



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School

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Principal's Report

As 2023 draws to an end as a school it is time to reflect on our achievements this year and reset as we plan for the 2024 school year. PHCS is the major hub of the Peak Hill Community with close to two hundred people on the one site any given day.

At PHCS our focus is and always will be to Future Proof the Kids of Peak Hill. We have focused and assisted in adding value to every child, so they improve in Literacy, Numeracy and Reading.

We have systems in place to ensure Attendance is a key focus with our aim for all students at attend school at least 90% of the time. There is a strong correlation between attendance and student attainment.



We have proactive wellbeing structures in place to educate students in many areas of social development including friendships, cooperation, and resilience. This year in Term 4 we banned mobile phones in the school. This has resulted in greater engagement, better interactions between students in the playground and greater focus on student learning. This week we have engaged, "Youth Up Front", to work with our secondary students on some of those skills necessary for leading a healthy and fulfilling life. Positive Behaviours for Learning was expanded this year with the introduction of the Level System of our Deadly Awards, with students recognised for achieving Bronze, Silver, and Gold Levels. Our Gold level students were rewarded by a day trip to Dubbo for Infants, A Zoo Snooze experience for Primary and Jamberoo Action Park for Secondary. We should see more students achieve Gold next year.





Principal
Mr Peter Neilsen

**Deputy Principal
& WAP ISAC**
Mrs Catherine Doyle

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

A P C & I
Mrs Georgia Watt

**Head Teacher Second-
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Miss Sarah O'Leary

**Head Teacher Wellbe-
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Mr Luke Watt

**Head Teacher Student
Attainment**
Ms Brenda Stewart

**Head Teacher
Western Access
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Mrs Crystal
Stanford

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Mrs Vicki Sharah

**Administration
Manager**
Mrs Tanya Stanford

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Ms Brenda Stewart

Another focus, has been to engage the community. We have had overwhelming attendance at our school assemblies, performances, parent teacher nights, grandparent and Elder morning teas and Mothers and Father's Day breakfasts, NAIDOC celebrations to name a few. We are keen to expand these opportunities as students are engaged and learn better in partnership with the school and their families. This year the school was one of three schools across all of NSW that has been recognised for providing Cultural Safety in and outside our classrooms. We are immensely proud of this recognition.

Future proofing our kids has also involved the study of VET subjects at school, through Dubbo TAFE, Taronga Western Plains Zoo and undertaking Work Placement in a variety of settings. We have also exposed students to careers excursions and workshops and have visited Sydney, Canberra and the Central Coast on our Stage camps as well as local excursions for our younger years for example, the Wellington Caves and the performance by, The Wiggles in Dubbo.

Our school leaders have participated in Leadership opportunities including meeting the NSW Governor and Australia's Governor General and made speeches at events such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies. I thank every student and every family for your hard work and support of the school over the past 12 months.

We have had sporting representation in a variety of sports at a school, district, State, and National level. From tennis teams to students representing the school and region in swimming, athletics, and lawn bowls as well as Cooper Dart representing NSW at the Australian Lawn Bowls.

Students have also started to gain notoriety in the Agricultural sector with many experiences and ribbons gained at local and State Agricultural shows with their PEAK Angora, Suffolk and Poultry.

The magnificent work that happens at PHCS would not happen without the dedication and hard work of our amazing staff, Learning Support Officers, Tutors, Front Office staff and Teachers. Your commitment to the children and families of Peak Hill is second to none.

Personally, to those who have supported me to do one of the most amazing jobs one could have, School Principal I am incredibly grateful and thank you for your teamwork. Unlike many schools across the state in a time of teacher shortages, I am pleased to say we are close to being fully staffed for 2024.

On that note, I wish Ms Lucy Dempsey and Mrs Georgia Watt, all the best for the impending births of their respective babies. Mr Brody Palmer and Ms Alana Gear will be moving on to take new positions in other schools. Mrs Catherine Doyle will have a break from the long drives to and from Trangie for the 2024 school year. A full list of staff changes will be published once everything is finalised. I am looking forward to leading a talented team of staff in 2024, where high expectations are at the forefront of everything we do.

I wish all our school community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your family and those special to you. School resumes for students on Thursday the 8th February.

Mr Peter Neilsen
Principal



THE MOST INCREDIBLE 10 YEARS!

