



DATES TO REMEMBER – 2019

TERM 1

Week 4

Mon, 18 Feb Early Stage One Parent Information Session – 5.00pm
P & C Meeting 7pm

Tue, 19 Feb Stage Two Parent Information Session – 6.30pm

Wed, 20 Feb Stage One Parent Information Session – 5.30pm

Week 5

Wed, 27 Feb Stage Three Parent Information Session – 5.30pm
High School Information Session for Year 6 parents – 6.30pm

Thu, 28 Feb Special Education Classes Parent Information Session – 5.00pm

Week 6

Wed, 6 Mar PEG Parent Information Session - 5.30pm

Week 7

Thu, 14 Mar Selective High School Placement Test

Week 11

Fri, 12 Apr Last day of term
(correction – Good Friday is 19 April)

TERM 2

Tue, 30 Apr Students return to school

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Peakhurst Public School acknowledges the people of the Tharawal Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders past, present and future of the Tharawal Nation and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people involved with Peakhurst Public School.

AWARDS – Week 3

CLASS AWARD

K Green	Layla
K Orange	Lachlan, Maddison
K Red	Yasmen, Benson
K Yellow	Riley, Nyasha
1 Red	Sybok, Zoe

1 Orange	Elwin, Illyria
1 Yellow	Adrian, Lilian
1/2 Purple	Ayden, Elliot
1/2 White	Declan, Toan
2 Green	Andrew, Sophie
2 Orange	Soliman, Ariana
2 Red	Shabdik, Mafi
2 Yellow	Raymond, Malak
3/4 White	Fatimah
3/4 Teal	Zeeshan
3/4 Magenta	Rayyan
3/4 Purple	Alyssa
3/4 Blue	Elisabeth
3/4 Aqua	Layth
5/6 Aqua	Hassan
5/6 Blue	Olympia
5/6 Purple	Emeline
5/6 Teal	Lucas
5/6 White	Reeha
Bronze	Deacon

BRONZE AWARD

1 Red	Henry, Lewis
1 Orange	Angus
1/2 Purple	Willow, Sophie N, Sophie C, Georgia
2 Green	Sophie L
2 Red	Hussein
3/4 Blue	Annie, Bilal
3/4 Aqua	Shray

SILVER AWARD

1 Red	Samuel, Lucas
2 Red	Skylar
3/4 Blue	Olivia

SRC AWARD

1 Red	Sybok
1 Orange	Jasper
1 Yellow	Elouise
1/2 Purple	Jacob
2 Green	Arshan
2 Red	Tyson
2 Yellow	Jazmin
3/4 White	Wen
3/4 Teal	Scarlett
3/4 Purple	Lauren
3/4 Blue	Zeta
5/6 Aqua	Irene
5/6 Blue	Chester
5/6 Purple	Benjamin
5/6 Teal	Ebony
5/6 White	Mairead

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you know, over the next 3 weeks we are having 'Meet the Teacher' evenings where information will be shared about your child's learning program, Stage and class expectations and routines. It is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher if you haven't already done so.

If you have any questions that relates directly to your child it would be great if you could make an appointment where the question can be dealt with in a confidential manner with the teacher at another time.

We ask that only parents attend the information evenings and alternative arrangements are made for children.

PEG Information evening

The PEG 'Meet the Teacher' evening will be held on Wednesday, 6th March from 5:30-6:30pm in the Gumbayah Centre.

Please note that the Year 6 High School Information session for all year 6 students, will be held on Wednesday, 27th February from 6:30-7.00pm in the Blue/Aqua classroom following the Stage 3 'Meet the Teacher' session.

Maths Groups

Maths groups started this week and will run on Mon, Tues and Wed. They will focus on the Number Strand and Patterns and Algebra. The other strands will be covered in a differentiated manner in the child's class. The teachers took this decision so that they had more direct experience with students in their own class in mathematics.

