



# Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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

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Term 4 Week 6 - Friday, 12 November 2021

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**HSC EXAMINATIONS**

On Tuesday last week, our Year 12 students started the first day of their final written examinations for the Higher School Certificate. As educators this is more than the examination, this is a milestone which marks the end of 13 years of education for these young men and women. We wish Jada, Tijuana, Goran, James and Wayne all the very best as they move into the next chapter of their lives. We are so proud of their personal and collective achievements and know that they will experience "Success through Effort" as they take this next step on their journey. Well done, Year 12!

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On Thursday, 11 November, we recognised and paid respect to the fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and way of life. At PHCS our school community held a Remembrance Day Ceremony and observed a minutes silence. While our school leaders attended the Peak Hill town ceremony at the AIF Hall to lay a wreath of behalf of our school. I was so incredibly proud of Samuel, Taliyah and Bailey as they so genuinely and respectfully interacted with the residents and guests at this event.

**BELROSE ROTARY DONATION**

A very special thank you to our friends at the Belrose Rotary Club for their very kind donation to our school Breakfast Club. This initiative is so important to support our students success throughout the day, by starting it with breakfast! A reminder to all families that our school has a FREE breakfast provided to EVERY student EVERY day. A sincere thank you to our staff who donate their own time to run this morning program.

**SAVE THE DATE**

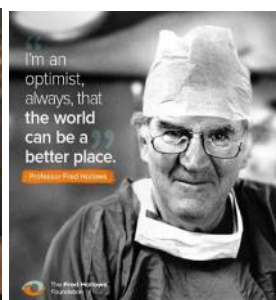
- ◆ Year 12 Farewell Dinner, which will be held at the Carrington Function Centre, Peak Hill, on Tuesday 7 December starting at 6.30pm
- ◆ Year 6 Farewell Lunch will be held on Tuesday 14 December

**TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS**

This term our students from Year 4 to Year 12 will be participating once again in the online Tell Them From Me survey. This survey will also be available for staff and families to complete and the link will be provided over the next two weeks for families to access. The purpose of this survey is to help the school collect information around our strengths and also make us aware of things that we can be doing better. The survey is totally anonymous, but it is an excellent source of data to help us continually improve.

**SUCCESS THROUGH EFFORT!**

Congratulations Sharntelle Schnitger, recipient of the Fred Hollows Humanitarian Highly Commended Award for NSW. We are so proud of Sharntelle's service to others.



### CONGRATULATIONS to our ATTENDANCE LUNCH WINNERS!

Last Friday was our very second Attendance Lunch Draw. Every student from Kindergarten to Year 12 who attended school every day for the past fortnight had their name put into a draw for the chance to win lunch at the Tuckerbox canteen for themselves and a friend. Congratulations to **Jock Strahorn** from Primary and **Bindi Judd** from Secondary who were this fortnights lucky winners. A new draw will begin on Monday. Attendance, really does matter @ PHCS!



### SPORTS GRANT

Thank you to Miss Teagan Heraghty the Primary Sports Coordinator, for her successful application to the Parkes Shire Council and North Parkes Mine 2021 Sports Grant. Last Friday, the Relieving Assistant Principal, Miss Tiarne McLeod had the pleasure of receiving the Grant cheque on behalf of PHCS. This money will be used to purchase a wide range of new sporting equipment which will help to support our students engagement in outdoor activities. A special thank you to the Parkes Shire Council and the North Parkes Mines for providing us with this wonderful opportunity.