Ten years and a term ago, I was so warmly welcomed into the Peak Hill community. I will always be so grateful for the encouragement, love, support and respect I have always been shown. I have held many roles over the last ten years, including as the WAP Hospitality Coordinator, the WAP Work Placement Coordinator, Head Teacher and then for the past 3 1/2 years, as the Deputy Principal. I have now taught Hospitality students from Peak Hill for 20 years over the Western Access Program. It has certainly been a highlight to welcome my past students back as parents and to meet and teach your children as well! In my career I have never had a job that I have loved as much as working at Peak Hill Central School. I have loved every minute of working with your children, our families, our staff and our community. After travelling over 500,000 kms to school, I have asked Mr Neilsen for the opportunity to work closer to my home next year. Of course, I will miss each and every one of you next year. Thank you for the most incredible 10 years. Take care of each other and I can't wait to see you all again!



KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 8 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

Over the past fortnight the students in Kindergarten to Year 8, have been participating in the daily intensive swimming program at the Peak Hill Pool. A sincere thank you to the staff who are delivering this program, Mrs Kelly Dart, Miss Lucinda Pickering and Ms Corina Barnes, as this has an incredible opportunity for students to improve their swimming skills and water confidence.



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2023! We are incredibly proud of the diligence and initiative demonstrated by our Year 12 students in securing their "Pathways to Success", as they move from school life to the rest of their lives!

Of particular note, a huge congratulations to Hunter, who has received Early Entry into the University of New England and to Zoe who will be studying at Newcastle University in 2024. Congratulations to Quentin, who applied for and received a Carpentry apprenticeship in Newcastle and a \$5,000 Scholarship from OEC in Dubbo, to support him as he moves to Newcastle to take up this incredible new venture. Congratulations to Amelia and Dominic who have been busy updating their resumes and job hunting. We wish each of our Year 12 students all the best for 2024 and beyond!



EDUCATION and TRAINING OUT WEST (ETOW)

This year PHCS has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Anne Shortis and her team, from Education & Training Out West, who have been travelling from Dubbo each week to support our students. We were delighted to hear that funding has been secured by the team to work with our students again in 2024! This team has played a vital role in supporting our students in Literacy, Numeracy, the Minimum Standards Tests, resume writing, scholarship applications and interview skills. We are very grateful for the commitment and connection ETOW has made with our students this year!



ATTENDANCE ACROSS THE SCHOOL

The data is in, and I am delighted to report that every class across the school has reported an increase in attendance in 2023! This uplift in attendance is the single most important step in improving student engagement and success in learning. Well done to every family for supporting the attendance of your child. Attendance Matters – Every Day!

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN for 2024

During 2023 we have had the pleasure of Mr Christopher Morley running our school Scripture program for students from Kindergarten to Year 8. We are excited to announce that we have secured Wellbeing funding for 2024, to employ Mr Morley as our School Chaplain. Thank you, Chris, for the work you have done with our students this year and we are very excited to welcome you back next year. Congratulations on this new role!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2023

2023 has been an incredible year of opportunity and success for the students in our care. I would like to thank each and every family for continuing to support our staff and their dedication and commitment to the learning and wellbeing of your child every day!

YOUTH UP FRONT VISIT PHCS

A huge thank you to the Team from, "Youth Up Front" who came to visit us last week to work with our students in Secondary.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I wish each and every one of you, a restful and joy filled holiday with your family and loved ones and a fabulous 2024!

Guwayu!



Mrs Catherine Doyle
Deputy Principal



Wiradjuri Language

WIRADJURI LANGUAGE

The word is "Guwayu".

It means *later*, so many Wiradjuri people use it to say "see you later".

Wiradjuri people never said 'goodbye', as in our culture that is only said at funerals, so we say 'later' or 'guwayu' to friends and family instead.

Guwayu...

Mr David Towney
Student Mentor and Engagement Officer

Congratulations!

PLATINUM AWARDS

2023 PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS

These students have surpassed the Gold Level criteria, maintaining over 90% attendance, upholding our school uniform with pride, and exhibiting outstanding conduct—no negative entries on Sentral reflect their exceptional character. They've actively represented our school in events like ANZAC Day, embodying community spirit.

Additionally, their enthusiastic participation in at least two out of three school carnivals showcases their commitment to sports and teamwork.

Congratulations to our Platinum PBL Award recipients—you are shining examples of excellence and the pride of our school.

