

Peakhurst West Newsletter



Thursday, 17 September, 2015—Term 3, Week 10

CALENDAR

Term 3

Week 10

Friday 18th Sept

PSSA Rd 1

Last Day of School—Term 3

Week 1

Tuesday 7th October

School resumes for staff and students

Principal's Report

As we very quickly approach the end of term 3, I would like to thank the entire school community for your commitment to our school. Without your commitment, our children would not have the wonderful opportunities they are exposed to daily and we would not be able to run successful events like Grandparents Day. This term alone, students at our school have participated in many performing arts opportunities; Stage 3 have gone to Canberra and Thredbo; Kindy visited the farm today; we held a fun book parade; every PSSA sport had a Peakhurst West team represented with 2 champion teams; we raised money for charity and supported our own students who travelled interstate for sport; staff have participated in many professional learning opportunities to improve student learning; students have participated in Spelling Bee and Public Speaking Finals... Peakhurst West is really the place to be! As I walk around the school, I see happy, polite and respectful students who are proud of our school and put in their best efforts daily to improve their education. Thank you to all of you who support our school as everything we do is in the best interests of our students. I hope you all have a lovely and safe holiday. School resumes for staff and students on Tuesday, 6th October.

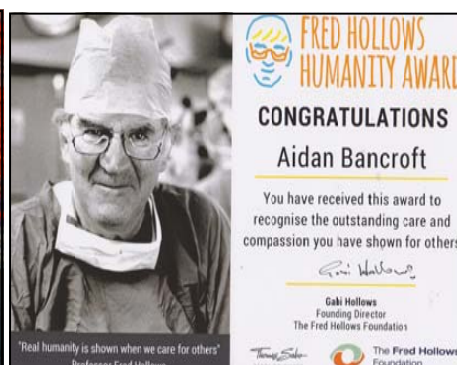
Mrs Tanya Sarafoski

Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award

Year 6 student, Aidan Bancroft, recently received a certificate at the inaugural **Fred Hollow's Humanitarian Awards**. Students from across the state were nominated and the successful nominees were invited to receive their award at NSW Parliament House. Winners travelled from as far away as Broken Hill, Ballina and Mogo. They were presented their certificates by Premier Mike Baird and founding director of the Fred Hollow's Foundation, Gabi Hollows. As Aidan's parents were overseas he was accompanied by his very proud grandparents, Ron and Sandra Horler. Fred once said, **"Real humanity is shown when we care for others."** Congratulations Aidan - you live up to these words.



Aidan receives his award from Premier Mike Baird and Gabi Hollows



Aidan's certificate and standing outside Parliament House



Grandparents Day—the best day of the year

Our annual **Grandparents' Day** lived up to its reputation of being the ***best day of our school year***. It's the chance to welcome and recognise our grandparents who are treated as VIPs. After visiting classrooms and seeing their grandchild's work the grandparents were treated to a morning tea, served by our Yr 6 students. This was followed by energetic performances by each Stage group, our Dance Group and our Junior and Senior Choirs, and then lunch, again served by our senior students. Following lunch we had the traditional raffle with forty-seven prizes. A special thanks must go to Mrs Alexander and the parents who prepared the food and beverages for the day, Miss McColough and Mrs Kostoglou who organised the raffle and all the parents who contributed cakes and items of food. It was a wonderful day and we also thank our special guests—***our grandparents!***



**Students with
our VIPs**



Thank you GRANDPARENTS—we all think you're SPECIAL

Grandparent's Day Sponsors & Volunteers

Without the support of our volunteers and local businesses, our Grandparent's Day catering and raffle would not have been the success that it was. Many members of our Peakhurst West family spent most of the day preparing platters of cakes that were donated by families at the school, and making sandwiches to ensure our grandparents were well looked after and well fed. Thank you to each and every one of you for dedicating your own time to volunteering at our school.

A huge thanks also goes out to the following local business who were very generous in their donations for the raffle on the day. Please show your support by shopping or using the services of the following businesses:

Park Street - Peakhurst	Lugarno	Ogilvy Street— Peakhurst	Riverwood	Padstow
J. M. & J. M. Smith Butcher	Lugarno Pharmacy	Thai Icon	Galluzzo's Chemist	Barry's Meats
Hairdresser – Studio Eighty-Six	Lugarno Deli Café	Russo's Pizzeria	Plaza Quality Meats	
Beauty by Nature	Lugarno Fresh		Hair Effects	
The Corner	Lugarno Gourmet Meats			
Hairdresser – Peakhurst Hair Care	Tara Hair Salon			

Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Today Kindergarten students are spending a day at the farm. The children had a chance to experience the petting barn where they interacted one on one with the rabbits, chickens, goats and lambs. They continued their journey off to milk a cow where each student had their turn at milking.

