



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School

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Term 3, Week 10 Thursday 21st September 2023

Principal's Report



Congratulations to all our students who have worked hard with their learning this term. We wish all our families a great school holiday commencing next Monday 25 September. All students recommence their learning on Monday 9 October.

We say a fond farewell to Ms Tiarne McLeod and Ms Sheldyn Briggs who sadly leave our staff at the end of this term. Both are pursuing alternative careers to teaching for private organisations in Dubbo. We thank them for their contribution to the teaching and learning of our students. They are both brilliant teachers and will be missed greatly. Ms Brigg's class will be taken over next term by Ms Grace Stewart with support from Ms Lucinda Pickering. Letters went home to all class members this week. If you need to discuss this change, please do not hesitate to contact me ASAP at the school.

I had the pleasure to attend the WAP Year 12 Graduation event at the West Dubbo Bowling Club last Friday. It was great to see our students and their parents and guests all dressed up and acknowledged for their efforts. Friday 22 September is the last school day for Year 12. We wish them all the best for their HSC exams and look forward to catching up with everyone at our family dinner in November.

Next term sees the commencement of the ban on mobile phone policy in school. I look forward to your support in the implementation of this policy and the benefits it will bring to student learning and wellbeing. A copy of the policy is published on page 2 of this newsletter.

Mr Peter Neilsen

Principal



Principal
Mr Peter Neilsen

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& WAP ISAC**
Mrs Catherine Doyle

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

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Dear Parents/ Carers and Students of Peak Hill Central School.

As you are aware the NSW State Government will ban student use of mobile phones in ALL NSW SCHOOLS from Day 1 of Term 4 2023. This is for all students K-12. This decision has been made after a lengthy review on the impact of mobile phones on learning and wellbeing needs of students in schools.

At Peak Hill Central School:

- Students are not to bring mobile phones to school from start of Term 4 2023.
- If parents need to make contact with their child during the school day they should call the office on 02 6869 1304.
- If there is an urgent need for the student to contact home they are to speak to the Principal who will organise the call home.
- Parents are to apply to the Principal for an exemption if they require their child to have a phone for travel to or from school. If the exemption is granted the mobile phone must be handed to the Principal as the student enters the school and picked up from the Principal after the bell in the afternoon. The Principal will securely lock the phones away during the school day.
- If a student brings a phone to school and fails to hand it in and uses the phone at any time the student will be directed to the Principal's Office. The phone will be locked away in the phone locker. Parents/ carers will be notified by the Principal. The Parent, Carer will be required to meet with the Principal to collect the phone.
- Continuation of breach of the no mobile phone rule may result in a formal caution of suspension for persistent disobedience and could lead to suspension if not resolved.
- The school has devices that could be used if a student needs to take photos of their work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need clarification or extra advise.

Peter Neilsen

Principal



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

We have had the most productive and successful Term 3! Thank you to the students, families and staff who have supported attendance, success, and achievement this term.

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK 2023

Last week at PHCS we have truly had the most incredibly fun and enjoyable BOOK WEEK celebrations, recognising the importance of READING. Well done to the students and staff who put such a fabulous effort into dressing up for this event. Thank you to the families and community members who joined our students for the parade and morning tea.

YEAR 7 ON COUNTRY EXCURSION

A huge thank you to Aunty Vicki and the staff who supported the Primary ACTIVATE Language and Culture class, on their excursion to Little Burning Mountain last week. The craft, cultural experiences, and journey of respect the students shared on the day, was absolutely incredible!

YEAR 6 into YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Next term we will be welcoming our Year 6 students and our new Year 7 students for 2024 into secondary for seven Mondays. Transition will begin on Monday 16 October from 11.30 – 2pm. The times will get longer over the term, until our newest students are in high school for a full day. Please see the full advertisement with times and dates for Transition in Term 4, in this newsletter.

TELL THEM FROM ME

Our students in Years 4 – 12 will be completing this online survey over the remainder of this term. This survey helps us to collect information which we will use to inform our School Improvement Plan. We will also be offering opportunities for parents and carers to also complete this survey, as we value your input and feedback. More information about how you can complete this online survey will be sent home to families before the end of term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

YOUNG MUM'S COOKING GROUP

The Young Mum's Cooking Program will continue into next term. Please save the following dates in your calendar:

- Thursday 26 October
- Thursday 23 November
- Thursday 7 December

I look forward to seeing you then!



NAVY VISIT

A sincere thank you to Karen Thorn, the Fleet Liaison Officer from Garden Island, who visited PHCS last term with her husband. Karen kindly donated 20 Navy caps to our students for when we took our senior students on the Pathways to Success, Careers Excursion in Sydney.



PARKES PCYC in TERM 4

The team from Parkes PCYC visit our school every Wednesday morning from 8am – 9am to run the, "Fit for Life" Program. It's not too late for new enrolments into this program. If your child is aged between 10 and 17 please send them to the office to collect the PCYC enrolment form.