Congratulations to the following Award recipients :

Georgie Breust, Kyara Dargan-Stubbs, Elliott Newbigging, Josie Newbigging, Zara Read, Hugh Westcott, Lucy Newbigging, Hugo Breust, Ida Gavin, Ethan Mann, Baileigh Gavin, Lilly Gavin, Benjamin Ridgeway- Dreier, Ethan Ridgeway- Dreier, Mackenzie Pabis, India Sant, Sharntelle Schnitger, Jada Redpath, Taliyah Keed-White, Bailey Dart, Michael Redpath



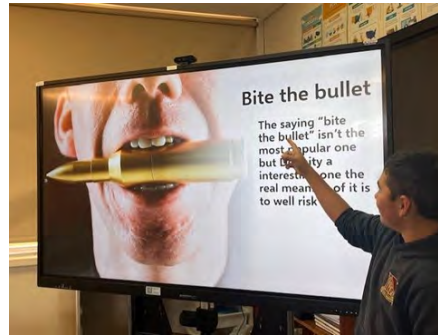
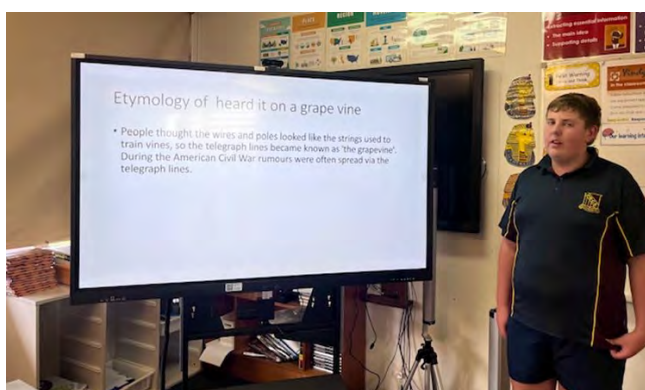
HEAD TEACHER NEWS

It is hard to believe I came up to Peak Hill Central School three years ago to assist students with literacy, and I have been here ever since loving my time with the students, staff, and community of Peak Hill. I enjoy teaching and have seen students come into my secondary classes, at the beginning of the year feeling uncomfortable about sharing their ideas in class, and by the end of the year, they are able to speak about topics they have researched and learned in our lessons. Just this week in Year 7 Literacy students created skits and PowerPoints on idioms of their choice. They had fun and so did I, watching their funny interpretations and their learning about the literal and figurative meanings of idioms. This is an area for focus as indicated in NAPLAN tests this year and in previous years. Here are some photos of the presentations.



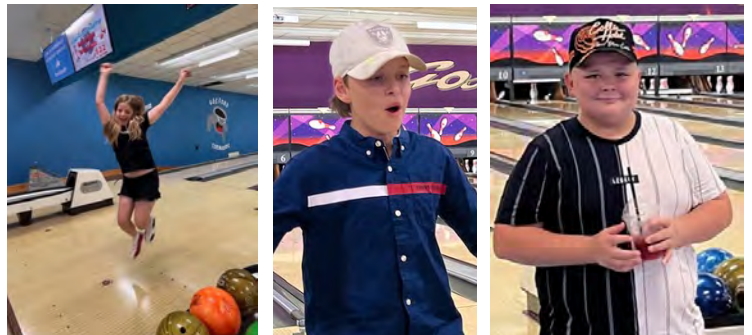
Peter and Jackson acting out their idiom, "Heard it on the grapevine".

Below: is Peter explaining the origin of the idiom Jackson and Peter chose.



Noah Beilby explains the literal and figurative meaning of, "Bite the bullet".

Throughout the year our students in both HSIE and English have developed skills in reading and writing to be able to express their ideas. Students have also experienced fieldwork and the camps organised for them. Some of my favourite activities are the field trips to Cowra, to the Macquarie River, to the Unger's farm and the camp to the Central Coast. Students all expressed how much they enjoyed these learning experiences. Here are some fun photos from those trips.



LIBRARY MATTERS

As I have shared before how students are coming to the library to ask for book recommendations. Some students I ask to do a book review for the newsletter. The latest review is by Sharntelle Schnitger, Year 8 on the award-winning book, "As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow" by Zoulfa Katouh.