Afternoon Pick-up

Can I please ask that families discuss with their children pick-up arrangements and protocols for leaving school safely. There have been some stressed grandparents and parents over the last couple of weeks who have arrived at school to pick up their charges, only to find the child has gone home with someone else or walked home or met up with friends etc.

A good idea is to have a secret password for the family that must be used by anyone who picks up the child in the event of an emergency. Only the child and their family know the given word.

If any arrangements change suddenly or you are held up please notify the school before the end of the day school bell so we can let the child know.

Staff Development Day Changes

This year, Peakhurst Public School staff are working with Peshurst West PS, Peakhurst South PS, Lugarno PS and GRC Peakhurst Campus to explore Growth Mindset with Dan Haeslar. We will attend 4 twilight sessions of PL in Terms 1, 2 and 4 in lieu of the end of year Staff Development Day on 19th and 20th December. Students finish school on 18th December this year.

'Dan Haeslar is an international keynote speaker, educator, writer and consultant. He works with organisations around issues of engagement, mindset and wellbeing.'

I have also booked Dan for a parent information evening on Tuesday, 22nd October from 6:30-7:30 if you would like to put it in your diary.

Apology to the Stolen Generation

On Wednesday, 13th February 2008, the Australian Parliament led by Prime Minister Rudd apologised to the Stolen Generation and the many families impacted by the actions of governments over time in forcibly removing children. This followed on from the recommendations made in the Bringing Them Home report tabled in 1997. Following the Apology, Lorraine Peeters, a member of the Stolen Generation, presented the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition with a glass coolamon, made by Bai Bai Napangardi, a Balgo artist. Inside the coolamon was a message thanking the Parliament for saying 'sorry' – that the Apology showed compassion and opened a path for walking together in the future.

<https://aiatsis.gov.au>

P&C

The first meeting of the P&C will be held in my office from 7pm on Monday 18th February. You are warmly invited to come along and learn about what is happening in our school community.

Sally Lawson
Principal

READING EGGS/ READING EGGSPRESS

We are able to provide a 12 month subscription to your child through the school subscription at a heavily discounted price (RRP is \$79). Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress provide students with completely individualised, one-on-one lessons which allow them to progress at their own rate in reading and comprehension. Reading Eggs (Kindergarten – Year 4) focuses on phonics and sight words, using skills and strategies essential for sustained reading success.

Reading Eggspress (Year 1-6) is designed to build children's skills in reading, comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar. Reading Eggspress Library consists of over 2500 online books for kids. These books cover a wide range of genres to suit children of all ages and reading levels and can be accessed by all students.

MATHLETICS

Mathletics is an interactive and engaging online program that offers a range of activities aligned to the Australian primary maths curriculum. Students will have access to a full set of activities supported by interactive tutorials as well as print-based materials. Mathletics offers a range of engaging games and activities for students to explore mathematical concepts in playful and supportive learning environments.

SOUND WAVES

This year the school will be using the Sound Waves Spelling program for Kindergarten to Year Six. It is a synthetic phonics approach which focuses on the process of synthesising (i.e. taking small parts and putting them together to form a whole). It uses a sound-to-letter strategy which acknowledges that sounds can be represented more than one way in written form.

Sound Waves supports the whole school Spelling Scope and Sequence by ensuring that all students are explicitly and sequentially taught the curriculum expectations.

Students will be able to access the Sound Waves Online program both at school and home. There is a large number of materials and activities on the Sound Waves website that will reinforce and consolidate the children's learning.

SOUND WAVES



Next week Years 1-6 will begin using the Sound Waves spelling program. Your child's teacher will give them access to Sound Waves Online via their specific grade login. They will be able to access it at home at

<http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au>

We will be reviewing the students understanding of what phonemes and graphemes are.

Phoneme: A phoneme is the basic unit of sound in a word.

Grapheme: Graphemes are the letter or letter combinations used to represent the phonemes in written form.

ARABIC CLASSES

Arabic classes will now be held at Peakhurst Public School on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30pm. If interested please contact Fatima on 0429 229 413 or email im.arabicschool@gmail.com. Limited places available.