ONLINE SAFETY

A reminder to parents/carers to be vigilant with monitoring the sites your children are visiting while online. If you are concerned about "chats" your children are in or if there is content that needs to be reported please report this to the, **e-safety Commissioner**. Thank you to Senior Sargent Daniel Greef, our Police Liaison Officer who has taken time this term to speak with our students about their online presence. Let's work together to keep our students safe, through online safety education and awareness.

A REMINDER—NO PHONES IN NSW SCHOOLS FROM DAY 1 OF NEXT TERM

SUCCESS THROUGH EFFORT!

Congratulations to each and every one of our students who come to school and try their best every single day. Next week GREAT NEWS letters will be sent home to recognise the dedicated work of our students – you are known, valued and cared for, and we see your wonderful efforts!

TERM 4 EXCURSIONS

Next term we will be taking each of our students from Kindergarten to Year 10 on a Term 4 excursion. The students in Kindergarten to Year 4 will attend day excursions, with more information released next term as to the times and locations. The students in Years 5,6 and 7 will be travelling to the Central Coast for their excursion on Tuesday 14 November returning on Friday 17 November. Notes will go

home next term for the students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who will be travelling to Canberra on the Secondary Excursion on Wednesday 1 November to Friday 3 November.



SPRINKLE KINDNESS LIKE CONFETTI

Kindness is caring about others and doing things to help make their lives better. Practising kindness in our lives, allows us to connect with other people and build respectful relationships. Some of the benefits of being kind include:

- Kindness Releases Feel-Good Hormones
- Kindness Is Good For Your Heart & Mind
- Kindness Reverses Stress & Depression
- Kindness Improves Relationships
- Kindness Is Contagious

In our playground and classrooms, we have been modelling kindness to our students and encouraging them to act with kindness to each other. Our PBL lessons and social skills groups have also been learning

about the importance of kindness. It has been very positive to see our student's showing kindness to others this term.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance at school is an important factor in determining the health, wellbeing, success and employability of your child as an adult in the future. Being at school every day increases your child's capacity to learn, make and build friendships, develop skills for the "real world" and to improve their resiliency and overall wellbeing. Next term we are going to be encouraging all students to achieve 90% attendance or more at school



COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents/Carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. Children must commence school by age 6 and then complete Year 10.

After Year 10 and until they turn 17, students must be: in school or registered for home schooling or in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training. Enrolled students 17 years and over are required to attend school regularly to meet Higher School Certificate course requirements.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Parents/Carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents/Carers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

FEEDBACK IS A GIFT

A very sincere thank you to our Parents/Carers and Community members who respectfully share with us their feedback on school related issues. Open, honest and respectful conversations are always welcomed and encouraged. Thank you for your positivity and gratitude for all the hard work and dedication of our staff, and when you can see something that we can improve on, or that we may have overlooked, please let us know. The quicker we know there is an issue, the

quicker it can be addressed. Our goal is to better our best every single day.

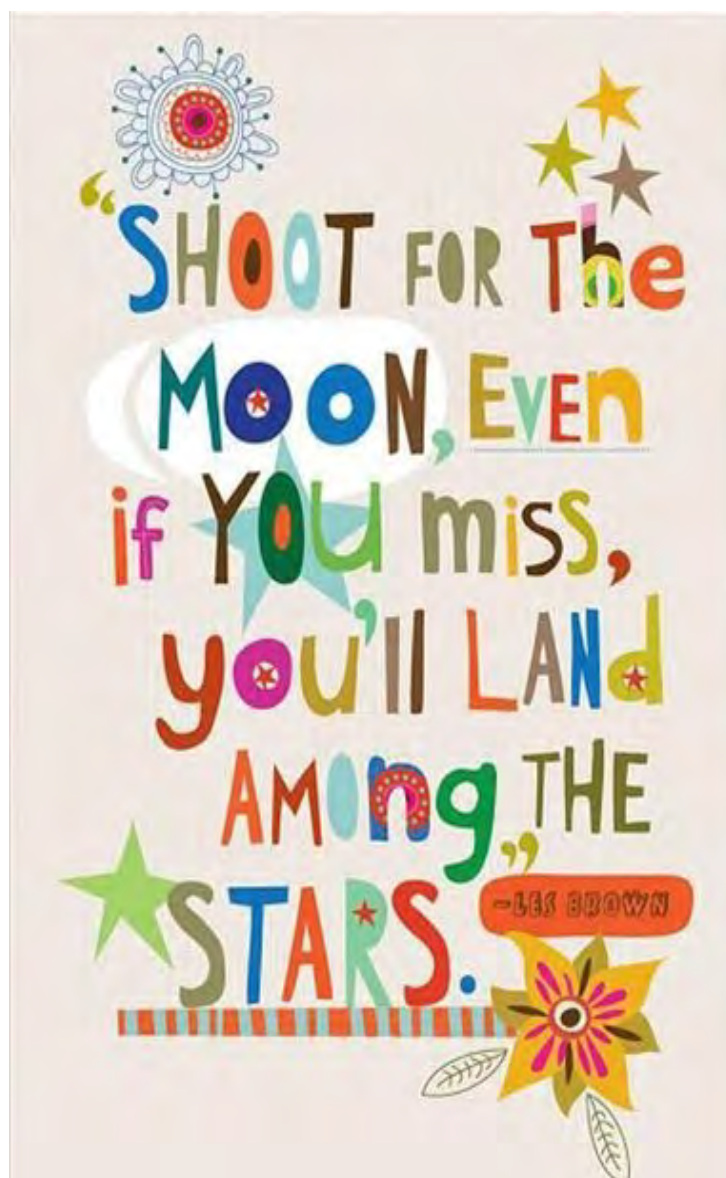
THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