"As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow", is a speculative novel set amid the Syrian revolution. It follows the story of an 18-year-old girl named, Salama Kassab as she navigates life and tries to find herself while living under a cruel and unforgiving dictatorship.

What I have learned is that the story is not only about Salama Kassab, it is about the fact of the undying love Salama has for her country and that she will do anything and everything to help or protect their country that they all call home.

One of my favourite quotes from the book is, "With all the destruction happening down there, it's so easy to forget the beauty that's up here. The sky is so beautiful after rainfall, it reminds me that as long as the lemon trees grow, hope will never die".

I would rate this book 5 out of 5 stars.

I am looking forward to reading this book over the Christmas holidays. It could be a good book to read in Reading Circles, especially as the NAPLAN Reading this year showed our students need to develop the ability to see things from other culture's perspectives. I am sure the book would lead to many interesting discussions.



I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Ms Brenda Stewart
Head Teacher Student Growth and Attainment



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 sports 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 commend 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 a resounding success, thanks to the positive attitudes and participation of our students. Special thanks to the accompanying staff for their dedication and support.



SECONDARY PBL GOLD EXCURSION 2023!

This term in Week 10 students attended the secondary rewards trip to the South Coast. These students had an action packed 3 days away with the main attraction being the Jamberoo Action Park. Students were also rewarded with a trip to Holey Moley Golf, ten pin bowling, arcade games and movies. Students had a fantastic time away and were outstanding representatives of the PHCS community.

We look forward to making this bigger and better in 2024!



BOWLS NSW SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Cooper, Kaidyn and Aksel who came 1st place in the Bowls NSW School Challenge. These students represented the school with pride and should be very proud of their efforts!



UNDER 18'S AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LAWN BOWLS

In Week 1, Cooper Dart travelled to Western Australia to be part of a cross-state composite team of NSW/VIC called the "NICSS" National Bowls Team. The team secured a fourth-place finish overall! This is a remarkable achievement to participate in a national competition. Well done, Cooper!



YR 11 SLR CAMP

In Week 3 of the term, Yr 11 SLR went on a camping trip to Wyangla Waters. This provided students with an opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting. It was a fun couple of days away!



Miss Sarah O'Leary
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

A P C & I News

What a great year it has been at PHCS! I can't believe we are at the end of the year already. It has been wonderful to see the growth in Literacy and Numeracy throughout 2023.

REPORTS

As you receive your child's reports, if you have any questions about how you can support your child's growth and improvement in Literacy or Numeracy, please feel free to contact me.

HOLIDAYS

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Throughout 2024, I will be taking maternity leave with the pending arrival of my second child. I look forward to returning to PHCS after my leave. I look forward to seeing you around within the community throughout 2024.

