



DATES TO REMEMBER – 2019

TERM 2

Week 4

Fri, 24 May Soundwaves Parent Information Session 5-6pm

Week 5

Tue, 28 May Senior Choir SPAF Rehearsal at Oatley West PS

Wed, 29 May SPAF Auditions 8.20am

Week 7

12-13 Jun Stage 2 Incursion – Space Dome

Week 9

Tue, 25 Jun Senior Choir SPAF Rehearsal at Oatley West PS

TERM 3

Week 2

Wed, 31 Jul Opportunity Class Placement Test

Week 6

27 - 28 Aug School Show

TERM 4

Week 3

29 – 31 Oct Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra (5/6 Teal, 5/6 White and 5 Purple)

Week 4

5 – 7 Nov Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra (5/6 Aqua, 5/6 Blue and 6 Purple)

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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to the students who represented Peakhurst so admirably today at the zone Cross Country. It is a stunning day outside but I suspect very hot when running distance...up and down hills. Thank you so much for your efforts and your sportsmanship. We are very

proud of you. Thank you also to Matt Brooks and Rachel Lloyd for organising and accompanying and also to the supporters who came and cheered the students on.

P&C Barbecue

Thank you Peakhurst for voting at school and supporting the barbecue so well! We had great volunteers cooking and selling. Fabulous donuts to buy and the Coffee Warriors were very generous yet again with time and baristas. There is a further report later in FOCUS.

Sound Waves

Thank you to the staff who led information sessions around the phonics program that is being used across the school. Many parents have attended these meetings. In using Sound Waves we have a sequential and structured program that will accommodate all needs, from those who are beginning readers to those who are using sophisticated language in writing tasks. It is interesting to see how students apply phonemic knowledge to the broader range of tasks such as writing, spelling etc. Very often students can spell a word or recognise that word in isolation but struggle to transfer that knowledge. Sound Waves is giving students 'rules' to help them. Its adding further strings to their repertoire so they are not just relying on sight words or 'sounding out' or visual memory but are able to use their 'rules' and segmenting strategies to help work out a word or a spelling pattern and so transfer their knowledge to a broader range of situations.

Ms Sally Lawson
Principal

ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER

The P&C fundraiser on Election Day was a great success. Whilst it is very hard to estimate voter numbers due to pre-polling, we decided to underestimate and sell out rather than overestimate and have a whole lot of leftovers. Well, voter numbers were UP and we sold out of all the 300 sausages and 90 donuts by 12.30!! There were a few disappointed voters after that time and a few had mentioned they returned to vote at Peakhurst Public School because of the sausage sizzle and cake stall last time. It was lovely to see so many families from school as well who came to vote and have a #democracysausage! We

raised approximately \$1300 profit, which is not bad at all for a half days work!

Thank you to Gregory O for providing the donuts, which were very popular. Thank you also to Espresso Warriors who once again generously donated their coffee and baristas for the day. The coffee cart was a hit and even got a mention on Twitter!

Vote 1 Peakhurst Public.

They had barista brewed coffee.

[#australiavotes2019](#)

[#democracysausage](#) 🌭

12:41 pm · 18/5/19 from [Sydney, New South Wales](#)
· [Twitter for iPhone](#)

Thank you to the many volunteers who gave up their precious time to help out - not only did we have a fun time together, but all the helping hands made for an easier day. Moussa C, Karen G, Gregory O, Moana, Danilo R, Siobhan B, Mairead B, Natalie J, Sue H, Emily H, Sally L, Tracey M, Kaitlyn M, Petra DS, Jenny W, Emad H, Des M, Leanne O and Kevin W.....thank you, we couldn't have done it without you!

P&C

SOUND WAVES



Next week Years 1-6 will be focusing on:



The most common graphemes that represent this phoneme are **ai, ay, a_e and a**.

You'll find this phoneme in words such as sail, stay, mate and patience.

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



Sound Waves parent information sessions

Many thanks to the 70 parents who have attended the Sound Waves information sessions so far this week. Parents felt that after the session they had a much better understanding of how the program works, the difference between phonemes and graphemes, using the online segmenting tool and how they can best help their child at home.

Many attendees asked about a parent handout and whether they can purchase the student cards that have the consonant and vowel charts on them.

I have contacted Firefly Education, who created Sound Waves and they currently have no parent handouts as such however their website has some articles that can help. Understanding 'tricky words' that are difficult to segment is a very helpful article that is available on the Firefly Education website and can be accessed at: <https://www.fireflyeducation.com.au/pd/article/tricks-of-the-trade-tackling-words-that-are-difficult-to-segment>

If you are interested in purchasing a student sound chart for use at home, please complete the slip below and return to school with payment of \$7.50 per chart by Friday 14th June so we can put in a bulk order to our supplier.

