

Peakhurst West Newsletter



Thursday, 29 October, 2015—Term 4, Week 4

CALENDAR

Friday 30 October

PSSA Round 5

Monday 2 November

P&C 7pm

Tuesday 3 November

Gymnastics years 3-6

Wednesday 4 November

Year 6 Farewell Committee meeting—3.30pm Interrelate—6pm

Thursday 5 November

Stage 3 iMax excursion

Friday 6 November

Halloween Disco—Club Rivers

Tuesday 10 November

Gymnastics years 3-6

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

School Fete

Monday 16 November

Book Fair Week

Applications close for Selective School placement in 2017

Tuesday 17 November

Gymnastics years K-2

Wednesday 25 November

Parent Helper & Scripture Teacher Morning Tea

Thursday 26 November

Kindy National Park Excursion

Gillian Carr Memorial Garden Opening

This week we held the official opening of the **Gillian Carr Memorial Garden** at flag assembly. Invited guests included Gillian's husband, Paul Roberts; Gillian's family and friends; Regional Director of Public Schools NSW, Anne Ross; Federal MP, David Coleman; former colleagues and members of our school community. After the formal speeches by Mrs Sarafoski and Mr Coleman, Gillian's husband responded and likened Gillian's attitude to teaching as a garden where children and teachers thrive, so our memorial garden is a fitting tribute. During the ceremony the Junior Choir sang an inspiring version of, **Somewhere Over the Rainbow**, and later, the Senior Choir sang a beautiful song called, **Angels**, which they chose because they agreed, Ms Carr was like an angel. Children and families were invited to lay floral tributes and the ribbon was cut to formally open the garden by Mr Roberts and Gillian's sister, Christine Hickey. The garden was built by Mr Robert Pitt and the soil, plants and mulch were added by a group of students and some fathers of students. It is now looked after by a small gardening group from Stage Three. Our garden is a tribute to Ms Carr for her devotion to the education of children.



Mr Paul Roberts & Mrs Christine Hickey cut the ribbon



The Memorial plaques



A special thanks must go to Mrs Liston who organised the plaques and ceremony

Principal's Address

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is held on 5 October every year, however this clashes with our school holidays so in Australia, we celebrate it on 30th October. It was established by the UNESCO to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise all of the hard work that the teachers at Peakhurst West do. I am very proud of our team and I know that many students at our school will continue their life journey, remembering their favourite teachers from their primary school days. While the physical appearance of the school and the resources available are important, nothing makes more difference to a student's learning than the quality of the teacher who works with the class. At Peakhurst West we have a passionate and enthusiastic staff who demonstrate quality teaching and support, resulting in high academic performance and impressive student growth. They focus on preparing our students for the world that awaits them and I can confidently say that we support all of our students, regardless of their needs or abilities. So THANK YOU to all of our amazing teachers!

Last week, I attended the annual NSW Primary Principals' Association Conference in the city. The conference was directed at reforms and changes that are occurring in the Education system, including preparing students for the challenges of the future. There were some very inspiring speakers and I look forward to sharing the ideas from the conference, with our staff. Thank you to our Assistant Principals who confidently relieved in my absence. It is also important to note that this week is "Gonski Week". Gonski was a reform introduced by businessman David Gonski who said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funding to where it was needed most. Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. This year we received additional funding which allowed us to employ additional support staff to assist students in their learning of literacy and numeracy. While it has been a very valuable resource, it is not guaranteed and the funding could be cut in 2017. We are currently lobbying for Gonski funding for at least six years.



Today saw the whole school participate in 'Music: Count Us In'. This is Australia's biggest school initiative with more than 500,000 students uniting together via live stream, to sing the same song at the same time. This is done to promote the importance of music education in schools. Thank you to Miss Cole for organising this across the school.

A separate newsletter will go home tomorrow, outlining all the information around our school fete which will be held on Saturday, 14 November. Please support our school for this event, as all funds raised will go towards the repainting and modernising of our classrooms.

Have a great week!

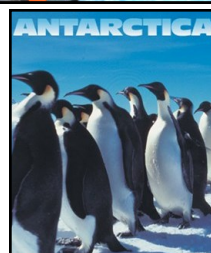
Tanya Sarafoski



What 6B Have Been Up To

Term four is the last term of our Yr6 students at Peakhurst West and it's a hectic time. The children have been busy completing assessments for Semester Two. This term our HSIE topic is the unique environment of Antarctica and next week we will visit the Imax theatre to see two movies—*Life in Antarctica* and the amazing survival story of *Ernest Shackleton*. This week we visited Sculpture by the Sea. In Visual Arts we have been exploring different types of printing and Rhianna MacRitchie has been running lunchtime workshops on knitting—even Mrs Brown is attending! Congratulations to our young artists whose artworks are currently being exhibited in the Gifted & Talented—*Not Just a Brush Exhibition* at the Hazlehurst Regional Art Gallery.

Rhianna leading her knitting workshop and some students exploring one of the interactive sculptures at Sculpture by the Sea.



From the Library

BOOK FAIR IS COMING

The count down is now on until the arrival of our fabulous Book Fair in the Library. It will be **Monday—Thursday Week 7**. The Library will be open for sales before and after school of that week for 30 minutes. The book prices usually start from around \$1. Hope to see you there!

