



# Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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

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Term 4 Week 6 Friday 18th November 2022

## Principal's Report

As this newsletter goes out I am hoping that our families and community members have not had too much impact from the recent water levels in our district. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of any assistance what so ever to you and your family. We are here to help if we can.

### SYDNEY EXCURSION

Years 7-10 have spent the past three days experiencing educational and social aspects of life in Australia's largest city and NSW Capital Sydney. A packed itinerary has seen the students visit many landmarks, museums and cultural aspects of Sydney. Students have experienced travelling on public transport and activities to build resilience and independence as well as learning about the history and culture of the city. It is hoped that through these experiences our students will be more likely to relocate from Peak Hill to take up employment opportunities, and further education at TAFE or university. One of the highlights was attending the Stage Production of the musical Cinderella. A full story will be published in our next newsletter.



### CANBERRA EXCURSION

During week 2 this term Years 4,5 and 6 travelled to Canberra to experience all that Canberra has to offer. The students learnt about how our Federal Parliament operates at their visit to Parliament House. At the Australian War Memorial the students learned about Australia's participation in the wars. The National Botanical Gardens saw the students learn about bush tucker, and medicine of the First Nations Ngunnawal people and the differing microclimates for different species of plants. The students were engaged with the water dragons sunning themselves on the rocks and enjoyed walking through the rainforest. At the Australian Mint the students learned about the history of trade and money and how we make money in Australia. Art lessons and appreciation at the National Portrait Gallery made the students think and bring out their creative side. A highlight for the students was Cockington Green and the walk-in bird aviary where the students got to feed the rainbow lorikeets.



Thank you to PACER who supplemented the cost of this excursion by \$30 per child because we visited four of the main attractions in Canberra.



**Principal**

Mr Peter Neilsen

**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**

Ms Kim Dern

**Vice President**

Mrs Kelly Dart

**Secretary**

Ms Kim Dern

**Treasurer**

Miss Renee Keed  
Mrs Kelly Dart

**ZOO EXCURSION**



Kinder/1 had a Teddy bears picnic at the Western Plains Zoo recently learning about some of the amazing animals from Australia and around the world. A highlight for the kids was seeing the lions and the lion cubs.

**DUBBO EXCURSION**

Year 2/3 were booked into the Wellington caves for next week but due to the large amounts of rain the region has received the caves are closed for the rest of the year whilst structural assessments are undertaken. Instead, they will travel into

Dubbo for a day experiencing what Dubbo has to offer. They will even challenge me at Ten Pin Bowling.

**KIDS WITH KIDS**

Our newborn Angora kids are continuing to go from strength to strength. The students have enjoyed handling them and watching them bounce around their yard. We are about half way through the kidding season. These kids will form part of our show team and travel to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney next year.



**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

The staff are looking forward to catching up with family and community members at our annual Presentation night on 8th December 2022.

A highlight will be acknowledging our students for their academic, sporting and citizenship efforts as well as inducting our School and Primary Captains for 2023. SRC participation will also be awarded. Light refreshments will be served.

**Save the Date:**  
**PHCS Presentation night**  
**Thursday 8th December 2022 at**  
**6pm**



**CASUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2023**

I am taking expressions of Interest for the following positions available for 2023 school year.

- Casual Teachers- must have current DOE Approval to Teach.
- Casual Cleaning Staff- must have current WWCC and Police check.
- Covid Tutors with skill to work with small groups of children on Literacy and numeracy.
- Casual office Administration must have current WWCC and skills in the use of Information Technology.

All positions will come with on the job training and support. If you have any further queries or would like to submit an EOI please contact me at the school.

**Mr Peter Neilsen**  
**Principal**

**RESPECTFUL – RESPONSIBLE – SAFE - SUCCESSFUL - LEADERS & LEARNERS @ PHCS****YEAR 12 FAREWELL DINNER**

Last Thursday evening our Year 12 students, families and our staff joined to celebrate the 13 years of education that has culminated in the successful completion of the Higher School Certificate for Shaylee, Samuel and Jaedyn. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the excellent attendance, attitude and perseverance of each of these students and the wonderful role models that they have been for our student body at PHCS. We will miss these three talented, respectful and successful young leaders and we wish them good fortune and happiness as they navigate their way through the next chapter of their lives. We hope that they come to visit us in the future to tell us of their career and educational journeys.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022**

Congratulations to Zoe, Quentin and Adrian, who proudly represented PHCS at the Community Remembrance Ceremony at the AIF Hall last Friday. Thank you to these students and Ms Stewart who organised and ran a Remembrance Day Observation at school for all staff and students to stop, remember and reflect on the importance of the 11 hour, on the 11 day of the 11 month. Lest We Forget.

