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Principal's Report

As Term 1 comes to an end I wish to congratulate all our students, teachers, support staff, parents and carers as well as the Peak Hill Community for all their hard work and support over this Term.

Recently I travelled to Sydney with our Agricultural Show Team for the second time with our team of PEAK Angora goats. Hard work and dedication from our students, Mr Horley, Mr Dunkley and staff who have accompanied the students. It is amazing that after 3 years of our breeding program we were crowned Most Successful School at this years Sydney Royal Easter Show, not only taking out school sections but also Open sections as well.

The school has received much media attention including WIN News, Parkes Champion Newspaper, ABC Radio and the Department of Education. Below is an extract by Sophie Lambert's reports for the NSW Department of Education.

"NO KIDDING ABOUT FOR THESE CHAMPION STUDENTS"

"Peak Hill Central School's Angora goats, raised and nurtured by students, are officially the top kids on the block, with the school recognised at the Royal Easter Show as the most successful in the prestigious competition.

Students travelled to Sydney from Peak Hill, 50 kilometres north of Parkes, with their silky-haired goats to go head-tobleating-head with the finest goats the state has to offer.

Peak Hill Central School agriculture teacher Ken Horley said the school was "both shocked and immensely proud" of the students' results at the Royal Easter Show. The school was recognised as the 'Most Successful School', winning ribbons in both the schools' and open sections.

The awards included Grand Champion Junior (Animal Any Sex), Champion and Reserve Champion Junior (Open Class), Champion and Reserve Champion (Schools Exhibit) and Reserve Champion Kid (Open Class). Mr Horley said the students were involved in all aspects of caring for the herd of 17 goats, from feeding to husbandry, prepping, shearing and washing the animals.

"Taking pride in our Angora goats gives the students something to care about and a reason to come to school," he said. "It teaches them about compassion, and the skills they acquire are transferrable to many different animal breeds."

ANZAC Day falls on the last Thursday of the school holidays. We encourage all students to attend and march with the school. Full summer school uniform and black shoes please. We are assembling at 10:30 am outside the school gates on Bogan street. All participants will receive a Deadly award for Community Participation. Deadly awards go towards achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for our PBL rewards.

Term 2 learning recommences for all students on Tuesday 30 April. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Mr Peter Neilsen Principal



Deputy Principal's Report



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

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This term we had an exhilarating day filled with camaraderie, sportsmanship and thrilling races at the annual swimming carnival. We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the excitement and fun.

To our amazing students, thank you for your unwavering support and team spirit. Your dedication to representing your houses made the day unforgettable.

Hats off to our hardworking teachers for their tireless efforts in organizing and running the event and the parents who jumped in and helped. None of this would have been possible without you.

A special shoutout to the brave parents who dove into the teachers vs. students vs. parents' race. You added an extra level of fun to the day, and we loved every minute of it! However, congratulations to the teachers who emerged victorious in the showdown! And sympathies to the students who faced off against Mr Watt in the Champions of Champions race – you gave it your all, better luck next time.

Let's give a round of applause to India Sant, our fastest swimmer of the day. Your talent and dedication are truly inspiring.

And finally, a huge congratulations to Harvey/Newell for winning the overall day in points. Thank you again to everyone who made our swimming carnival a roaring success!



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 this term. 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 3:30 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. As always, food will be provided during Homework Centre sessions to ensure you have the energy needed to focus and excel in your studies.

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.

CELEBRATING BASKETBALL DAY IN DUBBO

We are thrilled to share the exciting news from our Basketball Day in Dubbo this term! Our students showcased remarkable levels of respect, responsibility, and sportsmanship throughout the event. They played with pride, determination, and never once gave up, making the day an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

It's truly inspiring to witness our students demonstrate such positive behaviour on and off the court. Their commitment to fair play and teamwork reflects the values we strive to instil in our school community.

In recognition of their outstanding conduct, all students received Russells for the positive behaviour they exhibited throughout the day. These Russells symbolise their dedication to upholding our school's values and serve as a token of our appreciation for their exemplary behaviour.

We couldn't be prouder of our students and the way they represented our school at the Basketball Day in Dubbo. Their sportsmanship, resilience, and positive attitude are a testament to their character and the supportive environment we cultivate here at Peak Hill Central School.

