

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

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#### Term 1, Week 8 Friday 22nd March 2024

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#### Principal's Report

Peak Hill Central Agricultural Teams heads off to the big smoke next week with 17 of our stud Angora goats and poultry to compete at the Sydney Royal Easter Angora Goat and poultry shows. The show team has grown to 10 great students who demonstrate skill, commitment and team work. The team was recently highlighted in a story on WIN NEWS Central West which was an outstanding accolade for the students and the school staff who have enabled us to have such a highly regarded breeding program of high-quality Angora goats, Suffolk sheep and a variety of poultry breeds. We wish the students the best of luck. The students need to be at the school farm at 12 noon on Sunday 24/3/24 to prepare for departure.



The school is currently preparing our 2024 -2027 Strategic Improvement Plan. The main areas we will be focussing on are Numeracy and Literacy Improvement, school attendance and Pathways for students to ensure all students complete school and gain entry to further education and or employment.

This year we are lucky to have Strategic School Support in Numeracy with trainers and facilitators from the Department of Education working with school staff to build capacity and improve Numeracy across the school.

One of our aims at Peak Hill Central School is to take students on a major excursion each year to enable them to experience life out of Peak Hill, contribute to careers education and pathways options throughout School and providing post School options for further education or employment.

This year students in Years 5 to 11 will be travelling to Sydney on Tuesday 21 May 2024 and will return on Saturday 25 May 2024. Students will be accompanied by Mr Peter Neilsen, Miss Sarah O'Leary, Mr Luke Watt, Mrs Lyndal Edge, Ms Brenda Stewart, Miss Teagan Heraghty and Mr Jason Tierney. Staff and students will be staying at the NRMA Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park, 38 Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen.

Whilst in Sydney students will undertake experiences in 3 separate groups: Group 1 -Years 5 & 6, Group 2 - Years 7 & 8, Group 3 – Years 9, 10 & 11. Each group will participate in age-appropriate experiences including visits to a University, Tafe, and other industries. Year 7 & 8 will visit Taronga Zoo, go on a harbour cruise, and attend a stage production. Years 5 & 6 will also visit Taronga Zoo, tour The Rocks area, visit museums and the aquarium. All groups will participate in recreational activities including travelling on a cable car in the Blue Mountains, Luna Park, Go Karting, Movies, 10 Pin Bowling and eating at China Town to name a few. To ensure equity for all our students there will be no cost for students attending. So that the School can confirm accommodation and ticket purchases students will be given an Expression Of Interest letter next week to be returned to the School Office by Thursday 28 March 2024, to ensure your child is included in the excursion.

#### Deputy Principal's Report



#### PBL

Congratulations to all the students who have diligently completed and submitted fully signed Russell cards for Deadlies. Your commitment and effort towards achieving bronze, silver, and gold levels are truly commendable. By displaying our core values of being respectful, responsible, successful, and safe, you not only exemplify the best of our school community but also set an example for your peers. Well done.

Principal Mr Peter Neilsen

Deputy Principal (Rlg) Miss Sarah O'Leary

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

Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Rlg) Mr Luke Watt

Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Rlg) Ms Brenda Stewart

Head Teacher Western Access Program Mrs Crystal Stanford

Aboriginal Education Officer Mrs Vicki Sharah

Administration Manager Mrs Tanya Stanford

P & C Committee

President Mrs Gaela Elliott

Secretary Ms Kim Dern

Treasurer Ms Brenda Stewart



#### **CHS SWIMMING**

We are delighted to share the fantastic news from the recent Western Swimming Carnival, where our school's talented athletes showcased their skills and sportsmanship with pride. It is with great pleasure that we extend our congratulations to Jawarn, Jailah, Ruby, and Henry for their outstanding performance at the event.

Our swimmers showed incredible talent and determination, which reflects well on our school's dedication to excellence in both academics and sports. Their behaviour and sportsmanship during the carnival were outstanding, reflecting the values we teach all our students.

A special shout-out goes to Ruby for her achievement in the 200 IM event, earning her a spot to compete at the state level. We are incredibly proud of her success and wish her the best of luck as she continues to represent our school on the state stage.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Crystal Standford for taking the students across on the day. Additionally, we would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended the event to cheer on our swimmers. Your support and encouragement play a vital role in our students' success, and we are grateful for your continued involvement in our school community.