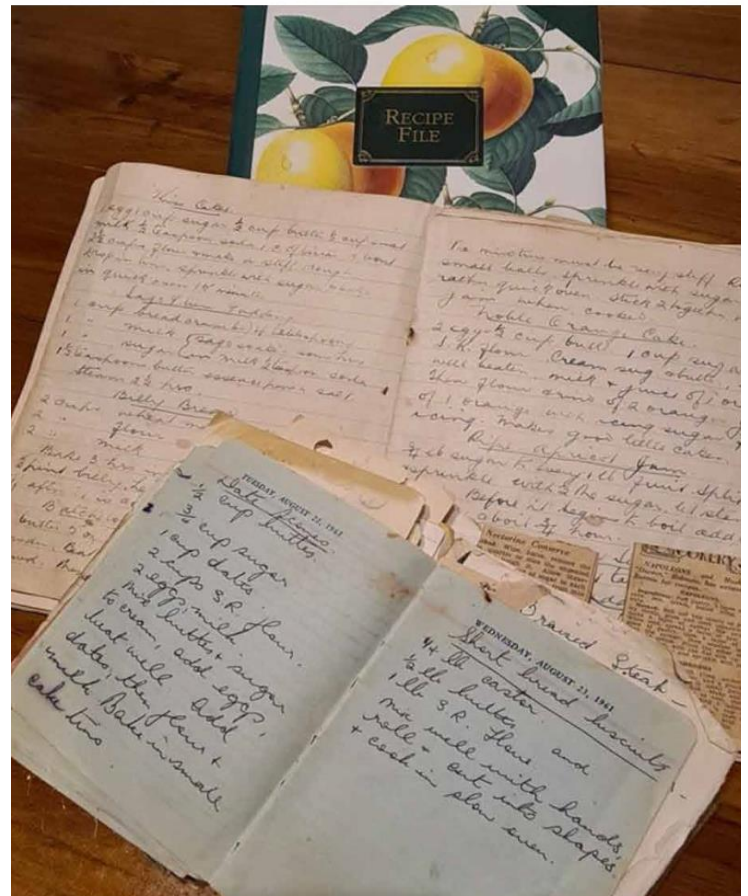
### PHCS COOKBOOK CHALLENGE!

Please accept the challenge! Calling all past and present staff, students and community members. Please share a favourite recipe, memory and history including photos and artwork to make a Peak Hill Central School Community Cookbook.

#### Contact us:

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### HIGH EXPECTATION RELATIONSHIPS

At PHCS, every student is known, valued and cared for every day. A special thank you this fortnight to every student and family that I have worked with.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for a fabulous fortnight – I am already looking forward to Week 7!

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
Deputy Principal



## HSC EXAMINATIONS

Our Year 12 students started their HSC examination last Tuesday. We wish our students the best of luck and if they need any additional support, to please come in and see their teachers, we are more than happy to accommodate any requests.



## WAP STUDY WEEK

Year 11 students will be completing the WAP Study Week from Wednesday Week 7 until Tuesday the following week. Students are encouraged to come prepared for these days and adhere to the strict departure times. Please see timetable below.

**Wednesday 17 November** – Tullamore – Depart 7:45pm and Return 3:45pm

**Thursday, 18 November** – Yeoval – Depart 8am and Return 3pm

**Friday, 19 November** – Trundle – Depart 8am and Return 3pm

**Monday, 22 November** – Tottenham – Depart 7:30am and Return 4pm

**Tuesday, 23 November** – Peak Hill

## WORK PLACEMENT

Our Year 11 students and Mason in Year 10 spent Week 6 completing the first half of their work placement hours. These student complete either one or two of the following courses Hospitality, Primary Industries and/or Construction.

## STAGES 4 and 5

Stages 4 and 5 have completed their Yearly Assessments during Week 6. Students are reminded that important course content is still to be covered in the remaining weeks of school. Students are encouraged to strive for success in all facets of their education.

**Mr Joshua Brown**

**Head Teacher Secondary Studies**

## Attention Year 10

Dubbo Traffic Control will be at Peak Hill Central School on **Thursday 9 December** to run a one day White Card Course for students aged 15 and above.

**A White Card is a mandatory requirement to work in the Construction industry and all Construction students are required to complete this course.**

If you are interested in attending this course, please see **Mrs Stanford** for an **Enrolment Form**.

