

Peakhurst West Newsletter



Friday, 27th November, 2015—Term 4, Week 8

CALENDAR

Friday 27 November

PSSA Round 9

Tuesday 1 December

Gymnastics K-2

Wednesday 2 December

TWILIGHT ARTS FESTIVAL

Combined Christmas Scripture

Wednesday 9 December

Presentation Day

End of Year Reports sent home

Thursday 10 December

Year 6 Farewell

Friday 11 December

Year 6 Stall Day

Monday 14 December

End of Year Fun Day:

K-2 Picnic Day

3-6 Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 16 December

Students Last Day

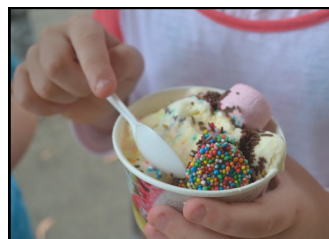
2016

Thursday 28 January

Students return to school

School Fete

Despite the occasional shower the fete went ahead and was a great success. The rain didn't dampen the atmosphere. The fete was run in conjunction with the Georges River Lioness Club's Christmas Fair. Unfortunately the planned rides couldn't go ahead because the heavy rain the night before that meant the ground was too muddy. Families were able to browse the many stalls of the fair and enjoy the fete attractions like: face painting, BBQ, plaster painting and of course ice-cream, fairy floss and drinks. There were also performances under the COLA like: All Starz Dance Academy groups, a Medieval encounter and a Chinese Dragon Dance. One of our students, Rhianna MacRitchie, even had a stall, selling her own knitted craft. A special mention must go to the K-6 Club helpers and to Mrs Penny Kostoglou and Mrs Emma Klicek for all their hard work in preparing for the event. The school would also like to thank all the families who donated items for the hampers that were raffled.



Tahlia Wise Wins Deadly Kids Award

The annual **Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards** are an important celebration of the achievements of Aboriginal students across different schools and grades throughout NSW. The awards are a highlight of the Public Schools NSW Aboriginal Education calendar each year. They celebrate the academic achievements, leadership skills and attendance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Sydney's public schools. For these reasons, the staff nominated **Tahlia Wise** for this award. We were fortunate to have **Aunty Fay Carroll** present the award this week and she told us, '**deadly**' means doing really well. Congratulations Tahlia on this wonderful achievement.



Aunty Fay and Tahlia



Principal's Message

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting the Parent Helpers and Scripture Teacher morning tea. It was a lovely event, hosted entirely by the staff at Peakhurst West to recognise the help of our parent helpers and the commitment of our volunteer scripture teachers. So to all of our volunteers, regardless of how big or small your help may be, we really appreciate the time and effort that is placed into supporting our school and student learning.

Our next school event is the Twilight Arts Festival. Teachers and students have all been preparing for this event and the quality of the performances and artworks is amazing! I have been most impressed and I cannot wait to see it all come together on the night. Our parent volunteers will also run the BBQ on the night, which you can enjoy whilst watching the performances under the COLA.

Teachers have finalised their reports and are now preparing for Presentation Day, while students are excitedly awaiting end of year activities. We heard the Year 5 leadership speeches last week and I know that whichever students are voted in, will do a great job of representing our school as a student leader. Year 6 students are currently organising their Stall Day, while their parents are fine tuning the organisation of our Year 6 Farewell. It is shaping up to be a great end of year for all of us.



We have had some extreme weather over the past week, which all students have handled well. We did ensure students were in air conditioned learning spaces last Friday and they were kept indoors during break times. Yesterday, Stage 2 went on a 'Places of Worship' excursion while Kindergarten went to the National Park. They also modified their activities to ensure they stayed out of extreme heat at different times of the day.



I love this gorgeous photo from the National Park excursion. It is such a beautiful reflection of the special friendships children create at school. I also love this calming photo of stage 2 doing Tai Chi at the Buddhist Temple in Wollongong.

We are coming to the time of the year when we evaluate our school programs and performance. This will be done in the form of a survey monkey, which is a completely anonymous way for you to offer us some feedback about our school. More information will come home about this in a separate note. Please take the time to complete the survey and have a say about what we do at Peakhurst West.

As we continue to plan for 2016 classes and teaching staff, the time has come for us to announce that Mrs Alexander will be retiring at the end of this year. We are very sad that she won't be with us on a daily basis, but we know that she will always be a part of our Peakhurst West family. I am sure that Mrs Alexander has mixed emotions about her retirement too—excited for her next adventure, but also sad to be leaving us. We will farewell Mrs Alexander at the end of the year and I am sure you will all send her your best wishes too.

Have a great week!
Tanya Sarafoski

Issues with Students—Advice to Parents

We know at school that there are times when issues or incidents arise with students. We have a process to resolve such matters and recommend the following approach:

1. Speak to your class teacher.
2. For more serious matters, discuss your concerns with one of our Assistant Principals—Mr Sanders (K-2), Mrs Liston (yrs 3-4), Mrs Floratos (yrs 5-6)
3. If your concerns have still not been addressed, please speak to Mrs Sarafoski.

It is not OK to approach any other students

This is a reminder to all parents that at no times should any student or sibling be approached by another parent to be reprimanded or questioned. Please inform our staff of any issues or incidents so that we can approach the matter appropriately. We all care for the safety and wellbeing of all our students and need to work together to ensure the best outcome. Thank you for your support.

