



**We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School**

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Term 3 Week 10 - Wednesday, 23 September 2020

## Principal's Message

# Kindergarten 2021

## Introducing our Kindergarten Teachers



**Miss Elsie Woodley**



**Miss Georgia Westcott**

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I can announce that Peak Hill Central School will have two teachers on Kindergarten in 2021. Miss Elsie Woodley and Miss Georgia Westcott.

Miss Woodley has been teaching Kindergarten at PHCS for the last two years. Miss Woodley will be the lead Kindergarten Teacher for 2021. Miss Woodley grew up on her family farm at Wongarbone near Dubbo which was featured when Prince Harry and Meghan Markle had lunch with Miss Woodley and her family when they visited Dubbo in October 2018.

I am super excited to reintroduce the Kindergarten co-teacher for 2021, Miss Georgia Westcott. Georgia joins our staff in a permanent capacity in November this year. Georgia has been teaching Kindergarten at Gilgandra Public School. Miss Westcott grew up on her family's property near Peak Hill and attended Peak Hill Central School from Kindergarten to Year 12 for her schooling. Miss Westcott was a finalist in the World Skills in Hospitality in Perth when she was studying at Peak Hill Central School.

Both teachers will implement the schools goal of High Expectations where every student improves every year with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy. They will gather essential data through the Kindergarten Best Start Program and implement the strategies and programs under the Early Action For Success program. A Deputy Principal Instructional Leader is also employed 2 days a week to build student and teacher capacity in Literacy and Numeracy with emphasis on K-Year2. Early Action For Success provides tailored individualised intervention and differentiated learning for students based on authentic assessment and learning data. Highly effective teaching and support staff, who have access to expertly led Professional Learning based on the latest research and evidence based effective teaching strategies and programs will also support this class.

Our 2021 Kindergarten students are very fortunate to have these two outstanding educators as their teachers providing a better than best start and laying solid foundations for lifelong learning.

**Principal**

Mr Peter Neilsen

**Deputy Principal**

Mrs Catherine  
Doyle

**Assistant Principal**

Miss Grace Stewart

**Head Teachers****Secondary Studies**

Mr Joshua Brown  
Miss Lucy Dempsey

**Head Teacher  
Western Access  
Program**

Mrs Crystal  
Stanford

**Aboriginal  
Education Officer**

Mrs Vicki Sharah

**Administration  
Manager**

Mrs Tanya Stanford

**P & C Committee****President**

Mrs Kelly Dart

**Secretary/  
Treasurer**

Ms Kim Dern

**Time to Shine - Take a fresh look at Peak Hill Central School***Enrolment Packs and personalised tours*

The front office has been very busy over the past week with parents and carers coming in to collect enrolment packs. The pack contains enrolment forms plus information to assist students and parents in preparing for Kindergarten. There is also early learning materials and goodies for each new student. We are accepting enrolments for Kinder and all years now for 2021. If you would like to meet for a private tour or meet to discuss your child's academic and social future, please call the school to make a confidential appointment.



Elsie Woodley meeting Prince Harry and Meghan Markle



Georgia Westcott attending the World Skills in Perth

**Kick Start Kindy - Orientation**

We are currently awaiting the Department of Education COVID-19 updates for Term 4. This should be announced on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. As soon as we get the green light we will be commencing our Kick Start Kindy transition program. This will be held each Monday for prospective Kindergarten 2021 students. If permitted we will be holding activities for parents and carers too. Like us on Facebook to receive current updates of when Kick Start Kindy will commence. Share with your friends and other community members who have a child starting school next year.

**Year 12 Graduation and Dinner**

Year 12 are nearing the end of their schooling with Week 1 of Term 4 their final week at Peak Hill Central School. On Thursday, 15th October we will hold a Farewell Ceremony and luncheon at school. This will be a COVID-19 safe event. Details will be sent home on Monday 12th October (Day 1) of Term 4. If allowed we will have family in attendance if not we will live stream on Facebook to enable family to see their children partake in this ceremony.

**Year 12 Reports**

Year 12 reports will be distributed by Friday this week. If you have any questions or would like to talk to your child's teachers please contact the school during Week 1 of Term 4 to make an appointment over the phone.