## White Card Course



## Term 4 Study Week Timetable



	Week 7			Week 8	
	Wednesday 17 November 2021 Tullamore	Thursday 18 November 2021 Yeoval	Friday 19 November 2021 Trundle	Monday 22 November 2021 Tottenham	Tuesday 23 November 2021 Peak Hill
AM 9.30-11.30	12 Industrial Technology James Sanders  12 Exploring Early Childhood Sarah O'Leary  12 Ancient History Kim Ranger	12 Biology Gemma Loud	12 Mathematics Standard 1 Nathan Douglas  12 Mathematics Standard 2 Joshua Brown  12 Mathematics Advanced Gerry Capell  12 Numeracy Jodie Attenborough	12 English Studies Christina Baldwinson  12 English Standard Courtney Foley	
PM 12.00-2.00	12 Drama Helen Johnson  12 Work Studies Michael Labone  12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Sarah Lindsay		12 Community and Family Studies Trish Morgan  12 Legal Studies Crystal Stanford  12 Construction Leisa Rowlands		
All Day		12 Visual Design Kim Williams  12 Primary Industries Ken Horley  12 Aboriginal Studies ** Brenda Stewart			12 Hospitality Georgia Watt  12 Manufacturing and Engineering * James Sanders

## HEAD TEACHER STUDENT GROWTH AND ATTAINMENT

As the year is slipping away, I have some exciting news for our community. Mr Neilsen has entrusted me with the task of undertaking a revamp of our school library. School libraries can be the hub of a school and provide students with a safe and interesting place for learning. After talking with a few people it seems the library here at Peak Hill School has a history of being just that. So I will be working with anyone who is interested in contributing their ideas as to how we can update the library space to become once again a modern and exciting hub for learning. In my research I came across this quote about libraries and I think it is so true:

**THE LIBRARY IS THE TEMPLE OF LEARNING AND LEARNING HAS LIBERATED MORE PEOPLE THAN ALL THE WARS IN HISTORY**  
—CARL T. ROWAN

After reading this I wanted to find out who Carl T Rowan was, this is what I found out. He must have been an amazing person to have grown up in Tennessee as an African American and rise to become a U.S. leader.

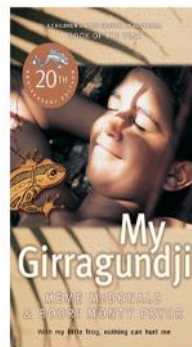
Carl Thomas Rowan was a diplomat, author, reporter, and broadcaster. He was the first black Deputy Secretary of State, and the first black director of the United States Information Agency (USIA).

So, exciting times ahead. If you have any ideas for our library please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

ACTIVATE Drama is continuing to provide a safe space for our students to explore different roles and situations. It has been a great pleasure working with Mrs Allen and Mr Allen and seeing the students grow in their confidence of performing. Here are some photos from some of our activities.



We have continued to expand our Reading Circle books and here are two of our latest additions to our growing collection.



The 20th anniversary edition of the award-winning, much loved story that tells how a little tree frog helps a boy find the courage to face his fears.

BOORI MONTY PRYOR: AUSTRALIA'S CHILDREN'S LAUREATE 2012-13

'I wake with a start. The doorknob turns. It's him. The Hairyman.'

There's a bad spirit in our house. He's as ugly as ugly gets and he stinks. You touch this kind of Hairyman and you lose your voice, or choke to death.

It's hard to sleep when a hairy wrinkly old hand might grab you in the night. And in the day you've got to watch yourself. It can be rough. Words come yelling at you that hurt.

Alive with humour, *My Girragundji* is the vivid story of a boy growing up between two worlds. With the little green tree frog as a friend, the bullies at school don't seem so big anymore. And Girragundji gives him the courage to face his fears.



Free books and encyclopedias are available from our school Library.

They are out of date and will allow more room for our new collections.

If you are interested please call the school on 6869 1304 and leave a message for me.



**Ms Brenda Stewart**

**Head Teacher Student Growth and Attainment**

## Assistant Principal

Hello from another beautiful fortnight in Primary. Primary teachers have been busy over the last two weeks assessing students and writing Semester Two reports. Teachers will be in touch over the coming weeks to discuss your child's progress.

In Week 5, we held our annual Book Fair which was an incredible success. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Margaret Edwards for the amazing effort she put in to ensure the event was the best it could be for your children.

Coming up in Weeks 9 and 10, Primary will be running the School Swimming and Water Safety program at the Peak Hill pool under the coaching of Mrs Georgia Watt and Mrs Kelly Dart. Permission notes and further information will be sent home with your children in the coming weeks.

