



# Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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

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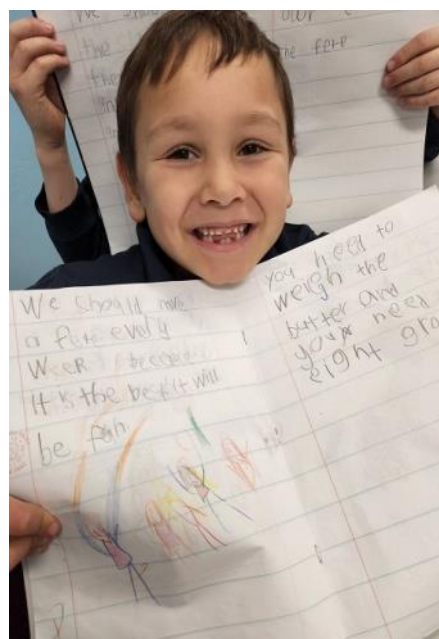
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Term 3 Week 2- Friday, 29 July 2022

## Education Week 2022





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Mrs Catherine Doyle

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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

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## WHAT A FABULOUSLY, WONDERFUL FORTNIGHT!

We have had such a big, busy and productive fortnight of learning including the PBL Fete, Boys to the Bush and some stunning day excursions! Thank you to our students and staff who have worked so hard over the past two weeks, to continually improve every single day. This week is Week 3, and we have a lot of calendar dates scheduled, so please keep up to date with weekly events and sharing these with family and friends who may not have Facebook.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our goal is to get every student to school every day! A reminder that **REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** is one of the most important factor in determining the social, emotional and academic achievement of your child. If you need any support getting your child or children to school each day, can you please let me know. The school uses our own bus to pick up students who may be running late, you only need to call the front office to access this service.

## PBL FETE

Week One at PHCS was so much fun and it culminated with our PBL Fete day last Friday. A huge thank you to Miss Teagan Heraghty for her organisation and planning and to our staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that there were so many activities and stalls for our students to spend their hard-earned RUSSELL dollars at. The students had an absolutely brilliant day and they already want to have more Fete days!

## BATYR MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday the team from BATYR worked with our students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 to offer skills, strategies and to provide valuable learning around Mental Health and the ways in which students can take better care of themselves and their mates. I would like to acknowledge the very kind donation by the Parkes Shire, who funded these workshops at our school.



## BOYS TO THE BUSH

Thank you to Tim West and the team from "Boys to the Bush", who have hit the ground running this term with Monday day excursions for a group of Secondary boys who are participating in this program this term. The goals for this program are specifically focused on:

- Increasing community engagement & communication skills
- Teambuilding
- Promoting Healthy eating & education

This week the students visited Forbes and you can read more about this day of "hands on learning" on page 12.

## TIRKANDI INABURRA BOYS CAMP

On Wednesday we had a visit from Damian Thorne from the Tirkandi Inaburra Program. Damian came to meet our students and to let the boys between 12 and 15 years of age, learn more about this term long program, based at Coleambally that the boys could be part of. This program is aimed at empowering young Aboriginal boys by strengthening their cultural identity, self esteem and resilience so that they can take responsibility for their own lives and connect with their family, Country and community. If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact the school.



**TRY-A-TRADE AT PARKES TAFE**

On Thursday 28 July, students from Year 9 – 12 had the opportunity to participate in the TRY A TRADE careers event at Parkes TAFE. This was a really important learning experience for those students who are interested in pursuing a career in construction, hairdressing, plumbing, electrical or bricklaying – just to name a few of the trades explored on the day. Thank you to Miss Dempsey and David Towney who supervised the students on this excursion. If students or families would like to learn more about apprenticeships or training opportunities in any of these fields, please call the office and make a time to come and see me.