**VET WORKPLACEMENT IN DUBBO**

This week our Year 11 students have been in Dubbo completing 35 hours of their Mandatory Industry Work Placement hours in their chosen Vocation Education Framework. The staff and employer feedback on the engagement and employability skills of each of these students in the workforce is a credit to both themselves and their families. This is where our students have been this week:

- Makaylah has completed a Primary Industries placement at Cora Lynn, Peak Hill.
- Quentin has completed a Construction placement at DH Interiors in Dubbo.
- Zoe has completed a Construction placement at JLE Electrical in Dubbo.
- Hannah has completed a Hospitality placement at The Cattleman's in Dubbo.
- Amelia has completed a Hospitality placement at the Taronga Zoofari Lodge in Dubbo.

Thank you to Mrs Stanford, Miss Gear, Mr Watt and Mr Grubb who have supervised our students in Dubbo this week and who have made this valuable work placement program possible. I know that our students appreciate this opportunity to gain authentic employability skills in a work place.

### SYDNEY EXCURSION

For the past three days our students in Years 7 – 10 have visited Sydney with Miss Pickering, Ms Stewart, Mr Labone and myself. It has been three action packed, activity filled, very busy days. On Wednesday we visited beautiful Manly, Circular Quay, The Rocks and even completed the 2-hour Rocks Ghost and history tour, which was absolutely amazing! On Thursday we were given a tour of the Jewish Museum by an actual Holocaust survivor. We had lunch at Darling Harbour and then visited Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, where the students took lots of photos with some very famous faces! While we were in Darling Harbour we stopped at the Aquarium and then went to admire the awe-inspiring art works at the Sydney Art Gallery. Following dinner on Thursday night we were lucky enough to see, Cinderella the Musical at the Lyric Theatre. On our last day we packed up our bags and loaded the coach before we enjoyed the stunning walk across the Harbour Bridge to Luna Park. We actually had the best Friday, as we lined up for every ride and enjoyed an incredible day of fun, sun, ice cream and the best and scariest theme park rides ever! Thank you to our students for their respectful behaviour and their positive participation and great sense of fun over the three days. A special thank you to our staff for their boundless energy and their tireless efforts for our students.

### A TERM OF EXCURSIONS!

Following two years of no excursions this term has been an absolutely phenomenal opportunity for our students to experience “the great outdoors” in all its forms! A huge thank you to Mrs Tanya Stanford in the Front Office for her calm and measured organisation and planning to ensure the smooth sailing of each of our day and overnight excursions this term. The delight and excitement of our students as they have prepared for, talked about and participated in each excursion has been so rewarding!



### STEWART HOUSE VISIT

This year six of our students were lucky enough to be accepted into the two-week excursion to Stewart House in Manly. Ben, Ethan, Willo, Kodei, Ethan and Jayden return from their incredible adventures today and I'm certain that they will have had so much fun and seen so many sights that they will have memories to last them a lifetime! I would like to personally thank Mr Brody Palmer who travelled on the bus to Sydney and back with our students, this was a huge effort and we really appreciate it.

### END OF YEAR REWARDS DAY ACTIVITIES

The School is planning a series of end of year activities for Secondary on 14-16 December and Primary on 15-16 December. Students will work with staff to choose a variety of activities including Christmas cooking, Christmas craft, games, pool activities, gardening etc.

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. Further details will be provided in our next newsletter.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- Years 10 & 11 students Royal Lifesaving First Aid Training @ PHCS – next Monday 21 November
- 2/3 Adventure Park, Pizza Party & Ten Pin Bowling Excursion to Dubbo - next Wednesday 23 November
- Belrose Rotary & Youth Up Front visit to PHCS on Thursday & Friday next week
- K – 11 Colour Fun Run, Monday 28 November
- The 2022 PHCS Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 8 December at 6pm

### K – 10 REPORTS

Teaching staff have been busy setting and marking exams, assessing students and preparing the first stages of the end of year reports for our students. While there will not be formal parent/teacher meetings this term, please know that you are welcome to call the Front Office and make a time to meet with your child's teacher/s to discuss their progress, before reports are sent home at the end of the term.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy weekend!

