



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

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Term 4 Week 4 Friday 4th November 2022

## Principals Report

At Peak Hill Central School we work hard to provide opportunities for our students to develop the necessary skills to have a pathway to success for life after school. This week all of our secondary students had the opportunity to attend the Stand Tall-Dream Again Regional Tour under the big top at the Dubbo Showgrounds. This is a state government initiative to use inspirational speakers, fun activities and information stands to develop resilience, motivation, skills to stand up to bullying and to provide positive post school opportunities.

Further to this, secondary students will be attending the Stage 4/5 Sydney excursion during Week 6. This excursion will provide another opportunity to learn in the real world and expose our students to opportunities available in our states capital for employment, education and recreation.

Congratulations to the four Primary School students who nominated to be Primary Captain for 2023. Each student spoke at the Primary Assembly yesterday. Well done to Henry, Azaria, Beau and Jalilah on their captains speeches. Each of these students are very worthy candidates and I wish them all the best.



**Mr Peter Neilsen**  
Principal



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**Deputy Principal**

Mrs Catherine Doyle

**Assistant Principal**

Ms Grace Stewart (Mon & Tue)

Mrs Lyndal Edge (Mon—Fri)

**Head Teacher Secondary Studies**

Miss Lucy Dempsey

**Head Teacher Wellbeing Secondary/ISAC**

Mr Luke Watt

**Head Teacher Student Attainment**

Ms Brenda Stewart

**Head Teacher Western Access Program**

Mrs Crystal Stanford

**Aboriginal Education Officer**

Mrs Vicki Sharah

**Administration Manager**

Mrs Tanya Stanford

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

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Miss Renee Keed  
Mrs Kelly Dart

### RESPECTFUL – RESPONSIBLE – SAFE - SUCCESSFUL - LEADERS & LEARNERS @ PHCS

We have had the biggest, best most exciting start to Term 4 ever! Student attendance for those students attending over 85% of the time right across the school, is increasing every day! A huge congratulations to those students who have attended 95 - 100% of the time, this is incredible! There are so many friendships to make, so much fun to be had and so much learning to be done, we don't want our students to miss a minute of it. If there is anything we can do to help support regular school attendance, please just let me know.

### DEDICATED AND CARING STAFF

It was so lovely to hear two new staff say last week how much they love being at PHCS, because our staff really care so much for their students and that this makes it such a beautiful school to work at. High Expectation Relationships will always be the corner stone of everything we do. Thank you to our families and community who work with us every day to ensure respectful relationships and open and honest communication.

### TELL THEM FROM ME

Over the next two weeks our students from Year 4 to Year 12 will be participating once again in the online Tell Them From Me (TTFM) 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 to 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.

### STEWART HOUSE VISIT

On Monday 7 November, we wish Ben and Ethan, Willo, Kodei, Ethan and Jayden all the best as they join the country bus trip via Parkes to Stewart House on the Sydney Northern Beaches. These very lucky students will be part of a fabulous two week excursion and we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures on their return. A huge thank you to Mr Brody Palmer who will be travelling to Sydney and back with the students.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Friday Adrian in Year 6 will join our two new school captains, Quentin and Zoe at the Community Remembrance Ceremony at the AFI Hall, where they will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community. We look forward to our school being represented by our captains at this historically significant event. On Friday 11/11 at 11am we will also take the time to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by our soldiers and pay our respects.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's We Forget*



**STAND TALL - DUBBO**

Yesterday we took our secondary students to Dubbo for the Stand Tall tour and it was absolutely fabulous! As a school leader, I was so incredibly proud of the respectful behaviour and engagement of our students. I know that each of the students who attended gained a lot of insight into the ways in which they can show gratitude, work with determination and intent and be excited about new opportunities every day. The live performances and motivational speaker were very moving and inspirational. I would like to personally thank the staff who make this opportunity possible.

