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DATES TO REMEMBER – 2019

TERM 3

Week 6

Mon, 26 Aug	***District*** Track Events Carnival
Tue, 27 Aug	School Show A
Wed, 28 Aug	School Show B
Thu, 29 Aug	Father's Day Stall

Week 7

Tue, 3 Sep	***Interrelate*** Family Program Session 1 – Where Did I Come From 6.15 – 7.15pm
	Interrelate Family Program Session 2 – Preparing for Puberty 7.30 – 8.30pm
Thu, 5 Sep	Learning Links Parent Workshop - **Developing Resilience** 6.00pm

Week 8

Tue, 10 Sep	Dance Sport Final *(please note the Term 3 Planner had the incorrect date)*
Sat, 14 Sep	P&C Trivia Night at Club Rivers

Week 9

Wed, 18 Sep	Public Speaking Finals Evening

Week 10

Fri, 27 Sep	Last day of term

TERM 4

Week 1

Mon, 14 Oct	Students return to school

Week 2

Wed, 23 Oct	Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm

Week 3

29 – 31 Oct	Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra (5/6 Teal, 5/6 White and 5 Purple)
Wed, 30 Oct	Kindergarten 2020 Transition Program Session 1 9.30-11.00am

Week 4

5 – 7 Nov	Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra (5/6 Aqua, 5/6 Blue and 6 Purple)
Wed, 6 Nov	Kindergarten 2020 Transition Program Session 2 9.30-11.00am

Week 9

Tue, 10 Dec	Swimming Carnival (Years 2-6)
Wed, 11 Dec	Presentation Day
	Year 6 Farewell

Week 10

Wed, 18 Dec	Last day of term

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 – Term 3, Weeks 3 & 4

CLASS AWARD

K Green	Noah, Reanna, Kingston, Zaara
K Orange	Fatimah, Bradley, Carlie, Garry
K Red	Yasmen, Isaac, Ashley, Cassie
K Yellow	Derek, Mia
1 Red	Zoe, Harkiran, Lucas, Victoria
1 Orange	Angus, Ayah, Eric, Milanna
1 Yellow	Anthony, Jeedapa, Jack, Lily
1/2 Purple	Michelle, Elliott, Emma, Jason
1/2 White	Samuel, Naamat, Angel, Keni
2 Green	Selene, Peri, Peri, Monique, Andrew
2 Orange	Maya, Yusha, Cynthia, Dylan
2 Red	Christian, Riley, Zahraa, Oshayjah
2 Yellow	Mimi, Yan, Aaliyah, Stephanie
Gold	Roman, Ryder
3/4 White	Hussein
3/4 Teal	Sienna
3/4 Magenta	Jason

3/4 Purple	Emily
3/4 Blue	Ratu, Lavina
3/4 Aqua	Lauren
5/6 Aqua	Halle
5/6 Blue	Cody
5/6 Purple	Benjamin
5/6 White	Lucas
Bronze	Gracie, Benjamin

BRONZE AWARD

K Green	Hope, Layla
K Yellow	Henry, Mark, Israa
K Red	Hunter, Misha
1 Red	Zoe
1 Orange	Olivia, Eddric, Hussein
1 Yellow	Callum
2 Green	Selene
2 Red	Yue, Summer Rose, Mia
3/4 Blue	Keylan, Liana, Kennan
3/4 Aqua	Sean, Bosco
5/6 Purple	Dane
5/6 White	Jayda

SILVER AWARD

1 Yellow	Murphy, Avikali
1/2 Purple	Elliot
1/2 White	Viktoria, Aaron, Isabelle, Jac
2 Green	Narjes
3/4 Aqua	Bobby
5/6 Blue	Lillianne
5/6 Purple	Aryan

SRC AWARD

K Green	Hope, Brendan
K Orange	Zayn, Gemma
K Red	Leila, Ashley
K Yellow	Mark
1 Red	Ratib, Lucas
1 Orange	Jacqueline, Zach
1 Yellow	Roy, Nancy
1/2 Purple	Shubham, Maddie
1/2 White	Kevin, Milla
2 Green	Isabelle, Peri
2 Orange	Doris, Emma
2 Red	Shabdik, Mia
2 Yellow	Zahraa, Neil
3/4 White	Lara
3/4 Teal	Peter
3/4 Magenta	Alexcia
3/4 Purple	Nate
3/4 Blue	Isaac, Rukaiya
3/4 Aqua	Amelia
5/6 Aqua	Halle
5/6 Blue	Safiya
5/6 Purple	Eric
5/6 White	Sylvia