As we approach the holiday's it's timely to be reminded of the importance of finding some quiet time each day to sit with your child and read aloud to them – yes, even Secondary students! The social, emotional and educational value of reading is enormous. Please read aloud to your children every day. This will be one of the most important memories and gifts you can ever give your child!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. School resumes for all students in Term 4 on Monday 9 October, 2023.

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Deputy Principal



HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Congratulations to all students who have consistently demonstrated our PBL values of respect, responsibility, safety, and success this term!

WAP CAMP

In Week 4 of this term Year 11 and 12 students went to the Sport and Recreation Centre at Burrendong Dam to complete a WAP Study Camp with each of their Course Coordinators. A big thank you to all the staff involved in making this happen. It is a fun three days with many educational benefits for our students!

ATHLETICS

This term the following students went to Dubbo to represent Peak Hill Central School at Western Athletics! Congratulations to you all for representing your school.

- Calvin Hines-Dargin
- Taliyah Keed-White
- Zane Pearson-O'Brien
- Zachery Read
- Jada Redpath
- India Sant

Zane successfully made it through to the next level and went on to compete at State Athletics in Sydney. Zane ran two great races and was 0.06 of a second off from qualifying in the 100m race. He represented with pride and demonstrated strong sportsmanship behaviours. Being Zane's first year representing at such a high level we are all very impressed by his success!



CAN DO THE DISTANCE

This term students from Peak Hill Central School took up the challenge to do as many kilometres as possible over the month of August in order to raise funds for our local charity of CanAssist.

Congratulations to the following students who all worked tirelessly to get the furthest kilometres in the Do the Distance Challenge to raise money for Can Assist. Collectively we have tallied over 500kms and raised \$370! We are very proud of our students.

Red Dust Deadlys'	The Soldiers	Pickles Winners	Table Tennis	Up n' Go's
Miss O'Leary	Mrs Stewart	Miss Pickering	Mr Watt	Mr Tierney
Eleyce	Caitlin	Sharnelle	Chace	Noah Beilby
Mackenzie	Mary	Taliyah	Michael	Peter
Teekah	Amelia	Willo	Zane	Noah Bell
Aksel	Emma	Sienna	Bailey	Bailey Eldridge
Kaidyn	India	Lara S		Jackson L
Cooper	Ruby	Charlee		
Zac				
Jacob				

BOWLS TRIALS AND STATE

Congratulations to Zac, Cooper and Michael who participated in the Central Schools State Lawn Bowls Trials in Week 5. They successfully worked as a team and came 1st on the day being 1 of 2 teams who made it off to State. Later in the term they competed for the state title in Dubbo. They successfully placed 2nd. Congratulations team you should be very proud!



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORTS STUDIES

The Stage 5 PASS class have been working hard this term, learning about outdoor recreation. As a part of their assessment process, we will be going on a 2-night camp at Lake Lyell in Week 10. This will provide students with the opportunity to apply their theory in a practical setting. I am excited to see the result!

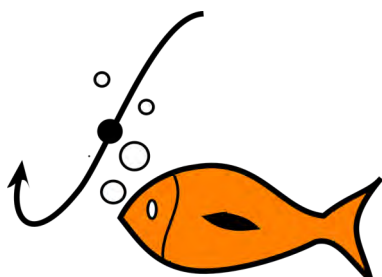
Miss Sarah O'Leary
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

This term has been very busy for students, with field trips, sporting trips and Year 12 preparing for their HSC. I know everyone in the school community wishes the Year 12 students all the best in their exams.

Our staff have been working hard to incorporate literacy strategies in their lessons, with a focus on improving comprehension and vocabulary. With continuing practice, I believe our students are growing their vocabulary and becoming used to using more academic language in their formal writing. Year 7 this term has studied a new topic, "Powerful Youth Voices", in line with the new English Curriculum. We have been trialling it for next year. Students were challenged when they saw other young people speaking out about their concerns. Next term Year 7 English will be creating narratives from their memories and other ideas they have as a basis for creating a text. In Literacy, in Year 7 we are working on building stamina for writing, debating and writing persuasive texts. In Year 8 Literacy we are working on Reading and Writing persuasive texts, which we will continue next term. Students are gradually understanding that information from social media, such as Tik Tok is not necessarily credible.