Students have five weeks left of their 2021 school year and we want every minute of those five weeks to be full of happy moments, quality learning and success through effort. If there is ever anything we can support you with, please contact us and we will do the best we can to find solutions.

**Miss Tiarne McLeod**

**Assistant Principal**



## Kickstart Kindy

### A BEAUTIFUL FORTNIGHT OF KICKSTART!

Mrs Watt has loved getting to know each of the students for Kindergarten 2022 at PHCS. We have been very lucky to have Miss Axam to join us each week for Kickstart.

We read the story Dear Zoo and made some very cute lion masks last week. Students have been focusing on writing their name, and they are becoming very confident writers!

Last week we made some very delicious fairy bread. We cut the fairy bread into all different shapes and spoke about the different shapes we made.

This week is our first full day of big school! Students are welcome to attend from 9:30am - 3pm on Monday 15th November. Please pack a full lunch box, spare clothes, drink bottle and hat.

**Mrs Georgia Watt**  
**Kickstart Kindy Coordinator**

## PHCS P & C

Peak Hill Central School P&C AGM, followed by General meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December in the common room at 3.30pm. We encourage everyone to attend. It's a great way to find out what is happening at PHCS in 2022. Covid-19 rules will apply to attend meeting. Sign in on arrival, show your double vaccination certificate, social distancing and sanitise.



## Primary Sport

### PRIMARY SPORT

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Doyle and Miss McLeod attended the Parkes Shire Council to accept the Sports Grant on behalf of Peak Hill Central School.

This money will be used to purchase new equipment to enhance the participation of our students in Sport. We will also be using this money to purchase some new uniforms for our Primary students to wear when we participate in representative sport.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
**Primary Sports Coordinator**

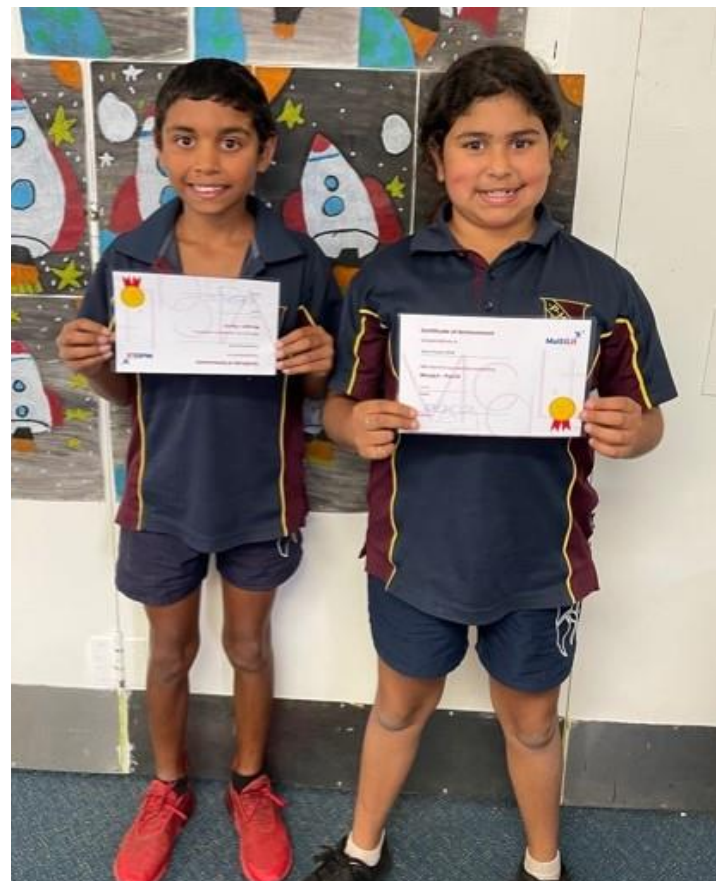
## MacqLit

### MACQLIT

Mrs Edge and Miss Kate are very proud of Shaquillie and Azaria who have completed their next level in MacqLit Program.

These two students work so well together and deserve to do so well in reading.

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
**Macqlit Teacher**





## Mrs Edge's Reading Circle

After reading "Cat Crusoe", the students in Mrs Edge's Reading Circle created their own cats using clay.