Kindy then boarded the tractor for a ride around the farm. They saw snakes, birds, cows, pigs, chickens, koalas and horses. After lunch, KA, KH and KS watched the Whip Cracking Show and also watch the Working Dogs Show and last but not least watched a sheep being shorn.

The children had a wonderful day. This was an experience that the children will never forget. A complete wrap up of the day will be included in the next newsletter early in term 4.



Public Speaking Finals

This week we held our Public Speaking Finals in the hall. Congratulations to all students who were finalists and competed in a tough competition - it was great to see so many confident public speakers from Kindergarten to Year 6. Being an adjudicator was a difficult role! Good luck to our winners who will now represent our school at the George's River Public Speaking Competition in term 4.

Early Stage 1

1st—Sylvia Wu

2nd—Nick Iles

Stage 1

1st—Stephanie Paino

2nd—Ai Kamukura

Highly Commended:
Erin Seymour
Luciano Favuzzi

Stage 2

1st—Eloise Carey

2nd— Ichan Song

Highly Commended:
Elliot Zylstra

Stage 3:

1st—Emily Cliff

2nd—Emelia Paino

Highly Commended:
Vineet Tito
Angelique Jones

School Uniform & Lost Property

After the school holidays, we expect to see students wearing our summer school uniform. Towards the end of this term, we have noticed many non-uniform pieces of clothing being worn to school, including very bright, different coloured sneakers. Please take the time to check that your school uniforms are clean and fit well enough for students to learn, run and play in.

Official Summer Uniform for Boys: Aqua polo shirt with school logo, black shorts, white socks, black shoes, school hat.

Official Summer Uniform for Girls: Aqua check dress with sleeves OR aqua polo shirt with school logo and black shorts, white socks, black shoes and school hat.

Sports Uniform (boys & girls, years 3-6) — Aqua microfiber polo shirt, black cotton shorts, school hat.

I hope that you can support the school in wearing the correct uniform with pride. Our aqua blue certainly stands out in the community so it is important to wear it with the right shorts, socks and shoes. The office has a great supply of second hand uniforms or you can go to our supplier Yeronga School Uniforms located at 900 Canterbury Road, Roselands (Ph: 9759 1555).

Lost property is also multiplying throughout the school. Please ensure all personal belongings and uniform items are labelled clearly.

PSSA Teams Season 3

**PSSA Sport commences Friday 18th September
(Wk10)**

Junior & Senior Boys Basketball
Junior & Senior Girls Touch Football
Junior Girls T-ball & Senior Girls Softball
Junior & Senior Boys Cricket
Junior & Senior Mixed Hockey

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the following students for earning a pennant:

Christian Burrell

Chester Chin

Isaac Tanza

Joe Yee Wong

Edward Zhang

Mennal Aryal

Kinder Orientation

We are leading up to exciting times for our 2016 Kindergarten students with Kinder Orientation taking place in term 4. Please come into the office and complete an enrolment form if you have a child starting school next year. Kinder Orientation is an ideal time for students and families to come and meet staff and other families. Over the three sessions students will tour the school grounds, meet key teachers and staff and become familiarised with the school setting. Parents can hear from the school counsellor, learning and support teachers, other parents and school executives.

Kinder Orientation Dates:

Thursday 22nd October	9:30-10:30
Thursday 29th October	9:30-10:30
Thursday 5th November	9:30-10:30



From the Admin Office...

Thank you to all of you who have paid or made a payment towards term 3 invoices, especially after receiving your reminder invoices last week.

There are still many students who have not finalised their PSSA payments from season 2 and if this is not finalised before Friday, unfortunately your child will not be allowed to participate in PSSA season 3. As a result, we are also making changes to PSSA payments and will be reverting back to weekly payments on Friday mornings at the office, before school. This helps us to monitor who has and has not paid as the season progresses, rather than following up on payments at the end of the season.

We are also going to make changes to notes and payments to the school. From next term, all notes and payments are to go directly to the office. Teachers will no longer be responsible for money collection. We will have a secure drop off box at the office where children can leave envelopes with payments or credit card details. We also accept phone payments by credit cards. We hope that this will streamline our payment system and alleviate admin responsibility from our wonderful teachers.



The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program has officially ended. If you have any leftover stickers at home, please send them today or tomorrow as we will be tallying them and sending them off on Friday. Thank you for supporting our school. We can't wait to use our new resources!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.

If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.

Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

Talk to your child about being a safe road user.

Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.

This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.

Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

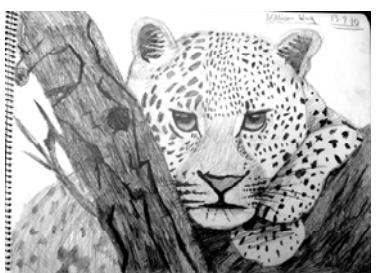
You can find out more at:

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[Department of Education](#)

[Transport for NSW](#)





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