



# Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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

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Term 3 Week 4 - Friday, 12 August 2022

### Principals Report

All systems go at Peak Hill Central School with so many opportunities for students to develop skills and credentials to futureproof themselves.

Students are busy preparing for the local Peak Hill Show. The students are preparing for the cooking, craft and art sections, as well as preparing animals to display at the show. Show day is a gazetted public holiday and as such school will not operate that day. The school will be paying for all current students to have free entry to the show. I encourage all students to come along and see all the amazing entries the show has to offer. All staff will be at the show on the day helping on the gate, running our coffee and produce stall and our agriculture display featuring our goats and chickens.

Senior students have been on Study camp last week with the students from our partner WAP schools at Lake Burrendong. HSC Trial exams commence on Wednesday 17th August here at school. We wish our Year 12 students all the best for the trials.

Other opportunities held recently or coming up in the next few weeks include our success at the recent Gobondery NARRAF athletics carnival held in Dubbo where 12 of our primary students qualified to compete at Western Region. Students in Secondary have had an opportunity to attend to Try a Trade day, Boys to the Bush and TAFE Beauty course. Students will be completing their White Card competency this Tuesday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling.

Every Wednesday afternoon from 2-3 pm Mrs Doyle and I will be downtown in Caswell Street if you would like to catch up and have a chat.

**Mr Peter Neilsen**  
Principal





## Principal

Mr Peter Neilsen

## Deputy Principal

Mrs Catherine Doyle

## Assistant Principal

Grace Stewart (Mon & Tue)

Miss Tiarne McLeod (Rel)

## Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Miss Lucy Dempsey

## Head Teacher Wellbeing Secondary/ISAC

Mr Luke Watt

## Head Teacher Student Attainment

Ms Brenda Stewart

## Wellbeing Coordinator K-6

Mrs Lyndal Edge

## Head Teacher Western Access Program

Mrs Crystal Stanford

## Aboriginal Education Officer

Mrs Vicki Sharah

## Administration Manager

Mrs Tanya Stanford

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Mrs Kelly Dart

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Ms Kim Dern

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Mrs Kelly Dart

## WHAT A FABULOUSLY, WONDERFUL FORTNIGHT!

Thank you to our incredible students and families who work with us every day to improve the outcomes and success of every student in our care. Every single day we are working to improve the attendance, engagement, and quality learning experiences for our students. We encourage and welcome feedback on how we can continue to help each of our students to find, "Success through Effort"!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every fortnight the Regional ATTENDANCE TEAM visits PHCS to monitor and support the improved attendance of our students from Kindergarten to Year 12. The most important messages I need to relay to family's this week are:

- (1) Students need to attend school everyday
- (2) If a student is sick or absent – PLEASE contact the school and let us know so that your child does not have an UNEXPLAINED absence
- (3) CONGRATULATIONS to the 30 students who have been recognised for improving their attendance over the past fortnight. Well done and keep up the excellent work!

## JOIN THE "YARN-UP" & MEET US UP THE STREET

Ever wanted to have an informal chat about anything school related off site?

EVERY Wednesday this term, from 2- 3pm, you can meet Mr Neilsen, myself and other staff for a cuppa and a yarn at the Antique Shop / Temple Lion. Please see us out and about down the main street and feel free to drop in and have a chat, it will be our shout!

## WHAT IS PBL?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a well researched framework that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning environment. Our school based strategies are used to support our students to improve their social, emotional, behavioural and academic success. We are currently updating our PBL program, which includes teaching our students K – 12, what being a SAFE, SUCCESSFUL, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE student looks like at PHCS. I look forward to sharing with our students and families our "new look" Blue Monitoring Card and also our Russell Reward tickets, which students will be able to use to buy lunch at the school canteen, attend a movie afternoon or a trip to Ten Pin Bowling.

## PEAK HILL SHOW

Staff and students are currently preparing for our local show on Wednesday 24th August. This day will be a gazetted holiday and there will be NO school on show day. Mr Neilsen is kindly paying for the entry of each of our students to attend the show for free. Our staff will be supporting the show with a school display, show entries, a school stall filled with cakes and goodies and they will also be working on the front entry gate to welcome visitors and guests to the show. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the show!

## BOYS TO THE BUSH

This fortnight saw another incredible "Boys to the Bush" day trip. This week the students visited the Quentin Park Alpaca Farm. Next Monday 15th August, is the final session of this program for this term. A huge thank you to Tim West the coordinator of this program and his team, for supporting this holistic and culturally significant program. Our students are already asking about Term 4 opportunities!



