

We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School

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Principal's Report

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying our Primary School Captains, Azaria and Henry to Sydney for the Junior Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. We were joined by the Captains from Yeoval, Tullamore and Tottenham Central Schools. All students were engaged and had some great experiences.

I am looking forward to meeting community members past and present as they return to Peak Hill this weekend. Make sure you find sometime on Friday or Saturday to pop into the school to see our displays, take a tour or be present for the Gymnasium opening. Afternoon tea and lunch will be available. I wish the organisers a successful weekend.

Mr Peter Neilsen Principal







Deputy Principal 's Report



Principal

Mr Peter Neilsen

Deputy Principal & WAP ISAC

Mrs Catherine Doyle

Assistant Principal

Ms Grace Stewart (Mon & Tue)

Mrs Lyndal Edge (Mon—Fri)

APC&I

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

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Administration Manager

Mrs Tanya Stanford

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Ms Brenda Stewart

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE TERM 1!

This has been a big, busy and highly productive first 8 weeks of Term 1. Congratulations to our students who have embraced each and every opportunity to learn new skills, gain TAFE qualifications and experience success in sporting, educational, artistic, cultural and hands-on skills-based learning.

RUSSELLS & DEADLY AWARDS

A huge congratulations to our students who have received RUSSELL and DEADLY Awards this fortnight. It is an absolute delight to see our students bettering their best every day and upholding the PBL values of our school community.

CAFÉ RUSSELL

The Hospitality kitchen at PHCS runs our very own café called, Café Russell for our Year 11 and 12 VET Hospitality practical assessment days. Over the last two weeks of term, we will be running this café each Wednesday. All parents, carers and community members are invited to come to school to be customers on these days. You can either eat in or take away from our menu. Please check our school Facebook page or speak with our friendly staff in the school office for the weekly menus.

SHEARING @ DUBBO TAFE

Next week Sarah, Shelby and Zac will be attending the Narromine Road Campus of the Dubbo TAFE to begin their first week long block of their TAFE Shearing course.

WHITE CARD TRAINING @ TRUNDLE

Next Thursday 30 March, Cooper and Zac will travel to Trundle Central School to complete their White Card Training with Miss Leisa Rowlands. This is an essential credential to have for our VET Constructions students, so that they are permitted to enter work sites.

VOCATION EDUCATION TRAINING (VET) WORK PLACEMENT

During Week 6 of next term our Year 11 and 12 students who need to complete their 70 hours of Mandatory Work Placement for their VET subjects in Retail, Construction, Primary Industries or Hospitality, will attend a week of work in a Dubbo business. The paperwork for these placements will be happening this term, to ensure every student gets this incredibly valuable work opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more about work placement.

ANIMAL CARE @ THE ZOO

Every Tuesday this year, Stacey and Lara will be travelling to the Taronga Western Plains Zoo to gain a Certificate II in Animal Care. The girls have been seriously enjoying studying this course at the Zoo. This subject counts as 2 units towards the girls Higher School Certificate.



Deputy Principal's Report Continued

THANK YOU, FAMILIES

Thank you to the families who came along for a wonderful afternoon at the town pool last Monday to informally meet their child's teacher and learn more about their progress at school. It was such a positive

opportunity to catch up and thank you again making the effort. Remember, our teachers are only a phone call away if you have a question or would like to learn more about your child's learning. We look forward hearing from you!



TRANSITION TO WORK EXCURSION

Next term a total of twenty students from Peak Hill and Yeoval Central Schools will be travelling to Sydney to take part in a Transition to Work Program. The excursion will run from Friday 28 April until Friday 5 May. More details about the excursion will be released next week, once we have finalised our arrangements.

K/1/2 TO VISIT THE WIGGLES

SAVE THE DATE – Friday 28 April, which is the first Friday of next term. The students in K/1/2 and their teachers will be catching buses to The Wiggles performance in Dubbo. There will be no cost to this excursion and notes will be going home next week.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A reminder that REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE is one of the single most important factors in determining the social, emotional and academic achievement of your child. Every student @ school, every day is our goal.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

As we move towards the end of the term students will receive Attendance Awards for Term 1. Every day that a student is at school, seriously improves their overall percentage of attendance. So, even if you are running late, please come to school every day.

