

Peak Hill Central School Newsletter



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Term 4 Week 7 - Monday 23 November 2020

Congratulations Year 12



SUCCESS THROUGH EFFORT

Principal's Message



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Annual Presentation Night

Monday 14th December, commencing at 6 pm under
the School COLA - main quadrangle.

This is a COVID-19 safe event and is for award recipients and their families via invite only.

Award recipients will receive their invite this coming week. Students and their families will be seated in household/friendship tables adhering to social distancing regulations.

There are limited numbers so RSVP is essential by 1st December via the School Administration Office phone 6869 1304.

- ◆ All students must be in full school uniform.
- ◆ Light refreshments will be available on each table.
- ◆ Primary and Secondary School Captains will be announced on the night.
- ◆ Entry and exit will be via Library gates on Caswell Street and the Bogan Street Entry. This will be done according to Surname to avoid bottle neck at the entry.
- ◆ Paperwork will need to be completed prior to entry, please allow time for this to ensure you are seated by 6pm.
- ◆ Mingling is to be minimised before, during and after the presentation.
- ◆ Further details will be posted closer to the event.

Community Consultation

There will be three more opportunities for parent/carers and community members to be a part of the school's situational analysis and planning for our next 4-year school plan.

If you would like to have your input into the priorities of your local school you are invited to attend one of the following events:

- P & C meeting Wednesday 2nd December from 3:30 in the school Library
- Staff Development Day 1 Thursday 17th of December from 9:00am in the School Library
- Staff Development Day 2 Friday 18th of December from 9:00am in the school Library

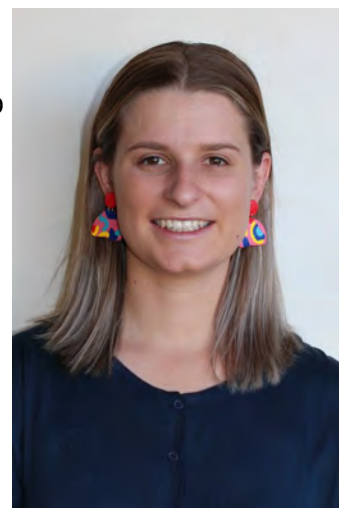


Welcome Georgia Westcott

A big welcome to Miss Georgia Westcott who officially took up her permanent appointment this week.

It is great to have Georgia as a part of our teaching staff.

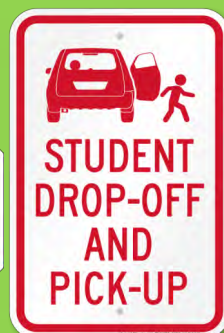
Mr Peter Neilsen
Principal



Update Re School Busses and Student Pick Up

Please ensure you follow the school's procedures regarding student drop off and pick up by parents and carers and bus travel.

- All students to be dropped off and picked up by parents /carers or who are walking to and from school are to arrive or exit via the Bogan Street Gates.
- The front office entry is for late arrivals, early departures only
- The Bus gate on Derribong Street is for bus travel to and from school only. The majority of the eastern side of Derribong Street is a designated Bus Zone from 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm
- Parents and carers are not to park in the bus zone during these times. It is illegal to park under the trees in the centre of Derribong Street.
- Parents of small children are to hold their hand if they are crossing the road in the pick-up / drop off zones as these are very busy times with high volume traffic movement.
- If there is a change of plan for your child's bus travel or pick up arrangements please contact the front office.
- Any prior approval for exceptions to the above procedures are now null & void.
- Please contact the Principal if you would like to discuss.



Weeks 5 and 6 at Peak High Central School was simply spectacular!

If you could imagine the most action packed, fun filled new experiences ever, well, this was the week that was!

"Always Was, Always Will Be"

The 2020 theme for National NAIDOC Week simply says it all! During Week 5 the staff and students at PHCS totally embraced this year's theme as we centred student activities, excursions and experiences around the need to connect to country and to embed culture in everything we do as a school community. It is without a doubt one of the most incredible weeks we have ever had at PHCS – as every day opened new opportunities for our students.