**WAP CAMP**

Over the past three days Mrs Crystal Stanford and our Stage 6 students have been at the Sport and Recreation Centre at Burrendong Dam to complete a WAP Study Camp with each of their Course Coordinators. I thank each of the staff who were involved in the transportation of the students, staying overnight and running study sessions. It is a huge three days and I know that the educational benefit to our students was well worth the effort.

**ORAL HEALTH VISIT**

On Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September, the team from the Parkes Oral Health Service, will be visiting PHCS to conduct the first round of dental screenings with students in Kindergarten and Year 11. They will visit on other days next term until every student who has a signed consent form has been screened.

**PEAK HILL PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICE**

The Peak Hill Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) will be offering a one day a month dental service. If you are interested in attending please contact the centre on: 1300552626 You will need take a Medicare Card or Concession Card to use this service. Please contact the MPS for more information.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and I look forward to a fabulous Week 5 starting Monday! If there is ever anything that I can do to support you or your children, please just let me know.

**Mrs Catherine Doyle**  
Deputy Principal

**BOYS TO THE BUSH**

Male students in Years 7-12 have continued their participation in the Boys to the Bush Program this term. Students have been involved in work readiness activities, helping out people in multiple communities and some recreational activities such as fishing and yabbing. Monday the 15th August will be the final day of Boys to the Bush .

**Miss Lucy Dempsey**  
Head Teacher





## HEAD TEACHER STUDENT GROWTH AND ATTAINMENT

Why do we need to be good readers in the 21st Century?

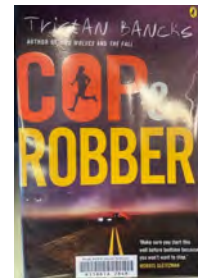
Sometimes students ask similar questions about reading, what do we need to know this for? I won't need to read anything for the job I want to do, so I don't need to read!

Our students are only beginning their lives and are unaware about the importance of reading in their lives. They need to be able to read for their driver's licence or machinery licences, manuals for all the electrical goods we use, TAFE courses etc. It would be a big help if parents and carers could reinforce the importance of reading at home.

At school we are continuing our Reading Circles where students discuss the books they read in a safe environment. This time also helps students improve their vocabulary and collaboration skills which are very important in the work force.

The library is becoming a busy place at lunchtimes with students visiting to read, talk or play some of the games we have. In Book Week I am planning some fun events for the students. Here are some students using the library at lunch time last week.

Here are the covers of some of our new exciting books, we have many of the books that were listed for the Children's Book Council of Australia's short list.



## Aboriginal Studies Year 12 Excursion Tuesday 2nd August

As part of the HSC course students are required to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander initiatives that work to strengthen Indigenous Identity and heritage and that educate the wider community about culture and identity.

To demonstrate some local initiatives we visited Old Ganarrin Nursery, now called the ICaN Nursery started by Rob Riley, and Uncle Ralph Naden's Culture Camp at Baladooran.

The students and myself felt very relaxed and were impressed with how these organisations contribute to a positive outcome for those who visit. Thank you Mr Towney for taking us, and the Uncle Ralph and Blake for allowing us to visit. Below are some photos taken on the day.



Miss Brenda Stewart  
Head Teacher



## ACCESS CAMP TERM 3

Our students are off to access camp for 3 days at Lake Burrendong. At camp, the students will have access to each of their Course Coordinators for a face-to-face lesson. This camp is beneficial for our students to build relationships with their teachers, peers from other schools and have fun. I am sure the students will have a wonderful time.

## WHITE CARD COURSE

Some students in Year 10 and Year 11 will be completing their White Card Course at school on Tuesday 16th of August. If your child has been given an enrolment form and permission note, could these please be returned to the front office ASAP. If you have any questions or would like another copy of the paperwork please contact the school.

## PEAK HILL SHOW 2022

This year we will be entering some of our projects made in Woodwork or Metalwork into the Show. Judging on these pieces will take place on Tuesday the 23rd of August. If your child has a project they have made in the past two years in Woodwork or Metalwork, please get them to bring it into school and I will enter them into the Show for 2022.