Mrs Georgia Watt
AP C&I

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**100%
PERFECT!**

At school everyday
You will achieve personal
excellence



**98%
IMPRESSIVE!**

Equates to 4 school
days off each year



**96%
GOOD!**

Equates to 7 school days
off each year



**95%
NEARLY THERE!**

Equates to 9 school
days off each year



**94%
ON THE WAY!**

Equates to 7 school days
off each year



**92%
NEARLY THERE!**

Equates to 15 school
days off each year



**90%
DANGER ZONE!**

Educationally at risk!
Equates to 1 month off
each year



**88%
SEVERE IMPACT!**

Equates to over a month
off each year



**80%
EXTREME IMPACT!**

Equates to 2 month off
each year



**BELOW 80%
DESTRUCTIVE!**

Highly challenging to
access any learning



Primary Christmas Concert



PBL Excursions



2023 Presentation Night



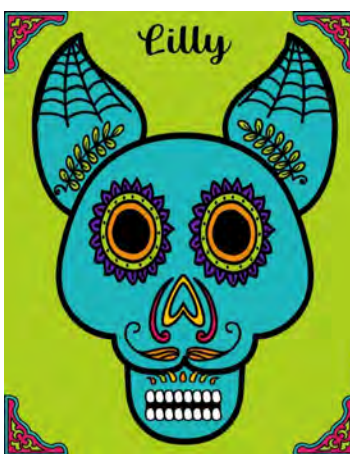
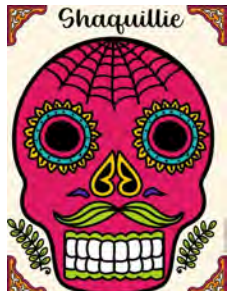
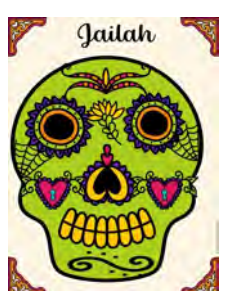
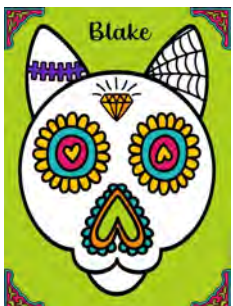
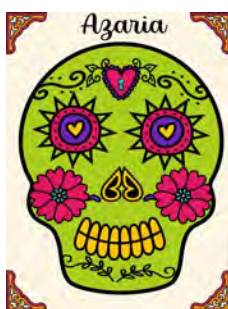
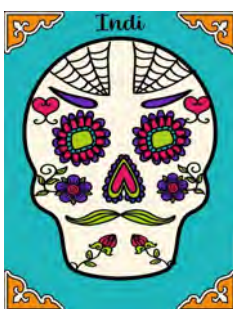
2023 Presentation Night



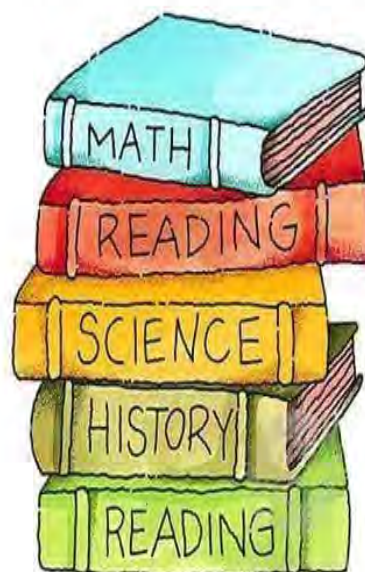
TRANSITION YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7

Last fortnight the Year 6 Transition students enjoyed an Art lesson. Students learned about the el Día de Muertos (the Day of the Dead) and crafted their own unique Sugar Skulls. Throughout the process, students skillfully applied mathematical and technological knowledge, resulting in some very impressive creations. Congratulations to all the students on their fantastic work!

Mrs Crystal Stanford
Classroom Teacher



PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS
AND EQUIPMENT TO THE LIBRARY
BY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023



ENGLISH REPORT

In English this term, Stage 5 have been studying, "English and the language of Song".

Through the study of English and the language of song, students develop a deeper understanding of how language is used in a range of song lyrics to express emotions, attitudes, ideas and themes related to the human experience. They have responded to and composed texts to explore the relationship between the language forms and features used in poems and how these can be used imaginatively and powerfully in song lyrics.

Students have had the opportunity to use language imaginatively by studying song lyrics and attempting to compose their own, using literary techniques for a range of purposes. For example to recount stories, express personal emotions, protest, observe, reflect and speculate. Students also wrote anecdotes of personal song choices to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the ways language can represent particular personal views and aspects of the world which influence us all. Our studies also extended to exploring how language and the use of visual images and music can evoke specific responses from an audience.

Through engaging in these learning opportunities, students developed their skills in comprehending and responding to texts, and develop their abilities to use language imaginatively, expressively and purposefully. Opportunities to plan, proof read and edit their work, helps students develop greater control of spelling, punctuation, syntax and grammar in a unique language setting.

This term Stage 4 have also studied a unit on, "Overcoming the Odds".

In this unit of work students were asked to consider the challenges and obstacles faced by groups and individuals worldwide. Students studied a range of texts which explore situations and experiences where people must find ways to overcome challenges of a physical, psychological, emotional and cultural nature.

As a unit focus, our students were asked to nominate three types of challenges people face. Then explore how people have overcome such adversities to grow, recoup and thrive again. The lists students produced regarding challenges in their lives included; fears and phobias, judgement based on gender/sexuality, confusion/uncertainty, needing to feel accepted, familial/societal expectations, discrimination, culture/race/ethnicity, friendship/peer pressure and tragic events which challenge our perceptions of life and spirituality.

It is hoped our studies have prompted students to deeply consider how challenges and adversities shape our own sense of identity, emboldening against future trials. Also the inspiration we may take from others to strengthen our own resilience and fortitude.