### HSC Examinations

HSC examinations commence on Tuesday, 20th October 2020 and are held at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall in Derribong Street, Peak Hill. All students have their timetables, but a copy can also be found at [www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au). It is important that students attend all of their scheduled exams. If you are sick please speak to Mrs Hando, our exam supervisor, when you arrive at the exam. If there is a major disaster: like you are in hospital, have an accident on the way to the exam or are extremely sick please contact me immediately to apply for illness and misadventure consideration. Good luck to our Year 12 students.

### Community Consultation

I will be consulting with our school community in developing our Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021 - 2024 during Term 4. This will allow input in using data to inform us of our future directions. Keep an eye out on how you can have your say.

### School Holidays

This Friday is the final day for Term 3. School holidays commence Monday, 28 September.

Learning resumes for all students K-12 on Monday 12th October. There is no pupil free day at the start of Term 4.

I wish all our students and staff a safe and restful holiday. Thank you to our school community for your support in making continuous improvements at Peak Hill Central School.

**Mr Peter Neilsen**  
Principal

## Deputy Principal's Report

### Great News Letters!

Over the past week we have been busy sending home positive **Great News Letters** to students and families celebrating and recognising the successes of a number of students from each class from Kindergarten to Year 12. These beautiful laminated certificates are sent three times a term to students who have demonstrated **Success through Effort**. Congratulations to the students who have received a certificate this week. Your success has been recognised and your contribution to our school culture is valued and appreciated.

### Kindergarten to Year 10 Reports

Due to COVID 19 there has been a change to the reporting format and period for students in Kindergarten to Year 10. Students had School Progress Reports this term and Reports will be sent home again at the end of Term 4. If parents or carers have any questions at all about student reports, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make a time to have a phone appointment with your child's class teacher.

### Welcome to Kindergarten 2021!

A gift pack will be sent home with every enrolment for PHCS Kindergarten student for 2021. If you are interested in your child enrolling into our brilliant Kindergarten class for next year, please drop in to the front office for an enrolment pack or call and make an appointment to meet with our Assistant Principal, Miss Grace Stewart or to have a full school tour, please meet with our Principal, Mr Peter Neilsen.

### Books, Books, Books!

Do you want to make a real difference to your child's learning? Surround your children with books at home. Make a regular time every day to read with them and to share the joy of reading. Make time before the school holidays to drop into the front office and take home some of our beautiful, preloved books to keep!

### Year 10 into 11 for 2021

Students in Year 10 will be learning more about the Western Access Program and the requirements of their studies in Years 11 and 12, as we move into Term 4. Thank you, Mr Thomas, for meeting personally with each of our Year 10 students and their parents and carers about each students' post school aspirations and their subject selections for 2021.

### 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! This consistency and work ethic is an essential skill, which will future proof your child for a successful transition to post school study and the workforce.

Thank you everyone for your positive attitudes, hard work and enthusiasm for learning over the past fortnight.

Take care and have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends!

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
3 Deputy Principal



As Term 3 concludes, students are to be congratulated on their effort and application across all subject areas.

### Activate Secondary

Wednesday morning of Week 9 teachers presented their Activate courses to students. The courses include agriculture, coding and robotics, creativity – textiles, and outdoor recreation. Students voted for one of the four options on Friday morning of Week 9 and early Week 10. This course will run for two periods a week during Term 4 and aims to build the students' skills in creativity, collaboration, leadership, team work, time management and information and communication technology.

### Electives

Stage 5 started the process of selecting electives for the 2021 school year, with a preliminary round of possible courses outlined to students. Of the seven courses proposed only 4 will be offered in 2021 based on student interest. The seven options given to students were Aboriginal Studies, Agricultural Technology, Food Technology, Industrial Technology - Timber, Industrial Technology - Metal, Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS), and Visual Arts.

**Mr Joshua Brown**  
Head Teacher

### Athletics Carnival Term 4

Our Annual School Athletics Carnival will be held on the 14th of October (Term 4, Week 1) at Lindner Oval, Peak Hill. The day will run slightly differently to previous years, to ensure we are following COVID-19 Safe Guidelines. Students will participate with their Stage Group for the day, moving from activity to activity with a supervising teacher. Staff will ensure students are wiping down equipment before and after use. Spectators who wish to support the students will also need to ensure they are practicing social distancing while in attendance.

### Year 12

In Term 4, Year 12 students will return for Week 1, before HSC Examinations begin on the 26th of October. Year 12 students are encouraged to attend to support their revision and prepare for their final HSC Examinations.

Congratulations to Year 12 for your efforts over the last 4 terms.