Stage 5 HSIE are studying Geography. In Term 3 we studied the importance of maintaining sustainable biomes and how important it is for food production to ensure people across the planet have enough to eat. Mr Tierney, Mr Watt, Mr Towney and I took both Stage 4 and 5 to Sandy Beach in Dubbo where students were taught by staff from Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre. Students learned how the First Nations people cared for the Macquarie River and maintained its biodiversity. Students were astounded to learn more about the devastation caused to the area by the introduction of invasive non-native species of both plants and animals, including the European Carp, which most students knew about. The students went fishing, and examined the biodiversity in the river. There are photos included here. Ethan was the first to catch a fish, and Sharntelle caught the largest fish! Thank you to the team from Wambangalang.



Library Year 3/4, with Mrs Edge visited the library in Week 7 and had fun doing a scavenger hunt where they located books using the Dewey system. It was rewarding to see the children having fun and learning at the same time! Well done Year 3/4! I hope you can all bring in your library bags next time so you can borrow the books you enjoyed.



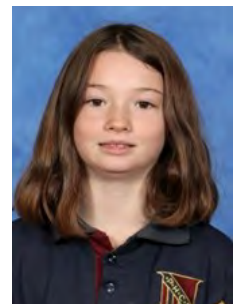
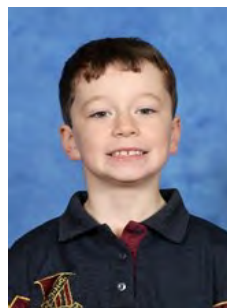
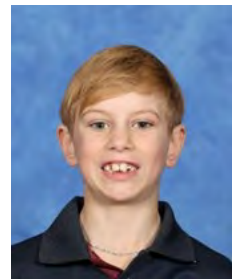
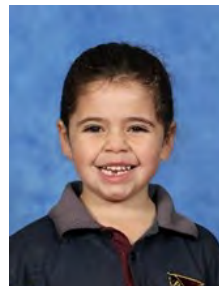
Students looked forward to Book Week this year and I am sure the costumes the secondary students wore impressed the Primary students. All the students' costumes were amazing. They were definitely inspirational!

Mrs Brenda Stewart
Head Teacher Student Growth and Attainment



ROCKET LEARNERS

Wow! We are now at the end of Term 3. What a busy term we have had at PHCS!



MINILIT AND MACQLIT INTERVENTION

At PHCS we run small intervention groups for Years 1-6 for MiniLit and MacqLit. If your child is involved in these groups, you would have received communication via a letter home. If you have any questions about this program, please get in touch with myself or Mrs Bec Jones. We are seeing fantastic results with growth and improvement in Literacy from this program. Attendance is very important to continue these great results.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday! We look forward to supporting your child's educational journey in Term 4, 2023.

Mrs Georgia Watt
AP Curriculum & Instruction

BOYS GROUP

This term, the Stage 4 Boys group had the opportunity to visit the Balladoran camp ground. The students at the camp investigated the history of the mission school and its impact on the students who attended. Ralph Naden led the boys to some historic sites and explained their cultural significance in the area. After that, Ralph demonstrated how to use a boomerang properly, and the students divided into groups to plan dinner and clean up. In Term 4, the boys in Stage 5 will attend this camp.



ROOM 3

This term, students in English Room 3 have been investigating the features and nonverbal communications used in movie advertisement and production. The students compared some popular movie trailers and their posters' hidden messages. We then conducted a film analysis of the classic film 'Holes,' in which we explicitly explored the theme, setting, and characters as the film progressed. The students compared the scenes they summarised to their own experiences after completing a summary of each section.

Room 3 students have been practising working with money in real-life situations in Mathematics. This has improved their understanding of currency and its various forms. We are working on converting real-life money problems into equations, then converting the answers to appropriate values.

Mr Brody Palmer Classroom Teacher



Our school was blessed this week to receive an abundance of gifts from our friends at Hope Unlimited Church in Sydney. During their visit to Peak Hill a couple of weeks ago, members of the church stopped by PHCS and delivered boxes and boxes of gifts to be distributed among the students. So, this week, Primary students received gifts of books, stationary, toys and art supplies, as well as Lego sets, board games and stationery for classroom teachers, while secondary were given Sports equipment and stationery supplies. A huge thank you goes out to Aunty Pam, who was the connection point between the school and the church.

Mr Chris Morley Scripture Teacher



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

BRONZE



Freya	Shaquillie
Benny	Bailey E
Ava	Bailey D
Isaac	Michael
Jakye	Lara S
Payton	Jackson A
Ace	Ruby
Charity	Ben R-D
Kyza	Ethan R-D
Rhylee	John
Alex	Eleyce
Shianne	Lateekah
Teece	Emma
Lochlan	Jada
Caitlin	Hunter
Savannah	Quentin
Mason	

SILVER



Georgie	Ruby	Tyler
Kyara	Hugo	Azaria
Elliott	Ethan M	Baileigh
Josie	Olivia	Lilly
Zara	Grace	Jaylee
Hugh	Ida	Henry
Jarly	Bonnie	Taliyah
Airlie	Liam	Sharntelle
Lucy	Kody	Mackenzie
Ceiryn	Billy	India
Jaleesa		



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



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.