POLICE LIASION OFFICER VISIT

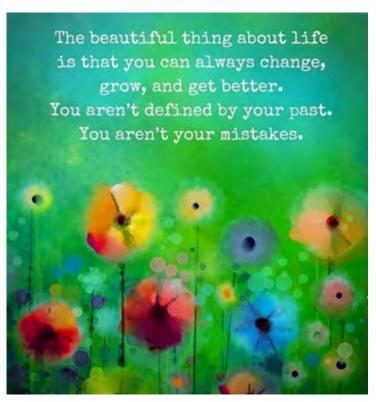
A sincere thank you to our Police Liaison Officer from Parkes, Senior Constable Daniel Greef who visited the school yesterday to speak with students from Year 9-Year 12, regarding safe and respectful behaviour online. We always look forward to these visits and appreciate the valuable messages Daniel shares with our students. Daniel explained how employers search your profile online when they are thinking about interviewing you for a job, and how important it is that your behaviour online is respectful and responsible.

STUDENT PHONES

A reminder to parents and carers of students in secondary – students must keep phones in their bags during class time. When phones are out, staff will ask students to please put them away as they can be a huge distraction to learning. Your support with this from home is appreciated. We will be talking a lot more about how we can minimise the negative impact of phones at school over the remainder of the term with families and the P&C.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and exciting BACK TO PEAK HILL weekend. We look forward to a fabulous Week 9 starting on Monday.

Mrs Catherine Doyle Deputy Principal



Week 9 & 10 PBL Focus



- · Be considerate of other people
- Use equipment and materials safely
- Follow instructions
- Keep hands and feet to yourself





Head Teachers News

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Congratulations to all students who have consistently demonstrated our PBL values of respect, responsibility, safety and success this term. For the past two weeks we have been focusing on Responsibility and students have had an opportunity to engage in lessons surrounding this PBL value.

NAPLAN will begin this week for Year 7 and 9. We encourage all students to ensure that they are not away during this time without a valid reason as it is important that they sit their assessment in their allocated window with the rest of their cohort. However, if students are away for a valid reason, they can complete their assessment on the catch-up day. We wish all students good luck and encourage them to try their very best to achieve their learning goals!

WESTERN SWIMMING:

Last week six students went to state swimming to represent our school. Congratulations to Zac, Cooper, Ruby, Jacob, India and Sharntelle who represented PHCS with pride. All students are to be commended for their efforts and attitudes when representing Peak Hill Central School, I was incredibly proud to be apart of our team.

Congratulations to Ruby Bell and India Sant for performing excellently in their individual events and making it to state! A big shout out to the Central School's Relay Team who consisted of Zac, India, Ruby and Jacob for a great swim placing 4th! It was a great

day overall, thank you to Miss Pickering for driving the students there and home and also to the parents who turned up to support!





WESTERN LAWN BOWLS

A massive congratulations to Cooper Dart who trailled for Western Bowls last Friday and for successfully making it onto the Western Team, good job Cooper!



SPORT

For weekly sport this term we have provided students with options to maximise participation, they have the choice between basketball with Mr Palmer, netball with Miss Pickering and swimming at the local pool with myself. At the pool we have been practicing life saving skills as well as fun games and relay races. Thank you to the students who have been absolutely amazing and have been participating with maximum effort. It has been great watching you all grow in confidence in the water, especially when learning new skills.

Keep up the great work!

Miss Sarah O'Leary Classroom Teacher





Head Teachers News continued

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

STAGE 4 AND 5 HISTORY

It has been a busy few weeks at Peak Hill Central School. Stage 4 and Stage 5 History students have been working on their Assessment Tasks at school and at home.

Stage 5 History are studying Australians in War. This term we have focused on WW1 and are moving on to WWII before the end of the term. Students are researching letters from the trenches and writing their own letters, diaries or War Correspondent reports on the conditions endured. I have been impressed with some students' dedication to the task, coming to the library at lunchtime to research.

Stage 4 History have been excited about studying the Vikings and learning about their culture and how Hollywood Movies misrepresent aspects of Viking life. Students have learned more about the Vikings by researching and making Viking artefacts to display at the Back to Peak Hill afternoon on Friday.

Some students have excelled in their work, while having fun making their artefact. Some are very authentic. Students have also learned about credible evidence and the importance of checking sources for accurate information when researching. I hope the students have shared their assessment with their parents and carers. Some parents have already told me how impressed they have been with the dedication of their student to complete their work.

LIBRARY

The number of students visiting the library at lunchtime and borrowing books is very pleasing. Students enjoy playing chess and looking through the collection for books they are interested in. Primary students have been visiting the library in their lessons and borrowing as well. Once again it is essential our students are reading every day.