## YEAR 12 GRADUATION

This year the Year 12 Western Access Program Graduation will be held on the 16th of September at Club Dubbo. Invitations will be issued to families soon.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES WAP:

Week 5/6 - HSC Trial Examinations

Week 7 - 29th of August to 2nd of September – Work Placement @ Dubbo

If you have any questions regarding WAP or Industrial Technology - Timber please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

**Mr Luke Watt**

**In School Access Coordinator & Head Teacher Wellbeing**



## 2022 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Week 5			Week 6	
Wednesday 17 August 2022	Thursday 18 August 2022	Friday 19 August 2022	Monday 22 August 2022	Tuesday 23 August 2022
Drama 9.05-10.40 am	English Standard Paper 1 9.05-10.45 am	English Standard Paper 2 9.05-11.10 am	Biology 9.05-12.10pm	Mathematics Advanced 9.05-12.15 pm
Industrial Technology 9.05-10.40 am			VET Construction 9.05-11.10 am	Mathematics Standard 1 9.05-11.15 am
			Aboriginal Studies 9.05-12.10pm	Mathematics Standard 2 9.05-11.45 am
VET Hospitality 12.00-2.05pm	Community and Family Studies 11.55am – 3.00pm	Ancient History 11.55am – 3.00pm	VET Primary Industries 12.05-2.10 pm	
	Legal Studies 11.55am – 3.00pm			




## NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten have been doing an amazing job the past few weeks.

In English we have been starting to learn to write more independently through our information report lessons about Australian animals.

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on our numbers 0-30 and working on grouping and sharing a range of different things, and learning what is fair and equal.

We have also been working so hard on our Peak Hill Show art and cannot wait to show everyone in Week 6! Well done, Kindergarten.



**Miss Sammi Aham**  
**Classroom Teacher**



## NEWS FROM YEAR 1

Year 1 have been working so hard on writing, reading and spelling this fortnight. We are currently working on writing our very own class book that will be finished and published very soon!

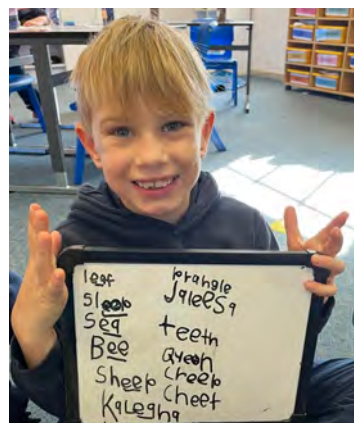
In Mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about length and fractions. We learnt how to measure things from shortest to longest, and measured things around the classroom using wooden blocks. We also have started looking at fractions and how we could share ice blocks between our friends at a picnic.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, Year 1 and Kindergarten created a beautiful communal artwork that signifies them walking into the future, for this year's theme, "My Dreaming, My Future". Then, Year 1 wrote about what they want to be when they grow up and accompanied their writing with fantastic artworks of them in the future.

We started looking at the weather in different places and created some artworks showing penguins in freezing cold Antarctica.

Looking forward to more fun and exciting learning in Year 1.

**Miss Ella Bandur**  
**Classroom Teacher**



### HI, FROM WEEK 4 IN YEAR 2/3!

Over the last fortnight we have refined our skills in multiplication and have now moved onto looking at division and how the two relate to each other. Students impressed me with their ability to solve tricky multiplication problems up to their twelve times tables using a variety of strategies. After a few days of division, students are already using some sophisticated thinking and methods to solve problems. In Spelling we have looked at 'p', 'r' and 'ar' sounds and have worked with some common prefixes to change the meaning of our words.

We have officially completed our first informative text about kangaroos and have moved onto a new Australian animal this week. Ask your children to give some hints about the animal using the facts they have learnt and see if you can guess it!

We are trying really hard to reinvigorate home reading in Year 2/3 this term. At the beginning of the year we were the top class for returning our home readers and I would love for your children to get back there – after all, the more you read the more you know! If your child requires a new reading pouch please just let me know.

Have a fantastic fortnight, from all of us in Year 2/3!

**Miss Tiarne McLeod**  
**Classroom Teacher**



### NEW FROM YEAR 4/5

It has been a busy 2 weeks in 4/5 and we are well on the way to the middle of the term.

We have been doing lots of research during writing time. Students have been finding facts about the Daintree Rainforest and the different layers of a rainforest.

During Mathematics lessons we have been focusing on our times tables as well as linking multiplication to repeated addition. Students have been challenging themselves to better their speed and accuracy of their weekly times table focus during mental maths.