Once again, congratulations to Jawarn, Jailah, Ruby, and Henry for their outstanding achievements at the Western Swimming Carnival.





#### **STUDENT PHONES**

As we strive to maintain a focused and positive learning environment, we want to reiterate the statewide policy regarding the use of mobile phones within our school premises. It is imperative that all members of our school community are aware of and adhere to these guidelines.

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used or visible during school hours. This includes classrooms, hallways, and any other school-related activities. We strongly encourage students to leave their phones at home to minimize distractions and disruptions during the school day.

However, we recognize that some students rely on their phones for communication, especially those who commute to and from school by bus. For such cases, we have implemented a system to ensure the safe storage of phones. Upon arrival at school, students can securely hand in their phones to Mr Neilsen, where they will be stored until the end of the day. This ensures that students can focus on their studies without the temptation of using their devices.

It is important to emphasize that any student found in possession of a phone during school hours will have it confiscated immediately. In such instances, a parent or guardian will need to personally collect the phone from the school office.

# THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR JOINING HOMEWORK CENTRE

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students and staff who have been attending our Homework Centre sessions. Your dedication and commitment to academic success are truly commendable, and we greatly appreciate your participation.

Just a friendly reminder that Homework Centre runs every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30. We hope you find this time convenient for getting extra help with your assignments and studies.

For those who may have missed the previous announcements, notes were sent home to inform you about Homework Centre. We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to receive additional support outside of regular classroom hours. We believe that Homework Centre is a fantastic resource for students seeking assistance and guidance, and we encourage you to make the most of it. Whether you need help understanding a concept, completing assignments, or preparing for exams, our dedicated staff are here to support you every step of the way.

#### PERSONAL LEARNING PLANS (PLP)

Teachers will be reaching out to parents/carers to schedule meetings aimed at discussing your child's Personal Learning Plan (PLP). These sessions will provide an opportunity to identify your child's strengths and areas where they may benefit from tailored support to enhance their learning outcomes for this term and beyond.

We appreciate the families who have already participated in these meetings this term. Please remember that your child's teacher is your primary point of contact for supporting their social, emotional, and academic progress. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to the school for assistance.

#### HARMONY DAY

We are thrilled to share with you all the wonderful highlights from our Harmony Day celebrations that took place this Monday! Mr. Tierney and I were delighted to focus our attention on the vibrant and diverse culture of Polynesia, exploring the rich traditions and heritage of the different countries in that region.

Throughout the day, our students embarked on an exciting journey filled with engaging activities and immersive experiences. From lively games that brought laughter and camaraderie to trying delicious foods from around the world, each moment was a celebration of unity in diversity.

It was truly heart-warming to witness our students enthusiastically participating in every activity, embracing the spirit of Harmony Day wholeheartedly. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn about different cultures truly exemplify the values of acceptance, inclusivity, and respect that we uphold at Peak Hill Central School.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff members who contributed to the success of this special day, from planning engaging activities to ensuring everything ran smoothly. A special thank you goes out to Mrs Edge and Ms Stewart for their tireless efforts in organising such a memorable event for our school community.

Let's continue to cherish and celebrate the beauty of diversity in our school and beyond.

#### Miss Sarah O'Leary Deputy Principal (Rlg)







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10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of schoo
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
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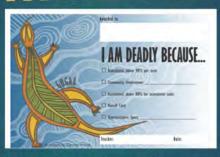
At Peak Hill Central School, we believe in providing a safe learning environment, where students are respectful of others, engaged in their learning, and strive to achieve their personal best. We provide all students with an opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and values to successfully continue their education, and to be respectful, responsibile active citizens who serve, problem solve and positively

contribute to the community.

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This reward system aims to encourage positive behaviours and actions through the use of 'fast and frequent' awards. Each student possesses a personalized card, which teachers sign when they observe positive behaviour. As students accumulate signatures, they are given the choice to redeem their full card for a coveted Deadly Award or participate in the tier system. The tiered rewards include a Deadly or a \$2.50 prize for one card, a \$5 prize for two cards, and a \$10 prize for

three cards.