Mr Jason Tierney
Classroom Teacher

Library and COVID Tutoring

REQUEST FROM THE LIBRARY

Please check at home for any long-term borrowed books, and return them to the front office or library before the end of term. We will be undertaking a stocktake shortly. Your ongoing support of our library is appreciated.

COVID TUTORING

The COVID Intensive Learning Support Program (COVID ILSP) has been operating at Peak Hill Central School again this year with participating students achieving learning gains in both Literacy and Numeracy. The small group tuition implemented by the school as part of the COVID ILSP has improved student confidence, achievement and engagement in learning across multiple curriculum areas this year.

Miss Stephanie
Williams
COVID Tutor



Wellington Caves with Year 3/4



KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

It is bittersweet to think that we are already at the end of the year! K/1 is finishing 2023 with a bang, between swimming lessons and dance practice, making Christmas ornaments, posting wish lists to Santa and inviting our Elf on the Shelf into our classroom to keep an eye on us.

We have also been busy exploring measurement in Mathematics, practising reading and writing sentences in English, learning about the weather in Geography and having fun programming Bee-Bots in Technology.

I am so proud of the progress each student has made in K/1 and the effort they have put into their learning. All K/1 students should be proud of themselves for how far they have come this year!

I would like to say thank you to K/1 parents, carers and families for all of your support this year and helping to make it a fantastic year for all! I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

**KICK START KINDY**

Kick Start Kindy ended three terms of sessions with a special graduation and afternoon tea. Students have had so much fun coming to Kick Start this year and experiencing some fun elements of being at "big school". Students have loved joining in John Moriarty soccer lessons, eating and playing with primary students at recess and lunch, and learning how to read some letter sounds, count syllables and find rhyming words! We also had lots of practice getting to know school routines in preparation for next year.

It was fantastic to see the progress of these Kick Start Kindies as they have become more and more ready and excited for big school. I cannot wait to see how much further they will grow next year!

Miss Ella Bandur
Classroom Teacher

**YEAR 1/2 NEWS**

What a great finish to Term 4!

In Mathematics, students have been learning about arrays and how we can use them to solve multiplication problems. Throughout the week Miss Pickering brought in a variety of objects such as a cupcake tray, a makeup palette and a popit to show Year 1/2 that arrays are everywhere and can be found in a variety of objects.

In Writing, Year 1/2 read the book, "Monsters", by Vincent James. They then wrote about their own monsters, using rhyming words to create an engaging piece of writing. Students are now in the process of creating their own book about monsters with their own illustrations.

To discover a love for reading, Year 1/2 went to the library and completed a book scavenger hunt, where they had to find books that were about a certain topic. Students enjoyed discovering all the books that the library has to offer and cannot wait to borrow a book from the library!

The most exciting thing about the end of Term 4 is THE ELF ON THE SHELF!!!! Students have loved their visits from "Ronnie" the Elf and have been completing every task to the best of their ability. Students in 1/2 cannot wait for Santa to visit, they have been making Christmas decorations, wrapping paper and listening to Christmas music to get into the Christmas spirit, there are no grinchers in this classroom!

Miss Lucinda Pickering
Classroom Teacher



YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Students in 3/4 were treated to a day trip to Wellington Caves in Week 7. We enjoyed the underground tour of the incredible Cathedral Cave and learned a lot about stalactites and stalagmites, bats, crystals and ancient land formations. Above ground, we became palaeontologists and dug through soil for bone fragments, crystals, phosphate and fossils. The exceptional guide taught us all about the prehistoric life that lived in and around the Wellington area, including the giant wombat relative, the Diprotodon. The students found the information on the amazing megafauna extremely interesting and it has fuelled much discussion in class ever since.



Mrs Lyndal Edge
Classroom Teacher

YEAR 3/4 NEWS



Mrs Kelley Westcott
Classroom Teacher

Primary Disco

DRESS: MUFT!

ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR

DEC 15 2-3PM FRIDAY

LET'S CELEBRATE THE FINAL DAY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS

Welcome to one last article for Year 5/6 for 2023. What a year we have had! 2023 has seen a year of growth, maturity, fun and learning and I could not be prouder of the amazing bunch of children in 5/6.

It is coming to the end of primary school for our Year 6 students and over the past 8 weeks they have been participating in transition in preparation for high school next year. It has been a pleasure to watch each of these students grow over the past 3 years. I wish them all the very best for high school and the rest of their schooling life at Peak Hill Central School.