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
Deputy Principal

## HEAD TEACHER NEWS

### SYDNEY EXCURSION

This week, 30 students from Years 7-10 will travel to Sydney for their Yearly Excursion. Well done to these students for demonstrating the school's PBL Values to qualify to attend. The trip will include visits to Manly Beach, the Aquarium, Madame Tussaud's, Luna Park and The Rocks.

### END OF YEAR EVENTS

In Week 10, students with over 85% attendance and with 10 Positive Sentral Entries for Term 4 will participate in three days of activities on and off site. Students are encouraged to monitor their attendance and aim to consistently attend school for the remainder of the term.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

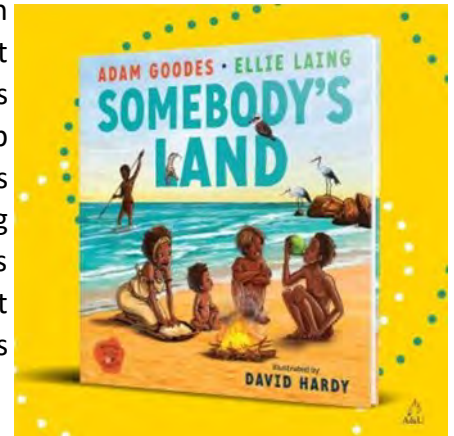
### YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

Students in Years 7-10 sat their Yearly Examinations this week. These are an opportunity for students to demonstrate the knowledge and understanding they have developed throughout the year. Well done to the majority of students who were responsible and successful and tried their best for all of their examinations. Examinations during junior years of Secondary School are important as they prepare students for their senior years of high school, and Higher School Certificate.

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

## HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Last night on TV I saw Adam Goodes talking about how when he started to read to his children at night, he realised there were not many contemporary children's books that talked about issues important to Indigenous people today. So, he decided to write his own books, in collaboration with another author and an artist. He spoke about his mother being part of the Stolen Generation and how he always kept hold of his Aboriginality, even though it was hard at times. He wants his children to grow up as proud Indigenous people. He is writing a five-book series with the first two out now. The first one is *Somebody's Land*.



The purpose of the book (and the Welcome to Our Country series) is to shed light on Aboriginal culture and history for a mainstream Australian audience. The books encourage children and their parents to identify with the characters and the imagined scenes from the past and to see the impact of colonisation from a First Nations perspective. The creators and publishers hope the book will be a prompt for people to take a deeper interest in First Nations issues and explore the many other books, documentaries and films that are available.

I highly recommend these books for reading and discussing the stories with young children. I will be purchasing the series for our library.

On Remembrance Day this year, the school was led in an assembly by our new school captains. They did a very good job in explaining to students why we have Remembrance Day. The primary students took part in a colouring competition highlighting the soldiers and nurses from WW1, our winners and runners up were very happy, and we were all impressed with their efforts. Equally impressive was the student's respectful manner for the assembly. Well done Zoe and Quentin.



In Stage 5 Geography students have completed their yearly exam and it was pleasing to see the many students who understand the importance of Geographers doing Field Work, going out into the environment, and observing and recording what they see. Field Work is an essential part of Geography, and I am hoping all students in future will take the opportunity to go on the field trips offered to improve their observation skills and deepen their knowledge of our precious land.

I am looking forward to accompanying our students to Sydney this week.

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



## WAP AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### SECONDARY WELLBEING NEWS

The weekly focus for PBL for weeks 7-9 is *engaging in activities and lessons*. Each day I am conducting lessons with each different year group, based around this focus. This focus is aimed at provided students with an understanding of their expectations when in the classroom.

### Year 10 into Year 11 Transition

This Year WAP Year 10 into Year 11 Transition will be performed on Teams during Weeks 8 and 9. This opportunity will provide our students with the opportunity to meet their teachers and other peers from the other schools across WAP.

### HOMEWORK CENTRE

A reminder to all students that homework centre runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. If any students are interested in this, please discuss with any staff member about utilising this great resource.

### WORK PLACEMENT – WEEK 6

Five students from PHCS have participated in Workplacement in Dubbo this week. Thank you to each of the teachers for making this happen for our students. Students conducted themselves in a professional way while learning new workplace skills. Students have been working at the following places and some photos are below.