This reward system aims to acknowledge students who are demonstrating deadly values. Our Deadly Awards are a separate award system that aims to encourage effort, achievement, and improvement for our students. Each week, every teacher will nominate students who have demonstrated the deadly values as outlined on the award. Awards are publicised in our newsletter and Facebook page. Student awards are accrued to earn rewards and acknowledge their efforts throughout the year.



#### **Head Teacher News**

#### HARMONY DAY HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday the school community celebrated Harmony Day. Each teacher and class worked on an activity and a room to celebrate our Multicultural society.

A big shout out to Mrs Edge for doing most of the hard work organising the day. We had so many parents, carers and community members come to enjoy lunch with us, it was lovely to see. Thank you all for supporting our wonderful students and staff. Thank you to Mrs Stanford and the Office Staff in supporting the day with notes, and other administration tasks.

Year 7 and 10 History helped decorate Room 6 with images and drawings of Ancient Egypt. We could not have done it without the help during the week and on the weekend given so generously by Mrs Mel Naden. Students also did chalk drawings of mummies, hieroglyphs and other symbols representing Ancient Egypt.

#### **HSIE NEWS**

Year 7 History are creating artefacts to represent Ancient Egypt. Two students Azaria Dargan Miller worked over the weekend to produce a very creative representation of a mummy in a golden sarcophagus. Eva Jenner also created a mummy using a Barbie doll. They both showed great initiative in their work, a skill very valued by employers (and teachers!)

Year 8 History are researching and learning about Ancient China with Mr Tierney. Their assessment task is to prepare a report on a choice of topics from a worker on the Great Wall, a trader on the Silk Road or a woman preparing for a wedding from a dynasty of interest to them.

Stage 5 History are researching major events since the second world war that have shaped the modern



world. I am so pleased with the interest of students in selecting and researching their major event or movement. We really appreciate the help Mr Brendan Allen gives us in class and in supporting students out of class.

#### NAPLAN TESTING YEARS 7 & 9

I have been so impressed with the students during NAPLAN, they have all tried their best and were fantastically well behaved and demonstrated patience when there were some internet or computer issues. Well done students, and a big thank you again to the SLSOs and teachers who supported me in conducting the testing.

Ms Brenda Stewart Head Teacher Secondary Studies



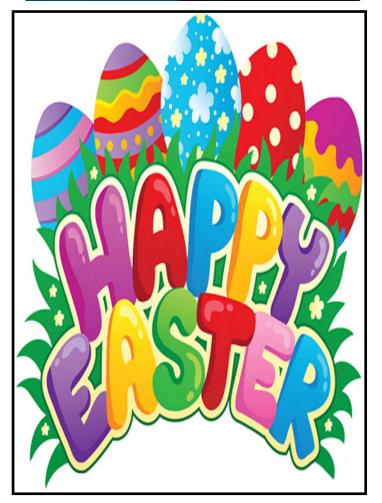


Brien Holden Foundation will be screening students Vision at PHCS 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 This is a free service for any Student who have returned a permission note prior to the visit.



#### **Quotes For The Day**

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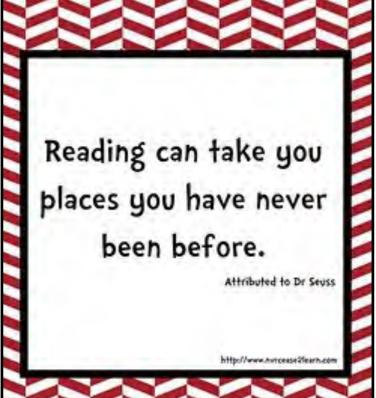
#### **Library News**

This week in the library, K/Year 1 Guya read 'Say Cheese' about school photo day at South Furriest Public School. We couldn't resist taking a selfie, just like the meerkats!

Year 1/2/3 Gugaa and Year 3/4 Dinawan have been reading "We Know a Place" about the exciting world of the library, the adventures we can have through books and the colourful characters we meet in books.