High Expectations Every Day at PHCS

Congratulations to the incredible students from Kindergarten to Year 12 who are at school on time, ready to learn every day! Well done to the students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 who participated so positively in their Yearly Examinations last week.

2021 Transition Classes @ PHCS

It has been so incredibly rewarding to see the joy and excitement in our Preschool students each Monday as

they come to join the **KICK START KINDY** program. The planning and preparation that has gone on behind the scenes to ensure this smooth transition into the next thirteen years of education has been absolutely phenomenal. A sincere thank you to our Assistant Principal, Miss Grace Stewart and our newest member of staff, Miss Georgia Westcott. Our current Year 6 students have been visiting high school every Monday to experience the routine of the Secondary timetable and the brilliantly equipped learning spaces we have to offer. Thank you to the Secondary teachers who have so generously offered to provide transition lessons each Monday. I know that Year 6 have looked forward to these classes. Last Monday Lilliana told me that **Year 6 into Year 7 Transition** is the only reason she loves Monday. So, well done team!

SAVE THE DATE – Year 10 into Year 11 Western Access Program (WAP) Transition will occur for all students across our five WAP schools, at PHCS on Monday 7 December. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their Course Coordinators for 2021 and to meet their new class mates from each of the WAP schools. This is always a very positive and exciting day for both students and teachers.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions about this transition class.



Always Was, Always Will Be.

Term 4 - Great News Letters!

This week staff will be busy organising positive **Great News Letters** to send home to students and families celebrating and recognising the success of students from each class in Kindergarten to Year 11. These beautiful laminated certificates are sent home three times a term to students who have demonstrated success through effort. Congratulations to the students who have received a certificate already this term. The next certificates will be sent home next week.

Primary Excursions

Congratulations Primary students! Your behaviour and participation in the class excursions this term has been a credit to both you and your families. You have represented the school so respectfully and responsibility. We are very proud of you!

The final Primary day trip will be:

3/4 – Tuesday 24 November to the Japanese Gardens, Adventure Park & the Old Dubbo Gaol.

A reminder that this excursion is 100% subsidised by the school and that food for recess and lunch will also be supplied. We hope that you have a wonderful day!

Year 7 – 10 BLUE MOUNTAINS EXCURSION

Notes went home on Monday to all students in Secondary for the day trip to Katoomba in the Blue Mountains.

Date of Excursion:	Friday 4 December, 2020
Cost:	NIL. <i>The cost of this excursion has been 100% paid for by PHCS.</i>
Transport Type/ Driven By:	Coach travel supplied by Western Road Liners, Parkes
Departure & Return Times:	DEPART: PCHS 6.30am Arrive Katoomba 10.30am Depart Katoomba 4pm RETURN: PHCS 8pm
Students need to bring/wear:	School polo top, navy shorts, hat, fully enclosed, comfortable shoes. Food for Morning Tea and Water.
List of Activities:	We will visit Scenic World including the: Scenic Cableway, Scenic Skyway, Scenic Railway We will be also visiting the Three Sisters where we will complete the glass floor rainforest walk.
Supervising Staff:	Mrs Doyle, Mr Thomas, Mr Labone, Mr Watt, Mr Cain, Miss Bell, Mrs Cartwright

Literacy and Numeracy for Work

A one-day workshop for students in Years 9, 10 and 11, will be held at school on Monday 30 November and it will be run by the staff from Western Student

Connections in Dubbo. This interactive workshop will explore the literacy and numeracy skills that students will need to gain an apprenticeship or to join the workforce. Each student will be given a workbook of activities, which they may use to practice their literacy and numeracy skills following the workshop. These important life skills will help to prepare our students for their future lives.