Let's all take a moment to congratulate our students on a job well done! Their achievements on Basketball Day are a testament to their hard work and dedication, and they should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

Thank you to all the students, staff, and volunteers who made Basketball Day in Dubbo such a fantastic success. Your enthusiasm and support are greatly appreciated.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT THE WESTERN ACCESS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We are thrilled to congratulate all the students who participated in the Western Access Swimming Carnival! It was a fantastic day filled with excitement, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Our students showcased their talents and determination as they competed in various races against students from other schools. Their enthusiasm and commitment truly made the day enjoyable for everyone involved.

A special round of applause goes to our age champions and runner-up's: John Thomas, Jailah Solomon, India Sant, and Jawarn Read. Your outstanding performances are a testament to your hard work and dedication to swimming.

We are also proud to announce the remarkable achievement of our relay teams. Both the mixed freestyle and mixed medley relay teams secured victory in their races against other schools, demonstrating exceptional skill and teamwork. Congratulations to all the members of these winning teams!

Events like the Western Access Swimming Carnival not only provide an opportunity for our students to showcase their athletic abilities but also strengthen our relationships with other schools within the WAP community.

Once again, congratulations to all the students who participated and contributed to making the day a memorable success. Your efforts and achievements are truly commendable.



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.



PBL

Congratulations to all the students who have diligently completed and submitted fully signed Russell cards for Deadlys. 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.

Our school follows the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) approach, engaging students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in structured lessons with staff each fortnight. These sessions focus on teaching Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Successful behaviours, essential for both school and broader community life. Bi-weekly newsletters highlight the focus behaviour, and students have daily opportunities for recognition when demonstrating positive conduct. We eagerly anticipate celebrating these achievements with your child and their class throughout 2024. Should you have any inquiries about PBL, please feel free to visit the school for a discussion. See the PBL poster on the opposite page.

CHS SWIMMING

We are delighted to share the fantastic news from the 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 Stanford 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.

Miss Sarah O'Leary Deputy Principal (Rlg)

Positive Behaviour For Learning





Head Teacher News

This term has gone very fast, especially with an early Easter, which I hope was a special time for everyone. As we approach Anzac Day we can once again think about the sacrifices made for our country by so many people. This term in Stage 5 History we have studied some of the major events and movements that have created our modern world. Of course, the World Wars and other wars that continue today impact us in ways we often don't realise. This week in Stage 5 a group of students is helping to create our Anzac Day assembly for school. They are very keen to assist and it is an indication of their dedication to school and their community. The assessment tasks they handed in were well done and demonstrated their growing depth of understanding of History.







The students in Year 7, Stage 4 History are continuing to learn about Egypt, and after our Harmony Day activities they are keen to learn more about the Ancient Egyptian funerary rites and practices.

Two weeks ago I had the pleasure of driving the Show Team to the Angora Goat Society Show in Goulburn. The students were excellent and were a credit to their parents/carers and to our school. They were successful in gaining some ribbons, and it was an experience seeing some of the parents of our goats. Rocky, who came second this year at the Sydney Royal is the sire of many of our award winning goats.



READING CIRCLES

This week you will receive a letter concerning Reading Circles. Recently I have read more about the importance of teachers using what we call "Read Alouds" where the teacher reads with expression and involves students in conversations about what is being read, and how it is written.

Anna Korab, in her recent book, "Switched on Classrooms, Pathways to Power Up Literacy. Real. Researched. Results" 2023, writes that using "Read Alouds" align with the "learning and innovation skills of the 21st century...as well as the response to global changes for our Alpha Generation Students. These are:

- \cdot The building of community, empathy, and voice
- · The development of vocabulary
- · The boosting of creativity and imagination
- · The teaching of writing skills", page74

We are working towards educating our students through all we do at Peak Hill Central School to take their place as active participants in the modern world. Reading Circles are making a very real contribution to this by providing a safe place for discussion and the sharing of ideas. Wishing all our students, a very restful and happy holiday. See you in Term 2.

Ms Brenda Stewart

Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Kick Start Kindy

Library News

KICK START KINDY

Kick Start Kindy had plenty of fun on Monday 25 March celebrating Easter.

We began the day reading the storybook 'We're going on an Egg Hunt" by Martha Mumford. We then went for a real life egg hunt around the school. There was even a wolf behind the last big egg who chased us back to class!