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

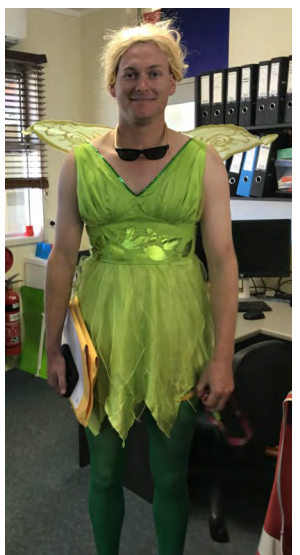


Please contact the school if you have any questions 68691304.

Book Week 2023



Book Week 2023



Congratulations!

Agriculture and Agriculture LifeSkills
Biology
Community and Family Studies
English Studies
Construction VET
English Standard
Hospitality

Industrial Technology
Legal Studies
Mathematics Standard 2
Modern History
Numeracy
PDHPE
Primary Industries
Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
Visual Design
Work Studies

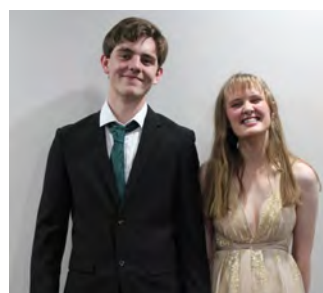
Excellence

Ezra Gellert
Aliethea Stokes
Aliethea Stokes
Miranda Barnes
Ezra Gellert
Ezra Gellert
Grace Hartig
Xander Hartig
Zoe Pabis
Grace Hartig
Grace Hartig
Zoe Pabis
Quentin Weaver
Aliethea Stokes

Alannah van Kemenade
Alannah van Kemenade
Miranda Barnes

Achievement

Liam Grainger
Courtney Muchineripi
Courtney Muchineripi
Alex Prebendarcik
Jiego Reyes
Grace Hartig
Casey Lowe
Alex Prebendarcik
Ezra Gellert
Louise Smith
Xander Hartig
Kitana Hoswell Parsons
Alex Prebendarcik
Hannah Austin
Liam Grainger
Miranda Barnes
Skye Cusack
Jiego Reyes





SECONDARY ENGLISH

In Secondary English at Peak Hill Central School during Term 3, students have been immersed in learning about the importance and prolific nature of Visual Literacy as a form of communication in our world. Particularly in a technological age, visual communication abounds. It is also imperative however to draw students' attention to the historical nature of symbols and depictions used as story-telling and educational methods, by cultures across the globe since the beginning of time.

Visual Literacy builds stronger readers. Individuals who are able to think about texts in numerous ways through a different lens, an important skill for critical readers and thinkers. Students skilled in Visual literacy are able to create meaning from images, which in turn improves their writing proficiency and critical thinking skills. By integrating Visual literacy into classrooms, we help students learn to collaborate and to discuss a wide range of ideas while expressing their own.

It is critical for students to be able to evaluate content and texts presented in diverse formats and media. As students gain experience in interpreting works of art, picture books, story boarding techniques, film, videos, cartoons, photographs, advertisements, slide show presentations, and so on. They learn that they can use their imagination to see and think between and beyond the lines to draw inferences and conclusions. Visual Literacy encourages student reflection, analysis, and evaluative thinking skills.

Integrating Visual comprehension into learning spaces also gives all students more opportunities to feel comfortable in the classroom. Students individual learning styles are optimised to harness their own analysis through viewing, listening, contributing and creating.

Our studies have also included a deep dive into the integral techniques, concepts and elements of Visual Literacy. Particularly how artists such as film makers and illustrators frame images to infer greater meaning such as point of view, close up, high, low, and long shot angles.

Students were then tasked with creating their own form of Visual Literacy interpretation. They were firstly to evaluate their skills, talents, as well as limitations and decide whether this would entail the use of technology, or more traditional forms of artistic expression. Individuals were successfully able to rely on their own powers of imaginative critical thinking to inform or entertain respondents and collective audiences.

Mr Jason Tierney
English Teacher



Year 12 Students

Good luck to our Year 12 students as they move into the next phase of their lives. If anyone is unsure what that might be; please feel free to come and see me to discuss your options.

UAC Early Bird Applications Closing Soon

University Admissions Centre applications Closes 29 September: For anyone wanting to apply for undergraduate study in 2024, we encourage you to complete and pay for your application before midnight on **Friday 29 September**, when the processing charge increases. Once you've applied, you can change your preferences as many times as you like, no charge! <https://www5.uac.edu.au/uacug/>

Master Builder Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Register your interest for the course starting 27 November. Want to be a carpenter? This is your best first step.

Master Builders will help prepare you to become the best 1st-year carpentry apprentice.

This 3-week entry level training program provides an introduction into both the industry and a carpentry trade prior to commencing an apprenticeship. <https://www.mbaapprenticeship.com.au/mbas-pre-apprenticeship-program/>

Brickies – Apprenticeships Here

Offer you the opportunity to study and earn an income while undertaking a qualification. It gives you the chance to learn new skills while getting paid. It can be done full-time or while you are at school through a School Based Apprenticeship. You can use your qualification to work anywhere in Australia and around the world.