- Makaylah McMaster – Primary Industries at Cora Lynn (Peak Hill)
- Quentin Weaver – Construction at D H Interiors (Dubbo)
- Zoe Pabis – Construction at JLE Electrical (Dubbo)
- Hannah Austin – Hospitality at Cattleman's Inn (Dubbo)
- Amelia Barwick – Hospitality at Taronga Zoofari Lodge (Dubbo)

### IMPORTANT DATES – TERM 4

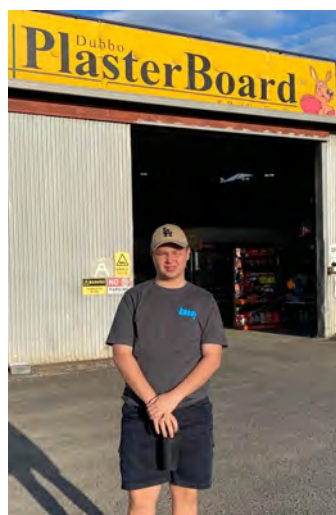
- 21<sup>st</sup> of November – First Aid Course @ Peak Hill
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of November – Belrose Careers Expo @ PHCS
- Week 8 & 9 – Year 10 into Year 11 Transition via Teams
- 16<sup>th</sup> of December – Final day for students

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**

NOVEMBER 2022				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
31	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15 HOMEWORK CENTRE 3:30 - 4:30PM	16	17 HOMEWORK CENTRE 3:30 - 4:30PM	18
21	22 HOMEWORK CENTRE 3:30 - 4:30PM	23	24 HOMEWORK CENTRE 3:30 - 4:30PM	25
28	29 HOMEWORK CENTRE 3:30 - 4:30PM	30		





## Year 12 Graduation Dinner





## Sydney Excursion 2022





## KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

K/1 had a fantastic time at the zoo last week. They saw many animals including the rhinos, elephants, otters and lions! The Siameng monkeys put on a fabulous display while we ate our picnic lunch.

In maths, K/1 have been learning about place value, 2D shapes and 3D objects.

We have been working on our creative writing with prompts from the many stories we have been reading. K/1 are learning about using speech marks in their writing when characters speak in their stories.

**Miss Sammi Axa Mrs Kelley Westcott**  
Classroom Teachers



## YEAR 2/3 NEWS

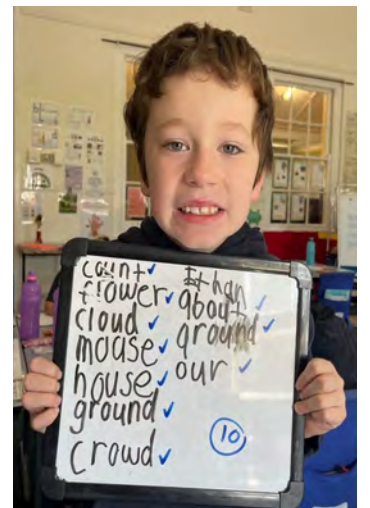
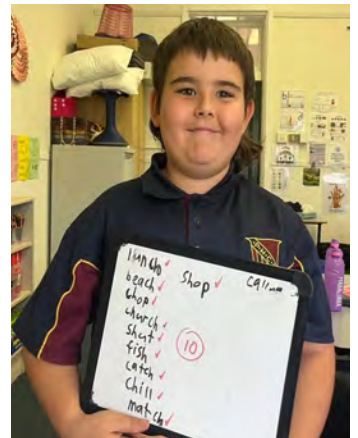
Year 2/3 has had an incredible fortnight of learning!

In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have learnt all about the properties of these shapes and where we can find them around the classroom and in the world. They have loved playing the Secret Shape guessing game in groups. 2/3 have also created beautiful abstract artworks which include all of the 2D shapes that we have learnt about.

In Literacy, 2/3 has continued reading the BFG which they are loving! We have been using the text to help our own descriptive writing and everyone created and described their very own scary giants who would fit right in at Giant Country.

Year 2/3 are loving John Moriarty and improving their soccer skills.

**Miss Ella Bandur**  
Classroom Teacher





## YEAR 4/5

It has been a busy 2 weeks in the 4/5 classroom. We have celebrated and learnt about Remembrance Day, completing a beautiful artwork to finish off our activities.

During Math lessons we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes as well as different triangles. It has been a challenging new concept for 4/5 to grasp, however, all students have showed outstanding effort to learn new knowledge.

In Writing, we have wrapped up our procedure unit with a range of pieces getting us ready for Christmas. This week we are beginning our unit on poetry. I can't wait to get our creative minds flowing.

