



DATES TO REMEMBER – 2019

TERM 1

Week 7

Mon, 11 Mar	SRC Assembly
Thu, 14 Mar	Selective High School Placement Test

Week 8

Wed, 20 Mar	P & C Annual General Meeting 9.30am (<i>please note change of date</i>)
Thu, 21 Mar	Harmony Day – Multi Colour Mufti
Sat, 23 Mar	Election Day BBQ Fundraiser

Week 9

Mon, 25 Mar	Stage 1 Excursion – Wildlife Sydney Darling Harbour
Wed, 27 Mar	School Photo Day

Week 10

Wed, 3 Apr	Kindergarten & Support Classes Incursion – Travelbugs Workshop
Thu, 4 Apr	Stage 2 Excursion – Symbio & Stanwell Tops

Week 11

10-11 Apr	5/6 Purple Overnight Excursion to Wooglemai Environmental Ed Centre
Fri, 12 Apr	Last day of term

TERM 2

Week 1

Tue, 30 Apr	Students return to school
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Week 2

Wed, 8 May	2020 Kindergarten School Tour and Parent Information Session - 9.45am
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Week 3

14-16 May	NAPLAN (students in Years 3 and 5)
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TERM 3

Week 6

27-28 Aug	School Show
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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 6

CLASS AWARD

K Green	Zaara, Zane
K Orange	Husayn, Fatimah
K Red	Leo, Idris
K Yellow	Israa, Ali
1 Red	Alisa, Victoria
1 Orange	Alexis, Jasper
1 Yellow	Henry, Mikele
1/2 Purple	Jacob, Sophie
1/2 White	Ali, Viktoria, Shahzad
2 Green	Zane, Monique
2 Orange	Dylan, Hussein
2 Red	Oshayjah, Mia
2 Yellow	Yan, Jacob

BRONZE AWARD

1 Red	Mila
1 Orange	Daniel, Jasper, Alexis, Milanna
1 Yellow	Jack, Dylan, Eva
1/2 Purple	Maddie, Shubham, Hanna
1/2 White	Declan, Alisha, Mariam
2 Green	Ali
2 Yellow	Yan, Charlotte

SILVER AWARD

1 Yellow	Anthony
2 Red	Skylar

SRC AWARD

K Green	Hassan
K Orange	Will
K Red	Justin
K Yellow	Richard
1 Red	Janny
1 Orange	Walker
1 Yellow	Murphy
1/2 Purple	Angus
1/2 White	Lucas
2 Orange	Tamara
2 Red	Mafi
2 Yellow	Charlotte

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tomorrow is International Women's Day. Congratulations to the women in our School Community that through their many roles, impact on the lives of our future adults.

Georges River Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to team Peakhurst who represented our school at the Georges River zone swimming carnival. It was terrific watching you swim. Not only did you perform extremely well, your behaviour was fabulous. I am expecting notification of those who will be moving to the Regional Carnival shortly but congratulations to all of those involved last Tuesday.



SRC and Sports Captains Assembly

On Monday, 11th March at 9:30am we are presenting the SRC leaders and Sport House Captains and Vice Captains 2019 with their badges in a special assembly. Parents are welcome to join us.

Online Payments

We have organised online licences for Athletics, Reading Eggs and Sound Waves so they can be used at both home and at school. The cost to families is at a heavily subsidised rate. Can I please give you a gentle reminder to send your payment into school if you have not already done so.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday, 20th March from 9:30 am in Block A. You are very welcome to attend. Please note this is a change in date.

P&C Fundraiser Barbecue

A note has gone home to families today and it is also in this week's FOCUS asking for parent assistance to help on the cake stall and barbecue on 23rd March ... election

day! All of the information is in the note. Please consider giving an hour of your time to the fundraiser.

Children's YouTube

We are having some reports amongst the junior classes at school of children who are frightened of a fantasy character that is popping up through a hacking on children's YouTube. We haven't had any reports of incidents at school, rather the fear arises when children discuss the character with others. I just wanted to warn you to be extra vigilant at home too.

Changes in the Administration Office

We have had some changes in the Administration Office. Lisa Langton will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Linda Kirgan will work Monday and Friday. FOCUS will now go home on Thursday!

Sally Lawson, Principal

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge officially began this year on Monday, 4th March. All details, rules and book lists can be found on the website.

We encourage all students to take part in this challenge and experience reading quality Australian literature.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders can only be placed directly with Scholastic via the LOOP system: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Orders will not be accepted through the school office - cash/cheque payments are not available.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography on **Wednesday, 27 March**. Whilst an envelope has been distributed, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed **online** to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. **Please note that payment in cash will not be accepted prior to photography day.**

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

9 Digit Online Order Code
B38 56J KFT

STEWART HOUSE

Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations. Stewart House needs your support to ensure they can continue to provide important services to children. The Smith Family generously provides bags and undertakes the collection and pays Stewart House for each kilogram received. About \$25,000 each year is raised from this collection.