**SUCCESS THROUGH EFFORT – END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES**

Congratulations to each and every one of our students who have been working respectfully, responsibly, safely and successfully to join the Positive Sentral entries Leader board. A reminder to families that at the end of this term, students in both Primary and Secondary who have equal to or over 85% attendance and 10 positive Sentral entries, will be attending a free fun day of activities in Dubbo. Please check the advertisement in this newsletter for further details.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- Kindergarten / Year 1 Teddy Bears Picnic @ The Taronga Western Plains Zoo next Wednesday 9 November
- The PHCS Year 12 PHCS Graduation will be held at The Cross Roads, Tomingley on Thursday 10 November at 6pm
- The 2022 PHCS Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 8 December at 6pm

**YEAR 2/3 EXCURSION**

Parents/Carers please note that the Wellington Caves excursion which we planned for Wednesday 23 November – we have just been informed today that we may need to change the date due to flooding. As soon as a new date has been confirmed I will let you know.

**YEAR 7 – 10 EXAMINATIONS**

A reminder that the students in Years 7 – 10 will be completing their Term 4 examinations next Monday to Thursday. A timetable for these examinations is located in this Newsletter.

**YEAR 7 – 10 EXCURSION**

We are very excited that during Week 6 we will be going to Sydney for our Secondary excursion starting Wednesday 16 and returning on Friday 18 November. The itinerary looks amazing and we are all looking forward to explore all the amazing educational and fun activities that Sydney has waiting for us!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy week!

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
**Deputy Principal**



## HEAD TEACHER NEWS

### Digital Classroom Officer - Parent/Carer Information - Controlling Privacy Settings on Social Media

With so many students having regular access to social media, it is important that parents and carers can support their children to keep them safe online. Students can stay in control of their social media by choosing what they share, and who gets to see them.

What personal information is being shared?

When you post a photo online or participate in a discussion on a social network, you're sharing a lot more than you might think. Obviously you're sharing the things that are in your post – photos, videos, your username – but there's also other data that gets shared.

A post or a profile on a social network might also include:

- the time you made the post
- your location when you made the post
- links to your social media profile
- personal details about yourself, including contact information, birthday or gender
- links to the friends or other people you've connected with
- links to the friends or other people that are tagged in the post
- identified faces of people in a photo or video, and links to their social media profiles
- identified locations from a photo or video.

In most cases, you might be perfectly happy to share all of this information with your friends and family. The issue is ensuring that your posts only reach the people you choose to allow.

By controlling your privacy settings, you can make those choices about what gets shared, where and with whom. **The Office of the eSafety Commissioner** publishes a great list of all games, apps and social networks, including important information for users about how to control their privacy settings and report abuse on each of the services.

### FACEBOOK PRIVACY SETTINGS

Facebook's privacy settings have an audience selector that lets you choose what you share with different groups. You can choose your audience for both your Facebook profile as well as for each post you make.

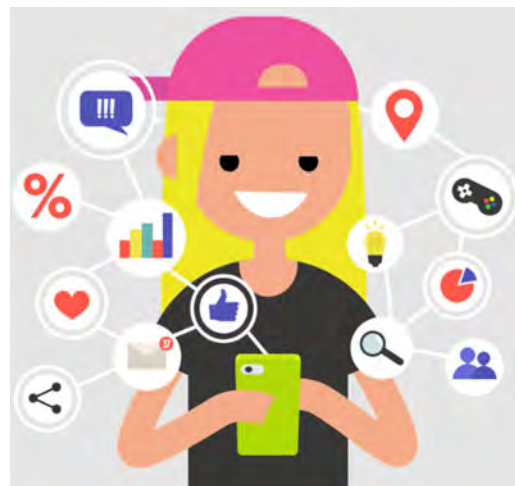
### INSTAGRAM PRIVACY SETTINGS

Instagram allows you to control who gets to see your profile. If you set your account to private, you will need to approve a person's follow request before that user can see your photos, or see information about who you are following and who follows you.

Your Instagram Stories are also affected by your profile's privacy settings. For private accounts, only approved followers can see your story in their feed and from your profile.

There are many other applications that students may use online, and it important that the privacy settings are reviewed as they may be sharing information without realising. Head to <https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/resources/games-apps-and-social-networking-office-of-the-esafety-commissioner> for more information.

**Miss Lucy Dempsey**  
**Head Teacher Secondary Studies**



**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW





### HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Since returning from the overnight trips for Stages 4 and 5 our students have been reflecting on the trips and continuing learning about the Warrumbungles. In Stage 5 Geography students are preparing authentic, and real world reports, such as posters to encourage young people to visit the area. As some students didn't attend the camp they are paired with a student who did go. It was a disappointment to me that even though students had the opportunity to create a video, and advertisement, a television report or a blog, they all chose posters! This is something I will be working on with the students next year so that the projects students complete will be better preparing them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century media world they live in.

