



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 2 - Friday, 23 October 2020

Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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Welcome Back to Term 4

This is a busy term with Year 12 students commencing their Higher School Examinations this week. We will also be holding a Graduation Dinner at the Peak Hill Bowling Club on Thursday 12th November and a combined Western Access Program Formal at Western Plains Taronga Zoo on the 20th November.

This term will see final assessments completed, yearly reports sent home and our Presentation Evening on Monday 14th December. All of these events will adhere to the current COVID-19 regulations.

Kick Start Kindy

Thank you to the Peak Hill community for the hugely popular response to our 2021 Kindergarten enrolments and your interest in the KICK START KINDY Program. Kick Start Kindy will begin Monday, 26th October for half a day and then each following Monday. Full days will begin on Monday 16 November. Miss Grace Stewart will be running this program and she will be joined later this term by Miss Georgia Westcott.

Kick Start Kindy begins Monday 26 October 2020

Remember this session is a half day session 9:30am until 12:30pm. Miss Grace Stewart and Miss Georgia Westcott will be running the sessions this term. Students who are interested in participating could you please bring:

- completed enrolment form
- bag with a packed recess
- bottle of water
- Hat

Miss Grace Stewart will meet parents and

students in the front office at 9.30am. Parents must sign the external visitors form and cannot stay longer than 10 minutes due to department strict guidelines. Don't worry we will take plenty of photos for you to view on our Facebook page and in our Newsletter. If you need any assistance with completing the enrolment form please call the

Front Office. This can be completed prior to Monday's session and returned to the school.

Other session times:

Monday 2 November: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Monday 9 November: 9:30 am- 12:30pm

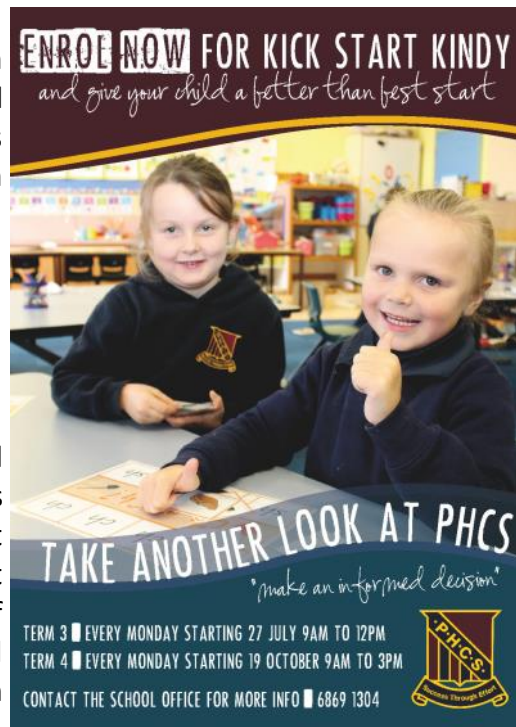
Monday 16 November: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Monday 23 November: 9:30am - 3:00pm

If you haven't already please pick up an information pack from the front office.

Mr Peter Neilsen

Principal



Attendance Matters

The single most important gift you can give your child – is an education. Please help us make a significant difference to the **Literacy and Numeracy skills** of your child and send them to school every day. If you need any help to support the attendance of your child or children at school, please just let me know.

New Enrolments

We extend a very warm welcome to our new students and families to the PHCS family! It has been so exciting to have six new students join us this term and we have another two primary students joining us in November. If you are interested in learning more about our school and what we can offer your child/ren, please drop in or give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you.

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 students and their Parents attended a special Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 15 October to acknowledge the completion of thirteen years of formal education. It was great to see the community support for this event, and we wish them all well in their future endeavours.

Year 12 HSC Examinations

Our Year 12 students began their HSC Examinations this week. We wish them all the best for these exams and for their future success!