They were fired, glazed and then fired again to make a forever cat to add to the children's memories of this wonderful book.



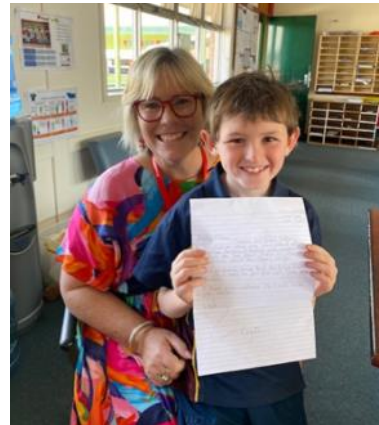
After reading "Didgeridoo Dreaming" the students in Mrs Edge's Reading Circle wrote letters to the author and illustrator of the book, Krysten Walker-Cox.

It was a beautiful surprise when a large envelope arrived at school last week with a letter for each student, written personally by Krysten.

The children were thrilled that their letters had been so appreciated and that they had received one each in return.

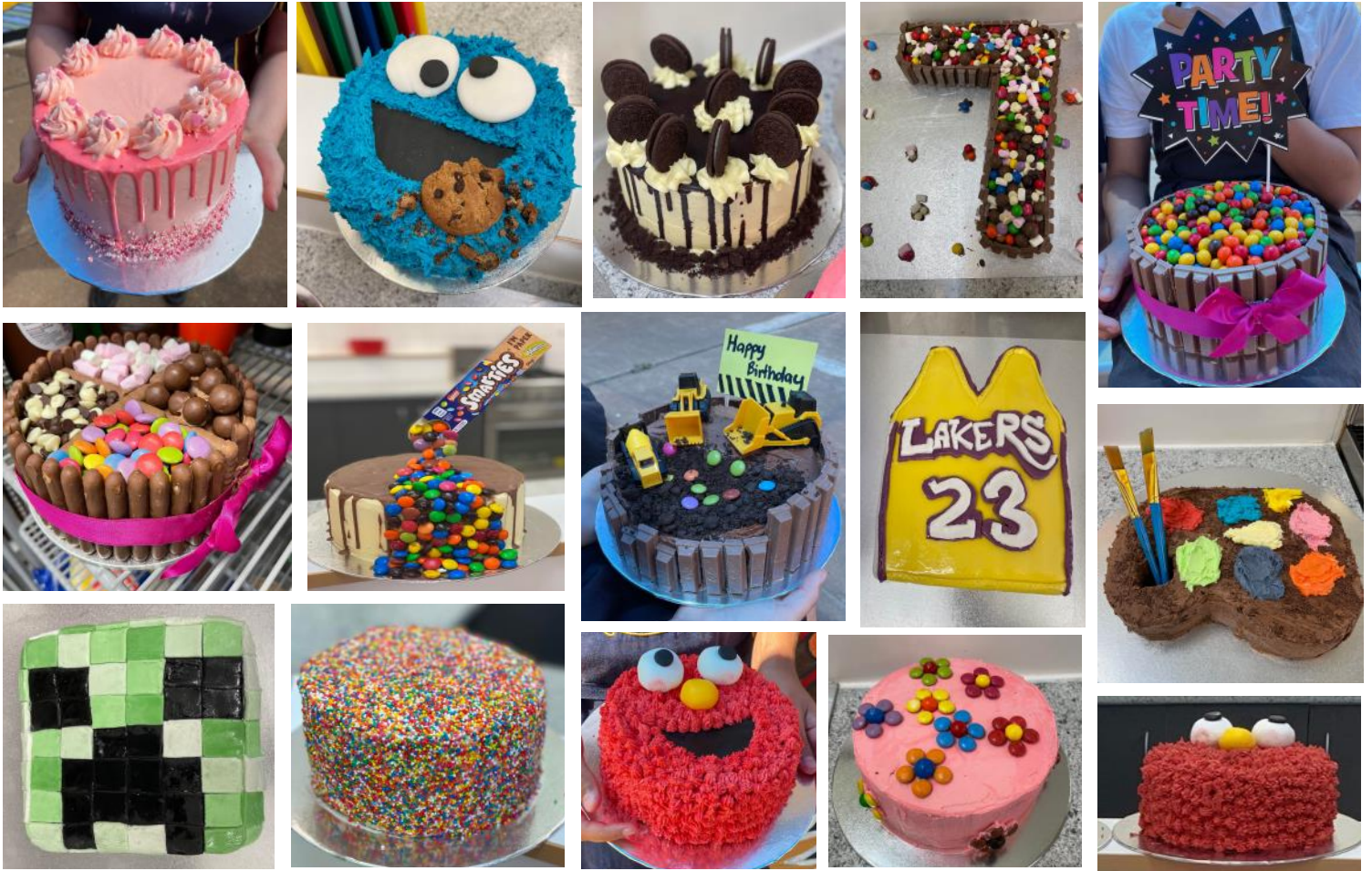
A couple of students have even written a second letter to Krysten, who is sure to be very happy with them.