Bell Times

Thank you for returning your surveys about changing our bell times. We had 62% of the school community who said yes to changing the bell times, while 38% said no. This is not a big enough sway towards changing the times, so they will stay as they are.

Therefore, we will remain as a 9.25am—3.25pm school. There will be changes to PSSA next year as the whole district makes the change from afternoon sessions to morning sport. More information about this will be distributed next year.

Outstanding Invoices

We have been processing many payments over the past fortnight. Thank you to those of you who have done so. Unfortunately, there are still many outstanding, with \$12,000 currently owed to the school in student invoices. I am sure you will all agree that we simply cannot provide valuable resources and opportunities to our students with such a high amount of outstanding payments. If you have difficulty paying, please see the office staff to organise assistance or a payment plan.

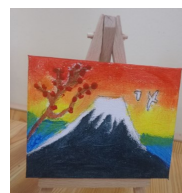
Students must pay for end of year activities to be able to attend them.

We appreciate your support in this matter.



What 5F Has Been Up To

This term 5F has been very busy. Our HSIE area of study – Antarctica culminated in a trip to the IMAX theatre to retrace Shackleton's epic adventure to the South Pole. This gave the boys a greater appreciation for his achievements considering it took place over 100 years ago! We have also been creating works of art based on our Antarctic theme. The boys in 5F have been honing their poetry skills just in time to impress you with their creative rhyming poems. They have enjoyed looking at the world through the rose coloured eyes of a poet and creating interesting pieces of work. More recently 5F are preparing their final artworks to proudly display at our annual Twilight Arts Festival. Our mini canvases are looking very artistic and the boys are looking forward to everyone visiting their exhibit.



Presentation Day Invitation



Dear Parents and Families,
We would like to invite you to attend our

Annual Presentation Assembly
to be held in the hall on

Wednesday 9th December 2015
3 to 6 commencing at 9.40 am
K to 2 commencing at 12:00 pm

At this ceremony, we will acknowledge student efforts in various fields of endeavour and announce the Captains and Prefects for 2016.

Students are to be dressed in full school uniform. Arrival at school is at the normal time.

We hope you will be able to join us on this special occasion.

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the following students for earning a pennant:

Thomas Dutton

Adrian Smith

Aliyah
El Ammar

Lynna Deng

Elliot Zylstra

Anthony
Macaluso

Elainne Tanza

Sport Cavalcade

Week 45 T4	Juniors	Seniors
Boys Basketball	V Beverly Hills Won 24-0	V Beverly Hills Won 34-24
Girls Softball/ Tball	V Beverly Hills Lost 9-10	V Beverly Hills Won 5-2
Boys Cricket	V Beverly Hills Won 36-26	V Beverly Hills Won 27-0
Girls Touch	V Oatley Won 5-0	V Oatley Won 6-5
Mixed Hockey	V Penshurst Won 4-0	V Penshurst Won 2-0

Sport Cavalcade

Week 6 T4	Juniors	Seniors
Boys Basketball	Hot weather	Sport cancelled
Girls Softball/ Tball	Hot weather	Sport cancelled
Boys Cricket	Hot weather	Sport cancelled
Girls Touch	Hot weather	Sport cancelled
Mixed Hockey	Hot weather	Sport cancelled

Mathers

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Dates

Program runs from 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016.

Purchases will be collated and payment made directly to the school by 31 March 2016.

Barcode can be published in school newsletters and online from 1 November 2015.

Things to note

Only approved participating schools prior to program commencement will be eligible for donations. Only approved school shoes as designated in store will be eligible.

The barcode must be scanned at the time of purchase for the donation to be registered.

50%

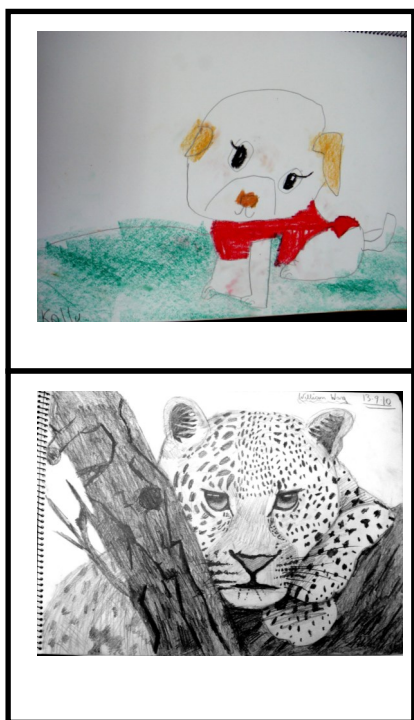
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(All Christmas trees are 210cm or 7 ft tall)

Tree stands: \$25 each (pre-order only)

How to order: Send us an email at 2ndmortdalescouts@gmail.com with your name, contact details and your requirements, such as number of trees, tree stands, collection or delivery*

Payment options: Cash on the day or direct credit for pre-orders

Please note there will be a limited number of trees available on the day so we recommend pre-ordering.

**All pre-orders need to be received and paid for by
Monday 30th November, 2015.**

* Deliveries are strictly within a 5km radius of 2nd Mortdale Hall – please add \$10 to your total.



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