



We are a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Successful School

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Term 3 Week 8 - Friday, 13 September 2024

Principal's Report

As the term draws to a close, I thank parents and carers for their ongoing support of our fantastic community school.

The last day of term is Friday 27 September. It is expected that students attend each day up until the end of term. Learning resumes for all students Kindergarten—Year 11 on Monday 14 October.

We are now taking Enrolments for all years especially new students entering Kindergarten and Year 7 in 2025. Please contact the front office if you need an enrolment pack. Kick Start Kindy continues into Term 4 and Year 7 2025 Transition days begin starting with a Student and Parent Information session on Wednesday 16 October 10am in the school library. (Please refer to the advertisement on page 3)

In light of the current media attention regarding the governments push for age restrictions on social media platforms for children it is timely to remind our community of our mobile phone policy at school. Mobile phones are banned for all students at school during school hours. If a student needs a phone for safely and communication to and from school, they are to hand their phone to Mr Neilsen when they arrive at school and collect at the completion of the school day. Mr Neilsen will store the phone safely in a locker. Social media



bullying remains a major issue in all communities including ours where activity on social media at night can have an impact on relationships at school. I urge all parents to know what their children are up to on social media and act as good role models by not posting potentially defamatory or bullying comments regarding students, teachers or the school. If you are aware of any inappropriate social media posts, please contact me at the school.

Stage 4 students are participating in resilience training with Dubbo Headspace each Wednesday to assist them in friendships, getting along with each other and other issues affecting today's adolescence.

Other highlights of the past fortnight has included the Agricultural Show Teams success at West Wyalong Show, the launch of Western Access Shearing and Fencing trailer





covered by & 7NEWS on Tuesday for use in Primary Industry and Agricultural lessons and assessments, Gobondery/ NARRAF Touch and Netball Gala Day and the participation of Zane, Beau and Shaq at State Athletics in Homebush this week.



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

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Ms Brenda Stewart



Congratulations to all students for trying for personal best always. Students have until the end of week 4 Term 4 to achieve Gold Level for our PBL end of year rewards excursions.

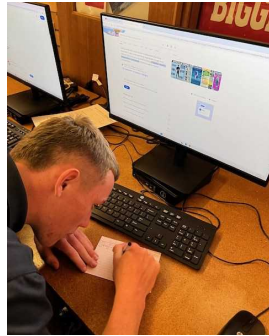
Mr Peter Neilsen
Principal

Head Teacher's Report

As the term comes to a close, secondary students are working on completing their assessment tasks for Term Three. Stage Four HSIE students are working on their landscapes and landforms assessments. It is pleasing to see the students completing tasks at home and working hard in class researching their chosen landscapes. What's even more delightful is their enjoyment in sharing the fantastic landscapes of the world they have discovered in their research. Here are some photos showing their dedication to the tasks

Stage 5 HSIE is creating plans for a sustainable city as a new area of growth in the Central West. Acting as Town Planners, they use ideas from their lessons and research to plan their cities with sustainable buildings, transport, and other infrastructure. Extension students are creating models of sustainable houses.

As year 12 students prepare to finish up this term, a sense of nostalgia fills the air. I remember when they were all in year 8, the year I first came to Peak Hill Central School. They have all grown up so much since then, and it's a bittersweet feeling to see them all ready to finish the year. I know I'm going to miss them, and I wish them all the best for their futures.



Our Triple S Support Team working with the whole staff on Numeracy finished up this week. We are very grateful for all the help they have given us, with new strategies and resources to use across the curriculum with our students aimed at helping all students understand numeracy in every subject area.

Wishing everyone a happy and restful holiday, and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Ms Brenda Stewart
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION








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. Students will begin attending part days from the start of term 4 and as the term progresses the time will increase. Students will need to bring a Lead Pencil, Coloured Pencils, Texta's, a Glue Stick, Leather Enclosed Shoes and a packed Recess and Lunch or Money for the Canteen

Week	Date	Times	Who
1	Wednesday 16 October	10am to 11am	Starting High School Mr Neilsen Parents/Carers and Year 6 Students Morning Tea Provided
2	Wednesday 23 October	10am to 11am	Year 6 Students
3	Wednesday 30 October	11am to 1.30pm	Year 6 Students
4	Wednesday 6 November	11:30am-2pm	Year 6 Students
5	Wednesday 13 November	9am-3pm	Year 6 Students

Please contact the school if you have any questions 68691304.



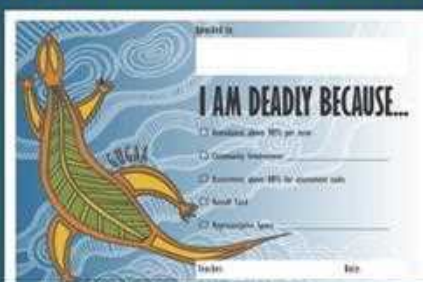
Positive Behaviour For Learning

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, responsible active citizens who serve, problem solve and positively contribute to the community.