Year 11 WAP Study Week

Parents and Carers please note that during Week 4, from the 2nd – 6th November, our Year 11 students will be visiting each of the WAP schools to complete lessons for each of their subjects. The timetable for this week and the permission notes will be sent home this week.

Year 7 – 10 Yearly Examinations

Students in Years 7 to 10 will complete their Yearly Examinations during Week 6 of this term, 16 – 20 November. Students are encouraged to work with their teachers to prepare revision notes and seek assistance in the areas of work they may have found challenging in class.

Kindergarten to Year 10 Reports

Students from Kindergarten to Year 10 will receive their Yearly Reports in the last week of this term. If Parent or Carers have any questions or concerns about the progress of their child/ren in any areas of their education, please make a time to come and speak with their classroom teachers.

Immunisations Years 7 and 10

Immunisations for students in Years 7 and 10 will be held on Tuesday 27 October. This will be the second round for some students and catch-ups for students who were away earlier in the year. New notes were



sent home last week. Please make sure these are returned to the Front Office.

Year 6 into Year 7 Transition

Starting next Monday 26 October, Year 6 students will be working with Secondary Teachers over the next seven weeks to get ready for their move into Year 7 in 2021. Every Monday Year 6 will be in Secondary. This week they started by joining the Secondary ACTIVATE classes with great success! If Parents or Carers have any questions about Transition into Secondary, please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak with me.

Scripture - Kindergarten to Year 8

This Wednesday we welcomed our Scripture teachers Jenine and Ruth to school to run our Scripture classes each Wednesday for the students from Kindergarten to Year 8. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Robbie McFadyen for her dedication to this role and our students in the past and to wish her all the best for her new life in Eugowra. We would also like to welcome Mrs Ruth Simmons to the role this term. Ruth brings to the role an enormous skill set, including her teaching experience and her musical ability. We look forward to a very rewarding term for our students in these classes.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend and fortnight.

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Deputy Principal



Welcome back for Term 4!

ACTIVATE Secondary

Secondary Activate kicked off this week, with student participating in a range of activities in their nominated group of either Coding, Creativity, Agriculture or Outdoor Recreation.

Last Thursday Secondary students were joined by Stage 3 students as part of the Year 6 Transition into high school. It was so great to see our students so engaged in these activities, with all teachers reporting how amazing and engaged the students were in their learning.

Students will stay in their allocated groups for the remainder of Term 4, before reselecting later in the Term for Term 1, 2021.

Preparation for Assessment Block

Week 6 this term marks an assessment block for secondary students in Years 7 to 10.

We encourage all students to seek assistance from teachers when they are experiencing difficulties or would like further clarification on a concept.

A reminder that teachers run a HOMEWORK CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY at 3:30pm for any student who may wish to attend.

If you have any question or concerns about your child's education please contact myself at the school to discuss.

Mr Joshua Brown
Head Teacher



Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 14th October PHCS held our Annual Athletics Carnival. Students participated enthusiastically and enjoyed moving from event to event as a class group.

Thank you to all the community members who came to support our students. There were some very fast and competitive races, and some great results in the field events. There were three records broken on the day:

Shaquille Buchanan - 9 years 100m sprint - 15.84s (previously held by James Theil - 17.03 - 2004)

Jock Strahorn - 10 years 100m sprint - 15.84s (previously held by Cameron Kopp - 16.05 - 2008)

Jock Strahorn - 10 years Shot Put - 9m (previously held by Malachi Dart - 7.77 - 2014)

The winning house for the day was Harvey-Newell.

Yearly Examinations

In Week 6 students in Years 7-10 will sit their Yearly Examinations. If students would like extra assistance in preparing for exams, they are welcome to attend Homework Centre on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30.

Exams provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed in their Key Learning Areas over the semester.