**SECONDARY GEOGRAPHY EXCURSIONS**

This semester the students from Year 7 to Year 10 will be involved in an excursion to The Warrumbungles National Park, Coonabarabran. Please mark these dates on your calendars:

- Stage 5 – Thursday & Friday 15 – 16 September, 2022
- Stage 4 – Tuesday & Wednesday 18 – 19 October, 2022

The excursions will be for two days and one night. The students will be staying on site at the National Park and involved in lessons at the Educational Centre as well as conducting Geography field work. Notes for this excursion will go out later this term.

**MEET UP THE STREET—YARN UP !**

EVERY Wednesday this term, from 2- 3pm, starting this Wednesday 3 August, you can meet Mr Neilsen, myself and other staff for a cuppa and a yarn at the Temple Lion. Please feel free to drop in and have a yarn it will be our shout!

This week is Education Week. This years theme is, “Creating futures - education changes lives.” Please follow us on Facebook to see what is happening at school for Education Week.

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

**HEAD TEACHER STUDENT GROWTH AND ATTAINMENT**

This year is going so fast it is hard to believe we are already into third term and our Year 12 students are in the final weeks of their courses. It can be a stressful time for these students and the importance of having a quiet place to study for their exams can help relieve their stress. Keeping to a timetable for study is also important. If your child needs help with a timetable they can come and see me, or any of their teachers to help them with this.

We have some more new exciting books in the library, new Manga and some comics, as many of the students have been asking for them. As we all know now, the more children read, even comics, the more their vocabulary grows and their understanding of stories and how authors create. I recently read that research has shown children who have been read to every day before coming to school know at least a million more words than children who have not had this experience.

This year our book week is in Week 8 (and the theme from the Children’s Book Council of Australia is “Dreaming with eyes open...” Here is the poster for the theme:



There is a lovely presentation on YouTube by the illustrator of the beautiful poster, Jasmin Seymour, an Indigenous woman who is encouraging us all to learn from our Country around us and read stories from our wonderful land and Indigenous Australians.

The theme is based around Dreaming the kind of future we would like to see.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr\\_gxGYM6DM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr_gxGYM6DM)

Our Book Week will be in Week 8, this term from Monday 5 to Friday 9 September. More to come on the exciting events being planned for that week in the next newsletter.

**KEEP READING!**

**Ms Brenda Stewart**  
Head Teacher

### WOODWORK/METALWORK @ PEAK HILL SHOW 2022

This year we will be entering some of our projects made in Woodwork and Metalwork into the Show. Judging of these projects 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 11 HOSPITALITY PRACTICAL DAYS

Year 11 Hospitality participated in Practical Days at Peak Hill with Miss Gear last week. The students have been making fish cakes and sticky date pudding.

### INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – TIMBER YEAR 12

Samuel has been working hard at completing his major work which is due in Week 4 of this term. Samuel is making a blanket box. He spent a couple of his days working on this during the school holidays, well done Samuel!

### STAGE 6 ACCESS CAMP

In Week 4, Term 3, our students will attend Access Camp at Lake Burrendong. This camp will support the students learning both in class and online and is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the social bonds between the WAP schools. Further to this, it is a great opportunity to support our Year 12 students to prepare for the Trial Examinations. This camp will be fully subsidised by WAP.

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES WAP:

- 4th of August – Year 11 Agriculture excursion
- 11th of August – Major Timber Projects due
- 10th to 12th of August – Access Camp
- 29th of August to 2nd of September – Work Placement @ Dubbo

If you have any questions regarding WAP or Industrial Technology please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Mr Luke Watt**  
(ISAC & HT Wellbeing)

### PRIMARY SPORT

Welcome back to Term 3 primary sport.

This term we have 15 students who have been selected to participate in the Gobondery NARRAF Athletics Carnival in Dubbo on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. The following students will receive notes which need to be returned by Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> August: Grace Bennell, Shaquillie Buchanan, Azaria Dargan-Miller, Millaka Dawson, Tiashayla Dawson, Lilly Gavin, Lochlan Hawksworth, Willo McLachlan, Kodei McMaster, Kody Pabis, Billy Pearson O'Brien, Zane Pearson O'Brien, Henry Stanford, Eva Strahorn and Jock Strahorn.