**Miss Lucy Dempsey**  
Head Teacher

## Early Entry to University

### Early Entry to Charles Sturt University in 2021!

Congratulations to our School Captains, Haidee Hando and Lauren Hando, who were successful last week in securing conditional Early Entry to the University of their choice to study Health next year.

Our school community is incredibly proud.

Well done, Haidee and Lauren!

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
Deputy Principal

You did it!  
*Congratulations*



## Belrose Visit Via Zoom

### Belrose Visit via Zoom

Always moving with the times and technology - the Belrose Rotary Club organised their 2020 guest speakers for our senior students to be via Zoom this term.

Last Wednesday students enjoyed participating in a Q&A - *questions and answers* session with Ms Bronwyn Bishop and today the students had the opportunity to speak with Mr Tony Abbott. Both guests were able to share valuable life and career advice which was shaped around their live experiences and the people who mentored them along the way. A huge 'take away' for our students has been the importance of seeking every opportunity and surrounding themselves with people who can support them on their journey.

We would like to thank Ms Bishop and Mr Abbott for sharing their valuable time with us, and we would also like to thank the Belrose Rotarians for making this important opportunity available to our students.

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
Deputy Principal



## Kim's Lunch Box

### School Canteen - Term 4

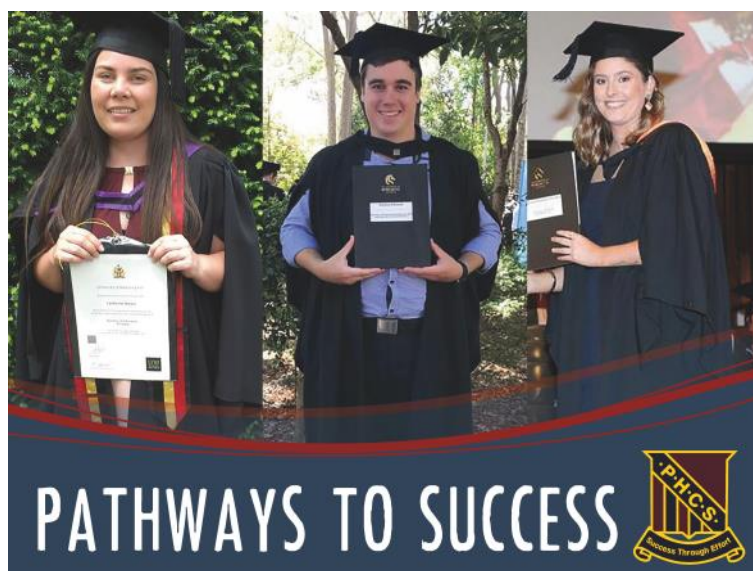
Next term the Canteen will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Recess and Lunch must be ordered no later than 9:30am to avoid disappointment.

EFTPOS is available for over the phone orders with a surcharge of \$1 per order. Please call Kim on 0424 383 968 or the school office on 6869 1304.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

See you in term 4.

**Ms Kim Dern**  
Canteen Manager





## Look What's Happening in K/1/2

In writing we have been continuing our study of Australian Authors and Australian Animals. After reading the book, 'Don't Call Me Bear' by Aaron Blabey, we planned and wrote information reports on koalas. Then we headed to the computer room to publish them.

Then, in Art, we created koalas using paper plates and paint.

**Miss Elsie Woodley**  
Classroom Teacher

Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves. Baby koalas are called joeys.



Alex

Koalas - Baby koalas are the size of a jellybean when they are born. They are called jo-eys. The koala eats eucalyptus leaves and they live in the eucalyptus trees.



George



## Learning in Year 2/3

What a fantastic end of term in Year 2/3!

We have had some really exciting times over the last fortnight and the students have loved every minute of their learning.

In Mathematics we have been learning about Position and Direction and are building our knowledge and vocabulary to give detailed explanations of where things are and how to get there.

In Wiradjuri lessons with Aunty Vicki, we have been learning about cooking, and even got to make our own Johnny cakes!

As the term starts winding up, we all start to feel a bit tired, but 2/3 has powered through and have maintained enormous effort in all areas of learning.

Looking forward to an amazing Term 4 with each of you!

**Miss Tiarne McLeod**  
Classroom Teacher



## This Fortnight in Year 3/4

This fortnight students in Year 3/4 have been learning the basic skills of playing netball during Sport time. They didn't realise how challenging netball would be, especially not running with the ball however, they've had a great time learning the positions and developing their skills.