MATHS AWARD

1/2 Purple	Shubham

SPORTS REPORT

District field athletics carnival

On Monday we took twenty five students to the district field events carnival and as usual the students were on their best behaviour and displayed great pride for the school. Despite the cold and windy conditions the students battled it out till the end and we had some fantastic results listed below:

1st 12yrs discus: Taylor-Rose 5/6 Aqua
3rd Jnr girls discus: Kenzy 5/6 Blue
3rd 12 yrs shot put: Taylor-Rose 5/6 Aqua
3rd Jnr yrs shot put: Kenzy 5/6 Blue
3rd 12 yrs long jump: Taylor-Rose 5/6 Aqua

Congratulations to Taylor and Kenzy!

In other exciting news Rayani IN 5/6 Aqua has made it to the Sydney East Girls Cricket team and will represent the Georges River District in October. Congratulations Rayani!

Finally, tomorrow we have the Georges River PSSA finals. We were lucky enough to have four teams make it through to possibly compete in the grand final tomorrow. Good luck to the Junior netball, Senior netball, Junior newcombe ball team and the Senior newcombe ball team. The two rugby league teams will also compete in a gala day tomorrow. Good luck to all teams competing and remember your good manners and sportsmanship!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

There is much excitement as students and teachers put the final touches on the items for our School Show. It has been a mammoth amount of work but such a great opportunity for our students to appear on stage in front of an appreciative audience! Great memories to be made!

<u>DanceSport Challenge</u>

Thirty Year 5 students will represent Peakhurst PS in the Dance Sport Challenge at Homebush Olympic Park in a couple of weeks. The program forms an important part of the Wellbeing program for Stage 3 at Peakhurst PS. It has been wonderful watching the students engage in this program. You will get a brief snapshot at the School Show but watching the Challenge at Homebush is quite special. I am so very proud of all of the students. They will look spectacular in their new costumes!

Thank you also to their dance instructors and to Ms

Karatasoulis for all of the behind the scenes organisation, teaching, practice and encouragement.

Debating

Congratulations to both the senior and junior debating teams who were successful in their debates against Peakhurst West yesterday. The topic was 'Children should be paid to do Household Chores'. What an articulate group of students showcased their skills! Thank you Mrs Parsons-Tran for training our teams!

SASS Recognition Week

Next week is SASS Recognition Week. It is a fabulous opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work our Office Staff, our General Assistants and our Student Learning Support Officers do in our school to make things run smoothly. Without the SASS staff Peakhurst PS would not be the wonderful place it is. While they do 'their jobs' well, it is the many, many things they know and do behind the scenes that makes them irreplaceable. Thank you!

Playing on the Equipment.

Children are **NOT** to play on the equipment in Playground A after school because there is no direct supervision by a member of staff**.**

Approaching Children at School

Please **DO NOT** approach children who are not your family in the playground at school. There have been several occasions of this happening and I have spoken about it in the past. You may feel your child has been slighted, bullied, teased etc and I know it is natural to want to protect them.

It is far better to have the school deal with any wrong doings. If you are not satisfied with the outcome please speak with an executive teacher.

Not all children report the fullness of the story to their parents, some appreciate seeing the support mum or dad offers when they are 'wronged' and on many occasions parents judgements are based on a half-baked truth.

If you approach other children, the Enclosed Land Act can be evoked which prevents you attending school functions and entering school premises.

The Revised Enrolment Policy

You may have seen some media coverage around the recently released and revised enrolment policy. All schools across NSW were sent this information early this term. There are new requirements that parents enrolling their children at a State school need to fulfil in order to establish that they live within the school's catchment areas. It is called the 100- point residential address check. A document outlining the requirements is available at Google.

Schools have been given a cap for enrolments based on the number of permanent classrooms. There is also a buffer applied so that we can take into account the local context.

At Peakhurst, for the 2020 Kindergarten enrolments we have accepted all non-local siblings together with local enrolments.

Non-local siblings will always have priority over other non-local enrolments. We had over 40 non-local enrolment applications we were unable to accept.

There may also be exceptional circumstances that will need to be considered by the school Enrolment Panel when people apply for a non-local enrolment and the panel will consider all applications carefully. There will also be a discussion with the Director School Leadership.