Sport has been a massive highlight for 5/6 this year. Monday mornings saw us participating in John Moriarty, learning a range of new soccer skills. Many students represented both Peak Hill Central School and Gobondery NARRAF at swimming, athletics, cross country, soccer, tennis, cricket and squash. We have concluded this year with our annual intensive swimming program, which everyone has enjoyed, heading down to the pool each afternoon to cool off after a hot day.

In 5/6 this year we have had a massive focus on Essential Assessment for both Mathematics and English. It has been pleasing to see so much growth in all these students.

Other highlights in our class this year include: Charles Sturt University Orange visit for Year 6, Central Coast excursion, PBL rewards excursions, Activate classes each Thursday and our Christmas end of year performance.

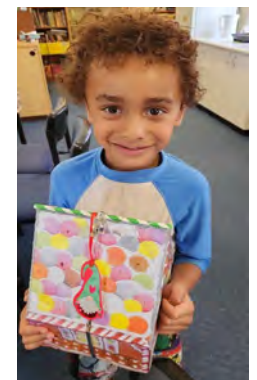
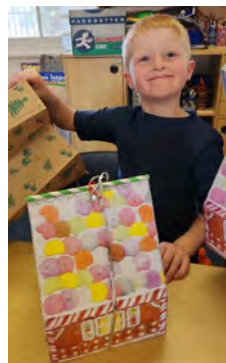
I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Classroom Teacher

**K/1 GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

The delighted students in K/1 had their beautiful Gingerbread Houses stolen by the elves, taken to the North Pole, and returned filled with goodies!

Yesterday, Aunty Vicki read the students a note left by the cheeky elves! K/1 were absolutely thrilled!





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!

Essential Contacts



☎ 1800 650 890
🌐 eheadspace.org.au

headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. They began in 2006, and ever since have provided early intervention mental health services to 12-25-year-olds.



🌐 reachout.com

You can also join a ReachOut Online Community forum that is free, anonymous and available 24/7 for people aged 14-25 in Australia.



☎ 1800 55 1800
🌐 kidshelpline.com.au

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available via WebChat, phone or email anytime and for any reason.



☎ 13 11 14
🌐 lifeline.org.au

Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services. They are committed to empowering Australians to be suicide-safe through connection, compassion and hope.