We wish all these students the best of luck and know they will represent the school with pride.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Primary Sport Coordinator





### WEARING YOUR GLASSES EVERYDAY

Just a reminder to all those cool kids who wear glasses to remember to bring them and wear them EVERY DAY!

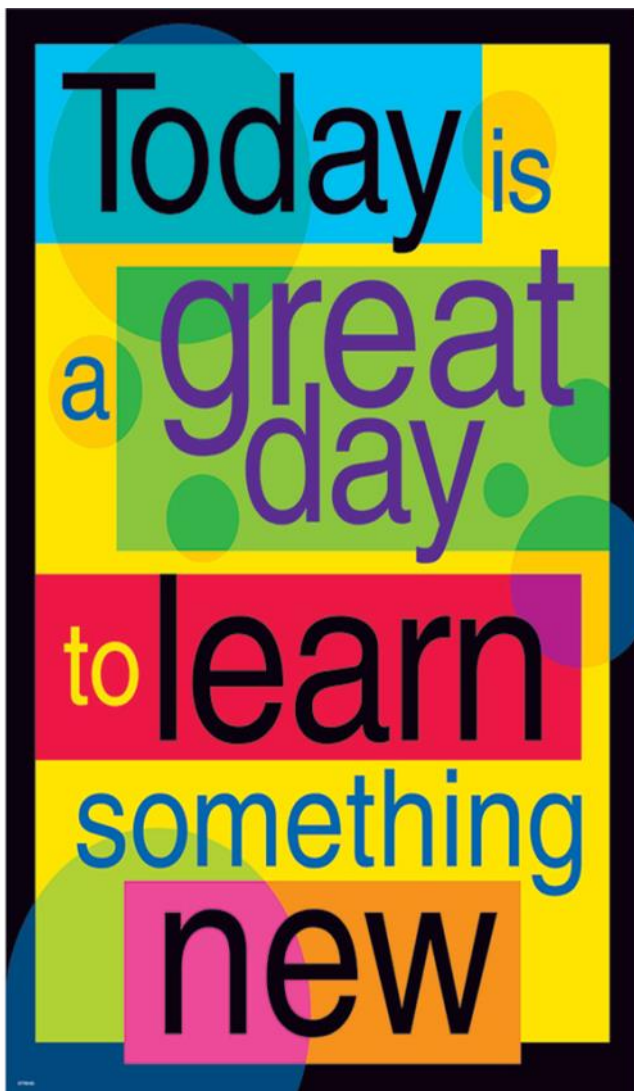


### YEAR 2/3 ART

Students in 2/3 studied the work of Jackson Pollock this fortnight and created artwork using action painting! Students splattered, threw, splashed, dripped, splodged and dribbled paint all over their backgrounds just like Pollock did in the 1950s.

We had much fun, great work Year 2/3 !

**Mrs Lyndal Edge**  
Classroom Teacher



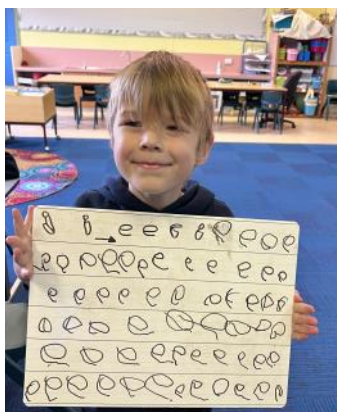
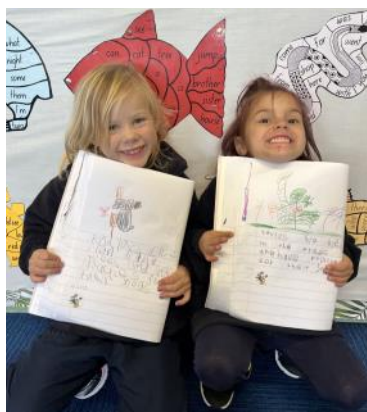


### NEWS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten have had a smashing start to Term 3.

#### ENGLISH

We have been learning information about Australian animals and writing about the things that we have learnt. Everyone has been improving so much in their writing. We have also introduced two new sounds 'e' for Eric the Elephant and 'n' for Nigel Numbat.