In Art we have been busily preparing our show works which we cannot wait to see on display in a few weeks time.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
**Classroom Teacher**





# Education Week 2022





## Primary Athletics



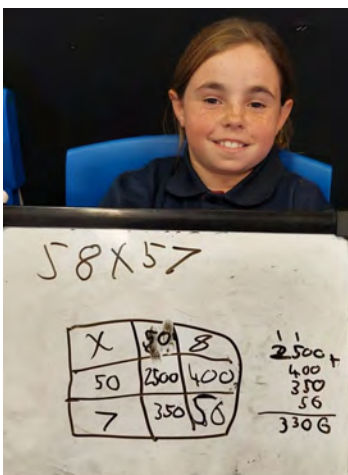
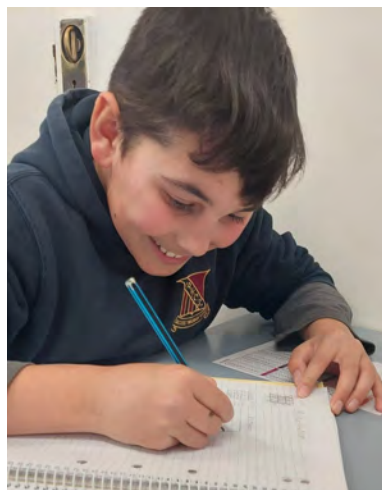


## YEAR 5/6

Stage 3 have been working incredibly hard this term in all areas, with Mathematics being the stand out. We have been learning about multiplication and students have mastered two digit by two digit multiplication and can use the grid or lattice method to calculate answers. Some students have transferred their knowledge of the methods to calculate three digit by three digit and even four digit by four digit questions.

While Stage 3 had a massive turnout for the Gobonderry/NARRAF Athletics, the remaining students participated in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenge while at school. Students had a piece of paper, scissors, glue, sticky tape and a paper clip to create a helicopter. The success criteria was that the helicopter had to be dropped from a specific height and rotate at least 5 times before hitting the ground. Noah won the challenge with a unique 'dart like' design.

**Danielle Tremain-Cannon**  
Classroom Teacher



## YEAR 2/3 SCIENCE

Students in Mrs Edge's science class are investigating forces and energy this term. They explored the effects of force on speed and distance by making a toy car launcher and experimenting with different sized and shaped cars. They measured distance using hand spans and made some pretty accurate predictions. Great work 2/3!

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
Classroom Teacher





### PRIMARY SPORT

On Tuesday 9th August, 15 students travelled to Dubbo to participate in the Gobondery NARRAF Athletics Carnival. Peak Hill Central School had an extremely successful day with the following results:

- Kodei McMaster: 1st junior boys shot put and 3rd junior boys discus
- Kody Pabis: 1st 10 years girls 100m and 3rd junior girls 200m
- Zane Pearson O'Brien: 1st senior boys long jump, 2nd senior boys shot put and 3rd senior boys discus
- Henry Stanford: 2nd 11 years boys shot put
- Billy Pearson O'Brien: 3rd junior boys 800m
- Tiashayla Dawson: 3rd junior girls 800m, 1st junior girls discus and 2nd junior girls 1500m
- Lilly Gavin: 2nd 11 years girls discus
- Shaquillie Buchanan: 1st 10 years boys 100m, 1st junior boys 200m and 3rd junior boys long jump
- Eva Strahorn: 2nd 10 years girls 100m and 2nd junior girls shot put

Our junior girls relay team: Tiashayla Dawson, Eva Strahorn, Grace Bennell and Kody Pabis, finished in 2nd place.

Our junior boys relay team: Shaquillie Buchanan, Billy Pearson O'Brien, Lochlan Hawskworth and Shaquillie Buchanan, placed 1st.

Tiashayla Dawson was awarded junior girl runner up at the conclusion of the day.

Students who placed 1st or 2nd will now represent Gobondery NARRAF at Western Athletics in September, which means 12 students will be attending. A massive congratulations to all students for your outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour on the day.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Primary Sport Coordinator



### WESTERN ATHLETICS - SECONDARY

Well done to the six students who competed at the Western Athletics Carnival on Friday 5th August. Stacey, Jada, Zac, Jaedyn, India and Jacob represented PHCS with pride and finished with some excellent results. Stacey came 5th overall in the 100m, Zac came 3rd in Javelin, Jada finished 7th in Shot Put, India finished 5th in Discus, and Jaedyn finished 4th overall in the 100m. Congratulations!