Butterfly
Foundation for Eating Disorders

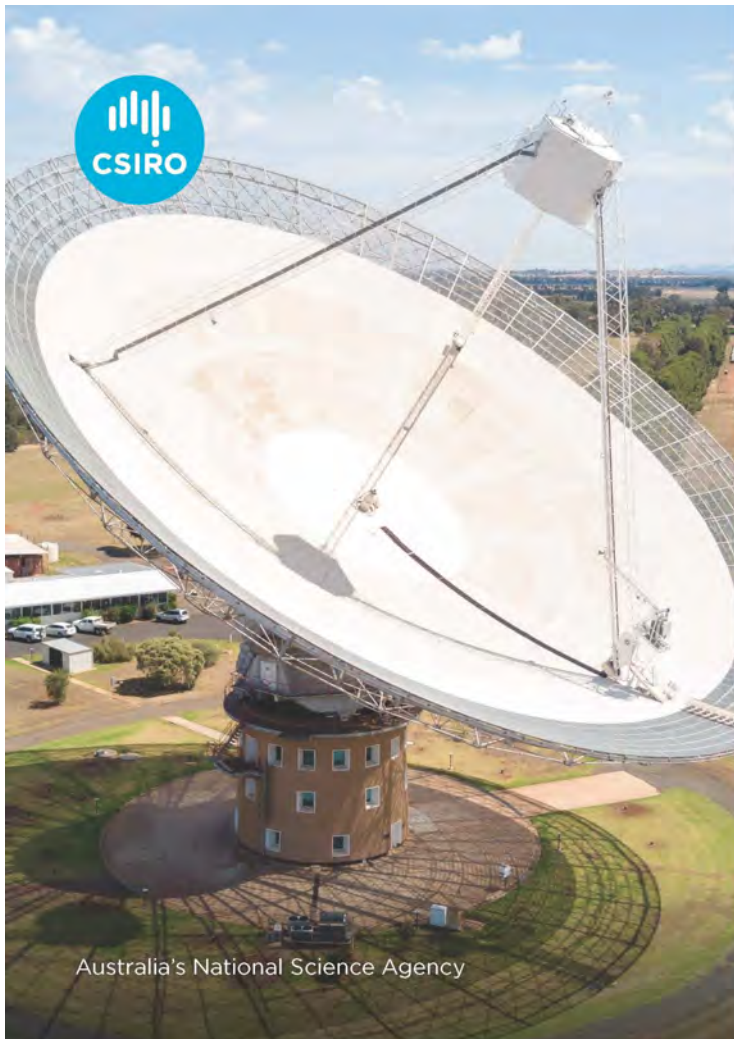
☎ 1800 33 4673
🌐 butterfly.org.au

If you are suffering from an eating disorder, or suspect one of your friends might be, find out more and get support from the Butterfly Foundation.



☎ 1300 22 4636
🌐 beyondblue.org.au

Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.



Fizzics Education at CSIRO Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre

Come and meet the team from Fizzics Education during the Elvis Festival – this is a family event where you'll see science up close!

Wed 10 to Sun 14 January 2024
This one-hour show starts at 1:30 pm

It's free, no booking needed – just show up on the day
Outdoors event – in front of Murriyang, the Parkes radio telescope

Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre
(02) 6861 1777
parkes-vdc@csiro.au
585 Telescope Road, Parkes NSW 2870
20 km north of Parkes on the Newell Hwy

This is a radio quiet zone. Please assist by turning off phones and wi-fi devices or activating airplane or flight mode.

ART WORKSHOPS

WITH KAREN RITCHIE

For children 8 - 13 years old
explore-create-have fun

Watercolour Wonders, 15th January, 10am - 12noon
explore a variety of techniques with watercolours/acrylic paints and take home a beautiful whale painting

Quirky Animals, 16th January, 10am - 12noon
explore acrylic paint techniques and take home a quirky animal painting
bring a photo reference if you like

Mono Printing, 22nd January, 10am - 12noon
explore mono-printing using a variety of mixed media and everyday objects to create unusual works

Fun with Pastels, 23rd January, 10am - 12noon
explore working with chalk/pastel based products on coloured paper to create amazing effects

Venue: Marramarra Makerspace
Cost: \$30 per workshop
For bookings: contact Karen Ritchie
karenritchieart@gmail.com or
0411 099 432
all materials supplied
bring drink bottle



Peak Hill Central School would like to sincerely thank the Aboriginal Childrens Advancement Society for their kind donation of \$10199.09

The Aboriginal Progressive Interactive Learning Activity (APILA) is to support schools with technology to provide greater access to learning for Indigenous students.

This amount provides for the purchase and replacement of 10 Dell computers and monitors for student use.



CLEANERS WANTED

Joss Facility Management provides cleaning services to local Schools and other sites in this area. We are looking for local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining our Company as a Cleaner.

A Joss cleaner's role includes: Cleaning, stocking and supplying designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc)

Joss Facility Management provide staff with a uniform, training and a supportive work environment.

APPLY NOW:



We invite you to register your interest in working with Joss by sending an email to careers@jossgroup.com.au or call 02 6051 1900.

Joss welcome you to visit our website www.jossgroup.com.au for further information on our Company. We look forward to welcoming some new faces to our team.

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Cleaning Service

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- Window cleaning



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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



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A research collaboration project.



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Cancer Council

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VAPING?




NSW GOVERNMENT

Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	11 K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety	12 Year 10 Meet the Course Coordinator Online K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety	13 Year 6 Graduation Lunch K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety	14 Family BBQ & Report Feedback 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety	15 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR 2023 

Term 1 2024					
Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	5 FEBRUARY	6 Staff Development Day	7 Staff Development Day	8 Students return for 2024	9
Week 3	12	13	14 PCYC 8am to 9am	15	16 Swimming Carnival
Week 4	19	20	21 Moorambilla Voices Visit PCYC 8am to 9am	22	23
Week 5	26	27	28 PCYC 8am to 9am	29	1 MARCH
Week 6	4	5	6 PCYC 8am to 9am	7	8
Week 7	11	12	13 WAP Camp Lake Burrendong PCYC 8am to 9am	14 WAP Camp Lake Burrendong	15 WAP Camp Lake Burrendong
Week 8	18	19	20 PCYC 8am to 9am	21	22
Week 9	25	26	27 PCYC 8am to 9am	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY

