

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

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Term 4, Week 7 Thursday 23 November 2023

### Principal's Report

### YEAR EXCURSIONS

We are in the midst of our major excursions for all students. This year I had the pleasure in attending the Years 5, 6 and 7 Camp to Umina on the NSW Central Coast. We aim for students to experience other parts of the state to build independence, resilience, teamwork and to inspire them to consider future careers and strengthen transition to post school opportunities in further education and or employment.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

I am looking forward to acknowledging effort, excellence and citizenship at our upcoming annual Presentation night on Thursday 7 December at 6pm at the school. Traditionally this has been well supported by our students, families and community. I look forward to celebration with you all on the night.

### **XMAS CONCERT**

Primary classes are well underway with their rehearsals for the Xmas concert and performance day. They are very excited to be able to perform in front of families and friends.



### Principal's Report Continued



### Principal

Mr Peter Neilsen

### Deputy Principal & WAP ISAC

Mrs Catherine Doyle

### **Assistant Principal**

Ms Grace Stewart (Mon & Tue)
Mrs Lyndal Edge (Mon—

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Mrs Georgia Watt

### Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Miss Sarah O'Leary

### Head Teacher Wellbeing Secondary

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 Frances Robinson

### Vice President

Mr David Gaunt

### Secretary

Ms Kim Dern

### Treasurer

Ms Brenda Stewart

### **REPORTS/ PARENT TEACHER NIGHT**

Semester Two Reports will be distributed by Friday 8 December with a Parent Teacher family BBQ at the school on the 14 December from 4:30pm -6:30pm allowing parents and carers an opportunity to get feedback and unpack the school reports. If you have any questions regarding the reports, make sure you use this opportunity to talk to the teachers prior to the end of the school year.

### YOUTH UP FRONT

Youth up Front will be providing wellbeing and goal setting activities with our secondary students from the 5-7 of December. Feedback from our students in 2022 was very positive and I am sure the youth of Peak Hill will gain a lot from their program again this year.

### **GOLD REWARDS**

Next week will see our Gold Rewards events for students who have achieved Gold level in our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. Secondary Gold students will have an action-packed excursion to Jamberoo Action Park, Years 3-6 students will be camping at Taronga Western Plains Zoo doing their Zoo Snooze experience and K/1/2 students will be heading to Dubbo for tenpin bowling. Congratulations to all our Gold Students.

### **KSK GRADUATION**

Kick Start Kindy students will complete their transition with a Graduation Ceremony on Monday 27 November. We congratulate them all on the skills they have developed throughout their journey and look forward to them commencing Kinder next year.

### **LAST DAY**

The last day of learning for all students is Friday 15 December. Staff will be involved in essential training and professional development on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December. School will resume in the first week of February. Dates will be published in our final Bumper addition newsletter at the end of term.

Please ensure you discuss any issues or concerns you have with me by making an appointment through the front office.

### Mr Peter Neilsen Principal



### Deputy Principal's Report

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

Thank you to the students, families and staff who have supported attendance, success, and achievement over the first seven weeks of Term 4! We have a busy three weeks of school remaining for this term, before students complete their final school day for 2023 on Friday 15 December.

### **CONGRATULATIONS HUNTER JUDD**

Congratulations to our Year 12 student, Hunter Judd who received the most incredible news last week. Hunter was offered admission into the Early Entry Program at The University of New England in Armidale. This such a significant achievement for Hunter and a testament to his hard work and dedication to his studies over the past 13 years. As a school community we are so proud of Hunter's success, and we wish him all the very best in his future endeavours. Well done, Hunter!

### KICK START KINDY GRADUATION - NEXT MONDAY @1.30PM

Next Monday 27 November will be the final day of Kick Start Kindy for 2023, the day will still run from 9am - 3pm. All Parents and Carers of the Kick Start Kindy group are invited to the official Graduation and Afternoon Tea in the school Library at 1.30pm. I know that Miss Ella Bandur and Miss Grace Stewart are looking forward to celebrating this incredible milestone with you and your child.

### **YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 TRANSITION**

Next Monday 27 November will be the final day of our Year 6 into Year 7 Transition, the day will run from 9am – 3pm. I would like to take this opportunity to

thank our staff for ensuring the success of this 7-week program to support our students and our five new enrolments as they move from primary into the secondary space. The positivity, enthusiasm and participation of the Year 6 students, has certainly made Mondays very exciting in secondary this term.

### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION LUNCH**

On Wednesday 13 December our Year 6 students will be treated to a delicious lunch and cake to mark the completion of their primary education.

### PRIMARY PERFORMANCE DAY

SAVE THE DATE — Next Thursday 30 November @ 1.30pm our Primary students and staff will be presenting a range of very special performance for family, friends and our community. Each class has been working on preparing and practicing their performance. We are very proud of their effort and commitment. We look forward to seeing you on the 30th!

### INTENSIVE SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM K - 8

This year the Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program has been extended to include students in Years 7 and 8. Notes have been sent home for every student from Kindergarten to Year 8. The program will run for 10 days and it will start on Friday 1 December. Students will be walked to the pool each day for their session. Each class runs for 30 minutes and then students return to school for the remainder of the day. A reminder to parents to pack swimming costumes and a towel each day for their child(ren). If you have any questions about this program, please contact Miss Grace Stewart at the school.



### Deputy Principal 's Report Continued

### YEAR 10 into YEAR 11 MEET THE COURSE COORDINATORS

As Year 10 continue their transition into Stage 6 (Year 11 & 12) this term they will be working with staff to complete their "All my own work" units online. These are a series of units that need to be complete before they can commence their Year 11 studies. Students will also be working on their Minimum Standards Tests for Reading, Writing and Numeracy, before the end of this term. On Tuesday 12 December, Year 10 will be meeting their Course Coordinators from across the Western Access Program via TEAMS, so that they are ready for Term 1, 2024.

### YOUTH UP FRONT VISIT

For three days in Week 9 – Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 of December, the students in Year 7 – 11 will be working with the highly motivated and passionate staff from Youth Up Front to: improve their communication skills, develop lifelong work ready skills and explore the many "Pathways to Success" after school. This will be an action packed three days for our students and an absolute highlight for them to finish the term with.

### **PRESENTATION NIGHT**

This year our Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 7 December at 6pm. In advance I would like to personally thank Mrs Tanya Stanford for the tireless work she does behind the scenes to ensure the smooth and professional delivery of every component of this special evening. We look forward to welcoming our families, friends and community into our school for this event.

### **FAMILY BBQ and REPORT FEEDBACK**

Our staff are busily working on completing student reports for Semester Two, so that parents and carers can have these in Week 10. We invite parents/carers and your children to our Family BBQ on Thursday 14 December from 4.30 - 6.30pm to speak with your child's teacher before the end of the term about your child's achievements and areas for improvement moving into 2024. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or any aspect of their school life, please contact the school to speak with their class teacher.

### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS @ PHCS - EVERYDAY**

Why is attendance important?

Attending school every day gives your child the best opportunity and access to a wide range of learning, wellbeing and social connections. Each day of school builds on what was learned the day before. Our staff are here to support you in getting your child ready and motivated for school every day.

### Did you know?

If your child misses as little as 1 day per week, they will miss 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in 1 year. Over an entire school journey, this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning. A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much, but absences add up.

### MARANG DHALI – EATING WELL - YOUNG MUM'S COOKING GROUP

We are very excited to continue our Young Mum's Cooking Program with Pam Keed next Thursday 30 November from 10am – 12pm. Pam has organised a very special guest chef to our next lesson to share their signature dish.

We look forward to seeing all our young mum's and bub's back at school next Thursday!

### WESTERN ACCESS PROGRAM – WORK PLACEMENT

Congratulations to our students who attended work placement last week, to complete 35 hours of their Mandatory Work Placement for Hospitality and Retail Services last week.















Regional Industry Education Partnerships program (RIEP)

### ORANGE CAREERS EXPO – YEARS 10 & 11

On Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November, our Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to be part of a combined careers excursion with Yeoval Central School. Mr Troy Kelly, the Senior Project Officer from Regional Industry Education Partnerships, organised a two-day excursion to the Orange Careers Expo as well as Construction and Hospitality industry visits. The opportunity to visit work sites and to speak employers firsthand was an incredible opportunity for our students. A sincere thank you to Karl Newman who worked with the Year 11 Hospitality students to run the Western Access Program Coffee Cart at this event. The students did a stellar job developing contingency plans every time we faced a "real life" challenge, which included a power outage, no internet and torrential rain. The students are to be commended for their ability to calmy think on their feet and work professionally despite

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### **PARKES PCYC - TERM 4**