Year 11 WAP Work Placement

Year 11 students, Jada Read, Lamia Bell, Tijuana Keed and Goran Milinkovic, are to be commended on their organisation and work ethic as they participated in a one-week block of VET Work Placement last week. The benefits of this experience are without number! The work skills, the development of interpersonal skills, not to mention the opportunity to gain meaningful, long term employment in the future. These students are truly **CONNECTING, SUCCEEDING and GROWING** as individuals and as skilful, work ready citizens of our community. A big thank you to our staff who have transported our students each day and supported their vocational learning.

Kindergarten to Year 12 Homework Centre Every Wednesday

For any student in Kindergarten to Year 12, who would like to have any extra support or assistance with their classwork, homework or assessment tasks, teaching staff are available to work with students on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5pm in the school library. If you are interested in sending your child/ren please let me know. ALL students are welcome.

Belrose Rotary Visit – Dress for Success

On Thursday and Friday the 12 and 13 November, PHCS welcomed the Belrose Rotarians to Peak Hill to work with our Secondary students. Each year the Rotarians mentor our students' career aspirations by developing their resumes and completing mock job interviews during their visit. This year the Rotarians have worked with a Marrickville company called *"Dress for Success"* for the girls and another company called, *"Metro Assist"* in Ashfield for the boys. These two companies provided high quality beautiful new clothing for each student to wear to their Mock job interview. The pride and joy on the students faces as they modelled their beautiful new outfits was sensational. We would like to sincerely thank our friends at the Belrose Rotary Club, along with Mr Cliff George and Mrs Maria George and Mrs Di Hutchins

for “interviewing” our students and providing valuable tips, tricks and feedback about how the students can perform best at a job interview. A big thank you also to the two companies who so generously donated multiple stunning new interview ready outfits to our students.

Year 12 - 2020

It has been a time of great pride, joy and celebration for our Year 12 students, Haidee, Lauren, Arora, Joseph and Tyden. Our PHCS Celebration Dinner at the Peak Hill Bowling Club occurred on Thursday 12 November and then on Friday 20 November the “Waterhole” Function Centre at the Taronga Western Plains Zoo was the backdrop for the Western Access Program Graduation dinner. A massive congratulations to Haidee, Lauren and Arora who were all Award Recipients at the WAP Graduation. I know that your families and our staff were immensely proud of your efforts and achievements. We know that your time at PHCS and as a student of the Western Access Program, will hold you in good stead for whatever wonders your future may hold. I would like to personally wish each of our students all the very best for their future endeavours. Stay true to yourself, be happy, show gratitude often and work hard.

Help put the READ into Reading @ PHCS

A special thank you to our Literacy team for their passion and inspiration across our school community to remind us all of the importance of reading to and with our children every day! This simple act, will be one of the most important gifts and childhood memories that you can ever give your children. I look forward to us all sharing the love and joy of reading at Peak Hill Central School and within our families and our wider community. Reading really is the key to success. Let's all work together to make a difference!

Thank you everyone for your positive attitudes, hard work and enthusiasm for learning over the past fortnight. Take care of yourself and each other and share kindness like confetti!

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Deputy Principal



Examinations

Stage 4 and 5 engaged well in their examinations last week. It was so great to see all students striving for their personal best throughout their exams. Students who have missed examinations will have the opportunity to catch them up.

Sport

Week 5 Wednesday, saw students engaging in a dodgeball competition during their sports period. Students were divided into three teams with team captains motivating and organising their teams. Student participation was extremely high with great sportsmanship on display throughout the contests. Each team played each other twice. Based on the high level of competition on display, the only right way was to finish with a staff versus students game. What a game it was with the students displaying great teamwork and collaboration to really challenge the staff, if only the bell didn't go so soon!

WAP

Four of our Year 11 students completed their work placement last week both locally and in Dubbo. Tijuana was at Peak Hill Central School's 'Tucker Box', Jada at Short Street Store, Lamia at Dubbo RSL and Goran at Kitchen and Renovations. I extend my many thanks to the businesses who have provided our students with these amazing opportunities.