Tips for preparing for Exams:

1. Create a study timetable
2. Practise past examinations (ask a teacher for a copy if necessary)
3. Revise notes create in class
4. Use flow charts, diagrams and flashcards
5. Organise a study group with friends
6. Maintain a nutritious diet and healthy sleep schedule

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher

ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

The winning house for the day was Harvey-Newell with a total of 342 points. Mungery-Bogan was close behind with a total of 315 points.

The 2020 Athletics Age Champions are:

Junior Primary

Jock Strahorn
Khalia Solomon

Senior Primary

Jono Dargan
Taliyah Keed-White

Junior Secondary

Jacob Bell
MaryJayne Breznikar

Senior Secondary:

James Robinson
Summah McMaster

Miss Lucy Dempsey
PDHPE Teacher



CANTEEN CLOSED!

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE
CLOSED ALL NEXT WEEK.

Monday 26th October to
Friday 30 October 2020



Pirru Thangkurray - Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have been participating in the Pirru Thangkurray Program with David and Lily from Dubbo AECG.

The Dream Strong team have been instrumental in supporting our students understanding of land and culture. This goal setting program is based on cultural engagement and goal setting. The aim is to meet the Premiers Priority to increase the proportion of Aboriginal students attaining Year 12 by 50% by 2023.

This week students made keyrings during a cultural engagement lesson. The keyrings used emu feathers and quandong seeds.

Our students are absolutely loving the opportunities provided through the Dubbo AECG's Pirru Thangkurray Program.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher



Library News

Welcome back to a new term in the Library. Promoting Reading at PHCS.

This term we have transported students 'Under the Sea' with jellyfish, turtles and fish all scattered around the Library.

Over the term students will be completing individual sea artworks to place in the library on display.

Congratulations to all students who have earned another reward for returning and borrowing books. I hope to see more students bringing their books back and borrowing this term.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Teacher Librarian



School Calendar

Term 4 Calendar 2020

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	26 October Kick Start Kindy 9:30am – 12:30pm	27 Year 7 and 10 Immunisations	28	29	30
	← NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK →				
Week 4	2 November Kick Start Kindy 9:30am – 12:30pm Tottenham CS Ind Tech	3 Tullamore CS Eng, PDHPE & Work Studies	4 Trundle CS Maths/Numeracy & Construction Year 11 WAP Study Week	5 Peak Hill CS CAFT & SLR	6 Yeoval CS Hospitality
Week 5	9 Kick Start Kindy 9:30am – 12:30pm	10	11	12 Year 12 Celebration Dinner Belrose Rotary Visit	13 Belrose Rotary Visit
Week 6	16 Kick Start Kindy 9:30am – 3pm	17 Year 7-10 Exams	18 Year 11 WAP VET Workplacement	19	20
Week 7	23 Kick Start Kindy 9:30am – 3pm	24	25	26 Year 10 White Card Training Trundle	27 Primary Swimming Program Day 1 Kindy – Year 6
Week 8	30	1 December	2 Primary Swimming Program Kindy – Year 6 Marathon Health Visit 10am – 3pm	3	4
Week 9	7 Year 10 WAP Transition & VET induction	8	9	10 Primary Swimming Program Final Day Kindy – Year 6	11
Week 10	14 PHCS Presentation Assembly 6pm	15	16 Student's Last Day of School	17	18

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EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!

PHCS Athletics Carnival



PHCS Athletics Carnival



Look What's Happening in K/1/2

It has been a great start to Term 4.

In Mathematics we have been learning about position and location. We have been practicing describing the location of objects using language such as next to, behind, in front, between, under, over and more. We then had to give and follow instructions using this language.

We have also been creating and drawing a variety of maps.

Miss Elsie Woodley
Classroom Teacher



At Home Challenge

Create a map of your house and describe to someone, how to get from one place to another.

Learning in Year 2/3

Year 2/3 have had a wonderful start to our final term of 2020

Attendance has been high every day which has lead to consistent and deep learning for all students.