 **PEAKHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: Monday 3 December 2018

MEETING OPENED: 7.07pm

ATTENDEES: Sally L, Leanne O, Kristy D, Coralie B, Bernadette N, Margaret M, Siobhan B, Sue H, Kamal K. Karen G

APOLOGIES: Connie F

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Accepted by the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Presented by Sue H**

Opening Balance at 30 September 2018 **\$22,281.10**

Income

Interest	\$2.11
Walkathon Income	\$11,578.00

Expenses

Cheque	\$205.00
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Closing Balance at 31 October 2018 **\$33,656.21**

UNIFORM REPORT: **Presented by Sue H**

Opening Balance at 30 September 2018 **\$29,199.15**

Income

Uniform Sales	\$2,673.00
Interest	\$2.54

Expenses

Merchant Fees	\$46.75
Wages	\$740.65
Online Sales Service Fees	\$22.26
Purchases – LW Reid	\$3,595.97

Closing Balance at 31 October 2018 **\$27,469.06**

- During the Kindy Transition for the children starting school in 2019 there was a constant stream of parents making purchases. Transition has gone really well.
- Kimberley is doing a great job keeping on top of the orders.
- Kimberley and Sue to meet up a couple more times to go through finals bits and pieces of paperwork and banking.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Presented by Margaret M

Disco

- The disco was a great success. Thank you to Margaret M and Sue H for their organisation. Thank you to Moussa for the watermelon cups and to the volunteers who came along to help on the night.
- 370 tickets were presold at \$8 and, 8 tickets were sold at the door at \$10. A total of 378 children attended the disco this year.
- There were over 100 tickets purchased online through Flexischools. This is great as it means less cash to count for the P&C volunteers.
- The P&C raised \$3,112.00 through ticket sales. The P&C are just awaiting the invoice from Moussa C to advise the profit raised on the night.
- Glow sticks were sold on the night. The total cost of the glow sticks was \$543.40. After sales the P&C raised a profit of \$297.60. There are still glow sticks available. There is a 12-month shelf life use on the glow sticks therefore the glow sticks could be kept for next year's disco or for sale at the year 6 fun day. It is important to make sure they are used as soon as possible.
- It was a fun night for all. The DJ was great!
- It was successful having the Canteen open on the night.

Walkathon

- Thanks to Coralie B for making the announcement to continue to ask for funds to be handed in.
- The P&C raised \$11,578.00. This surpassed our goal of \$10,000. The money raised will be used to upgrade our school's playgrounds, home readers (need \$40,000), year 6 farewell and various other school improvement projects. We only aim for \$10-\$15 to be raised per child.
- There were prizes presented at the morning assembly for students who had collected the most money and for participating.
- Suggestion from Kristy D – next year perhaps students just pay a participation fee if they don't want to collect money.

Year 6 Farewell

- \$10 was requested from each student and \$10 from the teachers also. The P&C will subsidize, drinks, food and decorations. Margaret M to check with Jenny with regard to when payment is to be made (cheque to be given on the night or before).
- The Year 6 Farewell has been booked for the 10th December at the Old's Park Sports Club,
- Theme to be "Hollywood".
- Money also to go to picnic day

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Presented by Margaret M

- This is Margaret M's last year as President of the P&C. the position will become available at next year's AGM.
- Margaret M has created a folder on P&C Events
- The next meeting will be held in February where the P&C will pull everything together, the AGM is where voting for positions will be undertaken. There is a fee of 50c at the AGM to give voting rights.
- Please consider now if you would like to take a position on the P&C.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Presented by Sally L