Joshua Brown
Head Teacher



NAIDOC Week

In Week 5, Students from K-12 celebrated NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week. The theme this year for NAIDOC was "Always Was, Always Will Be". This recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Students participated in various activities throughout the week. On Monday, students in the Stage 5 Aboriginal Studies class travelled to the Wungunja Cultural Centre in Trangie and the Beemunnel Heritage Trail at Warren. Primary students created a NAIDOC banner with Carmen, and students in the Dreamstrong Program created a NAIDOC Banner with Lily from Dubbo AECG. Students in K/1/2 were very lucky as they were able to visit the Dubbo Taronga Zoo on Wednesday, which will surely be a highlight of the term. On Thursday students in Stage 4 visited "Little Burning Mountain" as a part of their Visual Art and LOTE (Wiradjuri) Program. The week culminated on Friday with Scott "Sauce" Towney presenting the school with his commemorative minted coin. Auntie Vicki also presented the Belrose Rotarians with incredible clapsticks and artwork to thank the Rotarians for their ongoing support of our students. This was followed with a cultural BBQ and afternoon tea.

More photos of NAIDOC Week celebrations are available on page 7.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher



A scare tree at the Beemunnel's in Warren.



Stage 5 Aboriginal Studies class at the Wungunja Centre in Trangie.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations



Stage 4 visited Little Burning Mountain.



The Drover's Inn in Trangie



K/1/2 visited the Taronga Western Plains Zoo.



Scott 'Sauce' Towney presented his commemorative coin to the school.



Samuel and Mr Neilsen enjoying the Cultural BBQ.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations



Year 2/3 loved the opportunity to ice and decorate their own NAIDOC cupcake during the NAIDOC week celebrations. We also decorate a delicious big cake, so that nobody missed out!



During NAIDOC Week I worked with students to create a meaningful 3D artwork to celebrate the cultural significance of Indigenous Australians in our community.

We used paint and airdry clay to represent the Rainbow Serpent and its importance in Dreamtime stories about the creation of our land.

Mrs Lyndal Edge
Classroom Teacher



Mrs James and Mrs Edge and their amazing Artists at work on the NAIDOC masterpiece.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program

First Day: Friday, 27 November
Last Day: Thursday, 10 December

Remember to bring:

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Rash t-shirt or old t-shirt

Please label all items with your child's name.



School Calendar

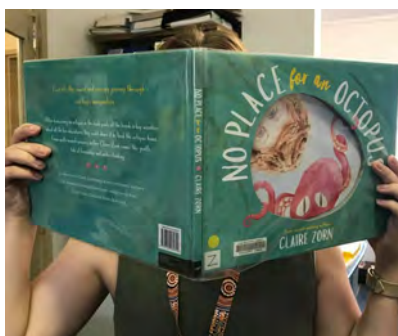
Term 4 Calendar 2020

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	23 Kick Start Kindy 9:30am – 3pm	24 Year 3/4 Old Dubbo Gaol, Japanese Gardens & Adventure Park Excursion	25	26 Year 10 White Card Training Trundle	27 Primary Swimming Program Day 1 Kindy – Year 6
Week 8	30 Literacy & Numeracy for work Years 9-11 workshop	1 December	2 Primary Swimming Program Kindy – Year 6 Marathon Health Visit 10am – 3pm	3	4 Secondary Blue Mountains Excursion
Week 9	7 Year 10 WAP Transition & VET induction at PHCS	8	9	10 Primary Swimming Program Final Day Kindy – Year 6	11
Week 10	14 PHCS Presentation Assembly 6pm	15 Year 6 Celebration Lunch	16 PBL Pool Party Student's Last Day of School	17	18

Who's Behind the Book?

Can you guess who these secret readers are? If you guess correctly you'll win your very own book to read. Write your guess under each picture then place it in the box at the front office.

Mrs Lyndal Edge
Classroom Teacher



PHCS Year 12 Graduation Dinner



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Look What's Happening in K/1/2

Last week K/1/2 went on an excursion to the Dubbo Zoo.