We have been learning about fractions in Mathematics and have really enjoyed exploring the different ways we can divide whole items and amounts. We have found equivalent fractions particularly fascinating!

In Writing we are focusing on poetry and different strategies we can use to make our writing more engaging and how we can make our audience feel our words, rather than just hear them.

Our class continues to grow, with four new students over the year. It has been amazing to see the class be so helpful and kind to ensure all students feel welcome and excited to learn and have fun!

Miss Tiarne McLeod
Classroom Teacher



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

This Fortnight in Year 3/4

Welcome back to our final term of the year!

What a busy term we have coming up, with the Athletics Carnival, The Life Education Van, Christmas celebrations and end of term assemblies.

This term students are focusing on poetry during writing and we have already started writing some great pieces on Koalas and Kookaburras.

Our Geography focus for this term is Australia and our neighbouring countries. During this unit we will look at the similarities and differences between Australia and the countries closest to us. We will also study weather patterns and cultures.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Classroom Teacher



Year 5/6

This term 5/6 are studying poetry.

This week students had a go at writing a Haiku poem about themselves. A Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry containing only 17 syllables (5 on the first, 7 on the second and 5 on the last).

Have a look at some of the examples below.

Miss Grace Stewart
Classroom Teacher



I live in Peak Hill

I like fishing at the weir

Yabbies are the best!

By Mundara

I'm a good drawer
I love European History
Peak hill is my home



By Ben



Sharntelle is my name

I live in Australia

I have 4 brothers

By Sharntelle Schnitger



I am Khalia

I like swimming in my creek

I love family



I am Taliyah
My cat is called
Pineapple

I like sweaty cheese

BY TALIAH



I am very short

I love to ride my horses

I love my pony

By Charlee Beeby



This term Stage 4 will be studying a unit called 'Personal Voices'.

The idea behind this unit is to share with students a range of different types of writing and for students to work on discovering their own written voice. **Each of our students have important ideas that are worth hearing and sharing.** Students will work towards **reading** a novel and preparing a multimedia presentation.



Stage 5 are studying a unit called Crime and Punishment. This study connects to the ideas that students have studied throughout the previous three terms. Students will be reading a range of newspaper articles, poems and short stories and from week 4 will be **reading** a novel.

For both Stage 4 and Stage 5 students are encouraged to attend homework centre on a Wednesday afternoon to help build on their literacy skills.

Mr Michael Labone
English Teacher



This term there are some key events taking place for Stage 4.

In Week 6 students in Year 7 and Year 8 will be sitting their Yearly Examinations. These exams will be based around the content students have learnt at school this year. If there are any questions about the exams please get in touch.

STAGE 5 ELECTIVES for 2021

Later this term students in Year 8 will be choosing two elective subjects to be studied in 2021. Electives give students the opportunity to engage with some of their interests during class time.

Over the next few weeks the list of electives that will be offered will be finalised and contact will be made with parents and guardians to make sure that all students are making informed choices about their studies.

Mr Michael Labone
Stage 4 Year Advisor



Science with Mr John Grubb

To wrap up the Body Systems topic, stage 4 students had a chance to assemble all the bones of the left arm from the shoulder and collar bone down, using some 3D printed bones and a bit of problem solving.

Mr John Grubb
Science Teacher



ACTIVATE Creativity

Mrs Stanford and Ms Stewart along with the help of Aunty Vicki and Meiko have launched the fabulous Creativity ACTIVATE group.

The students have been excited and engaged with the projects Mrs Stanford has organised. These include jewelry making, Christmas decorations and mandala colouring.

Here are some photos from our first few days, what a success!



