



DATES TO REMEMBER – 2018

TERM 4

Week 10

Tue, 18 Dec	Year 6 Picnic Day
Wed, 19 Dec	Last day of term for students and staff

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2019

TERM 1

Tue, 29 Jan	Staff Development Day
Wed, 30 Jan	Students return to school (Yrs 1-6)
Fri, 1 Feb	Kindergarten commences

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 9

CLASS AWARD

3 Orange	Zeeshan
3 Red	Hussein
3 Yellow	Rex
3/4 Purple	Lucas, Ivy
4 Red	Saja
4 Orange	Jian
4 Yellow	Izak
5/6 Teal	Josh, Raymond
5/6 White	Peter

BRONZE AWARD

3 Yellow	Narmin
4 Yellow	Tanjirah
5/6 Teal	Xinyu, Olympia, Memphis
5/6 White	Juliette, Radwan, Dayna, Adam

SILVER AWARD

3 Yellow	Narmin
5/6 Teal	Jayden, Zahraa, Nik
5/6 Purple	Cadence
5/6 White	Liam, Cynthia x 2, Dayna

SRC AWARD

3 Orange	Dylan
3 Red	Mohammed
3 Yellow	Abbas
3/4 Purple	Marley

4 Red	Mitchell
4 Orange	Chloe
5/6 Purple	Kataya
5/6 White	Ibrahim

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Firstly, let me apologise for the late arrival of FOCUS. Last Friday for much of the day the school was without the internet making it impossible to deliver to you.

Congratulations to the students who bravely performed in front of the school in our talent quest. Performers were from Kindergarten to Year 6 and displayed skills in a plethora of talents from piano, rap and violin through to singing, physie and gymnastics.

Reports

As you would also know by this stage the Semester 2 report was sent home on Friday. The information it contains, is a summary of your child's achievements in 2018 with particular emphasis on the second half of the school year. I hope you found it informative.

Classes 2019

Classes for 2019 have been organised. As I wrote in the last FOCUS Stage 2 and 3 classes will be all Stage based. The GATS classes will continue using their assessment procedures in formation. The remainder of the classes will be formed so that all students work well together.



Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 students looked wonderful last Monday and had a fantastic time at their farewell. Thank you so much to the parents that helped set up, plan and organise. Thank you also to the teachers for doing the late shift and for making it a memory for the students to treasure.

Presentation Day

We were so lucky with the weather! Just managed to get all of the awards in, in the nick of time. Congratulations to all of our recipients!

I very much look forward to our incoming Leadership Team; Meghla, Cody, Hannah, Tate, Fiona and Joshua. I look forward to working with you in 2019.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Gregory who came runner-up in David Coleman's Christmas colouring competition.

Sally Lawson

THANK YOU

A delightful message arrived in the school's inbox last. I'm thrilled to hear the parcels have reached our Defence Personnel already!

While it is addressed to specific Year 5 students, I'm sure that the sentiments will be shared by all Defence staff.

Mrs Jan Reardon

Dear Fatima, Chloe, Cindy, and Fatima from year 5

I am an Australian Soldier in the Middle East and I am writing to you to let you know that I received the lovely cards you made and gifts you sent here for Christmas.

Thank you for your thoughtful words and gesture of gifts over Christmas. We are safe and well here and thinking of everyone in Australia.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas with your families and friends.

Regards,
Adam
Captain, Australian Regular Army

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

On Monday 10th December, Year 6 had their farewell at Olds Park Sports Club. There was glitz and glamour because of the 'Hollywood' theme and everyone rocked up in splendid attire. We all danced into the night until it came to an end. It was a magnificent event to bring an

end to our days at Peakhurst Public School.

April, 5/6 Blue

ICAS EXAM

Next year, 2019, we will not be offering ICAS to our students. It has grown so big with the number of students entering and this increases the work load of our administrative staff. It is difficult to find suitable rooms to hold the competitions. Added to this, there is no educational value from the results for the classroom teachers as it is not syllabus based. Results are not required by high schools, nor is it needed for OC placement. Some children find it unnecessarily stressful. Following consideration and in the best interest of many, we have decided that we will not be entering students in the ICAS competitions in 2019 and beyond.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is looking for volunteers to help on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9.30am for 1-2 hours. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the school community, meet other parents and gain valuable experience. If you are interested please leave your details at the school office.

Trading Days

Last day of trade for 2018 – Tuesday, 18 December

First day of trade for 2019 – Thursday, 31 January

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