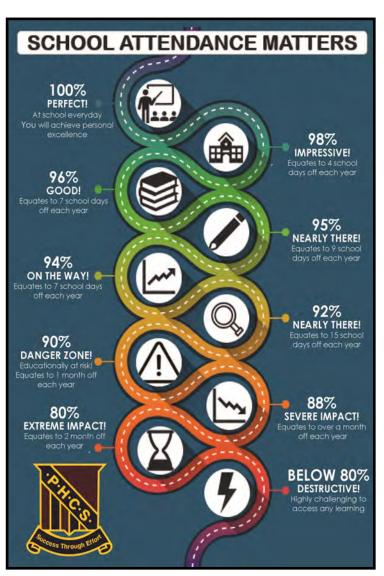
Reminder that the team from Parkes PCYC visit our school every Wednesday morning from 8am – 9am to run the "Fit for Life" Program. The organised activities are then followed by a free breakfast for the children. This program will run until the end of the term.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Every single day I am so amazed and impressed by the breadth and quality of opportunities that our staff make available to our students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Term 4 is certainly a perfect example of this! A very sincere thank you to our families and our community for your enthusiasm and support, we love working with you to future proof the students of Peak Hill!

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing week.

### Mrs Catherine Doyle Deputy Principal



### **Head Teacher News**

### **HEAD TEACHER NEWS**

### **YEAR 8-10 EXCURSION**

In Week 4 students in Years 8-10 went to Canberra for the annual secondary excursion. The trip was not only an educational adventure but also an opportunity for our students to try new things, broaden their horizons and create lasting memories. One of the highlights of the excursion was our visit to the Australian Institute of Sport, where our students had the chance to explore the world-class facilities and even try their hand at various sporting activities. It was truly inspiring to see our students stepping out of their comfort zones, discovering new talents, and fostering a spirit of healthy competition. Students should be commended on their behaviour throughout the excursion, they displayed respectful and responsible behaviours that are a reflection of the values we strive to instil in them.

Another impactful part of our journey was the visit to the Australian War Memorial. Through interactive exhibits and guided tours, students gained a profound understanding of Australia's military history.

The parliamentary visit provided a unique insight into the democratic process. Engaging in a mock parliamentary session, students delved into the complexities of governance, fostering discussions about civic responsibility.

In addition to traditional experiences, our students had the thrill of go-kart racing, experiencing the adrenaline rush of navigating the tracks and also having fun in the glow in the dark golf course.

The Canberra excursion was resounding success, thanks to the positive attitudes and participation of our students. Special thanks to the accompanying staff for their dedication and support.















### **Head Teacher News Continued**





## ALCAPITAL TERRITORY









### SECONDARY EXAMSINATIONS

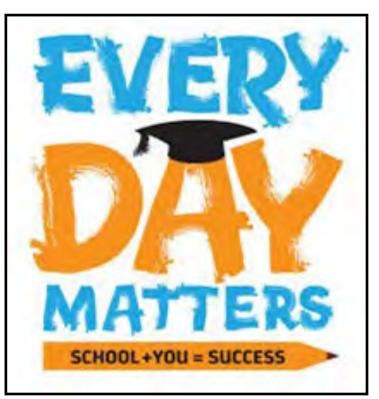
This week students from Years 8-10 sat their Yearly Exam. These exams are a snapshot of their progress and an opportunity for future growth. Post exams we will continue working together to ensure that each student receives the feedback and support they need for ongoing success.

### **PBL REWARDS EXCURSION**

Exciting news for our outstanding PBL Gold students! In Week 8, get ready for an adventure-packed excursion to Jamberoo Action Park. Brace yourselves for a day of water-fuelled thrills and spills. But that's not all! The excitement extends into the night with some fantastic activities in Wollongong! Congratulations to all the students who have reached gold status!



Miss Sarah O'Leary Head Teacher Secondary Studies



### ENROL NOW FOR KICK START KINDY

and give your child a better than best start



### TERM 4:

WK 2 - WK5 Monday @ 9:00am-1:30pm (16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 6/11) WK6-WK8 Monday @ 9:00-3:00pm (13/11, 20/11, 27/11) Graduation before home time on Mon November 27

For children starting Kinder in 2024

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
Miss Grace Stewart 6869 1304



### **Central Coast Excursion**





























### **Year 12 Graduation 2023**











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Starting High School is an incredibly exciting time for our students. Our goal is to make the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 as smooth and as successful as possible.

At Peak Hill Central School, we aim to ease this transition by preparing our students both socially and emotionally for this change.