Sally Lawson
Principal

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair in week 3. It was lovely to see so many families in the library. We raised an amazing $10,429.65 and look forward to purchasing many new resources for our library.

Twenty books were kindly donated to the school and from those the winners of the raffle were:

Liam	5/6P
Kingston	K Green
Nevaeh	K Red

All donated books will have a plaque inserted in the front cover showing the child/family's name.

Thank you for your support!

P&C TRIVIA NIGHT - REQUEST FOR PRIZE DONATIONS

Our trivia night is fast approaching and we have been collecting some great prizes to raffle off on the night. But to make our raffle bigger and better than ever, we would like to ask the school community for help with sourcing prizes for our raffle.

If you own your own business (or you know someone who does) and can donate a product or service for our raffle, we would be most grateful. This could be in the form of a voucher for products and/or services, a hamper or gift basket, tickets to an event, etc. Not only would you be donating to a great cause for our school but it would also be great advertising for your own business.

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation, please email the P&C at pandcpps@gmail.com or contact Tracey M (0420 200 228) or Andrea M (0412 743 749).

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.
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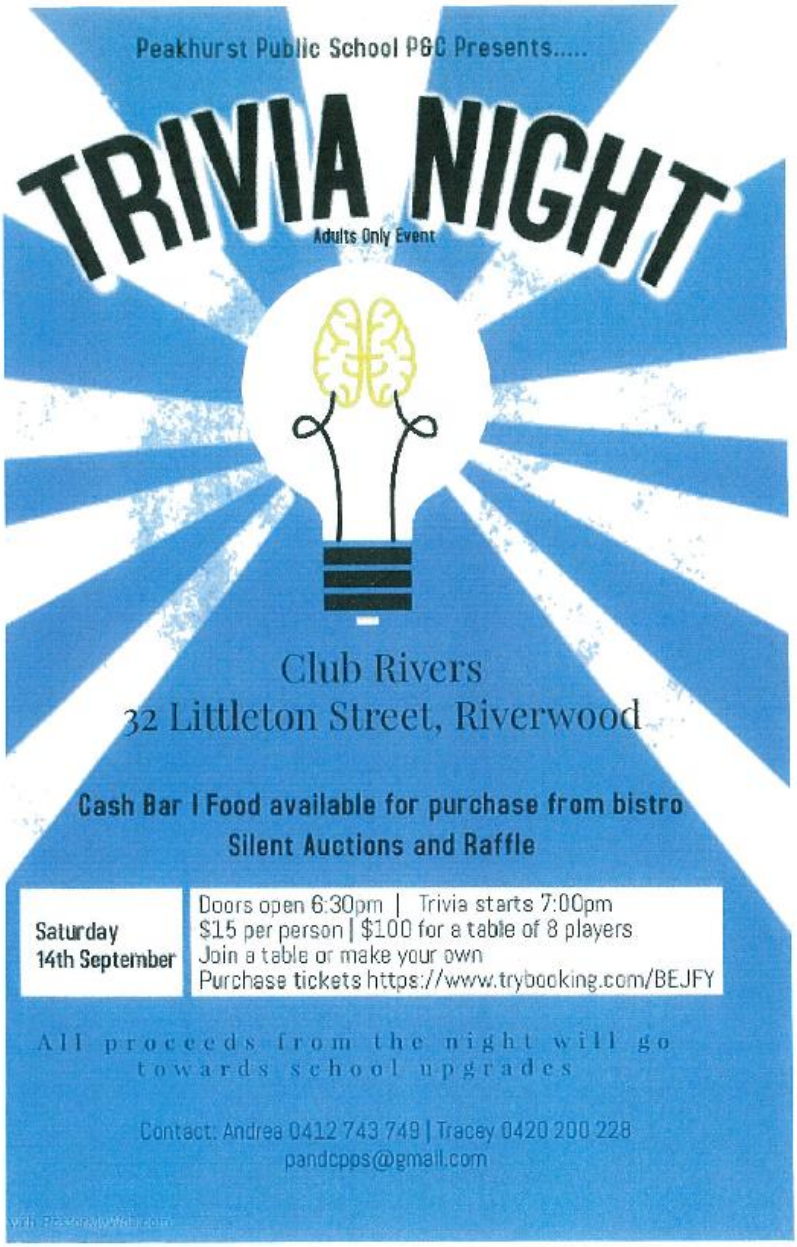
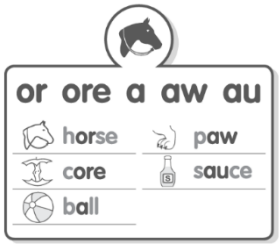


SOUND WAVES

In week 6, Years 1-6 will be focusing on:

In week 7, Years 1-6 will be focusing on:



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

P & C

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 29th Aug 9.30am - 2.30pm

$8 PER GIFT | GRANDFATHER GIFTS | GIFT BAG INCLUDED

Please fill out the slip below and return to the office if you are able to help with the Father's Day Stall.