Other activities included:

- Easter shaped pattern blocks
- Pasta easter eggs
- Easter egg number chains
- Easter egg number towers
- Bunny Tail relays

In Term 2, Kick Start Kindy will return on Monday 6 May, I cant wait to see you all.

Miss Grace Stewart Kick Start Kindy Teacher

Congratulations to our new library ambassador, Rose. Our ambassador is tasked with ensuring all students know what is coming up in our region at our libraries, including exciting sessions over the school holidays (see flyer in the newsletter).

During our primary library sessions in the lead-up to Easter, we read a book called "All Australians Love Easter", unfortunately though, the good folks at Bunyip Creek lived so far away the Easter Bunny didn't want to travel that far so it was looking like they were going to miss out on chocolate-y goodness! Thankfully, all the Australian animals chipped in to help the Easter Bunny and there were eggs a plenty!

We've been having such fun in the library at lunchtimes, too - just last week we had egg hunts!

If your child isn't sure what day Library is on, bringing back their books any day is perfect, until they get into the rhythm.

Miss Stephanie Williams Librarian









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Easter Hat Parade 2024





























Sydney Royal Easter Show 2024









































Kick Start Kindy



Brien Holden Foundation will be screening students Vision at PHCS 30th April 2023

This is a free service for any Student who have returned a permission note prior to the visit.



National Simultaneous Storytime

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime is a great way to celebrate reading and literacy.

For young people, it helps to foster an early love of reading and develop literacy skills. It also provides an opportunity for children to come together and share their love of books with one another.

National Simultaneous Storytime takes place annually on the fourth Wednesday of May. This year, it will be held on May 22nd, 2024 at 12pm. The event is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)

During National Simultaneous Storytime, people come together to read the same story at the same time. This creates a powerful sense of community around reading and supports the development of a lifelong love of reading in young people.

First launched in Australia in 1997 National Simultaneous Storytime was created in response to a decline in library usage and the need to promote literacy among young people. Since then, the event has grown in popularity and is now celebrated in over 5,000 libraries and more than 4,000 schools across Australia and New Zealand. At PHCS, all primary classes will join thousands of other school students online as we read together.

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime book is Bowerbird Blues from award-winning author and illustrator Aura Parker. A beautifully illustrated story of longing and connection with a surprise ending as the bowerbird's search sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches natural and unnatural

treasures for his bower which eventually attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have imagined

Mrs Lyndal Edge



KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 GUYA-NEWS

What a huge and successful first term for K/1.

It has gone so quickly, students have worked so hard, and I'm sure everyone is ready for a break over the holidays.

In Maths, we have practised reading and writing numbers, measuring length and area, cutting shapes in half, continuing patterns, and reading dice dots. We have had lots of fun

In English, we have now learned enough sounds to start reading and writing words. We have worked on our neat handwriting, read lots and lots of stories, and had so much fun visiting the library. Students have all received a Letters and Sounds Book to practise writing letters at home and identifying words that begin with the sounds that we have learned. Please ensure these are completed and returned each week as it is important for students to consolidate what we have learned at school.

In Science, we have learnt all about living things and what they need to survive. We really enjoyed putting our scientist hats on and finding living plants and animals around the school.

We have had some fun and exciting and special events at school including Harmony Day, the Easter Hat Parade and our assembly item. There is a lot to look forward to in Term 2!

I am so proud of the effort and growth seen in K/1 this term. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and returns feeling fresh and ready to learn.

Miss Ella Bandur Classroom Teacher



YEAR 1/2/3 GUGAA—NEWS

What a fabulous array of colour and sparkle at this year's Easter Hat Parade. Thank you, Mr Neilsen, for being the judge of best decorated hats, a job that is always very difficult.

Our winners were:

- Wambuwunys- Isaiyah
- Dinawans Lucy
- Gugaas Elliott
- Guyas Skylar

Congratulations to every student who created a hat and took part in the parade. Thank you to those parents, grandparents, families and friends who joined us for the celebration.



Year 1/2/3 Gugaa News Continued

After observing the work of Pablo Picasso, the Gugaas created their very own masterpieces entitled "Three Musicians". They thoroughly enjoyed making abstract art and were very positive critics of each others' work.



During Activate Clay, students glazed their turtles and pinch pots ready for firing so that they can take them home for the school holidays.



Everyone in the Gugaas knows what a compound word is! They also know how to spell some compound words.