We are all looking forward to Intensive Swimming coming up as well as the colour run and end of year activities.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Classroom Teacher



## ART WITH YEAR 2/3

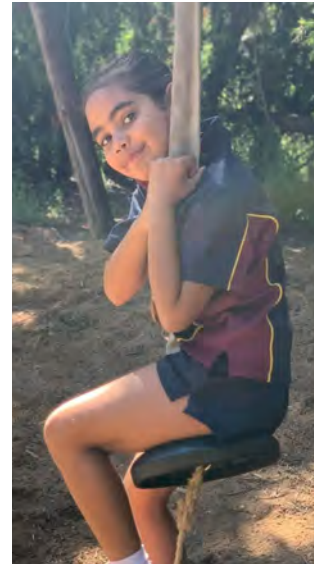
Students in Year 2/3 investigated the properties of 2D shapes, students can name them as well as list how many sides, corners and angles they have. They used a variety of 2D shapes to create these colourful collages in Visual Arts.

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
Classroom Teacher





## K/1 Excursion to the Zoo





# *ENROL NOW* **FOR KICK START KINDY** *and give your child a better than best start*



**TAKE A LOOK AT PHCS**  
*"make an informed decision"*

TERM 4: Monday OCT 17, 24 & 31 (WK2-WK4)

9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Monday NOV 7, 14, 21 & 28 (WK5-WK8)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

For children starting Kinder in 2023

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Miss Grace Stewart 6869 1304





PEAK HILL  
CENTRAL SCHOOL

**END OF**  
*Year*  
**ACTIVITIES**

TERM 4 WEEK 10

**14TH - 16TH  
DECEMBER**

**FREE**

Normal school hours & full  
school uniform



**ONE PERSON  
CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE,  
AND  
EVERYONE  
SHOULD TRY.**

-JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Social Work - Cairns

**SAVE THE DATE**

**PBL Colour Run**


**Monday 28th November 2022**

**Primary: 1:30-2:15PM**  
**Secondary: 2:15-3:00PM**




# HELLO SUMMER


## YOUTH LIBRARY LOCK IN GAMES AND PIZZA NIGHT



**Wednesday 23 November 2022**  
**5:30pm - 8pm**


Scan to book in!



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Parkes Library - Bogan Street - 6861 2309

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## Peak Hill Public Dental Service

### FREE DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Are you eligible?	Where?
<b>Children</b> under 18 years old must hold a Medicare card.  <b>Adults</b> (18 years or older) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must hold a Medicare card.</li> <li>Must hold or be listed as a dependent on a valid Australian Concession Card:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Care Card</li> <li>Pensioner Concession Card</li> <li>Commonwealth Seniors Health Card</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Peak Hill Multi-Purpose Service (MPS)</b> 4746 Newell Hwy, Peak Hill NSW 2869
	When?
	<b>A child or adult dental service will be provided up to one day a month (subject to demand).</b>
	How?
	<b>Call our Contact Centre on 1300 552 626</b> (you will need your Medicare Card and, if you are an adult, your Concession Card ready).

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



**Health**  
 Western NSW  
 Local Health District

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# Peak Hill Penguins Swimming Club

## 22/23 Season

### FUN AND FITNESS



**Practice each Monday and Wednesday**

- 4:30-5 for beginners (must be able to swim 25m)
- 5-6 pm for confident swimmers in all strokes
- Club Trial Nights each Friday @ 6pm**

**\$100**  
SEASON

**Register by Friday 18th November**

Click on the Swim Central Link:  
<https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au/home>

- ✓ Practice starts Monday 21st November
- ✓ The first trial night is Friday, 25th November at 5:45 pm
- ✓ Parents/carers MUST attend Friday Trial nights and practice sessions

Follow us on Facebook  
 email:peakhillswimclub@gmail.com



## Term 4 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	21 Year 6 into Year 7 transition 9am-3pm  First Aid training Years 10 & 11	22	23 Year 2/3 Adventure Park, Pizza & Ten Pin Bowling Excursion, Dubbo  World Skills Hospitality, Hannah & Amelia	24 Belrose visit	25 Belrose Visit
	28 Year 6 into Year 7 transition 9am-3pm  K-11 Colour Fun Run	29 World Skills Construction, Quentin  Scripture K-8	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  Construction Excursion to Trundle	6 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program  Construction Excursion to Trundle	7 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	8 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program  Presentation Night at 6pm	9 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program  Marathon Health – Hearing Tests
	12 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	13 Primary Swim & Water Safety Program	14 Year 6 Lunch at Tomingley Pub	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			



# Attendance Matters