Miss Stephanie Williams Librarian



## Harmony Day 2024





































### Harmony Day 2024







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Harmony Week























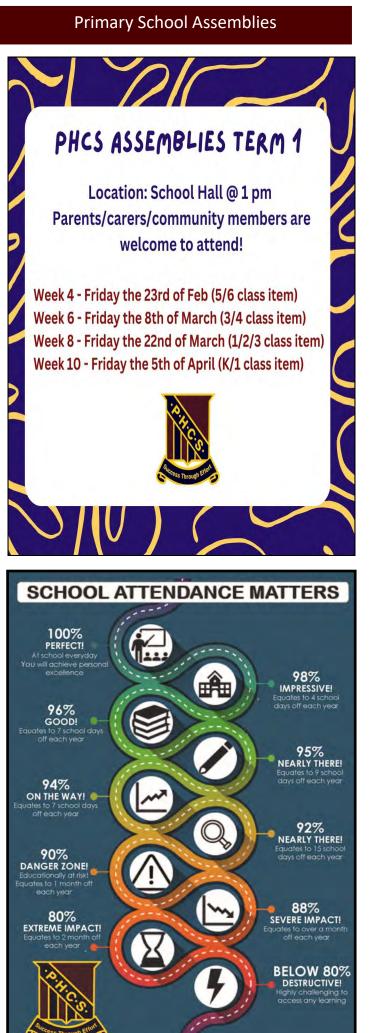








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#### HARMONY DAY

What a wonderful Harmony Day celebration we had on Monday! I am so proud of our kids and our staff for creating exciting educational experiences from around the world for everyone to enjoy. The learning spaces in our school were displayed with cultural items and decorations. The multicultural lunch that showcased each country and its cultural traditions was great fun as we welcomed family and friends into our school.

Thank you, everyone for a very inclusive, friendly and fun filled Harmony Day!

#### Mrs Lyndal Edge







"The more you **read** the more **things** you know. The more that you **earn** the more **paces** you'll go."

#### **KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 GUYA NEWS**

In Literacy, we have met three new friends - Sammy Seal /s/, Tommy Tiger /t/ and Andy Ant /a/! Students are picking up these new sounds and letters quickly. We have been learning how to stretch a word into its individual sounds. As a class, we read and studied Thelma the Unicorn, Edward the Emu and Pig the Pug! We talked about the characters and ordered the events in the story.

In Maths, we have been learning about measuring length, and using mathematical language like "longer" and "shorter". We explored the playground to find items that were longer and shorter than our pencils and have been exploring how we can order items based on their length. We have spent time practising number formation and reading dice patterns automatically without counting the dots.

Kindergarten/Year 1 Guya's had a blast travelling around the world on Harmony Day. As a class we learned about Mexico and were so proud to display our artworks around our classroom for visitors from all over the school. What a fantastic day.

Students have been doing a fantastic job of returning their Sounds and Letter books. Please keep these coming as they are fantastic further practise for what we are learning at school. Each Friday, students who have completed and returned their Sounds and Letter book that week are rewarded with an

ice block.

Keep up the great work K/1! Miss Ella Bandur Classroom Teacher















#### YEAR 1/2/3 GUGAA NEWS

During Science the Gugaas have been learning about living things including the habitats, features and needs of each.

Last week students created a greenhouse using snap lock bags and paper towel. They then placed wheat seeds in the bag and sprayed them with water. These are located on the windows of our classroom so that they can get their required needs while in their greenhouses.

Each week over three weeks the students will watch and see what happens to the wheat seeds.





#### Year 1/2/3 Gugaa's News Continued

Students in the Gugaa's have been revising the 'oo' digraph and coming up with lists of appropriate words. They have been working with 'th', 'wh', 'sh', 'ch' and 'ck' before heading for 'ng'.

They really enjoyed painting our classroom props for Harmony Day and have learnt lots of interesting facts about China and its amazing cultural history.



#### YEAR 3/4 DINAWAN NEWS

What a busy and exciting past couple of weeks!

With year 3 students doing NAPLAN and the whole class preparing for Harmony day, students loved enjoying their break times dancing and singing to unwind.

As we are past halfway in the term, students have been busy working towards their learning goals and revealing their own individual personalities.

In the past fortnight, we have had 3 new students join the class, so a big welcome to them!

In writing, students have been exploring how to use paragraphs in their pieces of writing and using adjectives to describe nouns. In maths, students have started to explore different skip counting methods, using hands on materials and mental strategies.

#### Miss Lucinda Pickering Classroom Teacher







Mrs Lyndal Edge and Mrs Kelley Westcott Classroom Teacher







# WAMBUWUNY

#### English

During English this fortnight we have started our new literacy focus. Genre is our new focus and we are reading the text "Bright New World" by Cindy Forde.