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
Classroom Teacher





## Stage 5 Food Technology - Cake Decorating





## A Love of Learning at PHCS





## Kindergarten with Mrs Georgia Watt & Miss Elsie Woodley

### KINDERGARTEN HAS HAD A WONDERFUL FORTNIGHT!

Kindergarten students have been learning how to use the PEEL paragraph structure in their writing. Their task was to write a short paragraph to convince Mrs Watt that they should get to decorate cupcakes at school. They had to provide a point of view, evidence of why they should, explanation of their evidence and link to their point.

Kindergarten did an awesome job and yes they convinced Mrs Watt that they should be allowed to decorate their cupcakes!

Kindergarten students have been learning about blends and how to apply them to their writing. Last week we focused on 'bl' and how this blend is said smoothly together as one sound.

### Mrs Georgia Watt & Miss Elsie Woodley Classroom Teachers



## Year 1/2 with Miss Tiarne McLeod

### WE GOT UP TO SO MUCH THIS WEEK IN 1/2!

For our persuasive writing unit the chairs in our classroom quit! 1/2 had to work hard to think of reasons to convince the chairs to come back and let us sit on them. We also had to come up with new creative places to sit to do our work. It is great that the chairs read our letters and forgave us.

In Mathematics we learnt about two-dimensional shapes. 1/2 were also very happy to have John Moriarty Football and Darren with Wiradjuri back at school to teach us.

### Miss Tiarne McLeod & Miss Sammi Axam Classroom Teachers





### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4H?

We have had such a positive fortnight in 3/4H. Students had a fantastic time viewing and purchasing from the Book Fair.

During Mathematic lessons we have been focusing on Chance. Students recorded all the different combinations that could be made with different number sided dice. We are becoming increasingly confident when predicting what number will be rolled each time.

We continued our focus on waste and how it affects the ocean and environment. During Art, we constructed our own view of the ocean with turtles swimming around without waste.

We have just started the downward slope to the end of the term and I can't wait to participate in so many exciting things for the remainder of the year.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Classroom Teacher



### WHAT A FANTASTIC FORTNIGHT WE HAVE HAD IN 3/4M!

We have just started Writing Groups and I am so incredibly proud of each student for their dedication to their learning! We have seen so much success already and I can not wait to see the growth from each student over the coming weeks.

We have been looking at Chance in Mathematics and we have been enjoying all the experiments we have been able to conduct.

Everyone is so excited that John Moriarty Football is back! We have really enjoyed getting out and being active together and having lots of fun!

We are still looking to create a waste art project for our Geography unit. If you have any washed plastic bottle top lids that you could send in, it would be greatly appreciated!

**Miss Lyndal Matthews**  
Classroom Teacher





### WELCOME TO WEEK 6

It is hard to be believe that we are now over half way through Term 4!

Over the past two weeks the students have been undertaking a various range of assessments. It has been pleasing to see some records broken, personal bests and some growth despite the circumstances that the year has presented us.

Year 6 Transition to high school is well underway. The students have been excited to share what they have been up to in high school each week. During the week, Year 6 have also been going out to do some more extensive English and Math in preparation for next year also. This has left Year 5 to do some more guided work with myself to prepare them for year 6.