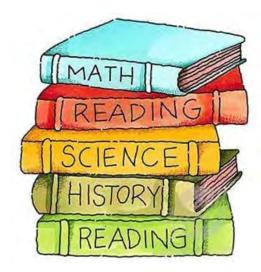
I have been conducting some reading assessments and it is surprising how with a little encouragement students who have told me they can't read, actually can read, the more they read books at their level, the more their confidence will build.

Year 7 and 8 this term have started visiting the library in their Literacy lessons, so they can read, and I can help them improve by suggesting strategies to use.

PARKES LIBRARY LOCK IN

Last newsletter I mentioned that a group of students were going to this event at Parkes Library. The students had a great time, playing the games organised by Emma. There certainly were fun games, which gave us ideas for conducting our own Library Lock in events. One activity touched the students deeply. The Librarians had organised letters to the students encouraging them to be hopeful for the future. The letters were written by seniors who visit the library.

Ms Brenda Stewart Head Techer Student Growth and Attainment



Wiradjuri Language

WIRADJURI LANGUAGE

Could I offer two words, Yiradhu marang. Day (Yiradhu) and Good (Marang)

Although it reads backwards in the usual English reading of the words, together it reads "Good day" when spoken in Wiradjuri. We place the main subject first, then have the descriptive words afterwards.

So we would like to offer everyone, Yiradhu marang, a "good day"

Mr David Towney
Student Mentor and Engagement Officer

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

YEAR 12

Zoe and Quentin have been busy building a dog kennel. They are practising their teamwork and communication skills which are "soft skills" used in the construction industry everyday.



STAGE 5 TIMBER

Stage 5 Timber have started building their timber deck chairs. The chairs require the students to do a variety of measuring and cutting of timber. The class have been working hard and have had a great start to the year. Well done, Stage 5!



YEAR 8 TECH NOLOGY MANDATORY

Year 8 have been looking at engineering and the design process. The class have had discussions around what is an engineer and what is their job. Their task this semester is to design and construct their own plane made from Balsa wood.

Have a great fortnight.

Mr Luke Watt Industrial Technology Teacher

LITERACY AND NUMERACY CORNER

This fortnights Rocket Learners:











Have a wonderful fortnight!

Mrs Georgia Watt

AP Curriculum & Instruction

Peak Hill Central School 2023































Primary Activate 2023





























Kindergarten/Year 1 News

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR1

What a huge two weeks of learning for K/1!

Students have settled into the school year very well, and so much learning is taking place every day. It is so special to see the passion for learning these students have.

K/1 has read some fantastic stories like "Thelma the Unicorn" and "Pig the Pug". We loved learning most about the characters in these stories. K/1 are producing some fantastic writing and are focusing on writing from left to right, using finger spaces, and full stops.

We have now learnt four sounds and the letters that make these sounds - m, s, t, and a. We are doing lots of practise writing and reading with these sounds.

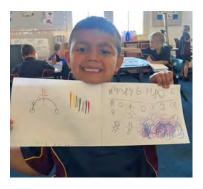
In Mathematics, K/1 have been learning about measurement. We have learnt how to measure and compare the length, area and volume of different objects. This has been lots of fun and very interactive.

In History, we have been learning about our own family and each other's families. We have created some beautiful artworks of our families.

Miss Ella Bandur Classroom Teacher









Year 1/2 News

YEAR 1/2

Year 1/2 students have had some huge weeks of learning!

In English, we have been reading the text, "The Great Rabbit Chase". We have been designing our own animal chase around the school as well as around Peak Hill.

In Mathematicss, we have been exploring the properties of 3D objects. We have enjoyed doing lots of hands on activities for this topic - it makes it so engaging and fun to learn.

In Art, we have been learning about the artist Ken Done. We decided to link our artwork with another text we've focused on, A Bag and a Bird, which is set on the Sydney Harbour. We created our own Ken Done inspired Sydney Harbour artwork.

Learning is so much fun in our classroom!

Miss Sheldyn Briggs









Year 5/6 News

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

The Great Barrier Reef has been the hot topic in Geography in Year 3/4 for the past few weeks, so creating these colourful, textured art projects was a lot of fun. The students used recycled cardboard, paste, toilet paper, sand, glitter, pipe cleaners, pom poms, sequins, glass stones and other bits and pieces to make their underwater world come alive!

Mrs Lyndal Edge Classroom Teacher











YEAR 5/6 NEWS

What a fortnight here in the Year 5/6 classroom! Students have been actively engaged in a range of researching tasks around our HSIE and Science topics. We have worked in groups to research the Black Saturday Bushfires, ANZACs, Bushrangers and The First Fleet.