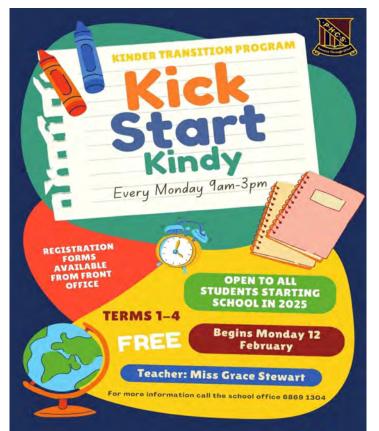
We have also taken a closer look at the grapheme "c" as well as breaking words into syllables and individual phonemes.

#### Reminders

Please bring your home readers back to school each day.

Our library day is Thursday, don't forget your library bag.

#### Miss Teagan Heraghty Classroom Teacher



#### Maths

In Maths this fortnight we have looked at addition and subtraction. Students have gained a range of strategies to help solve addition and subtraction problems with up to 6 digit numbers.

#### PDHPE

During PDHPE lessons we have been looking at what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like. We have talked about trusted adults who we respect and trust to be our safe people.

# **Celebrate Attendance**

Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities



Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

- (1) It is a parent's legal obligation to explain their child's absence within seven days
- (2) It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
- (3) It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
- (4) It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child's absence, please contact your school principal.



Missing school leares gaps in your education

#### **Community Information**



#### Come and create wonderful memories for your family with a weekend of fun-filled activities and adventure at Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Centre.

Wrangle the kids, pick up the grandparents and enjoy an active weekend outing with the whole family! Enjoy the facilities at our. Centre such as the tennis courts, 25m swimming pool, sports hall, bushwalking tracks or try your luck with land-based fishing.

If you like a challenge and want get out of your comfort zone, some of our facilitated camp activities will also be on offer at various times across the weekend.

Children must be over 5 years of age with adult supervision to attend the weekend.

#### When: Saturday 16th March 2024 from 9am – Sunday 17th March 2024 3.30pm

#### Accommodation

Basic dormitory style rooms with ensuite and air conditioning.
Sleeps 10 people, single bunk style beds. One room per family!
BYO linen/pillows/towels.







· One night accommodation

+ Full use of Centre facilities\*

· Optional facilitated program

**Registration Details** 

\$112 per family member

Register all family members using the registration link to

Closing date: 11th March 2024.

secure your booking

places are limited!

· Full catering for entire

activities

weekend#

\* No boat launching # Dietary requirements can be accommodated

# Peak Hill Library School Holidays

MAKERSPACE

Join us for a morning of Makerspace magic!

Bhire Council



For school-age children from Kindy to year 6. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Call the Library on 6861 2309 or book in person.

PARK**e**s

SHIRE LIBRARY

Free dental care

For all children under 18 listed on a Medicare card

For adults listed on one of these concession cards:



# Call 1300 552 626

#### Peak Hill Multipurpose Service\*

\* Services in Peak Hill are subject to demand and provided by the Parkes Hospital oral health team.

Call 1300 552 626 or drop in and ask the staff to fill in a form to register for the dental service.







Have regular dental

check-ups

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Oral Health Service Western NSW Local Health District



#### **Community Information**

# April School Holiday Work Shops

School Holiday workshops | Gymnastics | Basketball

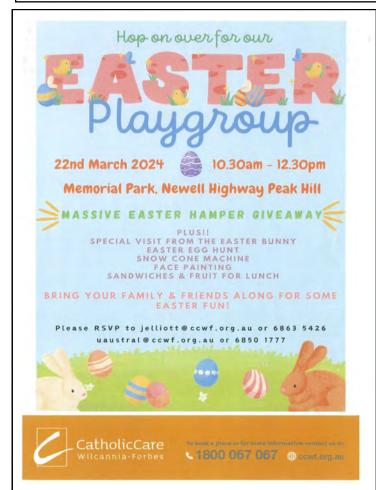


PCYC Parkes is offering additional activities this school holidays, please contact our club directly for bookings and further information. Spots are limited, so book in advance!