We had a great day looking at all the animals and playing on the equipment, before heading back to school for a BBQ lunch.

We then wrote about what we did on the excursion and what our favourite parts were.

Miss Elsie Woodley
Classroom Teacher



Learning in Year 2/3

What an adventurous fortnight for Year 2/3!

We had the best time at our excursion to the Narromine Aviation Museum. We had a guided tour, saw some real-life plane parts and an awesome replica of the Wright brothers' original plane. We then had lunch and a play at the park.

When we got back from our excursion, we went over to the Agriculture Plot where we held baby chickens and got our own plants to take home.

In Mathematics we have been learning about 3D and 2D shapes and the different places we see them in the real world.

Our behaviour has continued to improve and I am so proud of how kind the students have been to each other.

Keep up the great work 2/3!

Miss Tiarne McLeod
Classroom Teacher



Year 3/4 News

This week we were lucky enough to welcome two beautiful new students into our classroom. Katelyn and Mason have settled in fantastically and have been straight into it working hard and finding new friends to play with.

We have been extremely busy gathering and painting sticks for our NAIDOC Art this fortnight. Our completed sticks will be placed in vases and put at the entrance to the front office for all our visitors to see.

Students in 3/4 this fortnight have been learning everything about shapes and angles. We even taught Mrs Strahorn a thing or two about different types of shapes. It really is true that you learn something new every day.

I am so proud of my beautiful class. We are all working very well together to make each and every day a happy and successful one.

Well done, Stage 2.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Classroom Teacher



This Fortnight in Year 5/6

On Tuesday, 17 November Year 5/6 students attended an excursion to the Wellington Caves.

All students had a fantastic time.

Miss Grace Stewart
Classroom Teacher



Who's Reading What??

What are you reading at the moment?

The Golden Buddha by Clive Cussler.

Why did you choose to read this book?

I have previously enjoyed reading books by this Author.

What are you enjoying about this book?

Clive Cussler's books are well written, descriptive and full of action.

What does reading this book make you think about or feel?

I enjoy creating the scenery and characters in my mind from how well the Author describes them in the books.

Mr David Gaunt

School Administration Officer



Who's Reading What??

What book are you currently reading? The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

Why did you choose this book? I've loved all the Hunger Games Books. I was so excited when I saw that another one had been released.

What do you like about this book? It is a prequel to the other Hunger Games Books, and follows the story of a young Coriolanus Snow during the "Dark Days".

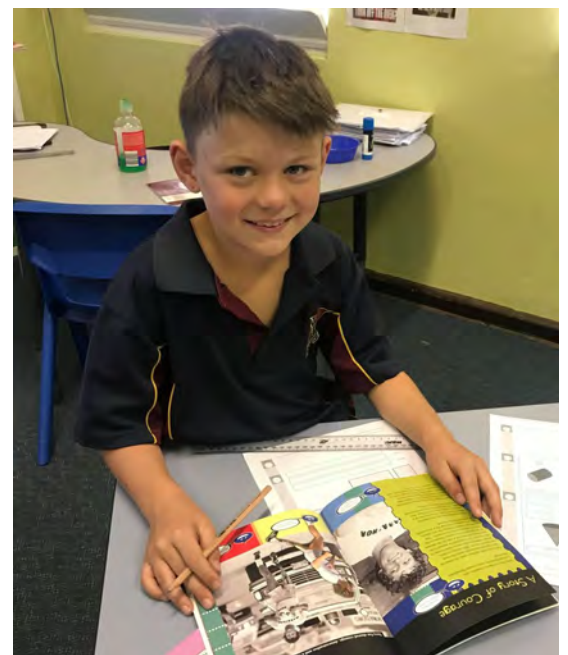
What does reading this book make you think about or feel? All the Hunger Games really make me think about society and the idea of a "Utopia" or "Dystopia". This book in particular also makes me think about the idea of nature vs nurture and how someone becomes "evil".