Child's name and class .....

Name .....

Email address .....

Phone number .....

TICK PREFERRED DAY AND TIME

Wed 28th August 2pm-3pm

Thur 29th August 9am-11am

Thur 29th August 11am-1pm

Thur 29th August 1pm-3pm

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PEAKHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: Wednesday 5th June 2019

MEETING OPENED: 9.36am

ATTENDEES: Sally L, Leanne O, Coralie B, Andrea M, Kimberley L, Sue H, Tracey M

APOLOGIES: Connie F

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Accepted by the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Father's Day Fundraising correspondence

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

Bank Balance at 30 April 2019		**$37,090.77**
Income		
Interest	$3.42	
Mother's Day	$4,689.00	
Election BBQ	$1,925.55	
Expenses		
Mother's Day	$2,930.26	
Election BBQ	$443.60	
Easter Eggs	$636.00	
Cash Drawers	$150.38	
Closing Balance at 31 May 2019		**$39,548.50**

Sue H contacted the Auditor and the auditor advised that the P&C will get the 2018 Audit report on the 14th June 2019.

UNIFORM REPORT: **Presented by Sue H**

Bank Balance at 30 April 2019		**$29,385.48**
Income		
Uniform Sales	$6,234.00	
Interest	$2.77	
Expenses		
Merchant Fees	$50.19	
Online Service Fees	$53.43	
Closing Balance at 31 May 2019		**$35,518.63**

Presented by Kimberley L

General

- Request for an order was tabled – Sports Polo (size 12 – 10, size 14Y – 15, size 14S – 5), Elastic Waist Pants (size 8 – 20, size 10 – 20), S Tunics (size 4 – 15, size 6 - 20, size 8 – 30, size 10 – 30, Size 12 – 10, size 14 – 5, size 16 – 5, size 18 – 5), DK Grey Long Pants (size 4 – 20, size 6 - 20, size 8 – 20, size 10 – 20, size 12 - 20), No Cuff Trackies (size 6 – 10), ZC Cuff Trackies (size 4 – 10, size 6 – 20). The total of the order request is $9,721.50. The P&C approved the order.

Pickles vs Claudine's

- Recently there have been complaints about the uniforms supplied by Pickles – the material is cheaper and the hems are coming down. Pickles uniforms were chosen over the Claudines' uniforms due to complaints that Claudine's uniforms were quite stiff and would not soften. However, Claudine's are offering their Summer Tunics for a cheaper price (the price offered 4 years ago in 2015) if we would return to them as the supplier.
- The P&C approved the return to Claudine's as the supplier of our uniforms subject to the following conditions: Kimberley L to confirm how long we will have the guaranteed price for (for e.g. 2 years or is it for a couple of orders only); if a contract could be put in place with this set price and length of time; if we can trial the uniforms and if the trial is unsuccessful we can get out of the contract.
- It was decided to wait until a sample of the long sleeve tunic had been made available (as this would take 2-3 weeks) and the above had been confirmed by Kimberley L before placing an order.

Access to Electrical board via the Uniform Shop

- It is important for those working in the Uniform shop or volunteering their time to remember that the corner cabinet needs to be kept clear for access to the electrical board.

Shopify

- Kimberley L is still yet to meet and discuss the pros and cons of Shopify with Andrea M, Sue H and Moussa C and come back to the P&C at the next meeting for the P&C to make an informed vote.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: **Presented by Andrea Morgan**

Mother's Day

- There was a great response to the Mother's Day Stall.
- A few points to keep in mind for next year:
  - Grandma/nana items sold out.
  - by the end of the day there were concerns that we would sell out completely.
  - the Students at the end of the day had limited choice. Perhaps we could set up for each class an equal amount of each thing and metre them out so everyone gets a choice.
- Good points –
  - The set up of separate stations as organised by Moussa worked really well.
  - The gift bag and card were very popular.
  - The P&C can make better choices for next year with regard to gift purchasing as we now know what the children like, the mugs, the bottles etc.
- The P &C would like to extend a special thank you to the following people for their contribution to the Mother's Day stall:

- Moussa C for shopping and purchasing all gifts on behalf of the P&C
- Bernadette Najjar for her help running the stall.
- Andrea M for providing the flyers to advertise the fundraiser and for running the event on the day.