15/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 9-10am   WAG 9-12pm Ninja Warriors (5-9yrs) 2-3pm		
16/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4yrs) 9:30-10:15   Rec Camp (5+) 11-2pm   Senio Rec Camp (adults) 5-6pm		
17/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 10-11am		
18/04/2024	Basketball Camp 12-2pm		
19/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4 yrs) 09:30-10:15am		
22/04/2024	Junior Gym ( 4-5yrs) 9-10am \$15.00 Intro to Indiginous Cultural Art 22nd & 23rd 10-12pm		
23/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4 yrs) 09:30-10:15   Rec Camp (5+ Yrs) 11-2pm Senior Rec Camp (adults) 5-6pm		
24/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 10-11am   Basketball Camp 12-2pm		
26/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4 yrs) 9:30-10:15am Ninja Warriors (5-9yrs) 2-3pm		

#### Ph: 02 6862 3825 Email: parkes@pcycnsw.org.au





# April School Holiday Program

#### Price: \$53 per day

April Special Offer- For every day booked, receive the 2nd day 1/2 price!



Ages- 5-13years | Time 8-4pm | Extended 7:30 - 8:00am - 4:00-5:00pm WHAT TO BRING- Water bottle, morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea, hat, enclosed shoes

15/04/2024	Basketball, soccer, mixed games, Gymnastics, arts and crafts, lego masters, Nurf wars
16/04/2024	Tennis, bubble soccer, archery tag, rockwall climbing, painting, playdough making
17/04/2024	Lego masters, gymnastics, bubble painting, mixed games, basketball, soccer
18/04/2024	Mixed games, gymnastics, tennis, bubble soccer, hockey, arts & crafts
19/04/2024	Rock wall climbing, taco making, tennis, mixed games, gymnastics, lego masters
22/04/2024	Tennis, bubble soccer, archery tag, rockwall climbing, painting, playdough making, Nurf wars
23/04/2024	My future career day theme, slime making, arts & crafts, basketball, soccer, mixed games
24/04/2024	Anzac cookie making, paper poppies, gymnastics, court games, mixed games, rockwall climbing
26/04/2024	Lego masters, gymnastics, bubble painting, mixed games, basketball, soccer, Nurf wars
29/04/2024	Basketball, soccer, mixed games, Gymnastics, arts and crafts, lego masters

#### Phone- 02 6862 3825 | Email- parkes@pcycnsw.org.au





# Marramarra Makerspace HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



design and build a Waste Warrior

Start collecting your packaging now

Waste Warriors

using packaging 17th April, 10am-12pm Marramarra Makerspace Year 5 - Y<u>ear 12, \$2</u>

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**LEGO Games** 

timed, themed and fun 15th April, 10am-11.30m Marramarra Makerspace Kindy - Year <u>6, \$2</u>



#### Hanging Out



create a mobile out of packaging 24th April, 10am-12pm Marramarra Makerspace Kindy - Year 6, \$2 Start collecting your packaging now

LIBRARY

In person bookings are essential. Call into the library today.

Parkes

## Term 1 & 2 Calendar

Term 1 Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 25 Animal Show Team – Royal Easter Show	26	27 Easter Hat Parade 2 pm		
Week 10 <mark>1 APRIL EASTER MONDAY</mark> Hospitality Team @ Royal Easter Show	2	3	4 Immunisation for Year 7 & 10	5 Primary Assembly 1 pm Questacon @ Yeoval Central School
Week 11 <sup>8</sup>	9 Whitecard Training @ Trundle	10	11 Bangarra Dance Workshop @ Condobolin	12 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 Animal Show Team @ Bathurst Royal Show

Term 2 Monda	y Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 29 APRIL STAFF DEVELOPM DAY	FOR TERM 2	1 MAY Aboriginal & Torre Strait Island Talent Program Orange	2 es ID	3 Primary Assembly 1 pm
Week 2 <mark>6</mark>	7	8 Cross Country	9	10
Week 3 13	14	15	16 School Photos	17 Athletics Carnival
Week 4 20 Life Education – Healthy Hai	21 Years 5-11 Major Excursion Sydney n Van Life Education Van rold – Healthy Harold	22 Years 5-11 Major Excursion Sydney	23 Years 5-11 Major Excursion Sydney	24 Years 5-11 Major Excursion Sydney (Return Saturday 25 May)
Week 5 27	28	29	30	31 Primary Assembly 1 pm Gobondery/NARRAF