Fast and Frequent Russell Card

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.

Deadly Awards



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.



Bronze

5 Deadly Awards

In School
Reward



Silver

10 Deadly Awards

Out of School
Reward



Gold

20 Deadly Awards

Out of Area
Reward



Platinum

Gold Level plus
90% Attendance
No major negative
incidents
An award presented
at Presentation Night

primary ASSEMBLIES

EVERYONE WELCOME 1000AM

Week 5 - Fri Aug 23 Dinawans
 Week 7 - Fri Sept 6 Gugaas
 Week 9 - Fri Sept 20 Guya

KINDER TRANSITION PROGRAM

Kick Start Kindy

Every Monday 9am-3pm

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM FRONT OFFICE

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025

TERMS 1-4

FREE

Begins Monday 12 February

Teacher: Miss Grace Stewart

For more information call the school office 6889 1304



MAY YOUR WEEK BE FILLED WITH
 GOOD THOUGHTS,
 KIND PEOPLE,
 & HAPPY MOMENTS

natural life

West Wyalong Show 2024



Food Tech , Hospitality and Primary Industries



KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 GUYA—NEWS

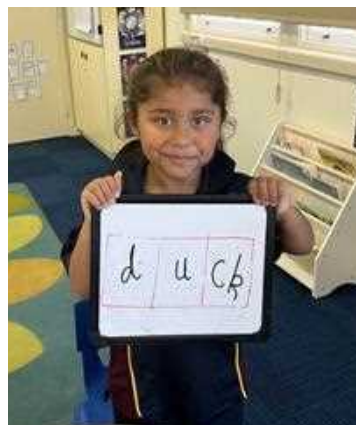
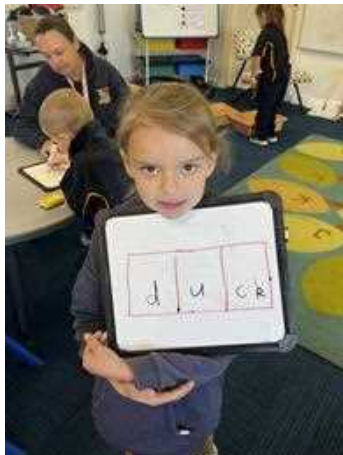
It has been another fantastic fortnight of learning in Kindergarten/Year 1.

In English, our learners are making fantastic progress with their phonics skills. We've been exploring new sounds and digraphs like "ee" and "qu," and our students are keen to use these in their spelling and writing activities. It's been amazing to see their growing confidence as they apply these new skills! A big shoutout to our reading champions! Our class has proudly won the Home Reading trophy for two fortnights in a row. This achievement is a testament to our students' dedication and your support at home. Let's keep the momentum going—keep those home readers coming!

Mathematics this fortnight has been all about number sense. We've been learning how to break numbers into smaller parts and comparing numbers to find the bigger one. Our favourite game right now is "Bust," where we use ten-frames, dice and counters, and try not to go bust! Your child might like to teach someone at home how to play.

In Geography, we're discovering the world of maps. Our class has been learning about different map features and how they help us understand our surroundings.

**Miss Ella Bandur
Classroom Teacher**



YEAR 1/2/3 GUGAA—NEWS

Students in the Gugaas have been having a lot of fun working on patterns, informal measurement and place value during Maths.

We have been learning how to play "Go Fish" which has improved our number recognition, turn-taking and strategising skills.

**Mrs Lyndal Edge and Mrs Kelley Westcott
Classroom Teachers**



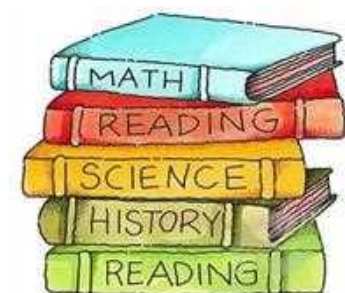
YEAR 3/4 DINAWAN— NEWS

This fortnight has been full of hands on learning and engaging discussions. In English, students have been studying the story of a dingo named Wandi, an endangered alpine dingo who got taken by an eagle and dropped in a suburban backyard. Students have explored the importance of animal sanctuaries in saving endangered wildlife. They created a poster and persuasive writing piece to convince people to save dingos. Students then gave feedback to their peers using post it notes.

In mathematics students have wrapped up their exploration in fractions. Students played games like Rob the Fraction (a variation of Rob the Nest) and used hands on materials to represent fractions.