We have had a great time in Mathematics this fortnight designing our own farms and amusement parks. Students wrote a series of clues for their peers to find the position and coordinates of many different attractions.

Year 3/4 have had an amazing term and we hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Classroom Teacher



**School Resumes  
for all Students  
Monday 12th October**



## Year 5/6

Year 5/6 students have worked hard creating these amazing gumnut artworks. Students drew their own designs and cut them out.

Students then painted a background, moving paint to create texture. Carmen helped them to screen print their design onto their background.

Congratulations students and Carmen! You can get a closer look in our next main street shop display which will go up during the holidays.

**Miss Grace Stewart**  
Classroom Teacher





## Primary ACTIVATE Groups





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## ACTIVATE ART





### What's been happening in Wiradjuri?

The students have been exploring Community and Bush Tucker in our classes over the past few weeks. It has been interesting for them and thanks to Mrs Doyle they have been cooking some fusion foods using Indigenous ingredients to make scones, cook sausages with inclusions such as bush plum, which the students really enjoyed.

To complete this term, students having been learning about the Songlines that criss-cross our country and how stories such as the Seven Sisters and goods, such as special ochres or rock types were traded following these lines. Students then interpreted their learning into gorgeous maps of Australia showing their Songlines.

Next term, will be an exciting time in class when students will be able to choose their own study and create a project for an audience. The audience would have been Community and Elders however, due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be looking at another audience for students to demonstrate and share what they have learned in Wiradjuri in the semester.

Aunty Vicki and Ms Stewart have planned out an exciting term, based around the ideas in the, ***"Elders Instructions on How to Live within Country."***

Each week will have a focus on one of the instructions, stated in both Wiradjuri and English. Aunty Vicki and Ms Stewart are very much looking forward to seeing what our talented students will come up with. It might be a Rap song, a painting, a dance or something else using technology like a podcast.

Here are some photos of the students working on their own Songlines.

**Ms Brenda Stewart**  
Classroom Teacher

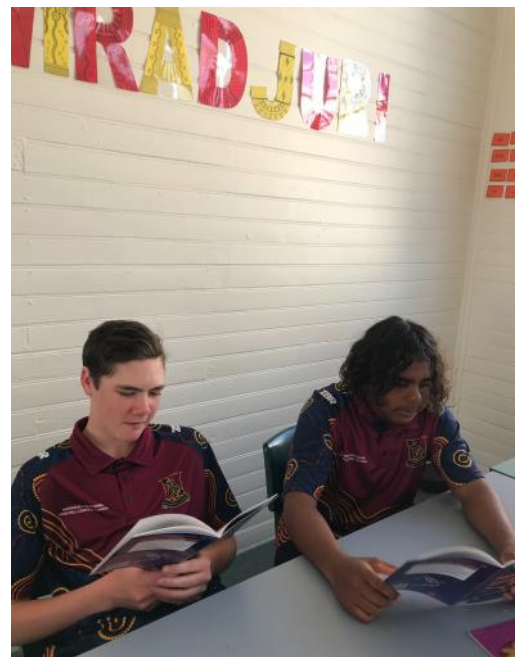


### What do we know about how to help our teen readers become better readers?

I am sure we have all been hearing about how the reading and writing standards of students across the country have supposedly been declining. We do know that what researchers find out all depends on what they are looking for and what is actually being tested. Our young people today have many talents and skills that are not tested and so when we read these headlines it's good to ask what were the researchers looking for.

What we do know is that students, particularly teenagers are generally reading less, not all of course! Recently I interviewed the students in the high school and asked them about the books they were reading and how long they read at home each day. Very few students were reading a book, and only a minority read every day. **We know that the more a child reads at home and at school the better they read, and understand words.** Some highly respected research found that students who read for an hour or more a day outside of school increased their vocabulary as they read up to 4,358,000 words per year. On the other hand a child who reads out of school for twenty minutes a day reads less than half the words of the child who reads for an hour. As students read more their writing can improve as they are able to use their vocabulary knowledge to more clearly explain their ideas. Watch this space as we plan together for ways to help our students become fantastic readers.

**Ms Brenda Stewart**  
Classroom Teacher





### Stage 5 Timber

This term Stage 5 Timber have been busy constructing their Timber Toolboxes. They have produced some fantastic projects. Well done to Quentin and Hunter for further developing their skills to construct a Timber Mallet to go with their Toolbox.