#### MATHEMATICS

We have been practicing our numbers from 10-30 in so many ways. We even got to use cereal counters and became pizza chefs by counting our toppings. Now we are beginning to learn about money.



Kindergarten also had so much fun at the school fete and got to use so many Russell dollars at the stalls. We can't wait to see what else we can achieve this term!

**Miss Sammi Axam**  
Classroom Teacher



### YEAR 1 NEWS

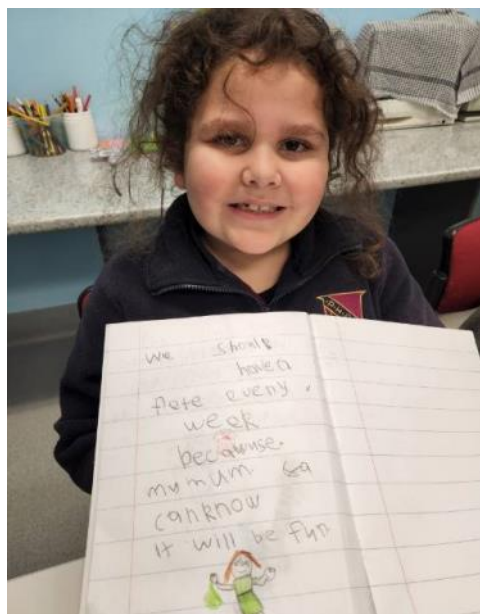
We have had an incredible start to Term 3 and have returned fresh and ready to learn!

In English we have been looking at persuasive writing and doing lots of practise writing and reading different persuasive texts. We even all wrote pieces of persuasive writing to try to convince Mrs Doyle that we should have a fete every week! We are focusing on writing arguments and reasons to support our opinion.

We have been learning about data in Mathematics. We have looked at different ways to collect data and different ways to show it.

We have already made so much growth this term, I can't wait to see what is next for us!

**Miss Ella Bandur**  
Classroom Teacher



## HELLO FROM 2/3!

It is hard to believe we are already at the start of Week 3!

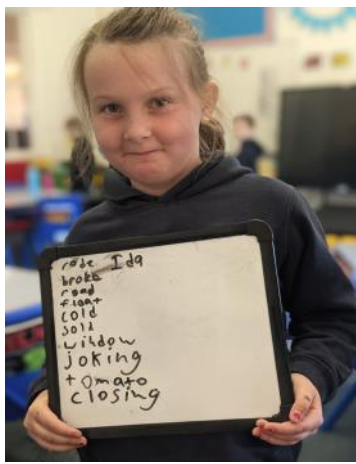
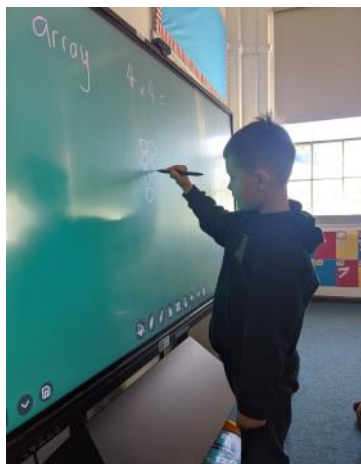
This term in Mathematics our major focuses are Multiplication and Division. We have already learnt lots of strategies to solve multiplication problems and have worked on applying these to our 3 and 4 times tables. Challenge your children by giving them a multiplication problem and see how they solve it!

In Spelling we have focused on the 'oa' and 'p' sounds. Students are becoming increasingly confident in discussing when to use different representations of sounds using common spelling rules.

In Writing, we are learning to read and write informative texts. Each week we are focusing on a new Australian animal to learn and write about. So far we have written an informative text about kangaroos. I wonder if your children can remember the interesting facts we learnt about kangaroos!