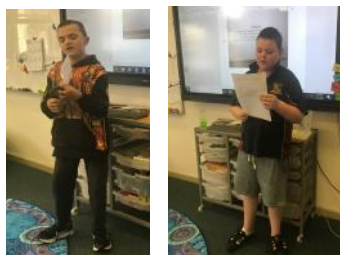
In Mathematics we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. The students enjoyed being able to create a 3-D shape which are now hanging in the room.

In Geography, students are continuing their learning about Asia. The students researched different landmarks in Asia and had to create a brochure about this place, talking about different facts.

In PDHPE we are learning about how we all have different feelings, strengths and emotions and how we all might respond differently to situations that are presented to us. We have also been practising our netball, cricket and hockey skills.

Have a great weekend.

**Mrs Bec Jones**  
Classroom Teacher



### STAGE 5 CAKE DECORATING ASSESSMENT DAY

On Wednesday the 3rd of November, Stage 5 Food Technology had their assessment day for Cake Decorating. The students have been working really hard over the past five weeks to research and design a children's birthday cake.

Each of the students in Stage 5 Food Technology applied effort and application on the day and produced some awesome designs. I would like to thank each of the staff who assisted with the day.

Well done, Stage 5 Food Technology! You should be really proud of your efforts.

### YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

In Week 4 PHCS hosted Cafe Russell. Each of the other Western Access schools came across for an action packed day!

We focused on learning about and making a range of hot and cold beverages. Students completed a rotation, making iced chocolates, mocktails and smoothies.

The students provided staff at PHCS with the opportunity to order their recess and lunch. The feedback was all very positive.

Well done, Year 11!

**Mrs Georgia Watt**  
Stage 5 Food Technology & Hospitality Teacher





## Year 6 Transition with Mr Luke Watt

### WOODWORK WITH MR WATT

Year 6 have been enjoying transition in the woodwork room.

They have been designing and constructing a brain teaser puzzle.

They have been working on the safety practices required in the woodshop and learning about the purpose and use of a range of hand tools.

**Mr Luke Watt**  
**Wood & Metals Teacher**



## ACTIVATE Outdoor Recreation

### CRAYFISHING

What a fantastic afternoon for our Activate Outdoor Recreation group who went crayfishing with Miss Dempsey, Miss Sharah, Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Stanford.

Students had so much fun catching the crayfish and developing their skills at working together.

Well done students we are super proud of you!

**Mrs Crystal Stanford**  
**WAP Head Teacher**





## Hearing Screening



15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Community Information

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## Road safety

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## Choosing a career in Transport is a good move

## Day in the life of an Aboriginal HSC Scholar



If you are looking for a diverse workplace which can offer you work experience and assist you in finding a career path, Transport provides you with the perfect platform to give you exposure to a wide range of career possibilities.



**Reimbursement up to the value of \$2,500 each year** for educational items such as technology, tutoring, books, uniform and school excursions.



**Work experience** for up to two weeks with Transport.



**Diverse opportunities** across a number of teams and projects.



**Rewarding, impactful projects** that will help make NSW a better place to live, work and visit.



**Ongoing career development** and access to Transport employment opportunities.



**Access to mentors** and buddy support for as long as you need it.

"The Aboriginal HSC Scholarship Program provided for an easy transition into the workforce"

Briannah, Aboriginal HSC Scholar.

"With the help of Transport I was able to gain work experience and achieve my goal of getting into university. The employees were very welcoming and encouraging"

Shania, Aboriginal HSC Scholar.



Equal Opportunity Programs  
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ABORIGINAL HSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



## Aboriginal HSC Scholarship Program

An exciting, new career begins with the **Aboriginal HSC Scholarship Program**. Your talent will take you places. However, you need the opportunities where your skills can really gain traction. And that's where Transport for NSW (Transport) comes in.

A dynamic government organisation, Transport is currently looking for driven, ambitious individuals from all walks of life to join us.

We've put together the **Aboriginal HSC Scholarship Program** to help encourage talent like yours.

### ABORIGINAL HSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is a great program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students seeking work experience and financial support that complements career aspirations.

