour. In Maths we have been learning about location and position, so we split into groups and went orienteering around Peak Hill Central School with only a compass, a trundle wheel and written instructions in front of us – we all made it back to the classroom for our prize!

The Ag Plot was also especially exciting this fortnight. We picked the last of the snow peas before end of term, which we have been busily munching on, and we got to see some new baby chickens! We were also lucky enough to watch some new ones hatching. Unfortunately we had to say “see you later” to Mr McAlister as he moves on to new adventures but we promise we’ll take good care of the plot for him.

Thanks again for a great term – we are looking forward to an even better Term 4.

Be safe and have fun!

**Miss Tiarne McLeod and Mrs Lisa Levick
Classroom Teachers**



Stage 3 with Ms Michelle Ross & Miss Georgia Stewart

Community Hub

On Tuesday 10th September Stage 3 attended the Peak Hill Community Hub and listened to Wendy Holmes (Immunisation Project Officer for NSW Health) talk about the importance of Immunisation and Vaccinations.

Wendy used a hands on demonstration of how a simple act of washing our hands, can help with preventing the spreading of germs to other people.

Wendy placed a foam on the students hands and then asked them to put their hands into a box which had a special light. The students were able to see first hand how dirty their hands were. Wendy then asked them to wash their hands. The students looked at their hands again under the special light and saw how, by simply washing their hands, helped to remove the dirt and germs from their hands.

Footy Colours Day

On Thursday 19th September Stage 3 participated in the 'Wear Your Footy Colours Day'. The students wore different jerseys to help raise funds for Cancer research.

**Ms Michelle Ross and Miss Georgia Stewart
Classroom Teachers**



WAP Graduation

On Friday 20 September, the Western Access Program held their graduation ceremony for the Year 12 class.

The evening was held at the Coachman's Inn in Parkes and the Peak Hill graduates looked absolutely stunning! A huge congratulations to Jade Gavin and Chloe Gould on receiving accolades recognising the hard work, dedication and effort each student demonstrated over the past two years.

A huge thank you to Mr David Gaunt, Mrs Lynette Edwards and Mrs Catherine Doyle on all of their efforts on the night and leading up to the event.

On behalf of all Peak Hill CS staff, we are incredibly proud of all four graduates.

Well done!

Mrs Crystal Stanford
Head Teacher

Congratulations **Jade Gavin** for receiving the following awards.
Biology: Achievement
Primary Industries: Excellence
English Standard: Achievement
Work Placement Student of the Year.

Congratulations **Chloe Gould** for receiving the following awards.
Investigating Science: Excellence
Community and Family Studies: Achievement



Nanyaburra Program

Nanyaburra Program at PHCS

Dennis Moran is working with the Nanyaburra boys program for Primary and Secondary students.

The program incorporates contemporary sport with Aboriginal culture for improved respect towards everyone.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Rel)



Community Information

St Joseph's School Fundraiser

Barefoot Bowls Bazaar

Saturday 26th October

1pm

Peak Hill Bowling Club

\$5-per player



Dress: Pink

in support of Pink Hill Breast Cancer Awareness

Joss
Facility Management

CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at a local Government sites in Peak Hill.

Experience preferred but not essential.

Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to Joss Facility Management

PO Box 390 DUBBO NSW 2830 or email

belinda.honeyman@jossgroup.com.au

Or for more information contact Belinda

Ph: 0409328305 between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

A working with Children Check is required for this position

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School Holidays

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ParkesShireLibraries



Week One

Feed the birds - Tuesday 1 October
Kinder to Year 2 10:30am - 12pm

Keep the birds happy and make a bird feeder to take home! Learn all about different types of bird beaks.

Cartooning Workshop - Wednesday 2 October

Kinder to Year 2 10:00am - 12pm
Years 3 to 6 1pm - 3pm

Join the team from Toonworld on a journey filled with creativity and drawing challenges where you will design your own cartoon heroes. There are no erasers because there are no mistakes in drawing.

Fanciful Flower Crowns - Thursday 3 October

Years 7 to 12 10:30am - 12pm

Spring has sprung! Join local florist Alice in this hands on workshop designing and making your own fresh flower crown.



Week Two

Feed the birds - Tuesday 8 October
Kinder to Year 2 10:30am - 12pm

Keep the birds happy and make a bird feeder to take home! Learn all about different types of bird beaks.

Action Reaction Family Shows - Wednesday 9 October

@ Generocity Church Hall, Bogan Street
All ages 10:00am - 11am 11:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 2:30pm

An acrobatic show for families with a Superhero Training Component for children aged 4 and over.

Film and Fighting Workshop - Wednesday 9 October

@ Generocity Church Hall, Bogan Street
Years 6 to 12 3:00pm - 4:00pm

See a demonstration, and participate in film and stage fighting techniques with the team from Action Reaction.

YOU Can be an Author! - Thursday 10 October

Years 3 to 6 10:30am - 12pm

Write crazy stories in a new and creative way using word games and activities.

Limited places. Bookings essential in person for all activities. Cost \$2 payable at time of booking. Must be a library member, it's FREE to join! Wear closed in shoes, bring your water bottle & library card.