### TRANSITION LESSONS WILL BEGIN MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

Students will begin attending part days and as the term progresses the time will increase.



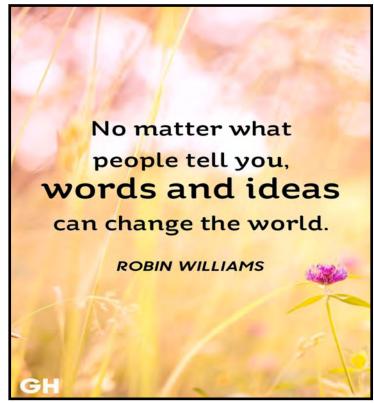


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2	Monday 16 October	11:30am-2pm	
3	Monday 23 October 11:30am-2pn		
4	Monday 30 October 11:30am-3p		
5	Monday 6 November 11:30am-3p		
6	Monday 13 November	9am-3pm	
7	Monday 20 November	9am-3pm	
8	Monday 27 November	9am-3pm	

### Year 6 To Year 7 Transition Term 4 2023

Please see below, information for transition dates, lessons, times and equipment required for Year 6 To Year 7 Transition for Term 4 2023.

Week 7 20.11.23	9:00-10:00 – PDHPE 10:00-11:00 – Science Recess 11:30-12:30 – Technology 12:30-1:30 – Literacy Lunch – Cooking 2:00-3:00pm – High School Readiness	- Miss O'Leary - Mr Grubb - Mr Watt - Mr Tierney - Miss Gear - Ms Barnes	Please have leather-enclosed shoes. Lead pencil, coloured pencils, textas, glue.
Week 8 27.11.23	9:00-10:00 – Numeracy 10:00-11:00 – Art Recess 11:30-12:30 – Cooking 12:30-1:30 – Literacy Lunch 2:00-3:00pm – High School Readiness	- Miss Dempsey - Mrs Stanford - Mrs Doyle - Mr Tierney - Ms Barnes	Lead pencil, coloured pencils, textas, glue.



positive thoughts
generate
positive feelings
and attract
positive life
experiences

### **DEADLY AWARDS 2023**

What do the levels mean?

- Bronze: Invite to in-school reward activities Term 2
- Silver: Invite to out-of-school reward activities Term 3
- Gold: Invite to reward excursion Term 4
- Platinum: 90% attendance, no major incidents, in school uniform, invite to reward excursion Term 4



Freya

Benny

Marcus

Harrison

Theo

Ace

Kyza

Rhylee

Callum

Ahleigha

Alex

Shianne

Teece

Lochlan

Caitlin R

Savannah

Shae

Noah Beilby

Bailey E

Jackson L

Khalia

Ruby

Lillianna

Caitlin D

Dhakota

Jayden

Jacob

Bella Read

Emma

Bindi

### SILVER





GOLD



Georgie	Mason		
Kyara	Azaria		
Elliott	Baileigh		
Josie	Lilly G		
Zara	Jaylee		
Hugh	Bailey D		
Jarly	Taliyah		
Lucy	Michael		
Hugo	Sharntelle		
Ethan M	Ben R-D		
Olivia	Ethan R-D		
Grace	Mackenzie		
Ida	India		
Bonnie	Lateekah		

Please note:
only students on
Bronze level or
above are
advertised in the
newsletter.

### Year 1/2 News

### KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

It has been another super fortnight in K/1!

In Mathematics, we have been learning about combining and separating numbers. We looked at all the different ways we can break up the number 10 using beads.

In Science, K/1 have been learning about the seasons and weather and learned the meaning of some words like hibernation, migration and pollination. K/1 made some fantastic artworks which show fluffy clouds and rain. We were fascinated to learn how the seasons are different in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere and we talked about why Santa wears such warm clothes when Christmas is hot in Australia! K/1 loved looking at different countries on a world globe.

In Literacy, we have been gaining a lot of confidence in writing sentences. We practise writing sentence after sentence and using our knowledge of sounding out words and tricky words, making sure we are able to read back our sentence afterwards. Each student has made incredible improvements in sentence writing this year!

We have also been busy completing assessments to track the progress K/1 have made since the start of the year. It is amazing to see how far each student has come!

News and Show and Tell continues to be a highlight in K/1. Students sit so beautifully and respectfully to listen to their peers share something

special they have brought from home.

Thank you for a beautiful fortnight K/1!