In HSIE, the Dinawan class have been looking at countries and continents. They are busy researching and studying a country to dress up as in week 10.

Miss Lucinda Pickering
Classroom Teacher



YEAR 5/6 WAMBUWUNY—NEWS

WAMBUWUNY
Classroom

Student Profile

Name: Izayah Reid-Hando

Age: 11

Favourite Colour:
Red

Favourite footy team:
Panthers

Favourite subject:
Maths



Term 3

What a busy fortnight!

In Maths, we have been looking at volume and capacity and how to convert between litres and millilitres.

We have focused on themes during our English lessons.

Friendship, family and resilience play a big part in all our lives and it has been great to see students make connections with the text we are studying

In HSIE, we have been working on how to build a sustainable world.

Reminders

Don't forget your homework!

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

Miss Teagan Heraghty
Classroom Teacher



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**100%
PERFECT!**

At school everyday
You will achieve personal
excellence



**98%
IMPRESSIVE!**

Equates to 4 school
days off each year



**96%
GOOD!**

Equates to 7 school days
off each year



**95%
NEARLY THERE!**
Equates to 9 school
days off each year



94%

ON THE WAY!
Equates to 7 school days
off each year



92%

NEARLY THERE!
Equates to 15 school
days off each year



90%

DANGER ZONE!
Educationally at risk!
Equates to 1 month off
each year



88%

SEVERE IMPACT!
Equates to over a month
off each year



80%

EXTREME IMPACT!
Equates to 2 month off
each year



**BELOW 80%
DESTRUCTIVE!**

Highly challenging to
access any learning





Sunday, 29 September 2024, 10 am to 4.00 pm
Open Gardens 'n' Markets

Fashion Parade at 1 pm from: Parkes NEWS & GIFTS

\$15 Entry
\$5 Morning Tea
\$15 Lunch

Open Gardens
Market stalls
Fashions
RAFFLE

- 4 open gardens
- Lots of market stalls
- Morning tea, lunch, music and stalls at Parkes Racecourse
- Fashion Parade, 1 pm at the Racecourse
- Art display and sales
- Fabulous RAFFLE
- Entry Tickets **from 9.30 am on Sunday 29 September** at Parkes Racecourse (cash/card)

Facebook updates on:
 □ Parkes QUE Club
 □ Parkes Open Gardens

Email: parkesqueclub@gmail.com




PEAK HILL PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS
WEEKLY DURING SCHOOL TERM
10.30AM-12.30PM

BOATSWAIN HOUSE
155 CASHWELL ST, PEAK HILL



Playgroup is about getting together with other parents, children, babies, caregivers and families to have positive parent/child interactions, share ideas, information and experiences in a casual environment that welcomes all community members.

 To book a place or for more information contact us on **1800 067 067** ccwf.org.au

For more info please contact Jess or Anita at 68635426




EVERY DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Term 3 & 4 Calendar

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	16 KICK START KINDY 9.00am – 3.00pm Check-In Assessment Primary	17 Dreamstrong	18 Stage 4 Wellbeing Program	19 Brilliant at Being Resilient	20 PCYC GRIT Program WAP Graduation Primary Assembly 1 pm Boys Group
Week 10	23 KICK START KINDY 9.00am – 3.00pm	24 Dreamstrong	25 Stage 4 Wellbeing Program K/1/2 Responsible Pet Ownership	26	27 LAST DAY OF TERM PCYC GRIT Program Boys Group

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	14 October STAFF & CHILDREN RETURN FOR TERM 4 KICK START KINDY 9AM-3PM 2025 CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED	15 Meals on Wheels Dreamstrong	16 Dental Check Up Kindergarten– Year 6 Year 6 To Year 7 Transition – Parents & Carers invited Morning Tea 10am - 11am	17 Meals on Wheels	18
Week 2	21 Dental Check Up Kindergarten-Yr 6 KICK START KINDY 9AM-3PM	22 Meals on Wheels Dreamstrong	23 PSSA Athletics Year 6 To Year 7 Transition – 10am - 11am	24 Meals on Wheels PSSA Athletics	25
Week 3	28 KICK START KINDY 9AM-3PM Dental Check Up Kindergarten-Yr 6	29 Meals on Wheels Dreamstrong P I Farm Bike & Ute Training	30 Year 6 To Year 7 Transition – 10am - 11am P I Farm Bike & Ute Training	31 Meals on Wheels P I Farm Bike & Ute Training	1 November Tennis Tottenham
Week 4	4 KICK START KINDY 9AM-3PM	5 Dreamstrong	6 Year 6 To Year 7 Transition – 10am - 11am	7	8
Week 5	11 KICK START KINDY 9AM-3PM	12 Dreamstrong	13 Year 6 To Year 7 Transition – 10am - 11am	14	15