<https://www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/jobs-board/>

TAFE Information Sessions on Just About Every Course Imaginable

Join us online or at your nearest participating campus, and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Registrations are mandatory. Get in quick to secure your seat today.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/information-sessions>

Careers In Council

Local Government NSW offers hundreds of jobs and diverse career paths. Across professional, administrative, trade and outdoor roles. Learn more about the type of work, qualifications required and the jobs available now in over 100 councils across NSW & others interstate. <https://www.careersatcouncil.com.au>

Australian Defence Force

Did you know that the Army has [over 100 different roles](#) to choose from? There are roles available in Trades, Engineering, Communications & IT, Logistics, Leadership and more.

<https://army.adfcareers.gov.au/jobs?tab=view-all-jobs&page=1&perPage=21&query=&query=&jobStates=full-time>

For any assistance on these articles or general Career information me in the Library.

Mr Kieran Duncan
Career Advisor



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



KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

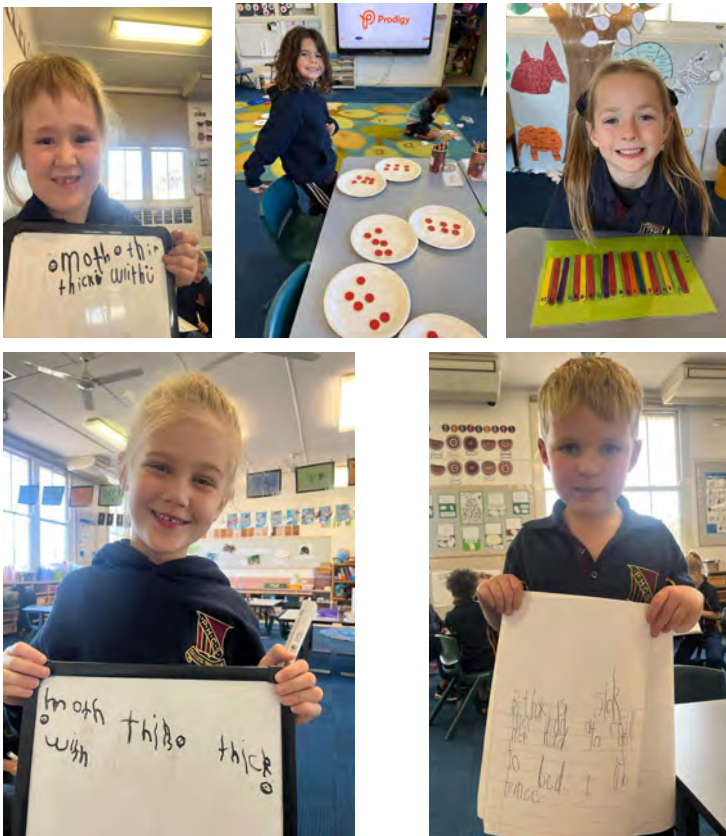
K/1 have been working diligently in English, learning new digraphs (two letters making one sound). We have recently learned ay, ng, th, wh and oo and are practising using these digraphs when writing words and sentences. Well done K/1!

In Mathematics, we have been learning about equal sharing. We had lots of practising sharing concrete materials and making sure that it was fair and equal. K/1 very quickly became experts at this.

Students have been working on their technology skills and exploring programs such as Paint 3D and Microsoft Word. They are learning to log in to computers independently and type sentences and insert images into a Word document. This is a highlight each week for K/1 and their skills are improving with each trip we make to the Technology Room.

We have had lots of fun preparing for Book Week. We read lots of books and talked about our favourite stories and characters. K/1's costumes for the Book Week Parade looked fantastic!