Mrs Lyndal Edge and Mrs Kelley Westcott Classroom Teacher



YEAR 3/4 DINAWAN—NEWS

Last newsletter for the term!

What an exciting past couple of weeks we have had. Students have loved learning to skip count by a variety of numbers. They practised their learnt knowledge through creating mazes and hopscotch games outside with chalk. In sport, the touch football group loved having some of the students in high school run footy drills with them. They learnt many new skills such as passing, catching and the offside rule. As we are nearing the school holidays it is still important that students are coming to school to learn, grow and develop friendships. There has been a focus in class of spreading kindness through words or actions throughout the school day. I hope that these actions can still continue throughout the school holidays, so students practice habits that will turn them into kind, appreciative future adults. Enjoy the school holidays.

Miss Lucinda Pickering Classroom Teacher









Primary Sport

WAMBUWUNY

Student Profile

Name: Tyler Smith Age: 11 Favourite Colour: Green Favourite footy team: Bulldogs Favourite subject: Maths



Reminders Please bring your home readers back to school each day.

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

Term 1

It has been extremely busy Term 1 in the Wambuwuny classroom.

We have completed our focus on 'The Wild Robot' and 'Bright New World' in English, learning about narrative writing and how we as tiny humans can help to change the world.

In Maths, we explored the concepts of number, addition and subtraction and have just commenced work on fractions.

We celebrated Harmony Day, Easter and the school swimming carnival.

PRIMARY SPORT

Term 1 has seen a busy start to the sporting calendar.

Our school swimming carnival was held early on in the term. Congratulations to the following swimming champions:

Junior Boy: Gabe Villoga-Schaeffer Junior Girl: Olivia Sutherland

Senior Boy: Lochlan Hawksworth Senior Girl: Ahleigha Reid-Hando

These students will receive their awards at presentation night.

Last week we held our annual Gobondery NARRAF cricket gala day here in Peak Hill. We had 4 teams competing on the day and from all reports we had a great day. It is such a valuable experience networking with the other schools in

with the other schools in our area.

Miss Teagan Heraghty Sports Person



Miss Teagan Heraghty Classroom Teacher

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Peak Hill Library School Holidays

MORNING MAKERSPACE

Join us for a morning of Makerspace magic!



TUESDAYS 10:30AM - 12:30AM during the holidays

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.





"Success doesn't just come and find you, you have to go out and get it."

via curiano com



Author and illustrator of The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals, The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Peculiar Pairs in Nature and more!

PARKES Library

PARKES LIBRARY (Marramarra Makerspace)

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

10:30am - 11:30am: for students in Kindy -Year 6 2:30pm - 3:30pm: for students in Year 7-12 In person bookings are essential.



TRUNDLE LIBRARY

Wednesday, 24 April 2024

10:30am - 11:30am: for students in Kindy -Year 12

Bookings are essential. Phone Parkes Library 6861 2309

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Term 2 Calendar

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 2	9 APRIL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY		1 MAY Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Talent IE Program Orange	2	3 Primary Assembly 1 pm
	ICK START INDY 9am-3pm	7	8 Cross Country	9	10
K	3 CHS Swimming CICK START CINDY 9am-3pm	14 CHS Swiming	15 CHS Swimming	16 School Photos	17 Athletics Carnival
K	ICK START INDY 9am-3pm	Years 5-11 Major	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)
	7 ICK START INDY 9am-3pm	28 Stage 6 Hospitality Day	29	30 WAP Athletics Carnival	31 Primary Assembly 1 pm Gobondery/NARRAF Cross Country Tottenham
V	itage 6	4 Stage 6 Work Placement	5 Stage 6 Work Placement	6 Stage 6 Work Placement	7 Stage 6 Work Placement
Week 7 1		NAIDOC	12 Scotts BMX Trick Bike Show NAIDOC Reconciliation Week	13 NAIDOC Reconciliation Week	14 Primary Assembly 1 pm NAIDOC Reconciliation Week
	7 ICK START INDY 9am-3pm	Year 7-10 Exams 18	Year 7-10 Exams 19	Year 7-10 Exams 20	Year 7-10 Exams 21 Gobondery/NARRAF Gala Soccer Day Trangie
	4 ICK START INDY 9am-3pm	25	26	27	28 Primary Assembly 1 pm
	JULY ICK START INDY 9am-3pm	2	3 K – Y12 PBL Reward Day	4	5 LAST DAY OF THE TERM 2