



Dates to remember – 2020

Term 2

Week 10

Fri, 3 Jul Last day of term 2

Term 3

Week 1

Tue, 21 Jul Students return to school

Week 6

Mon, 24 Aug Koomurri Incursion

Week 9

Wed, 16 Sep Opportunity Class Placement Test

Acknowledgement of Country

Peakhurst Public School acknowledges the people of the Bediagal People, 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 Dharug and Eora Nations and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people involved with Peakhurst Public School.

Awards – Week 8 and 9

PEAKY AWARD

KF	Mohammed, Aya
KL	Syrus, Mia
KS	Zenji, Aaliyah
KG	Adam, Alessia
1L	Justin, Amne
1N	Mark, Jamimah
1R	Rebecca, Riley
1T	Adam, Idris
2Z	Eric, Angus
1/2K	Jason, Abbey
2R	Aliyah, Finley
2LM	Nancy, Jac

CLASS AWARD

3/4G	Kareem, Lily, Summer, Sheminith
3/4J	Kimberley
3/4K	Leilani, Israa
3/4S	Hugo, Georgia
3/4W	Soliman, Hussein
5/6G	Dylan
5/6K	Emeline, Benji
5/6P	Ali
5/6R	Victor

BRONZE AWARD

KF	Adam, Khalid
1N	Zane, Israa, Lachlan, Eric
1T	Ashley, Isaac
1/2K	Emma
2R	Murphy, Eloise, Samuel
2LM	Tristan, Hussein, Milanna, Aaron
3/4G	Aaliya, Jaden
3/4W	Isaac

SILVER AWARD

1N	Tejas
3/4W	Maryam
3/4G	Alannah, Zahraa

SRC AWARD

KF	Patrick
KL	Fatima
KS	Terrence
KG	Jada
1L	Zaara
1N	Carlie
1R	Yasmen
1T	Hope
2Z	Allen
1/2K	Hanna
2R	Daniel
2LM	Stellina
3/4G	Aaron, Summer
3/4J	Adam
3/4K	Fletcher
3/4S	Maddie
3/4W	Daniel, Jayda
5/6K	Lauren, Dominic
5/6P	Ifrah

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are almost there! It has been quite the term or semester really. Teachers have organised and presented work online, offline and every which way. Students have adapted to learning from home and used their skills to upload, download and complete work. Parents have been 'at home implementers' while juggling their own work commitments. Students take themselves to and from their classrooms and say good-bye or hello to adults at the gate. Parents have been supportive as we trialled pick-up and drop off arrangements. Office staff have been incredibly accommodating in what they have been asked to do. It has been an adventure and lesson in flexibility.

The best part...was welcoming our students back on site! You would have seen some of the new physical changes that have happened while you have been off-site and the grounds are looking great!

Our indigenous artwork should be finished today and it is stunning (see photos below).

The sensory garden and new trampoline are fabulous in our Support Unit area. There are plans for more to come! The students have been cooking up a storm in the new kitchen!



Kindergarten 100 Days

Yesterday, Kindergarten celebrated 100 Days at school. Lots of fun was had by all. The teachers aged overnight and organised some great celebration activities. Have a look at our Instagram!



Reports

Your child's report will be sent home tomorrow. It looks a little different to what is normally sent home at the end of Term 2. We know there was a lot of contact during the learning at home time but if you would like to speak with your child's teacher please call the school and an appointment can be made for a telephone interview.

Sick Students and Medication

Please don't send your child to school if they are unwell....many are coming back to school having been away and they are still sick and miserable. We are trying hard to keep our community healthy. You will be called if your child is sick at school to pick them up.

If your child requires long-term medication please contact the office to complete the necessary paperwork. *Please note we cannot administer antibiotics or similar short-term medications.* Please do not put medication in

your child's bag without notifying the school. It would be horrible if another child accessed that medication and suffered the consequences.

Returning in Term 3

- Students will return to school on Tuesday, 21 July.
- Additional cleaning will continue throughout the school day.
- Parents and adults will still be required to stay off site as has been the case this term.
- There will still be split exit times...3:10pm and 3:25pm.
- Executive will still be manning the gates in the morning and afternoon.
- Therapists will be able to work with students if they comply with the DEC regulations and have arrangements with both parents and teachers.
- Scripture and Ethics classes resume under guidelines.
- Social distancing will continue for staff.
- Dance classes will resume for students as per DEC regulations.

Year Six Farewell and Stage 3 Camp

Plans are continuing to progress for both of these activities in Term 4.

Kindergarten 2021

If you have a child who is ready to start school in 2021, please complete the enrolment form that can be found online and return it to school. If you need help to download the form, please contact the office.

The form can be emailed to the school or dropped into the letterbox on Bonds Rd. It can't be delivered at this stage directly to the office.

I wish you and your family a safe, happy, relaxing and healthy holiday!

Sally Lawson

Language classes

Mandarin and French classes will resume face-to-face teaching from Term 3. The first day of teaching for Mandarin will be Wednesday, 22 July. The first day of teaching for French is still to be confirmed.

Sensory plantings for the Support Unit

The support unit area has recently undergone an upgrade in a number of stages. The design principles

focused on a number of criteria including creating a variety of specialised spaces to accommodate different therapeutic activities, sensory plantings and designing a space for sensory integration and gross motor activities.

In term four last year beautiful banners were designed by teachers with an Australian flora and fauna theme including images of our beautiful Peakhurst PS native flowering gardens. These now hang on our fences facing the upper A playground.

In the 2020 summer holidays, decking areas, classroom entrances and a screen wall were installed. There was a bit of a break during home isolation and then in the last month plantings have been added. These include hanging baskets outside classroom entrances to add visual and tactile interest, fragrant fence plantings and a vertical edible garden with highly scented and flavoursome produce. The edible garden is to be used by students for sensory experiences and as ingredients for their food technology classes, and they will learn to take care of the plants. Rosemary, a passionfruit vine and a succulent garden have been the most recent plantings.

A new trampoline, scooters and chimes have also been popular additions. We are waiting for furniture for the decking areas so that students can work with their therapists next term.

Lastly, Bluetooth speakers will add sound, movement and dancing experiences for students during lunch and recess.

I would like to thank a number of people who have helped with the project. These are Mark Coure, Member for Oatley who provided funding for the project; Terry Lynch from Lugarno Lions and Autism Community Network who helped promote our vision; Sally Lawson who provided motivation and kept the project on track; Sarah Jones, our School Administration Officer who accompanied me when choosing the plantings and provided invaluable advice (and she planted the vertical garden!); and lastly, Archie and John who replanted the larger plants and did all the heavy lifting. I hope they will continue to work on the plantings with us as our garden grows.

Ms Zanetti