Miss Ella Bandur
Classroom Teacher

**YEAR 1/2 NEWS**

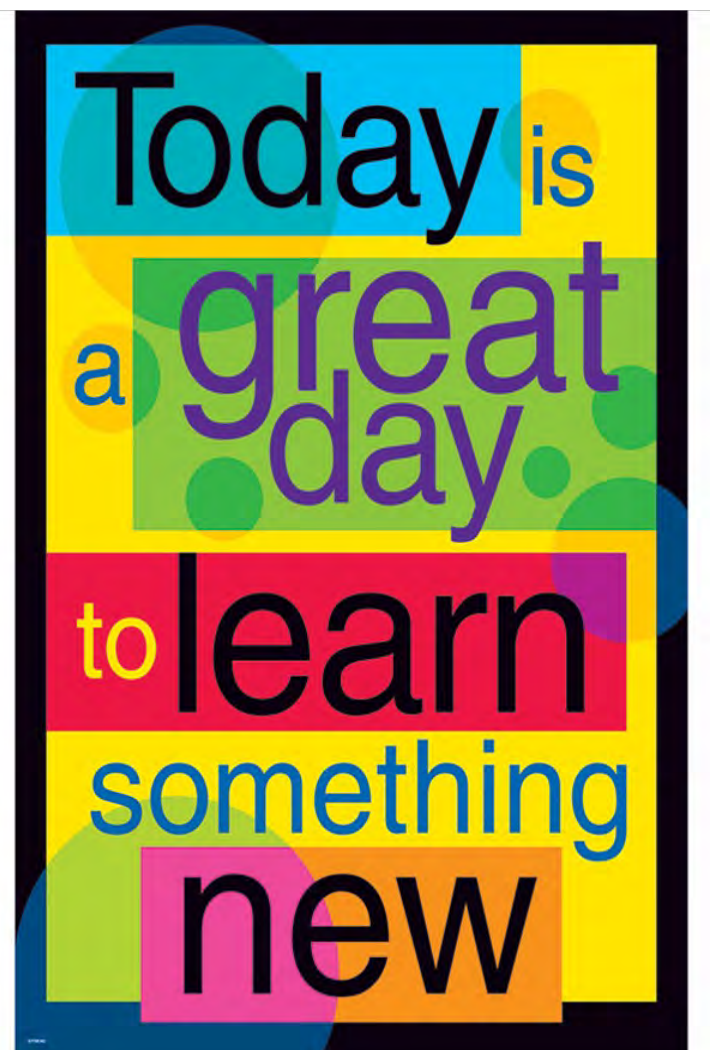
What a fabulous two weeks 1/2 have had. As the term is coming to an end, we are all still working very hard. The most exciting part of our week was definitely book week. We had so much fun celebrating characters from our favourite books and an even better time at the parade. It was great to see our peers dressed up.



Another highlight is our Writing. We have been busy writing letters to some special people. We cannot wait for them to receive these letters and write back to us.

We are all excited for the holidays! The countdown is on!

Miss Sheldyn Briggs
Classroom Teacher



YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Year 3/4 have been very clever and creative in the Art room. Each student made a clay tile that represented themselves and a pinch pot. Their items were fired, glazed, and fired again. They were so proud of their work that they had to take it home straight away to show families and friends of their, "Success Through Effort"!



Students in Year 3/4 travelled to Parkes Library on Tuesday for a library tour and Cardboard Sculpture Workshop. There is currently an exhibition at the library showcasing creative work made from cardboard, and you never know, our work may be included. Mrs Brenda Stewart also attended as our school librarian.



Year 3/4 were very excited about making their wish lists at the Book Fair.



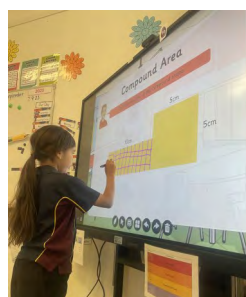
Mrs Lyndal Edge
Classroom Teacher

Each Monday Years 3 and 4 students participate in John Moriarty and they are enjoying it immensely. After varying games to develop different soccer skills in pairs, small groups or as a whole group, they then play a game with the coaches. It is a highlight of each week! There has been some fabulous sportsmanship during these sessions. During this term, we have also been learning to play the game of hockey. It has been really good to see a gradual improvement each week in their hockey skills.

A big congratulations to two of our students who have been awarded their pen licenses. They have been working so hard making sure all their bookwork is always neat, tidy and set out correctly.

Our Mathematics lessons have been interesting with number card games, mental game activities and work on the smart board learning about Area.

Mrs Kelley Westcott
Classroom Teacher



YEAR 5/6 NEWS

What a term it has been! We have had so many highlights and achievements this term and I am so proud of each and every 5/6 student.

During our Essential Assessment post test on Area last week, we had three students achieve 100% and nine students achieve above 80%. What an outstanding result! Most students showed considerable growth in this topic. We have turned our attention now to Position, for the remaining two weeks of the term and I can not wait to see the same results.

In Writing, we have just completed our final assessment for Informative text. It was great to see so many students striving to find more than two pieces of information to include in each of their paragraphs, it has really made a difference to the quantity of writing produced.

We are beginning to focus on Essential Assessment for our Literacy sessions as well. Students have completed their pre test for grammar, punctuation and vocabulary to align with the school's focus for improvement. We will now use these results to form our explicit lessons each morning. Students continue to work with Carmen on Soundwaves spelling lists and each child is continually showing growth in their sound and word knowledge.

Next week will see our last week of our Asia focus in HSIE. We have all really enjoyed learning about different countries and comparing their cultures with the Australian way of life. This week is our final week for our Term 3 projects to be submitted and I have already seen some great posters and displays for each chosen country.

Have a safe and restful holiday and I can not wait to be back in Term 4 for another busy term.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Classroom Teacher



PRIMARY SPORT

We have had an extremely busy Term 3 in Primary sport.

I would like to again acknowledge and congratulate all students who represented both Peak Hill Central School and Gobondery NARRAF at Athletics Carnivals.

The Cricket NSW coaching clinics which were scheduled to take place in Week 9 this term have been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and we hope to have a new date for these next term.

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Primary Sports Organiser

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 3: Writing notes



Parents or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the principal to say why their child was absent from school.

