



### DATES TO REMEMBER – 2020

#### TERM 1

##### Week 1

Fri, 31 Jan Kindergarten commences

##### Week 2

Tue, 4 Feb Uniform Pop-Up Store at PPS  
8am – 10am

##### Week 5

Thu, 27 Feb Re-scheduled Swimming Carnival

### 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

This is a very abridged version of Focus but I wanted to let you know about information nights and also give you a list of staff and classes for 2020. Additionally, there is the most current release from the DEC and Ministry of Health about the Novel Coronavirus.

#### Planning

Over the next few weeks all Stages will be having a planning day with their supervisors. It is an opportunity for teachers to work together to ensure consistency across each stage and to ensure the valuable input of the Instructional Leaders and the Equity team.

Stage	Day	Week
Stage 2	Mon	2
PEG	Tues	2
Equity	Tues	2
Stage 1	Wed	2
Early Stage 1	Wed	3
Support Classes	Thurs	5

#### Information Evenings

Information nights will be held in Week 3. They are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about those things planned for the school year. It is also a good way of finding out processes for each class.

Please keep any personal discussions with your child's teacher for another time. The information sessions are designed to be more general in nature.

Stage	Night/Date	Time	Place
Stage 3	Monday 10/2	5:30-6:30	Mrs Reardon's Classroom
Year 6	Monday 10/2 High School information	6:30-7:00	Mrs Reardon's Classroom
Stage 1	Tuesday 11/2	5:30-6:30	Gumbaya Centre
PEG	Tuesday 11/2	6:30-7:00	Gumbaya Centre
Kinder	Wednesday 12/2	5:30-6:30	Mrs Schafer's room
Stage 2	Thursday 13/2	5:30-6:30	Gumbaya Centre
Support Unit	Thursday 13/2	5:30-6:30	Mrs Zanetti's Classroom

This year we are calling the classes by the first initial of the teacher's surname...except 1R, 1T and 3/4J we needed to use Christian names so we didn't 'double up'. There is a complete list of classes and teachers later in Focus.

#### Speaking with Class Teachers

If you are wishing to speak with your child's teacher about an issue, please make an appointment so that the teacher can focus on the discussion and allocate a period of time. You can do this through the office, on class Dojo or through the school email.

#### The Novel Coronavirus Virus

The information below was received from the DEC Deputy Secretary at 10pm last night and is the most recent.

*Current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health for parents and affected staff is:*

- People who have been in contact with any confirmed Novel Coronavirus cases must be isolated in their home for 14 days following exposure;
- Returned travellers who have been in Hubei Province of China must be isolated in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care.

*Students and staff currently excluded from school are those who:*

- over the last 14 days has visited the province of Hubei in central China. They should not return to school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China, as the coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks or
- are under medical assessment or
- have been diagnosed with the Novel Coronavirus or
- have had close contact with a confirmed case of the Novel Coronavirus. The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

*In addition The NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education have recommended that:*

- Any student or staff member who was in China, including Hong Kong but excluding the province of Hubei over the past 14 days is recommended not attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, as the Novel Coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

*Students who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school this week.*

*There has been a small number of cases of confirmed Novel Coronavirus in New South Wales.*

*The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health.*

*Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at*

*home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.*

*We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take advice received from NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education to ensure we are responding to the situation appropriately.*

At Peakhurst School we have verified information about students returning from overseas travel to China. Most students left before the end of term and applied for leave. As part of that process, parents must provide a copy of their return flights. Additionally, families who are still to return to Australia provided a requested note before the end of term 4, letting the school know when they would return, so their child could be included in new classes.

I have called all families that have returned.

At this stage, less than 5 students have returned from holidays in China and are past the 14 day incubation period. Less than 5 are still away.

The Health Authority and DEC have a long standing agreement where it is mandated that if a patient presents with a highly infectious condition the other authority must be notified.

## 2020

The year has certainly started differently. The bushfires have impacted many and the virus has been at the forefront of our thoughts. Hopefully the year will progress more smoothly. I look forward to working with our school community to ensure our students have a wonderful year of learning and an abundance of new experiences.

## Updated Information

If your details have changed recently would you please let the Administration staff know. This is particularly important if there are new phone numbers, contact details or changes in health plans. Additionally, if there are any Court Orders, please provide updated copies.

## BYOD Devices

A note will be sent home early next week giving you information about BYOD devices.