Miss Lucy Dempsey

Head Teacher



"Lyndal's Literacy Lounge - Where Everyone's a Reader!"





17 November 2020

MEDIA RELEASE

FREE ONLINE 'HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS' WORKSHOP

Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils will be hosting another online workshop for parents and other supervisors of local learner drivers, full of practical advice and information about completing the 120 hours of supervised driving.

The free 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers' workshop is scheduled for Thursday 10 December from 6pm.

Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Council's Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer, Melanie Suitor, said while the usual face to face workshops weren't possible due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the online delivery will hopefully make it more easily accessible for participants to attend.

"We held two of these online workshops back in August and had a great response from across the region.

"Parents and supervisors of learner drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer. That is why we have teamed up with Transport for NSW and the Councils across the Western Region to hold another one of these workshops via Zoom," Ms Suitor said.

Participants can attend from the safety and comfort of their own home. The estimated run time is around 1 hour and 15 minutes.

The workshop covers the licencing system, how to use the Learner Driver Logbook including the use of digital logbooks, licence conditions for learner and P-plate drivers, the benefits of on-road driving sessions, tips on supervising a learner driver and more.

"Parents and supervisors who have attended this workshop in the past have found that it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share their experiences with other parents and supervisors," Ms Suitor said.

Bookings are essential and can be made online via Eventbrite, through the Councils' Facebook pages or by calling Ms Suitor on (02) 6861 2364.

For further information please call Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer, Melanie Suitor, on (02) 6861 2364.

NARROMINE LITTLE A's



Narromine Little Athletics welcomes you!

Our 2020/21 season is about to get underway

Registrations, uniforms and info

Thursday 26 November 2020 @ 5pm

First club night

Thursday 3 December 2020 @ 5pm

Payten Oval

All welcome. Fun and friendly competition for all kids age 6+

Children with a disability especially welcome

COVID-19 safe

\$100

Active kids voucher accepted

\$0 to register with a valid voucher

For more information contact President Tanya Harding 0418 633 895

Register online at <https://memberdesq.sportstg.com/>



P&C AGM

PHCS P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday, 2 December 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.
- The Principal will be talking about the School Plan
- Afternoon Tea will be provided



P & C Fundraiser

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C have organised a fundraiser with 'My Child's Artwork'.

Primary students have drawn a picture, which has been uploaded on 'My Child's Artwork' website. You are now able to purchase your child's beautiful artwork and turn them into personalised gifts and keepsake items.

Orders are available online only. Please Visit:

www.mychildsartwork.com.au

Username: PeakHillCentral

Password: a78sGBbh

Enter your child's name, search, add, confirm, students name, tick box, then select your items.

From every item you purchase the P&C will receive a percentage. Thanks for supporting the PHCS P&C.

If you need any help please contact Kim on 0424 383 968

Super user friendly website
(for mobile/tablet/laptop/desktop)

Order your beautiful, personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas designed by YOUR Child!

We have some lovely unique products such as our Personalised Vanilla Scented Candle in its own personalised presentation box.

Products from as little as **\$3.50** (+ p&p)

Top quality AU sourced products.

Up to 20%
of all product sales (excluding postage) go directly to your child's school, childcare or group!

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Your child has submitted a drawing/picture via the school / childcare or group that has been uploaded to the website www.mychildsartwork.com.au/order. The drawing/picture will only remain live to view and order until December 2019. Due to product availability and extended lead times in the run up to Christmas, we cannot guarantee to fulfil any order SO PLEASE DO NOT DELAY login now using the unique codes overleaf. Orders are usually dispatched within 10 days. If, for any reason, an order cannot be fulfilled by 15th December 2019, a full refund will be issued and no further liability is accepted. Your school will receive a commission on any products purchased up until 15th December 2019.

Marathon Health Visit

Free Hearing Screening

On Wednesday 2 December Macquarie Health will be visiting Peak Hill Central School to conduct free hearing screenings for students who have returned a completed permission note.

Ms Corina Barnes
Learning and Support Teacher



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: _____