### Miss Ella Bandur Classroom Teacher







### YEAR 1/2 NEWS

What a wonderful term we have had so far! 1/2 have been enjoying a variety of learning activities and exploring positive relationships inside and outside of the classroom. On Monday the 13th of November it was World Kindness Day. Year 1/2 explored ways that they can be kind in and out of the classroom using a variety of ideas for being kind, as shown below.

In Mathematics, students have consolidated their learning about halving and doubling and are now looking at partitioning numbers to add and subtract.

In English, students have been exploring how breaking up unknown words into multiple syllables helps them spell these words.

### Miss Lucinda Pickering Classroom Teacher













### Year 3/4 News

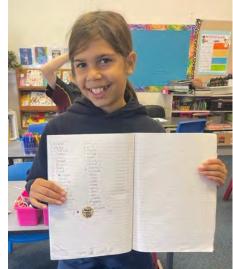
### YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Our students are always ready to learn after staying healthy, eating the cereal provided by the breakfast club.



Our star speller this week, achieving 100% in our weekly test.

Mrs Lyndal Edge Classroom Teacher



# Together Everyone Achieves More

### YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Years 3 and 4 have been busy learning their item for the end of year performance, cooperating in card games, working on mentals games/puzzles and creating 3D shapes.

















Mrs Kelley Westcott Classroom Teacher

### YEAR 5/6 NEWS

Welcome to another Week in 5/6. This fortnight we have been busy finishing off assessment tasks and getting ready for our Presentation Day.

In Mathematics, we completed our Chance topic and are moving on to 2D and 3D shapes.

During Writing, we have been looking at limerick poems. Students made a mood board about limerick poems and the different topics they wanted to write a poem about.

All students were buzzing with excitement on Tuesday morning as they set off on their excursion to the Central Coast. I can't wait to hear all about it when they return.

### Miss Teagan Heraghty Classroom Teacher



### Celebrate Attendance Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits It is important for parents to make attending school a priority. Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law. Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older. Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better. Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.



Missing school leares gaps in your education



## Moorambilla's Skills Development Tour

### Michelle Leonard OAM will be visiting

Peak Hill Central School

Wednesday February 21 2024

11.30am - 12.15pm (primary boys yr 3 - 6) 12.15pm - 1pm (primary girls yr 3 - 6) 2 - 3.15pm (all secondary)

Moorambilla Voices is a nationally-awarded program that seeks to give regional students an opportunity to sing, dance and create incredible performances to standing ovations. For over 19 years, Moorambilla has delivered free face to face music skill development workshops to over 42,000 students. Our Artistic Director Michelle Leonard OAM can't wait to meet all the amazing children at the workshops in February and March 2024!

The delivery of the workshops is truly inspiring. They provide an incredible opportunity for ALL students. The workshops cater for those with little experience in the arts through to those students who have a natural creative capacity and require extension. Most importantly, a Moorambilla workshop provides students (and educators!) with a positive musical experience that allows everyone to experience what can be achieved when we all work together.

Participating in the workshops can lead to many exciting opportunities! Each year over 300 students attend a camp where they connect with like-minded people to dance, sing, compose, paint, create, play drums and learn about the cultural traditions and stories of their landscape. This is delivered in partnership with the highest quality professional musicians, performers, composers, choreographers and visual artists. Further opportunities for students may include recording tours as well as performances in Sydney. Moorambilla also provides a meaningful opportunity to extend students leadership skills and widen their career options.

The annual tour covers an enormous amount of territory from Goodooga to Molong, Wilcannia to Wee Waa and everywhere in between. Moorambilla Voices will visit every corner of NW NSW.

See you all soon!

### **Community Information**





### Vaping & e-cigarettes: What do you want to know?

Provide your opinions and feedback to the Western NSW Health Promotion Team on information, resources and support that you would like to see available, where you'd like to access these and provide any feedback!

engage.wnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/vaping-support









DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VAPING?





### Term 4 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	20 KICK START KINDY 9AM -3.00 PM Year 6 Transition	21	22 8am PCYC	23 Year 3/4 Wellington Caves Excursion	24
S	KICK START KINDY 9AM -3.00 PM K/1/2 GOLD PBL Excursion to Ten Pin Bowling		29 8am PCYC	30 Primary Performance Day Young Mum's 10am – 12 pm	1 DECEMBER K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety
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Week 10	11	Youth Up Front Visit 12 Year 10 Meet the Course Coordinator Online	13 Year 6 Graduation Lunch	14 Family BBQ & Report Feedback 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm	15 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR 2023
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