### Year 11 Industrial Technology

Students in Industrial Technology have been busy over the last two terms completing their Hallway Table projects. The boys have produced two high quality Hallway Tables. They completed these great projects despite the COVID 19 interruptions along the way.



### Year 12 Metals and Engineering

This term Joseph has completed an Entry Table in Metals and Engineering which has seen him develop his welding skills.

**Mr Luke Watt**  
**TAS Teacher**



## Mathematics with Mr Joshua Brown

### Mathematics

#### Stage 4

Students are finishing up their study of Equations which involves how to solve one and two step equations. Students continued to develop their problem-solving and critical thinking skills to come to valid solutions.

Student assessment tasks were due this week and they will receive their marks early next term.

#### Stage 5

Students have completed their study of Linear Relationships, which involved developing an understanding of the gradient and y-intercept of a straight line. Students have been working with positive and negative gradients and plotting points on a number plane to create straight lines. They have also been working on creating the equation of a straight line when only given two points to work with.

Student assessment tasks were due this week and they will receive their marks early next term.

**Mr Joshua Brown**  
**Mathematics Teacher**



## Celebrating 30 Years of Service at PHCS

Congratulations to Tanya Stanford for 30 Years of Service with the Department of Education at Peak Hill Central School.

Your loyalty and continued commitment to the Staff, Students and Peak Hill Central School Community has contributed to making our school as successful as we are today.







# EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS

## @ PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL

### **Early Action for Success at Peak Hill Central School means we have;**

- A Deputy Principal Instructional Leader employed two days a week to build student and teacher capacity in literacy and numeracy with emphasis on K-2.
- Tailored individualised intervention and differentiated learning for students based on authentic assessment and learning data.
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### HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING HELPING TO IMPROVE STAFF AND STUDENT CAPACITY



TARGETED INDIVIDUALISED INTERVENTION



DIFFERENTIATED DATA DRIVEN LEARNING FOR STUDENTS





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7th of October 2020 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at Peak Hill Commercial Gardens, Peak Hill, 2869



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**STAY & GET TESTED**

If you're experiencing any of these symptoms:  
**Runny Nose Cough Fever Tiredness**  
**Loss of Smell Loss of Taste Trouble Breathing**

**Don't guess, Get a Test**

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Not all impacts of the drought are the same.

Some drought affected communities have had rainfall, others haven't. Some areas have green paddocks with water in dams, while other paddocks are still dust. Whatever your situation, we know it takes time for farming communities to bounce back even after first rain, and it's not always easy battling the lingering effects of the drought

Financial support of up to \$3,000 is available to eligible drought affected households through the Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2.

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 1300 846 643

Please note that this is an Australian Government initiative. Round 2 funding of the DCSI has been open since 19 November 2019 and will continue until December 2020. You can only receive payment once during this round.

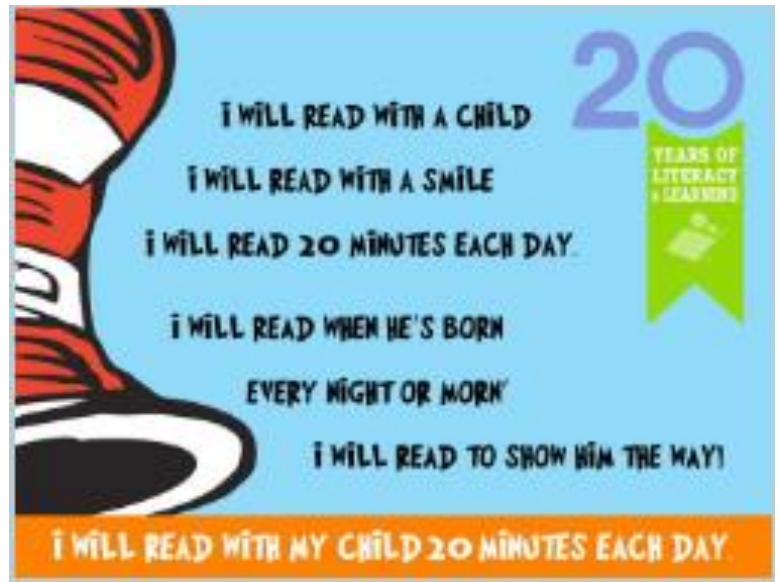


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## A Better Than Best Start At PHCS



**DIFFERENTIATED CURRICULUM  
PROVIDING INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING**



# Students return to school

## MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2020



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_