**Miss Lucy Dempsey**  
Classroom Teacher



## Stage 5 PDHPE with Miss Heraghty

### STAGE 4 PDHPE

During Stage 4 PDHPE this term we have been focusing on healthy eating. During the past two weeks we have looked at the nutritional food groups, kilojoules in food and our daily recommended intake of food. Students evaluated what they have consumed in the past 24 hours and how they might improve their diets.

Students defined what balance is and how we can have a balanced lifestyle by including what they eat, how much they exercise and their mental wellbeing.

During our practical lessons we have been focusing on striking games and these have included badminton and cricket.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Classroom Teacher

## Lego Club with Mrs Westcott

### LEGO GROUP

During Activate Lego group and lunch time Lego Club, the students are busy trying to create amazing builds to put in the show.

Such creative minds at work!!

Below is a picture of Mason and his clever vehicle design.

**Mrs Kelley Westcott**  
Classroom Teacher



## Reading Circles with Mrs Edge

### READING CIRCLES

Students in Mrs Edge's Reading circle have finished reading Mega, Monster by David Walliams. They have decided that they really enjoy this author's work and discovered that he uses onomatopoeia, A LOT, to great effect. Now, the students are creating their own monsters using clay. Watch this space for some weird, wonderful and imaginative monsters!

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
Classroom Teacher





*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 3 : Monday AUG1, 8, 15 & 22 (WK3-WK6)  
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Monday AUG 29, SEPT 5, 12, 19 (WK7-WK10)  
10:45 AM - 12:30PM

For children starting Kinder in 2023

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Miss Grace Stewart 6869 1304







# PHCS BOOK PARADE

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 9th September 2022

Theme: Dreaming with Eyes Open



Attendance Information

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



**ATTENDANCE WORKS**

[www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)



# 117th Peak Hill Show

23rd - 24th of August 2022

Come along and support our biggest community event



- ✓ Pig races
- ✓ Free face painting
- ✓ Animal judging (Horse, cattle etc)
- ✓ Rides and entertainment
- ✓ Dog jumping



PEAK HILL  
SHOWGROUND

More Information:  
[peakhillpaha@gmail.com](mailto:peakhillpaha@gmail.com)

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

## Pavilion Preview

Come along to preview the Peak Hill Show Pavilion and celebrate Molly Wright's achievement as the Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman for 2022

All community members welcome!

AUGUST

TUESDAY

23

AT 6 PM

2022

Peak Hill Showground Pavilion  
Nibbles and light refreshments provided  
**\$30 per person**

RSVP by 16/08/2022  
via email to [peakhillpaha@gmail.com](mailto:peakhillpaha@gmail.com)

## Help us turn BREAD BAGS into SCHOOL\* PLAY EQUIPMENT



**Our school\* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school\* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school\* earns!

**Collections close 9th September.**

**Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN** an exercise circuit made from the soft plastic we collect!

**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**

\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonderaustralia](https://twitter.com/wonderaustralia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://twitter.com/wonderrecyclingrewards) to share all your recycling champion stories!



Parkes Shire  
Youth Voices @

**PARKES**  
SHIRE LIBRARY

Young people aged 12-25 years.

Meet and share your thoughts for youth  
in the Parkes Shire:

Large meeting room, Parkes Shire Library\*  
4pm-5pm Wednesday, 17 August 2022

Afternoon tea provided. BYO ideas!

\*Zoom link available for online attendance, if desired.

**Your Library. Your Voice. Your Future.**

Parkes Library - Bogan Street - 6861 2309

It all adds up **PARKES**

PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL



# School Calendar 2022

## Term 3 School Calendar

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	15 Boys to the Bush	16 White card Course @ PHCS	17 YR 12 TRIAL EXAMS	18	19
Week 6	22 Year 11 & 12 Food Tech Students Decorate Show Cakes YR 12 TRIAL EXAMS	23	24 Peak Hill Show <b>GAZETTED HOLIDAY</b>	25 MITCHELL NETWORK PRINCIPALS MEETING @ PHCS	26
Week 7	29 Work Placement	30 Work Placement	31 Work Placement Secondary GalaDay @ Trundle	1 September Work Placement	2 Work Placement
Week 8	5  BOOK WEEK	6	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair	9 Book Fair <b>BOOK PARADE</b>
Week 9	12	13	14 YR 11 EXAMINATIONS	15 STAGE 5 Geography Excursion to Warrumbungles	16 STAGE 5 Geography Excursion to Warrumbungles
Week 10	19 YR 11 EXAMINATIONS	20	21	22	23 <b>Last Day of Term</b>

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
FIGURES  
ACTUALLY MEAN?

## BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days