BORROWING WILL SOON FINISH FOR THE YEAR

What a big year it has been in the Library. We have had new chairs and a new computer system arrive. However, all good things must come to an end. The last week of borrowing is **NEXT WEEK, Week 5**. This allows the Library staff to sort out the books ready for the end of year stock take. Returns will be more than welcome after this date. Also we would love to have any books that are very, very overdue brought back. Books that your older brother or sister borrowed or that you find in the garage that belong to the Library will be happily welcomed back. The Overdue record is 772 days. Can you top it? Happy Reading

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the following students for earning a pennant:

Ahmad Swaiy	Zack Petrovski
Sylvia Wu	Joshua Cracknell
Vineet Tito X 2	Sapna Tito
Juliannah Cabillos	Matthew Shepherd
Kevin Tu	

Last day to present pennants for Star Awards Wk 7 20th November

Sport Cavalcade

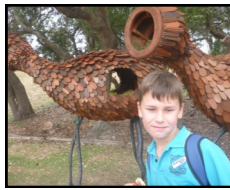
Week 2 T4	Juniors	Seniors
Boys Basketball	V Penshurst West Won 22-14	V Penshurst West Won 37-33
Girls Softball/ Tball	V Connells Point Lost 9-15	V Connells Point Lost 5-8
Boys Cricket	V Connells Point lost 19-123	V Connells Point Won 75-69
GirlsTouch	V Penshurst Won 4-1	V Penshurst Won 9-2
Mixed Hockey	V Narwee Won 2-1	V Narwee Lost 4-6

Sport Cavalcade

Week 3 T4	Juniors	Seniors
Boys Basketball	V Lugarno Won 40-4	V Lugarno Lost 30-31
Girls Softball/ Tball	V Lugarno Won 10-6	V Lugarno Lost 1-2
Boys Cricket	V Lugarno Lost 39-85	V Lugarno Won 85-16
GirlsTouch	V Oatley West Draw 3-4	V Oatley West Won 2-1
Mixed Hockey	V Oatley Draw 0-4	V Oatley Won 4-2

Stage Three Visit Sculpture by the Sea

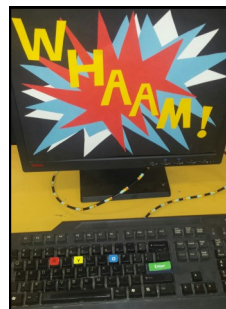
Stage Three recently spent the day on an excursion to **Sculpture by the Sea**. The field trip was part of their Visual Arts program. Despite the cloudy day with gusty wind and a shower of rain the groups walked along the coastal walkway from Bondi to Tamarama and enjoyed observing and discussing the sculptures that festooned the cliffs and rock ledges. They had recess in Mark's Park where they also sat down and sketched selected sculptures. After this they continued along the walkway to Tamarama Beach. There were over a hundred pieces in the exhibition and they ranged in size and materials used. After leaving Tamarama they walked to Bronte Beach for the chance to meet-up and have lunch and a play before getting on the bus and returning to school. It was a wonderful experience for the children and gave them the chance to understand that art doesn't have to be in a gallery. Thank you to the group of parents who joined us for the day so that we could appreciate the experience in small groups.



Gifted & Talented Artists

Not Just a Brush is a Gifted & Talented program run by Sydney east Region to promote Visual Arts. This year we had four entries and they were all accepted. The artworks were designed around the theme—Upcycle (Recycle). Two pieces, **Googling Roy** and **Roy Riding** were inspired by our Term one Visual Arts unit on Pop Art. **Smack of Jellyfish** is a compilation piece, made by students attending Rhianna's lunchtime crochet workshops. Lastly, **I Am the Lorax** was inspired by our Literacy novel study of the Dr Seuss book, The Lorax. The exhibition opens on Friday 23rd October and runs until 3rd November—congratulations to our young artists.

Smack of Jellyfish
Collaborative
Artwork



(Clockwise from top left)
I am the Lorax
Rida El Ammar & Anthony Macaluso

Roy Riding
Ryan Wu, Aidan Bancroft & Rhianna MacRitchie

Googling Roy
Lachlan Yeung & Garth Sinclair

When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school!

With over 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 49,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

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Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session – Years 3-6)

This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session – Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent's discretion)

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session \$25.00 per family | 2 sessions \$30 per family

(*GST exclusive – GST is payable/claimable by the school or organising body)

Where: PEAKHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Wednesday, 4th November 2015

Time: Where did I come from? – **6.00pm sharp** | Preparing for puberty – **7.15pm**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class -----

A Special Evening Program

Name of family:

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: Where did I come from? ☐ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

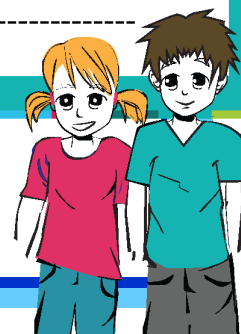
Amount enclosed: \$

I have made an online payment. My receipt no.

OR ☐ Eftpos ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque (payable to the school) ☐ Credit card

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Name on card: Amount:



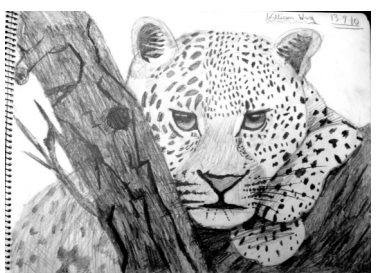
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