- A huge thank you to Margaret M for her leadership of the P&C for the last 6 years. Margaret M has done a superb job in this role. We will all sadly miss her.
- Also, thank you for all the work that was put in to organising the disco. Teachers agreed that it was a successful night.
- The process of planning classes and staffing for 2019 has been completed. There are many part-time positions. Tomorrow the staff will know what 'stage' they will be teaching. All classes are very full. There will be 4 kindergarten classes with 22 children in each. All year 3 and 4 classes will be composite (3/4) as will be the year 5 and 6 classes (5/6). This was an actual 'decision' not a result of numbers.
- Sally L has had to advertise a new appointment for a class teacher for Elisabeth L's class.
- Reports will be issued in Week 9. At present the reports are on their 'second read', being read by Coralie B, Sally L and Jenny H. All reports have been signed.
- The painting will begin on Monday in block C. 7 classrooms and the junior toilets are to be painted. The Department is paying for this and the kitchen will be painted later in the year for the support unit to use.
- The renovation of the 2 new classrooms in Block C is likely to be complete in the next few weeks.
- Sally L has been given 3 quotes for a waterproof play shelter over the sandpit.
- School starts back on the 29th January, 2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

No General Business.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

This was the final P&C meeting of 2018.

The date of the next meeting is week 4, Monday 18th February 2019 at 7pm in Block A. The date will be advertised again in the Focus at the beginning of the year. All parents are very welcome to come along!

Tentative date for AGM is Monday 18th March, 2018 at 9:30am. Date to be confirmed at meeting in February.

MEETING CLOSED:

7.43pm

School zone safety

Council is committed to promoting safe parking practices around schools, particularly during school zone times, on school days between 8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm

Illegal parking at these times contributes to traffic congestion and may create unsafe conditions for children and other road users.

To help deter drivers from choosing to park illegally, Council officers regularly patrol school zones and may issue penalty notices. Officers are also a valuable source of information on how to park safely and avoid receiving a penalty notice.



You can help to promote safety and reduce congestion around schools

- Avoid waiting in 'No Parking' zones. A two minute limit applies for most vehicles and a five minute limit applies for Mobility Parking Scheme permit holders when picking up and dropping off
- Never double park
- Park away from the school and walk to pick up your child
- Stagger arrival times to avoid pick-up/drop-off 'peak time' traffic

Child safety is the responsibility of all road users. Drive safely and park legally.



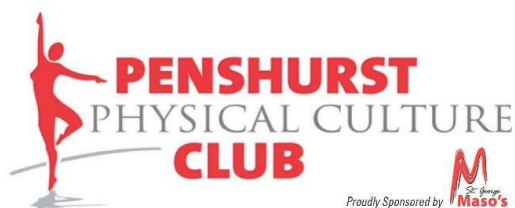
Penalties and demerit points for offences in school zones

SCHOOL ZONE parking offences	Fine	Demerit Points
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing	\$448	2
Disobey 'No Stopping' sign	\$337	2
Double park	\$337	2
Stop in Bus Zone	\$337	2
Stop on/across driveway	\$337	2
Stopping on footpath/nature strip	\$337	2
Disobey 'No Parking' sign	\$187	2



Parking restrictions apply uniformly state wide to deter illegal parking. For further information, please go to www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Service/Parking-and-Traffic and <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/index.html>

This list of offences is not exhaustive and only indicates some of the penalties for school zones under Road Rules 2014. The information contained in this leaflet is correct as of 1 July 2018, however is subject to change without notice.



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CLASSES

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Wednesday - Peakhurst South Public School

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ENROLMENTS for YEAR 7, 2020

*An invitation is extended to parents of Year 6 girls
to meet staff, students and parents on -*

Wednesday, 27th February 2019 from 5 - 7 pm

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Students and Parents

Wednesday 27th February, 2019
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Cnr Broadarrow and King Georges Rd,
Beverly Hills, 2209
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AUDITIONS

Year 7 and Year 11 2020

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2019 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2020 at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops in Dance, Drama or Music.

Auditions will be held between Monday 24th June to Thursday 4th July 2019.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

To register for an audition, please complete the online application form located on our website: www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2019.

Yours sincerely

Peter Shields
Relieving Principal
12 February 2019

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner's decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student's performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.



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