On Monday this week students and staff had the opportunity to dress up for Halloween, just as something fun for the school to engage in so students can enjoy their time together. The library was decorated with the help of Mrs Edge and students were given treats for borrowing books, and rewards for scavenger hunts. Some secondary students took part in an Escape Room activity to solve a crime. All in all it was a fun day and thank you to all the parents and carers who made such an effort to dress up their children.

**Ms Brenda Stewart**  
**Head Teacher Student Growth and Attainment**





### YEAR 11 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Year 11 Industrial Technology students are currently hard at work designing and planning their Major Project ideas. Next term students will start to begin construction on their chosen projects.

### YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION

Year 11 Construction are currently working towards completing their group project, which is a dog kennel. Students are actively working with each other and are making great progress to complete this project.

### STAGE 5 TIMBER

Stage 5 Timber have started making their Dartboard Cabinet project this term. Students are testing their knowledge and practical skills during the construction stage. There should be some fantastic projects completed at the end of the term.



### SECONDARY WELLBEING NEWS

For the next 3 weeks we will focus on being in class. Each day I am conducting lessons with each year group, based around this focus. This focus is heavily based around attendance and the importance of being in class on time, equipped for learning.

### PBL Focus Weeks 4-6: Being in Class



NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



### IMPORTANT DATES WAP – TERM 4

- 14th to 18th of November – VET Work Placement Dubbo
- 16th of December – Final day for students

Please get in contact, if you have any questions regarding Industrial Technology or Western Access Program at PHCS.

**Luke Watt**

**Head Teacher Secondary Wellbeing and ISAC**



## KINDERGARTEN YEAR 1

K/1 have been working so hard over the past few weeks. In Math we have been learning all about measurement and length. We have been doing so many different activities to explore how long or tall an object is and even working towards measuring distances with blocks, paper clips and rulers! We had so much fun dressing up on Halloween and drawing our own haunted house. In Writing we have been creating imaginative writing and even had our chairs quit! We wrote different stories about what led to the chairs quitting. Some of them were so funny! In phonics we have been learning new digraphs that we have been working on using in our writing.



**Miss Sammi Aham and Mrs Kelley Westcott Classroom Teachers**



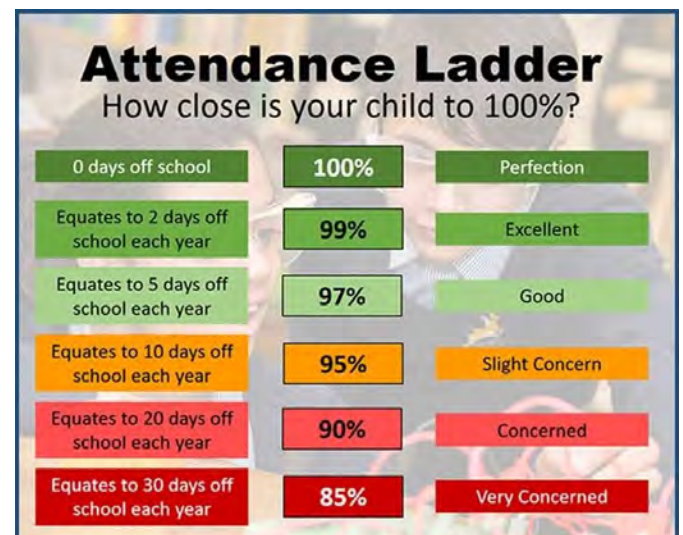
## YEAR 2/3 NEWS

2/3 became such expert Mathematicians this fortnight as they finished learning about fractions. We even tested our knowledge of fractions by making (and then eating) fairy bread fractions and by splitting a group of Smarties into fractions.

2/3 always loves John Moriarty soccer lessons. We have loved developing our goal kicking skills. We also participated in a John Moriarty colouring in competition and some very lucky and talented winners won a new soccer ball each.

We have been reading, "The BFG", by Roald Dahl. Students are loving listening to the story and talking about all the silly and exciting things that are happening as we read. We are starting to look closer at some of the language and grammar in the text and are using this to make our own writing more exciting!