I can't wait to make the most out of every moment with your children this term.

**Miss Tiarne McLeod**  
Classroom Teacher



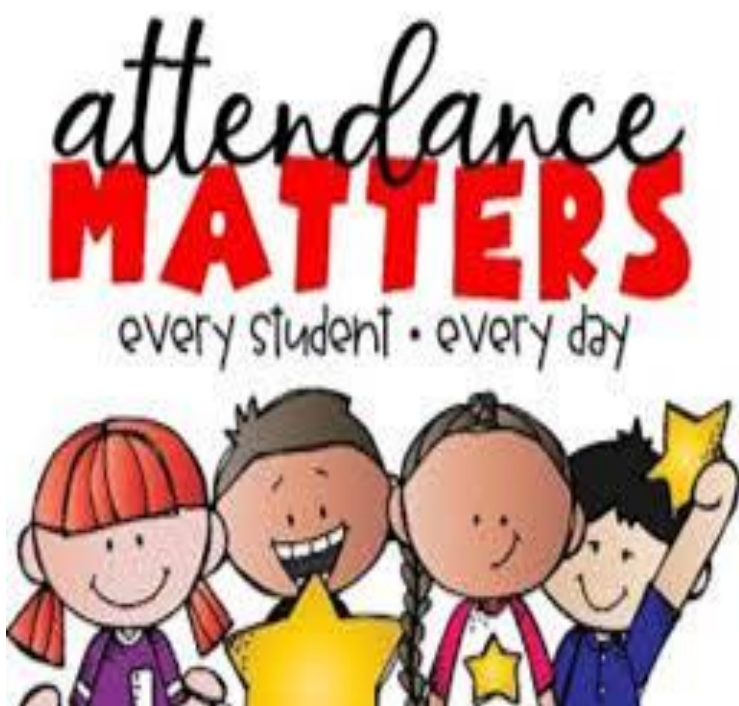
## OUR FORTNIGHT IN 4/5

Welcome back to Term 3. We have had an extremely settled start in our classroom and have been busy learning lots of new things. Already Term 3 is beginning to look busy with many exciting things happening. Your children worked so hard to accumulate many Russell dollars to spend at the PBL acknowledgement day in Week 1. They had an absolute ball spending all their money and participating in a range of activities.

This term in Writing we are focusing on informative texts. We have decided to link our informative texts to our Geography unit on Australia. This fortnight we are focusing on all things rainforests including The Daintree Rainforest in Queensland, animals and plants which live in a rainforest and the different layers that a rainforest has. We will be using the research we find for each of these topics to compose a series of information reports.

As you all know this term, Peak Hill is participating in supporting the local show. We are all very excited to start working on our artworks and entries to display in the show. These artworks will also have a direct link to our rainforest unit.

**Miss Teagan Heraghty**  
Classroom Teacher





## PBL Acknowledgement Fete





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### STAGE 5 HSIE

This term in Stage 5 HSIE, students in Year 9 and 10 are completing their Geography units for the year. This term we are completing the “Changing Places” unit of the syllabus, which focuses on population growth, urbanisation and as the name suggests, the different ways places grow and change.

We will look at sustainable choices, environment, economic and social impacts of tourism and population growth on different places with a focus on countries in the Asian continent.

I have been beyond pleased with the engagement and success of students over in the last fortnight. We have already learnt about urbanisation and the positive and negative impacts it can have and analysed these in different contexts.

In skills lessons, we have reviewed and mastered reading and recording area and grid references.

If this has been one fortnight, I can’t wait to see what the rest of the term holds!

**Miss Tiarne McLeod**  
Stage 5 HSIE Teacher

## Boys to the Bush

Once again, we had some keen and excited boys who participated in the “Boys to the Bush” program last week. We travelled to Forbes and where we had some exciting activities, for the boys planned.