Clothing bags were sent home this week and all donations are greatly received. If you could please return the bags to the school office **no earlier than Monday, 18 March**.

LOST PROPERTY

There are numerous items in the Lost Property boxes located in the office. Items include watches, sunglasses, purses/wallets, mobile phones, car keys and lunch boxes. Please drop by to check if an item is yours.

UNIFORM SHOP


KINDY WINTER UNIFORM FITTINGS

Please feel free to come during regular opening times or order on-line for winter uniforms. If, however, you wish a specific time during regular opening hours the last two weeks of term 1 will be set aside for these bookings. A link to the booking site is below -

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Select "Make a Booking" and enter the code **xcym3**

SOUND WAVES



Next week Years 1-6 will be focusing on:

k	c	q	ck	x(ks)	ch
kite				sock	
car				fox	
queen				school	

The most common graphemes that represent this phoneme are **k, c, q, ck, x(ks),** and **ch**.

You'll find this phoneme in words such as car, quick, expect and school.

Students can access the Online Activities at home using their grade login at <http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au>

3 TIPS TO KEEP KIDS SAFE ON



@Code9Parent

1) SETTINGS: Activate parental controls.

- Log into your child's profile.
- Turn **Off** ALLOW SEARCHING. This prevents your child from searching for content within the app.
- Turn **On** APPROVED CONTENT ONLY.
- Click Start & then click the small '+' at the top right of each show to add channels or shows to the approved list for the profile.
- Preview the shows before adding. Click Done.
- Turn **On** PAUSE WATCH HISTORY to prevent suggested videos showing.
- Exit back to login screen & then double check the profile to ensure it's saved & set.

2) ALTERNATIVES

These will vary depending on where in the world you live & some are paid options.

There are other options to YouTube, such as Kids Netflix, Kids Stan, ABC Kids, Amazon Prime, & even old school DVDs.

3) INVOLVEMENT

Nothing replaces parental supervision & vigilance.

- Check videos thoroughly before allowing children to watch.
- All devices should be in a public place in your home.
- Talk to your children about online safety and what to do if they see something upsetting online.
- Share with other parents, not everyone uses parental controls because they trust that being a 4+ app that it's safe - it's not.

www.code9parent.com.au

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS



The simplest way

... to choose foods for the lunch box

Pick one food from each food group:

Breads & Cereals:
rich in carbohydrates,
the body's preferred
source of energy –
perfect for kids to
play and learn all
day.



Vegies & Salads:
high in fibre and packed full of vital vitamins and minerals
to boost health and help maintain a healthy weight.

Meat & Alternatives: rich in protein, iron and zinc.

Dairy: important for growing healthy bones and teeth.

Fruit: naturally sweet and refreshing the perfect snack for
growing bodies.

For simple ideas on foods from each group visit
healthylunchbox.com.au

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PEAKHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten 2020 families
are invited to attend a

School Tour

and

Information Morning

Wednesday 8th May 2019
9.45am in the School Hall

Please RSVP to the School office
by Friday 3rd May on 9153-9157

P&C Election Day BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday 23rd March 2019



The State election on Saturday 23rd March is a great opportunity for the P&C to raise funds for the school. Peakhurst Public School is a popular polling booth and we plan to offer a sausage sizzle, coffee cart and cake stall on the day from approximately 8am to 2pm. Come along and enjoy a yummy sausage sandwich, a barista made coffee and take home some delicious home-baked goodies. Who doesn't love a sausage sizzle on Election Day!

Volunteers

This is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for the school. Please consider whether you can help out on the day or beforehand. Lots of volunteers will make light work for everyone and it is a great way to come together as a school community.

Cake Stall

You can help by baking cakes, cupcakes or slices. Cake boxes will be sent home (one per family) and can be brought back to the staff room on Friday 22nd March or directly to the cake stall on Saturday 23rd March. We also need volunteers to help serve at the cake stall.



BBQ Sausage Sizzle

We need volunteers to cook the BBQ, serve food and drinks, sell tickets, setup in the morning and pack up at the end of the day.

If you are able to help please fill in the slip below and return to the office as soon as possible.

Election Day Volunteer Slip

Childs name and class _____

Name _____

Email address _____

Mobile number _____

Please indicate preferred time (or multiple times if you can help for longer)

☐ 7.30am-8.30am ☐ 8.30am-9.30am ☐ 9.30am-10.30am ☐ 10.30am-11.30am

☐ 11.30am-12.30pm ☐ 12.30pm-1.30pm ☐ 1.30pm-2.30pm ☐ 2.30pm-3.30pm

Please indicate preferred activity

- ☐ BBQ and cake stall setup (7.30am-8.30am)
- ☐ BBQ
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Cake stall
- ☐ Clean up (2.00pm-3.30pm)