**Miss Ella Bandur Classroom Teacher**





# Halloween 2022









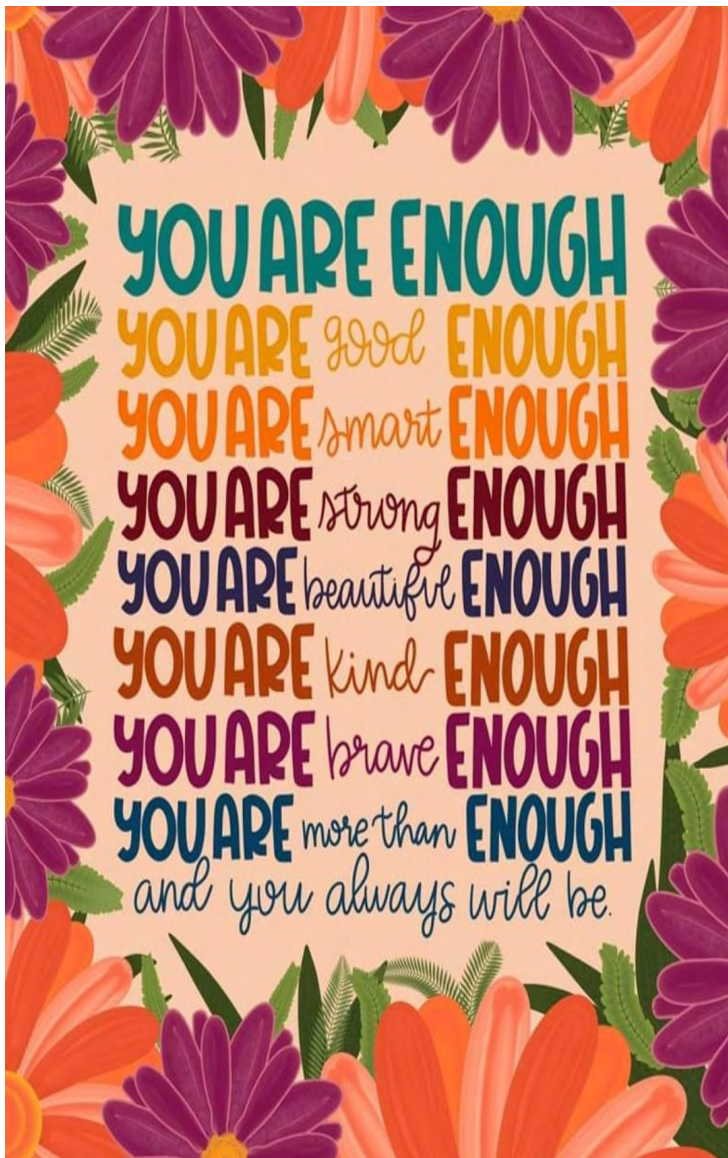
## YEAR 4/5

We have had a busy start to the term in the 4/5 classroom. Our excursion to Canberra was a huge success, Monday's with John Moriarty has been a highlight and of course our Halloween dress up topped of an exciting few weeks!

We were lucky enough to present an assembly item in Week 3. As students have been focusing on procedures in Writing, we made our own potions and wrote a procedure for how we would make it. Students also painted cauldrons during art time to display during our item.

During Maths time we have been focusing on chance and have been lucky enough to have Miss Briggs in for a couple of days helping to teach us some more strategies for multiplication and division.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**

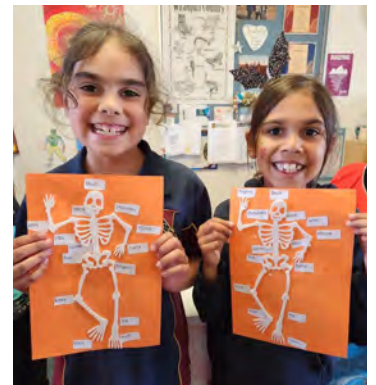


## SCIENCE WITH YEAR 2/3

Mrs Edge's scientists in 2/3 labelled their skeletons and learned about the function of various bones in the body. They are clever at explaining how the rib cage protects the lungs and the heart, and how the skull protects the brain.