A note of explanation should contain:

1. Date that the note was written;
2. Child's name;
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school;
4. The reason the child was absent;
5. The signature of the child's parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be written.

A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. Your school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.


Did your child give the note to their teacher? This can sometimes be a problem with younger children.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education


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Pathways to Nursing Information Session




This information session will provide an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to learn more about nursing pathways in the aged care, disability and healthcare sectors. Opportunities will follow for industry tours, training days and work experience to explore what a career in the health sector looks like as well as opportunities for School Based Traineeships and post school employment.

Where: Online
When: Tuesday 19 September 2023
Time: 5:30pm – 6:15pm
RSVP: To register please use this link or QR Code
<https://forms.office.com/r/DaDd1W2YhS>



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MARRAMARRA MAKERSPACE

Creative Makers and Shakers

Creative Cardboard Sculpture Workshop
 Monday 25th September
 10am-1pm

Free Holiday sessions for youth

Laser Leather Fun Day
 Saturday 30th September
 10am-12pm

Screen Printing for Beginners
 Tuesday 3rd October
 2pm-5pm

Call Parkes Shire Library on 6861 2309 for further information
 Bookings through Humanitix

Youth Drumming Workshop
 Wednesday 4th October
 10am-12pm

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Marramarr Makerspace Children's School Holiday Program

Make Time
 for children and parents
 Monday 25th September
 3pm-5.30pm

Anything Craft
 for children and parents
 Wednesday 27th September
 3pm-5.30pm

Marble Runs
 Thursday 28th September
 10am-12pm, age 6-12
 bookings essential

Make Time
 for children and parents
 Thursday 28th September
 3pm-5.30pm

Make Time
 for children and parents
 Wednesday 4th October
 3pm-5.30pm

Paper Towers
 Thursday 5th October
 10am-12pm, age 6-12
 bookings essential

Make Time + Laser Cutting Demo
 for children and parents
 Thursday 5th October, 3pm-5.30pm

All activities free, book now on 6861 2309

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THE CRICKET SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

It's time to register for the junior competition!

We are looking for girls and boys to join our Under 12's and Under 14's teams.

Games are played on Saturday morning and are all about having fun, learning new skills and enjoying cricket.

To register head to our facebook page 'Narromine Junior Cricket' and follow the link or email us for more information
narrominejnrcricket@outlook.com



TERM 4 - ACTIVATE DANCE

One of our elective options for Activate in Term 4 will be Dance, taught by Mrs Jessica Morley. Jessica is a former Australian Champion Classical dancer, now living in Alectown, and will be running separate Primary & Secondary "Hip-Hop" classes every Thursday during Activate, with a performance planned for the end of the year.

It's great exercise, great fun and lots of laughs, but with only 12 spots in Secondary and 20 spots in Primary, you'll need to get in quick if you want to join in.



Peak Hill Library School Holidays CRAZY CRAFTERNOONS

Thursday 28th September

Thursday 5th October

12noon to 2pm

Come along to the Peak Hill Library for a fabulous, fun-filled crafternoon of creativity.

For school age children from Kindy to year 6. Bookings essential as places are limited. Call Peak Hill Library on 68 629119 or book in person at the library.



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Term 4 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	9 OCTOBER FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 - STUDENTS RETURN	10	11 8 am PCYC	12	13
Week 2	16 KICK START KINDY 9AM -1.30PM	17	18 8 am PCYC	19	20
Week 3	23 KICK START KINDY 9AM -1.30PM Year 6 Transition	24	25 8 am PCYC	26 Young Mum's 10am – 12 pm	27
Week 4	30 KICK START KINDY 9AM -1.30 PM Year 6 Transition	31	1 NOVEMBER 8 am PCYC CANBERRA EXCURSION YR 8, 9 & 10 Year 11 WAP HOSPITALITY CAFÉ RUSSELL	2 Brien Holden Vision Testing Year 7 Meet a keeper @ the Zoo	3
Week 5	6 KICK START KINDY 9AM -1.30 PM 9 AM Primary Captains Speeches Year 6 Transition	7 Years 10 & 11 Careers Expo Orange	8	9	10
Week 6	13 KICK START KINDY 9AM -3.00 PM WAP Work placement YEAR 7 – 10 Exams Year 6 Transition	14 Years 5, 6 & 7 Excursion	15 8 am PCYC	16	17
Week 7	20 KICK START KINDY 9AM -3.00 PM Year 6 Transition	21 STAGE 5 Boys Group to Ballandoran	22 8 am PCYC	23 Young Mum's 10am – 12 pm	24
Week 8	27 KICK START KINDY 9AM -3.00 PM Year 6 Transition	28	29 8 am PCYC GOLD PBL Excursion Year 7-11	30 GOLD PBL Excursion Stage 3	1 DECEMBER
Week 9	4 Year 6 Transition K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety	5	6 8 am PCYC	7 Young Mum's 10am – 12 pm Presentation Night	8
Week 10	11 K- Year 8 School Swimming & Water Safety	12	13 Year 6 Graduation Lunch	14	15 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR 2023