Many thanks again for your enthusiasm at the sessions and your interest in understanding how we teach your children. We still have one session to go, Friday 24th May (tomorrow) from 5-6pm in the Gumbuya Centre. If you didn't RSVP but are interested in attending, please call the School Office by close of business Friday to let us know.

Sound Waves Student Chart - order and purchase

Parent name: _____

Eldest child's name: _____ Class: _____

The cost of each chart is \$7.50.

I wish to purchase (please write the number of copies in the box next to the level of chart you would like):

Student Chart (Years K-3)

Extended Chart (Years 4-6)

Please ensure you have included payment for all the charts ordered.

When the charts arrive, we will send home all copies ordered and paid for with the child indicated on this slip.

K-2 Cross Country Carnival 2019

Year 2 Boys

Place	Student Name	House	Class
1 st	Zane	Bluegum	2 Green
2 nd	Medhi	Bluegum	2 Yellow
3 rd	Angus	Bluegum	1/2 Purple
4 th	Lachlan	Wattle	2 Red
5 th	Ryan	Wattle	2 Orange
6 th	Jaden	Wattle	2 Orange
7 th	Ayden	Waratah	1/2 Purple
8 th	Kareem	Waratah	2 Green
9 th	Riley	Wattle	2 Red

Year 2 Girls

Place	Student Name	House	Class
1 st	Mia	Bluegum	2 Yellow
2 nd	Aaliyah	Wattle	2 Yellow
3 rd	Kiralee	Bluegum	2 Orange
4 th	Georgia	Bluegum	1/2 Purple
5 th	Yue	Bluegum	2 Red
6 th	Summer-Rose	Wattle	2 Red
7 th	Israa	Bluegum	2 Red
8 th	Piper	Bluegum	2 Green
9 th	Mafi	Waratah	2 Red
10 th	Maryam	Bluegum	2 Red
11 th	Alice	Waratah	2 Orange

Year 1 Boys

Place	Student Name	House	Class
1 st	Daniel	Waratah	1 Orange
2 nd	Jasper	Bluegum	1 Orange
3 rd	Lucas	Bluegum	1 Yellow
4 th	Sybok	Wattle	1 Red
5 th	Callum	Waratah	1 Yellow
6 th	Anthony	Wattle	1 Yellow
7 th	Todor	Waratah	1 Yellow
8 th	Shubham	Wattle	1/2 Purple
9 th	Izack	Bluegum	1 Red
10 th	Hussein	Wattle	1 Orange

Year 1 Girls

Place	Student Name	House	Class
1 st	Chloe	Waratah	1 Red
2 nd	Emma	Bluegum	1/2 Purple
3 rd	Zoe	Wattle	1 Red
4 th	Alisha	Waratah	1/2 White
5 th	Janny	Wattle	1 Red
6 th	Victoria	Waratah	1 Red
7 th	Olivia	Bluegum	1 Orange
8 th	Lara	Waratah	1 Orange
9 th	Amelia	Bluegum	1 Orange

Kindergarten Boys

Place	Student Name	House	Class
1 st	Husayn	Waratah	K Orange
2 nd	Zane	Wattle	K Green
3 rd	Hassan	Waratah	K Red
4 th	Leo	Bluegum	K Red
5 th	Zane	Bluegum	K Orange
6 th	Bradley	Wattle	K Orange
7 th	Justin	Waratah	K Red
8 th	Moussa	Bluegum	K Green
9 th	Tejas	Waratah	K Green
10 th	Lucas	Waratah	K Green

Kindergarten Girls

Place	Student Name	House	Class
1 st	Cass	Bluegum	K Red
2 nd	Tamina	Waratah	K Yellow
3 rd	Nyasha	Wattle	K Yellow
4 th	Nevaeh	Wattle	K Red
5 th	Rayhana	Wattle	K Red
6 th	Amne	Bluegum	K Yellow
7 th	Jamimah	Bluegum	K Orange
8 th	Ashley	Bluegum	K Red
9 th	Samantha	Wattle	K Orange
10 th	Leila	Waratah	K Red

● PEAKHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: Monday 8th April 2019

MEETING OPENED: 7:10pm

ATTENDEES: Sally L, Leanne O, Coralie B, Andrea M, Cecilia M, Sue H, Magdalene B, Tracey M, Kimberley L, Karen G

APOLOGIES: Connie F, Moussa C, Siobhan B

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Accepted by the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Sue H

Bank Balance at 28 February 2019 **\$33,950.33**

Income

Interest	\$2.70
Election BBQ	\$3,192.15

Expenses

Year 6 Farewell Reimbursement	\$102.45
P&C Insurance	\$1,256.00
Signage – Election BBQ	\$130.62
Raffle Tickets – Easter Raffle	\$45.46
Election BBQ Supplies Reimbursment	\$864.05