During Science we have conducted an experiment on the conditions of plants in the desert. Students picked a variety of leaves to place in a snap lock bag. These leaves survived in the bag for two weeks and students have been monitoring the changes over the time.

I am keen to see our homework tasks starting to roll in. Many posters and PowerPoints are coming in to be presented.

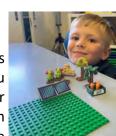
In Mathematics we have started focusing on patterns and algebra. We have used our Essential Assessment data to create optimal learning paths for each student, and we can't wait to track our growth.

Miss Teagan Heraghty Classroom Teacher

Primary Lego Group

ACTIVATE LEGO

Last week in Lego, the students built some terrific farms. Thank you to those people who sent in their extra farm Lego blocks from Woolworths. We really appreciate them!



Mrs Kelley Westcott Lego Group Teacher





ACTIVATE with Mrs Edge

ACTIVATE AGRICULTURE

Students in Activate Agriculture learnt from Charles about the goat kids in the Ag plot. They are very soft and curly, and like munching on weetbix and carrots. The chooks and chickens enjoyed some pears and some cuddles, and the children enjoyed some schoolgrown, garden fresh grapes.

Mrs Lyndal Edge Classroom Teacher







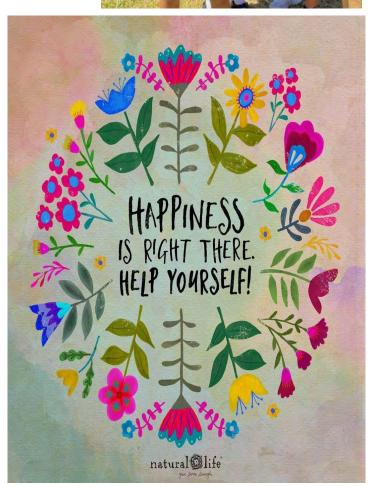












Kick Start

Kindy



Come along to give your child a better than best start to school. During Term 1 and 2 children will get to know the school, read stories, create craft and play!











Term 1: Mondays 10.45am-11.45am. Meet at the front office.

Starting in Week 9, 20th March 2023.

Dates: 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April.

For: Children starting school in 2024, 2025 and 2026 and their families/carers. Siblings are welcome!

For any questions or information contact Miss Sammi Axam (02) 6869 1304

We look forward to seeing you there!



PEAK HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL EASTER HAT PARADE AND SPECIAL END-OF-TERM ASSEMBLY

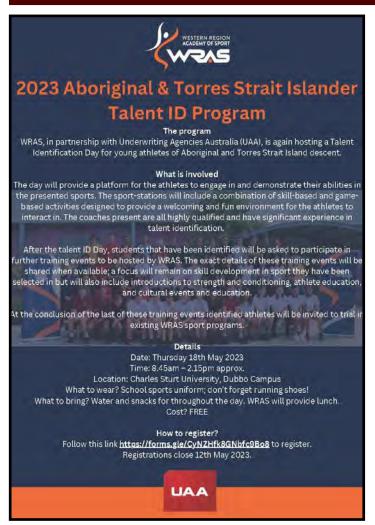
THURSDAY APRIL 6TH, 2:00PM

Location: Peak Hill Central School

Families and community are welcome!



Community Information







EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

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

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

Check the time your school starts.



Term 1 & 2 Calendar

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	20 March <mark>Kick Start Kindy</mark> TAFE – Shearing	21 Harmony Day Course Dubbo —	22	23	24 Year 5 – ECO Day In Parkes
Week 10	27 Kick Start Kindy	28	29 Year 12 Hospitality Day	30 1.30 – 2 pm Primary Assembly Brien Holden Vision Clinic White Card Training @ Trundle	31 Gobondery NARRAF Day
Week 11	3 April Kick Start Kindy	4	5 Year 12 Hospitality Day	6 2pm Easter Hat Parade	7 GOOD FRIDAY

Term 2 School Calendar 2023

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
/Veek 1	24 April STAFF DEV Day	25 ANZAC DAY	26 STUDENTS RETURN TO PHCS	27	28 K/1/2 Excursion to the Wiggles in Dubbo
3	1 May Transition to Work Sydney Excursion —	2	3 Healthy Harold BATYR Mental Health Yr 7-12	4 Healthy Harold	5
/Veek 3	8	9	10	11	12
VVeek 4	15	16	17	18	19
VVeek 5	22	23	24	25	26
	29 WAP Work placement Dubbo	30	31	1 June	2 June