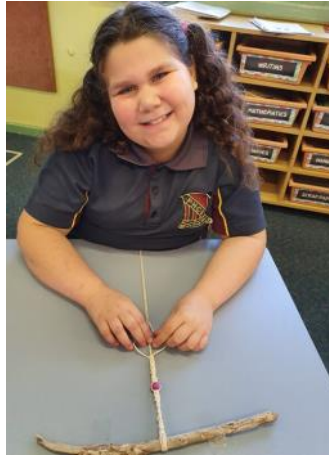
Students will be introduced to knitting and will be making rugs for the Charity, 'Wrap with Love, who provide rugs for many people in need. Wool and needles for the project were kindly donated by the ladies from Milton Quilters and the Quirky Quilters, this donation was very much appreciated.

Ms Brenda Stewart
Classroom Teacher



Wrap With Love Inc
@wrapwithloveinc - Charity Organization

ACTIVATE PHCS



Promoting Creativity,
Communication
and Collaboration
Everyday!



Community Information

2019/2020
Swimming Club Presentation
Sunday 1st November
1pm
Peak Hill Memorial Park

Bring a chair for an afternoon of fun in the park and a hotdog lunch for our 2019/2020 season Swimming Club Presentation.

We will also hold our AGM and general meeting to kick off the swimming season. For the season to go ahead this year we will need a full committee plus people to coordinate the coaching/stroke afternoons and Friday night time trials.

RSVP for catering purposes by Saturday 24th October.
Kathleen Pizzi - Phone 0427 699 605 Email: peakhillswimclub@gmail.com

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 a 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

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



For all enquiries contact 6869 1037

Neighbourhood CENTRAL
People our Passion — Service our Strength

87 Caswell Street - Peak Hill

THURSDAY BOYS YOUTH GROUP
3pm - 4.30pm
A fun and safe place for boys to come together, play sports, get involved in workshops and activities. Developing a sense of community and participation, while making new friends.
Returns 29th October

TUESDAY HOMEWORK CENTRE
Peak Hill Homework centre operates at the hub. Every Tuesday during school term from 3pm - 4.30pm for students Year 6 - 12. Offering homework support, excursions, free internet access, and group activities. Light refreshments provided for afternoon tea. Returning 27th October

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S & BUB'S GROUP & GIRLS YOUTH GROUP
Womens and Bubs 11am - 1pm
Girls youth group 3pm - 4.30pm
Providing support and encouragement for women and girls whilst being involved in workshops, outings, activities arts and crafts, cooking and more. Womens group returns 14th October. Girls group returns 28th October

FRIDAY PEAK HILL COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
Eligible clients receive a subsidised meal every Friday at the Peak Hill Ex Services Club and can enjoy a game of bingo. Transport to this event is available by calling Neighbourhood Central Community Transport. 0268 623757

We're Back!

The Hub

Covid-19 measures still remain in place. All persons entering the hub must sanitise their hands on arrival, sign in and obey the social distancing signage. Anyone sick is asked to stay at home until they are feeling well.

Musica Arioso now offering

DRAMA CLASSES IN PARKES



DRAMA HELPS TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S

**CONFIDENCE
CREATIVITY &
COMMUNICATION**

WEDNESDAYS | Parkes Girl Guide Hall

4:00pm Beginners (ages 5-9)

5:00pm Intermediate (ages 9-12)

6:00pm Highschool (ages 12- 18)

Bookings essential | Call us on 0414 478 535

www.facebook.com/musicaarioso

<https://musicaarioso.mymusicstaff.com/Expression-of-Interest--Drama>

P&C AGM

PHCS P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday, 11 November 2020 in the school Library at 3:30pm

- All executive positions will be declared vacant.
- Following the AGM will be a General Meeting.
- Everyone attending must comply with the COVID-19 procedures by hand sanitising upon arrival, signing in at the front office and keeping a social distance of 1.5m apart.

AGM

Annual General Meeting



Community Notice

Have Your Say

We encourage Parents/Carers and Community members to provide us with feedback or suggestions on anything regarding Peak Hill Central School.



Name: _____

Absent Note

Students Name: _____ Year/Class: _____

My child/ren was/were absent from school on _____ because

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signature: _____