- The wonderful parents who supported this fundraiser by providing the money for the students to purchase the gifts.
- All the wonderful P&C Volunteers who worked behind the scenes to organise Mother's Day stall for the students.

Election Day Fundraiser

- The Election was held on Saturday the 18th May, 2019 and it was a great success!
- Voter numbers are unpredictable due to pre-polling and as a result the P&C decided to underestimate and sell out rather than overestimate and have a whole lot of leftovers. However on the day the voter numbers were UP and we sold out of all the 300 sausages and 90 donuts by 12:30pm!! 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.
- We raised approximately $1,300 profit, which is not bad at all for a half days work!
- Thank you to Gregory O for providing the 30 donuts (the P&C purchased 60) 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!
- 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!

Upcoming 2019 Fundraisers – **VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED**

- Trivia Night
- Father's day
- School Disco

General

Andrea M to continue to write a blurb in FOCUS on behalf of the P&C despite Sally L also writing a blurb. This is in order to create a community team spirit.

Walk-a-thon vs School funrun vs trivia night

Walk-a-thon

- The next fundraiser will be held in Term 3. Sally L advised that Term 3 is very busy due to SPAF (1 night) and the school show (2 nights).
- The P&C decided to try something different to that of the walk-a-thon as they felt the walk-a-thon was dull for the students and a bit tired.
- Some options were tabled as an alternative to the walk-a-thon like a School Fun Run, a Trivia night, a Family movie night or a Footy Toss.

School Fun run

- Andrea M had researched a company that do all the work in organising the school fun run. The benefits of having this company do all the work include:
    - Setting up for each student their own online account with a link, the students then share their link with family or friends, and once money has been donated the collect the money straight away into their account.
    - The student can stipulate their target and a sample email like "john smith wants to raise $200 can you help him reach his target?" can be shared.

- There are incentives for the Student to raise the most money and the company provides the gifts.
- The school raises the money as a result. Oatley Public school for example raised $10,000.
- There could be themed fun runs like a colour run

- The issues of having this company do all the work include:
  - The P&C receive 60% of monies raised, 10% goes to the company and 30% goes to the prizes that the students can win based on what the individual student has raised. We lose 40% of the money as it is given away. The Walk-a-thon gave us 100% of monies raised.
  - The students shouldn't need an incentive to raise the money.
- After careful consideration the P&C decided against the School Fun Run.

<u>Trivia Night</u>

- Tracey M suggested that the P&C could look further into holding a Trivia night instead of the walk-a-thon in the hall or at a predetermined location (something nice for the parents to enjoy). Andrea M to assist in planning.
- Andrea M to contact Carrie from Time for Trivia (recommended by St Declan's P&C) to provide tips and tricks on how to make the night a success.
- Time for Trivia fees are $750 plus GST but they aim to recover those fees from games they play on the night, leaving the rest of the takings from ticket sales, raffles, etc, to the P&C.
- A tentative date of Saturday the 21st of September was tabled and Sally L gave her permission. No outlay of money to Time for Trivia is required at this stage.
- Once the date is booked then Andrea M and Tracey M will plan the venue, catering, prizes, notifications or if there will be a silent auction of donated items on the night, etc.

<u>Monies raised from our fundraisers will be spent on Playground upgrades</u>

- Sally L advised that Assets had come out and assessed the school. There is a priority to have the school looking its best before the Anniversary. However, before any Playground upgrades can occur, the following problems will need to be fixed:
  - Repair the holes in the guttering around the library.
  - Setup adequate drainage of water in the area so that the playground upgrades will not be undermined by the water.
  - Paint and Gyproc Corridor between Senior and Junior playgrounds.
  - Cost - $80.000.
- Andrea M discussed how to keep the parents in the loop with regard to how much money we have raised in order to reach our Fundraising target for the playground upgrades. Perhaps use a thermometer type board placed near the canteen to show how much money has been raised so far. The P&C would like to be more transparent to the school community with regard to monies raised and will consider all possibilities on how to do this.
- Playground upgrades to include tiger grass in the tennis court area and possible handball courts, a yarning circle as an outdoor learning centre. Sally L passed around a picture of what a yarning circle would look like.
- Sally L to look into a company that Ramsgate Public School have used to do their playground upgrades and possibly the yarning circle and provide a quote.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: **Presented by Sally L**

<u>School report</u>

- Completed and uploaded to school website.
- Provides an outline of goals reached in 2018 and next steps in 2019.