Parkes Library - Bogan Street - 6861 2309

learn + connect + discover

PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

ALL WELCOME (parents too)
CHILDREN 5-12 years
Choruses - Games - Drinktime
Story Time - Craft



3 Day October Holidays Kids Craft Club

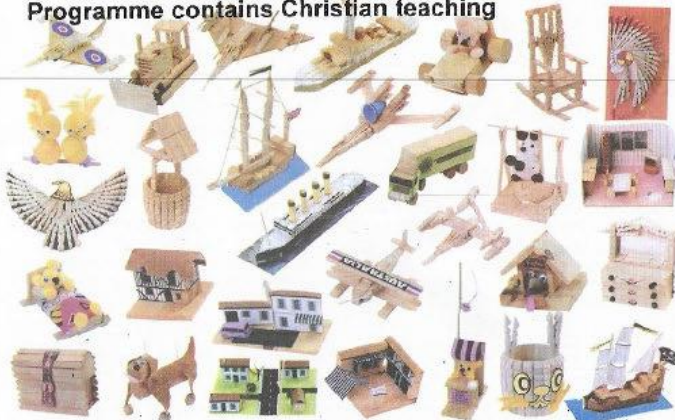
9.30 am - 12 noon

Wed 2nd - Fri 4th October

Location: Koinonia Fellowship Hall

Euchie Street Peak Hill

Programme contains Christian teaching



Cost : \$3.00 per child per day (\$7.00 for 3 days)

Enquiries: Ring Merren 0490.087.136

Contact: greywestone@gmail.com Places are limited so enrol early.

Western Plains Cultural Centre School Holiday Workshops 30 September - 4 October 2019

Each holiday period we offer a FREE dynamic program of art and craft workshops to inspire students from 5 - 14 years of age. Choose the workshop of your fancy and create a masterpiece. We have a great team of artist/tutors who will help you make the most of our holiday arts program.

Please note: Students aged 5 - 12 must be accompanied by a parent, ages 13+ while parents are welcome, we ask that at least the student is dropped off and collected directly from the centre. All students need to be signed in at reception.

Monday: Sept 30th. 10:00 to 12:00 (5 - 8 year olds) or 1:00 to 3:00 (9 years plus)

Pauline Griffiths: **Print making with Bubbles, Hands and Lino.** Blow some coloured bubbles, get some ink on your hands and make your mark on paper (5-8 yrs). Printmaking with lino for the 9 yrs +. As one of our regular and talented workshop teachers, Pauline is great at sharing her talents and enthusiasm in the visual arts during these workshops.

Tuesday: Oct 1st. 10:00 to 12:00 (5 - 9 year olds) or 1:00 to 3:00 (10 years plus)

Michelle McKay: **Intriguing Tree Faces.** Get sculptural with Michelle and make your own tree face using clay and other natural materials. Michelle is one of our enthusiastic and talented workshop teachers who inspires children of all ages.

Wednesday: Oct 2nd. 10:00 to 12:00 (5-9 year olds) or 1:00 to 3:00 (10 years plus)

Alicia O'Connor: **Amazing Textured Tin Foil Art.** Join Alicia and wander through the WPCC's permanent collection to get some inspiration and take your ideas to the classroom to create your own foil art masterpiece. Alicia is one of our regular and talented workshop teachers who is great at helping you improve your skills.

Thursday: Oct 3rd. 10:00 to 12:00 (5-9 year olds) or 1:00 to 3:00 (10 years plus)

April Hopson: **Printmaking with Foam Board.** Learn some more print making techniques. If you enjoyed Mondays sessions, pick up some more ideas here with April. New to the WPCC art tutor team we welcome April as she shares her skills, knowledge and passion for making art.

Friday: Oct 4th. 10:00 to 12:00 (5 - 9 year olds) or 1:00 to 3:00 (10 years plus)

Vicki Aland: **Create your own Bunyip.** Vicki will help you to design an imaginary creature and a landscape for it to live in. Design, draw and paint a 3 dimensional work of art. Vicki has taught visual arts in schools for a number of years and is a very experienced and talented artist who is practiced in a variety of mediums.

Western Plains Cultural Centre
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Do you have a place in your heart and home to make a difference to a child's life?

At the moment, there aren't enough foster carers to care for children in need across New South Wales. Put simply, we need more carers for all types of care.

There is a type of care to suit your family:

- **Emergency care:** A temporary haven for kids when first need a safe place to stay.
- **Respite care:** Respite carers look after children on an occasional basis to give their regular carers a break.
- **Short-term care:** Short-term carers look after children while their families work to bring them home.
- **Adoptive parents and guardians:** When kids can't return home, adoption or guardianship provides them with the safety and stability they need to thrive.

A special community awaits you.

The **My Forever Family NSW** program provides ongoing support, advice and training for all foster carers, guardians and adoptive parents. Visit our website to learn more.

Make a difference. Become a carer.

Contact **My Forever Family NSW** now to find out how you can become a foster carer.

CARER SUPPORT LINE
1300 782 975

Monday to Friday
9am - 5pm

CARER SUPPORT
enquiries@myforeverfamily.org.au

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ACTIVE KIDS
CLUB VOUCHER 2014/2015 SEASON
SPORT FROM OUR ACTIVITIES WEEK

JUNIOR CRICKET
AGES 9-17 | 2-4 HOURS

- Play endorsed new junior cricket at your local club
- More action and better skill development
- Everyone gets a go
- Girls only leagues available

PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB AND DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN FAST, ACTION-PACKED GAMES!

Play more shots, face more balls and get more wickets as you develop your skills through three levels of junior cricket.

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JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB
REGISTER AT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU



Have Your Say

We encourage our parents/carers and community members to provide us with feedback or suggestions on all the great things that are happening at Peak Hill Central School.

Name: _____ Signature: _____



NAIDOC Celebrations