Students in 1/2 made skeletons in Visual Arts with Mrs Edge

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
Classroom Teacher





# POSITIVE INCIDENT LEADERS TERM 4 STAGE 4

Sharntelle	10
Bailey	5
Taliyah	5
Michael	5
Khalia	5
Ben	5
Ethan	5
John	5
Ruby	4
Charlee	3
Kayleigh	2
Leon	2

Mundara	2
Jackson	2
Lilliana	2
Jono	2
Kaidyn	2
Kota	2
Levi	1
Paul	1
Zeke	1
Chace	1
Mollie	1
Aksel	1
Nick	1
Emily	1
Jayden	1



# POSITIVE INCIDENT LEADERS TERM 4 STAGE 5 AND 6

India	7
Bella Read	6
Clair	6
Bindi	6
Cooper	5
Jada	5
Mackenzie	4
Mary	4
Acacia	4
Jacob	2
Sarah	2
Amelia	2

Quentin	2
Zoe	2
Hunter	2
Eleyce	1
Bella Rob	1
Emma	1
Shelby	1
Lara	1
Tyler	1
Zac	1
Hannah	1



# SAVE THE DATE

# PBL Colour Run

Friday 25th November 2022

Primary: 1:30-2:15PM

Secondary: 2:15-3:00PM

PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL YEAR 7 - 10 YEARLY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE				
TIME	MONDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November	TUESDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> November	WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> November	THURSDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> November
10am – 11am	7-10 ENGLISH LD, BS	7-10 SCIENCE AG, BS	7-10 HSIE BS, ML	7-10 MATHS LD, BS
11:30 - 12:30	7/8 TECHNOLOGY 9/10 IND TECH - TIMBER  ML, AG, LP	7-10 PD/H/PE CS, ML	9/10 FOOD TECH 7/8 ART  LD, BS, BP	



PEAK HILL  
CENTRAL SCHOOL

# END OF *Year* ACTIVITIES



TERM 4 WEEK 10

**14TH - 16TH  
DECEMBER**

**FREE**

Normal school hours & full  
school uniform



You need to have 85% attendance or higher in Term 4 to participate!



## Transport for NSW



### School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before the **end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

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## Peak Hill Public Dental Service

### FREE DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

#### Are you eligible?

**Children** under 18 years old must hold a Medicare card.

**Adults** (18 years or older)

- Must hold a Medicare card.
- Must hold or be listed as a dependent on a valid Australian Concession Card:
  - Health Care Card
  - Pensioner Concession Card
  - Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

All adults and children must normally **live within the boundary of the Western NSW Local Health District**.

#### Where?

**Peak Hill Multi-Purpose Service (MPS)**

4746 Newell Hwy, Peak Hill NSW 2869

#### When?

A child or adult dental service will be provided up to one day a month (subject to demand).

#### How?

Call our Contact Centre on **1300 552 626**

(you will need your Medicare Card and, if you are an adult, your Concession Card ready).



Health  
Western NSW  
Local Health District

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## Road safety



### Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](#)



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
Our goal is zero.



## Road safety



### Wearing helmets and riding safely

#### Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades

#### Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

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#### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

#### Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



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# School Calendar Term 4 2022

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	7 Stewart House	8 Stewart House	9 Stewart House	10 Stewart House	11 Stewart House
	11:30-3pm Year 6 into Year 7 transition		K/1 Teddy Bears Picnic at Taronga Zoo	Year 12 Graduation at The Cross Roads Hotel	
	Years 7-10 Exams	Years 7-10 Exams	Years 7-10 Exams	Years 7-10 Exams	
Week 6	14 Stewart House	15 Stewart House	16 Stewart House	17 Stewart House	18 Stewart House
	Work Placement	Work Placement	Work Placement	Work Placement	Work Placement
	Year 6 into Year 7 transition 9am-3pm		Sydney Excursion Year 7 -10	Sydney Excursion Year 7 -10	Sydney Excursion Year 7 -10
Week 7	21 Year 6 into Year 7 transition 9am-3pm	22	23 Year 2/3 Wellington Caves Excursion	24 Belrose visit	25 Belrose Visit
	First Aid training Years 10 & 11				K-11 Colour Fun Run
Week 8	28 Year 6 into Year 7 transition 9am-3pm	29	30 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	1 December Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	2 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program
Week 9	5 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	6 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	7 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	8 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	9 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program
				Presentation Night at 6pm	
Week 10	12 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	13 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	14	15 Primary Dubbo Rewards Excursion	16 Secondary Dubbo Rewards Excursion
					Last day of school for students
Week 11	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day			