#### ELIGIBILITY

You need to be:

- Entering year 11 or 12 working towards a NSW High School Certificate (HSC)
- Aiming for career opportunities with Transport
- Studying a minimum of English Standard and General Mathematics

#### DETAILS

As part of this program, you'll be:

- Granted \$2,500 each year towards reimbursement for educational items such as technology, tutoring, books, uniform and school excursions.
- Given a structured, two-week work placement each year.
- Provided assistance with career development and employment application process.

**Applications are now open.**

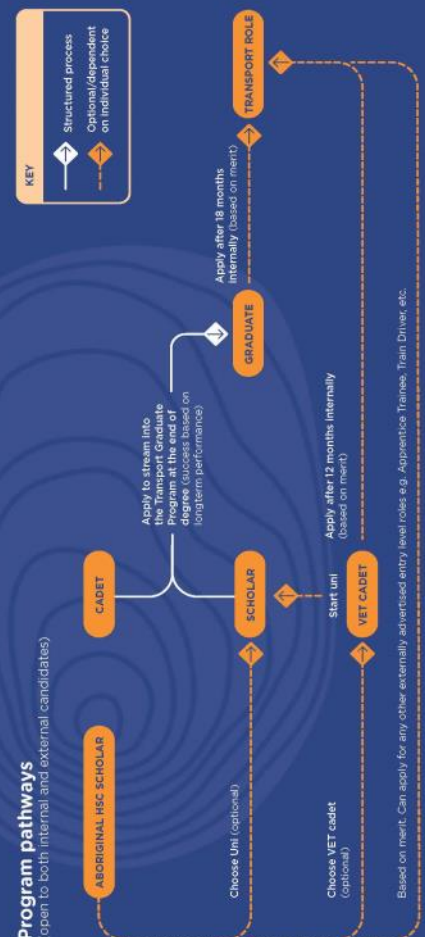
**Your skills and ambitions will gain momentum at Transport. Ready to join us?**

This is your opportunity to join and gain experience in a growing team of talented people working towards creating one of the most progressive public transport models in the world.

**Begin your journey now.**

For more information about the application process, please email [talentprograms@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:talentprograms@transport.nsw.gov.au)

All portrait images used within this flyer are of Talent Participants who have completed or are in the process of completing a Transport talent program.





Term 4 Calendar 2021

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	15 Year 6 Transition Marathon Health Hearing Screenings	16 Stage 4 STEM Drone Flying	17 WAP Study Day at Tullamore CS	18 WAP Study Day at Yeoval CS	19 WAP Study Day at Trundle CS
Week 8	22 Year 6 Transition	23 WAP Study Day at Peak Hill CS Café Russell	24	25	26 Attendance Lunch
Week 9	29 Final Year 6 Transition Day Year 10 WAP Induction	30 Dreamstrong Excursion	1 December P & C AGM 3:30pm  Primary Swimming	2	3 WAP Graduation at Taronga Zoo
Week 10	6	7 Year 12 Farewell Dinner	8  Primary Swimming	9 Year 10 White Card Training	10 Attendance Lunch
Week 11	13 Presentation Night	14 Year 6 Graduation Lunch	15	16 Last Day of Term 4 for Students	17 Staff Development Day

Year 6 into Year 7 Transition

Week	Day	Times
Week 7	Monday 15 November	11:30am – 3:15pm
Week 8	Monday 22 November	11:30am – 3:15pm
Week 9	Monday 29 November	11:30am – 3:15pm



# PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL

*Welcome to our school - where great minds grow!*

## Kick Start

Term 3 Every Monday starting Week 3

Playgroup 10:45am to 11:45am

Kick Start Kindy transition for students starting Kindergarten in 2022 11:45 am to 12:45pm

## Term 4

Weeks 1-3: (same as Term 3)

Week 4: (25th Oct) 9:30am - 12pm (2022 students)

Week 5: (1st Nov) 9:30am - 12pm (2022 students)

Week 6: (8th Nov) 9:30am - 12pm (2022 students)

Week 7: (15th Nov) 9:30am - 3pm (2022 students)

Week 8: (22nd Nov) 9:30am - 3pm (Last Kick Start for the year/graduation) (2022 students)



*We welcome all new Kindergarten students  
and their families to Peak Hill Central School  
We can't wait to meet you!*



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