- It also measures our achievements against the School Excellence Framework. There are some financial details included.

PBL Mascot

- All students have voted and we have a new PBL mascot that will be used across the school. One of our parents who is a graphic artist has designed the motif which will appear on signage around the school in the next 12 months.
- The winner was the lorikeet.

Focus

- Apologies that the FOCUS didn't go out last Thursday. The office was very short staffed and they were unable to get it out. Lisa came back on Tuesday and it was sent out this week instead.
- FOCUS has traditionally been sent out weekly. Sally L questioned the viability of trialling it fortnightly with important notices to be sent out separately if necessary. It was decided to continue sending out the FOCUS as is for this term but change it to once every 2 weeks starting week 1 next term.

Casual Teachers

- Classes are being split because of the difficulty of getting replacement teachers.

Cleaners

- Sally L has spoken to the management again about the cleanliness of the toilets. She has also spoken with Assets about running power to the senior toilets so that lights and a power point could be installed in order for the cleaners to clean the floor with a machine.

Parent Information Sessions

- Over 100 attended 3 sessions on Sound Waves. 85% reported feeling they understood it better.
- 55 parents attended the showcase of PPS as prospective enrolments for 2020.
- Dan Haeslar will do parent info night re: Growth Mindset in Oct.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10

SPAF

- PPS will perform in all dances, choir and as comperes on August 13th at Hurstville Civic Centre.

Around the School

- Shade cloth was to be installed last Saturday however, there was a manufacturing error.
- Play equipment has been installed in playground. Watch this space as there will be more to come.
- Pinboards installed across school. (25,000). More to be ordered.
- Assets visited the school and Sally L flagged works with them including: painting block C corridor, upgrade of senior toilets, new guttering around Block B, painting and repair of all painted services up the stairs in Block A, repair of holes in asphalt (possible garden), cutting of some trees, fences on border.
- Waiting for Tiger Turf quote and another kitchen quote

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Microphone at assembly

- For Tuesday assembly, when the microphone is not working (due to the children not turning it off so that the battery goes flat) then no one can hear a thing. Andrea M asked if a better

system could be looked at regarding ensuring the microphone is operational. Coralie B advised that she will request that the teacher running assembly ensures that the microphone is turned off or alternatively that the teacher closest to the cabinet turns the microphone off.

MEETINGS:

The date for the next P&C meeting is Monday 1st July, 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: 11.04am

Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:

- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Thursdays, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

12 September | 19 September | 26 September

Cost: $75 per couple

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd South, Caringbah

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High School
Open Day

For Year 5 Students & Parents
Thursday 29th August
9:30 – 11:30am
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St George Girls High School

An Academically Selective High School for Girls

Open Day

Thursday 5 September 2019

Tour Session 1 9:30am
Tour Session 2 11:00am

All registered participants are invited to attend the Open Day Assembly at 10:30am.

Registration is essential. Visit **schoolinterviews.com.au** and enter the unique event code **373nz**.

Bookings close on Thursday 29 August at 3:00pm.

Further details can be found on the school website.

School Contact Details
Ph: (02) 9587 5902
Victoria Street, Kogarah NSW 2217
Website: www.sgghs.com.au

STGLAC

ST GEORGE LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE*

Athletics is a foundation for all sports and a wonderful way for young people to have fun while developing skills and fitness.

St George Little Athletics Centre conducts a regular program of age-based track and field events over the warmer months on Friday evenings at Olds Park, Penshurst from September to March for children aged 5 to 16.

Registrations for the coming season are open now.

For more information, visit www.stgeorgelac.org.au or email info@stgeorgelac.org.au

The St George Little Athletics program includes Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Sprints and Distance Events (age appropriate). We have invested in all new equipment & facilities for the 2019/20 season. Our 400m Athletics Track is set out on the main Oval at Olds Park and is among the highest quality grass track surfaces in NSW. All races are electronically timed.

*Affiliated with Little Athletics NSW.