Closing Balance at 31 March 2019 **\$34,746.60**

UNIFORM REPORT: Presented by Sue H

Bank Balance at 28 February 2019 **\$34,460.45**

Income

Uniform Sales	\$6,487.00
Interest	\$2.76

Expenses

Merchant Fees	\$52.91
Online Service Fees	\$28.38
Wages – K Lau	\$1,629.55
Uniform Purchases	\$18,790.31

Closing Balance at 31 March 2019 **\$20,449.06**

Presented by Kimberley L

Roles and responsibilities for Uniform shop

- Approvals process - Clarification regarding the process for ordering additional stock. It must be voted on by P&C members. Special orders can be approved by the P&C President and Treasurer.
- Approval was granted for uniforms in different sizes.

Long sleeve summer option

- Minimum order of 35 required for the long sleeve summer uniform option for girls to be provided.
- This option has been provided in the past via pre-order, however the minimum order number (20) was not reached. The decision at the time was to not stock the long sleeve summer uniform.
- It was suggested that a notice be placed in Focus to gauge interest in the long sleeve summer uniform for girls.

Volunteer issue

- continuously hard to find and retain reliable Volunteers. A 'coffee card' style discount to volunteers could be a good incentive.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Presented by Andrea M on behalf of Moussa C

Upcoming 2019 Fundraisers – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Easter Raffle
- Mother's day
- Federal Election Fundraiser
- Walk-a-thon
- Father's day
- School Disco

Election Fundraiser

- There was a discussion regarding the election fundraiser on the 23/3/19. Consensus that it was a great success.
- Discussion regarding the placement of stalls for future fundraisers in order to improve sales.
- Supplies still remain - drinks and sauces.

Easter Raffle

- Easter eggs have been purchased for the raffle prizes.
- There was a discussion regarding purchasing an egg for every child. There are several options available for purchase in mainstream stores.

- There was a discussion regarding increasing the budget for the raffle prizes from \$200 to \$300.
- It was proposed that 20 prizes at \$20 be purchased for the raffle and that \$280 be allocated to purchasing 630 eggs. This proposal was accepted by the meeting pending a review of purchases already made by the fundraising coordinator.
- It was decided that the purchase of 630 individual eggs for the children would go ahead.

Mother's Day

- The Mother's Day Stall will take place on Thursday 9th May, 2019.
- Gifts have been ordered.
- A flyer will be distributed on Wednesday 1st May, 2019.
- No volunteers are required for wrapping the gifts. Volunteers will be needed on the day of the stall.
- It was suggested that siblings shop at the stall together.

Federal Election Fundraiser

- There was a discussion regarding an Election Day fundraiser for May.
- Espresso Warriors to be contacted by Karen G. regarding a coffee cart for the day.
- Suggestion that the fundraiser be a BBQ with sausage sandwiches.
- It was agreed that an Election Day fundraiser would go ahead.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Presented by Sally L

- Process for interviewing an additional teacher is ongoing and will be finalised shortly.
- Equity team has strengthened allowing more time for EAL/D students and students with additional learning needs.
- Two new photocopiers have arrived. One will service staff in the C Block.
- Shade cloth is going up over the support unit in the holidays.
- Classroom air conditioners are being replaced/ fixed.
- Fencing up in back parking lot and basketball court has gone up.
- PBL – positive behaviour for learning. Not detention but reflection. Lessons are being planned for students/teachers. Intention for parents to be involved with this process
- The Annual Report is being prepared.
- PPS is now using Sentral to maintain student data.
- There will be an overview of reports after the half-yearly reports are issued.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Email

- Andrea M to establish a new gmail account to be accessed by the P&C executive.

Venue for the School Show

- The P&C as a not for profit organisation has applied for a venue hire grant to Georges River Council for the 2019 School Show.

Cash Drawer

- Discussion regarding the purchase of a cash drawer that locks with compartments for larger denominations. It was proposed that two cash drawers be purchased at \$80 each for use at future fundraisers. This was approved by the meeting.

Toilets

- Concern about the shortage of toilet paper in the student toilets.
- Concern about the cleanliness of the toilets in the hall. This was noticed on Election Day. The toilets appear to have been dirty at start of the day prior to use by the general public.

Safety concerns

- Discussion regarding strangers approaching students at other local schools (high schools). Need for a reminder to students to be aware of stranger danger.
- Sally L advised that she has been in contact with the Police Liaison Officer at Hurstville to conduct cyber-safety sessions for stages 2 and 3.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The date for the next P&C meeting is Monday 6th May, 2019 at 7pm in the Principal's Office near the Gumbaya Learning centre, Block A. The date will be advertised in the Focus.

MEETING CLOSED:

8.55pm