Sally Lawson  
**Principal**

## 2020 CLASSES

### TEACHING STAFF

#### Early Stage One

KF	Miss Filladites
KG	Miss Gaffoor
KL	Miss Lithgow
KS	Mrs Schafer / Mrs Kleeman

#### Stage One

1/2K	Mrs Kikilas
1L	Mrs Lord / Mrs Sciacca
1N	Miss Nunez
1R	Miss Lloyd
1T	Mrs Krivacic
2LM	Mrs Lempriere / Mrs MacLachlan
2R	Miss Ryan
2Z	Mrs Zell / Mrs Griffin

#### Stage Two

3/4D	Mrs Dalton / Mr Dennett
3/4G	Mrs Greenwood
3/4J	Mr Watson
3/4K	Ms Kyriacou
3/4S	Miss Schwartz
3/4W	Mrs Wilson / Mrs Shing

#### Stage Three

5/6G	Mrs Ganiatsos
5/6K	Ms Karatasoulis
5/6O	Mr Owen
5/6P	Mrs Power
5/6R	Mrs Reardon
5/6S	Ms Stephen

#### Support Classes

Bronze	Ms Zanetti
Gold	Ms Campbell / Ms Tierney
Platinum	Ms Tierney / Mrs Pozoglou
Silver	Mrs McLennan
English as a Second Language (ESL)	Mrs Casciato
Equity Team	Mrs Russell, Mrs Parker, Mrs Allen
Mentor Teacher	Mrs Jones
RFF	Mrs Foster, Miss Lartey, Ms Siwecki, Miss Lajmanovska, Miss Porter, Mrs Capper

### ADMINISTRATION TEAM

School Admin Manager	Mrs Ryan
School Admin Officers	Mrs Langton, Mrs Hodges

School Learning & Support Officers	Ms Ternen, Mrs White, Mrs Minty, Mrs Bambury, Miss Jebeile, Ms Gillam, Mrs Bennett
Library	Ms Hood
Counsellor	Mrs Tsekas
General Assistant	Mr Achilleos

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Early Stage One Assistant Principal	Mrs Schafer
Stage One Assistant Principal	Mrs Kikilas
Stage Two Assistant Principal	Mrs Wilson
Stage Three Assistant Principal	Mrs Reardon
PEG Assistant Principal	Mrs Hosking
Instructional Leader STEM	Mr Willis
Instructional Leader Literacy	Mrs Parsons-Tran
Support Class Assistant Principal	Ms Zanetti
Equity Team Leader	Mrs Patterson
Deputy Principal	Ms Bray
Principal	Ms Lawson

## SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASES

As you know, the PPS Uniform Shop has now ceased trading. All PPS uniforms are now available through Claudine Schoolwear.

There are now two ways to purchase uniforms:

#### 1. Visit Claudine Schoolwear shop

Claudine Schoolwear is located at 23 President Avenue, Caringbah.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and Sat 9am to 1pm.

Should you wish to contact Claudine Schoolwear, their phone number is 9526 2525.

#### 2. Order Online

This is the link to the Peakhurst Public School online shop –

<https://onlineshop.claudineschoolwear.com.au/peakhursts>

Parents can also find the Peakhurst Public School online shop by going to the Claudine Schoolwear

website ([www.claudineschoolwear.com.au](http://www.claudineschoolwear.com.au)) and clicking on the 'Online Shop' tab and then clicking on 'Peakhurst Public School'.

### **TERM 1 POP-UP STORE**

In addition, Claudine Schoolwear will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020. They will be operating a pop-up store in the existing Uniform Shop space in Block C between the hours of 8am and 10am. This will be a great opportunity for families to purchase uniforms and meet some of the Claudine Schoolwear staff.

We thank you for your support during this period of transition.

### **EXTRA CURRICULA PHOTOS 2019**

Please be advised that last year's extra curricula photos are now available to view in the school office. All photos are \$20 each and can be ordered online only, no cash will be accepted via the school office.

To order, please visit - [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

9 Digit Online Code - B38 56J KFT



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Peakhurst Public School

Monday

3:30pm - 6:30pm



**Minister 's Awards**

**Community Languages**

- Educational & Engaging Program
- Rhymes, Songs & Games
- Fun Reading & Writing Curriculum
- Professionally Trained Teachers
- K12 Year Certificate Students
- Afternoon & Saturday Classes

- ♦ Please use the following link to complete the enrolment and payment: <https://gocnswschools.weebly.com/>
- ♦ We will continue to accept Creative Kids Vouchers this year. You can apply for Creative kids voucher through: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/>
- ♦ Announcements to be made via our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/gocnsweducation>  
and our website: <https://gocnswschools.weebly.com/>



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