### FORBES SALEYARDS

#### Goal—Community engagement and communication

Our first activity was attending the Forbes saleyards. The group got to watch the livestock agents sell cattle, they found this activity very interesting and could not believe some of the prices cattle sold for. The young group met Jake Grace who is an agent for Forbes Livestock Agency. It was pleasing to see the group introduce themselves confidently. Jake spoke to them about what parts of the cows body you look at before you buy them. He also explained to the group the different types of cattle and the reasons to why they look like they do. The group gave Jake their full attention with good eye contact and responding to his questions. It was good to see.

### YABBYING

#### Goals—Engagement and teambuilding

We went to the Forbes Racecourse where we had

access to a dam. Only a couple of the group enjoyed yabbing while the rest were playing tips and throwing mud in the air and to see how high it could go. It was very pleasing to watch the boy engage with one another and just enjoy being kids.

### LUNCH, PLAYGROUND AND RADIO TELESCOPE

#### Goals—Healthy eating and education

Coby and I then took the group to have lunch at the Forbes Ski Dam. The group really enjoyed the chicken and salad rolls, I was very happy that they ate the food and we chatted about eating a healthier diet. While we were at the Ski Dam the group played a few more games in and around the play equipment. Coby and I took the group to the Parkes Telescope. The boys were very impressed with the echo made with the 2 small dishes at the entrance. They couldn't believe how we could be standing 150cm from each other whispering and you could still hear each other very easily. We then went inside the telescope building the group got to solve the puzzles inside and were encouraging and trying to help each other with friendly advice. Cody and I then dropped the group back to school at 3 pm

**Tim West**  
“Boys to the Bush” Coordinator



**BOYS  
TO THE  
BUSH**





*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





## Try a Trade Parkes TAFE

### TRY-A-TRADE!

Students in Years 9-11 attended TRY-A-TRADE at Parkes TAFE on Thursday.

They engaged with various organisations offering a range of career paths. Students asked lots of great questions and participated in a range of activities.

**Miss Lucy Dempsey**  
Head Teacher



## Attendance Information

### EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

**Lost minutes mean lost learning!**

When your child misses just ....	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

**Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...**

School starts at  
9.00 AM  
**DON'T BE LATE!**



**9:00**

**Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!**



# NAIDOC Celebration





### CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen is running the FRESH for KIDS Competition. This is a NSW state wide competition to encourage primary school students to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. When students purchase or order a food consisting of vegetables, salad or fruit they receive a card, two stamps on the card gives them the chance to go in the state wide draw for the prizes shown on the poster. All cards must be returned to the canteen by the 16th September 2022 to be posted away to go in the draw.

FRESH for KIDS COMPETITION starts Monday 1 August and runs until to 16 September 2022. This is a primary students competition only.

Thank you,

Kim Dern  
Canteen Manager



## Community Information

**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 RSHS sports 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 to share all your recycling champion stories!

**Wonder**  
Full of Goodness

Blooms THE CHEMIST  
DUBBO STAMPEDE  
A RUNNING FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE

**MACQUARIE**  
CREDIT UNION

**Schools Challenge**

**4 weeks to go!!**

**Sunday 28th August 2022**

**ENTER NOW**

**to win prizes for your school!**

<https://www.dubbostampede.com.au/>



# 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

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

## Road safety



### 40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)
- [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)
- [education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](https://rms.nsw.gov.au)

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

## 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



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
Our goal is zero.



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# School Calendar 2022

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	<b>1 August</b> Boys to the Bush	2	3	4 Year 11 Ag Excursion @ Cowra	5 Western Athletics
	EDUCATION WEEK				
Week 4	8	9 Gobondery/NARRAF Athletics Carnival @ Dubbo	10 WAP Camp	11 WAP Camp	12 WAP Camp
	TAFE BEAUTY COURSE @ DUBBO	Boys to the Bush			
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	25 MITCHELL NETWORK PRINCIPALS MEETING @ PHCS	26
Week 7	29 Work Placement	30 Work Placement	31 Work Placement Secondary GalaDay @ Trundle	<b>1 September</b> Work Placement	2 Work Placement
Week 8	5	6	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair	9 Book Fair
	BOOK WEEK				
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>

