

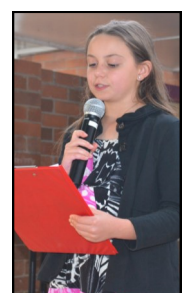
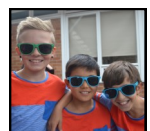
Peakhurst West Newsletter



Tuesday, 15th December, 2015—Term 4, Week 11

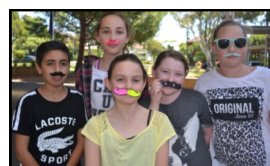
Twilight Arts Festival

This year's **Twilight Arts Festival** was a wonderful blend of **musical performances** and **visual arts** that showcased the talent and diversity of programs being taught in our school. Families were able to wander through the corridors, festooned with artworks from students from K-6, visit the HSIE & Science displays, enjoy the Christmas Cave & musical and dance items under the COLA and treat themselves to an ice cream or sausage sandwich. A special thanks must go to **Mrs Wells**, who was the driving force behind the event, the teachers and K-6 Club helpers who organised the BBQ and ice cream stall.



SRC Organises MOverner Mufti

This year the SRC organised a special mufti day to coincide with the end of **MOverner**. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness and money for **Men's Health** and the **Leukaemia Foundation**. Classes from K-6 came to school in mufti and many sported fine moustaches. Each child donated a gold coin and altogether raised **\$275**.



CALENDAR

Thursday 28 January

Years 1-6 students return

Best Start testing for Kinder 2016

Friday 29 January

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Monday 1 February

First day—Kinder 2016

Monday 8 February

Textbook sale day

P&C AGM—7pm

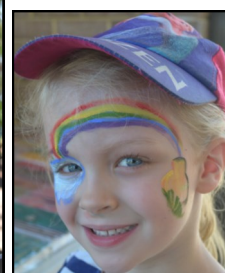
Thursday 11 February

Swimming Carnival—years 3-6

Year Six Stall Day

This year's **Year 6 Stall Day** gave our senior students the opportunity to organise and run a day of fun for the K-5 students. The purpose of the day is to give the Yr 6 students the chance to say thank you to our school and raise money for our nominated charity, **Stewart House**, and to buy a gift for our school. The year 6 students have been planning the activities for three weeks. They have advertised their stalls, adapted the activities for junior and senior students, considered safety issues and provided prizes for their events. Students from K-2 were the first to enjoy the eighteen activities. At recess the fun was put on hold as everyone bought cakes and had a break. After recess it was time for our Yr 3-5 students to enjoy the fun. The highlight was the 9D cinematic simulator. Prior to lunch the infants school was called to the COLA for the presentation of prizes by the different stalls and then the giant raffle, with fifty-five prizes, was drawn. It was a fabulous day of fun. This year the Yr 6 students broke a school record for the amount of money raised—a whopping \$2000!

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6



Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day was a chance to formally recognise academic, sporting & social excellence. Tahlia Wise opened the ceremony with the Welcome to Country and Mrs Sarafoski gave her Principal's address. Mr Tim Miller presented five of our students with Commonwealth Parliamentarians' Awards, on behalf of our federal MP, Mr David Coleman. The Dux of the school was awarded to Adrian Smith and students who earned Star awards (five school pennants) were acknowledged. This year we had two new awards; the Gillian Carr Award for excellence in Literacy which was presented by her husband, Mr Paul Roberts, to Shaylee Robinson and Mr Robert Russell presented ANSTO Science awards to Tim Hosken (Stg 3) and Busra Kumsuz (Stg 2). Citizenship awards were presented to Aiden Bancroft and Lalita Vongmany by Mr Philip Sampson, on behalf of Hurstville Council, Thin Wut Yi and Rida El Ammar received the P&C Citizenship Awards and the GRC Citizenship Award went to Jasmine Johnson. Class Awards, Sporting Awards, the Robyn Hunt Visual Arts Award, Library Awards, Public Speaking Awards and the Premier's Sporting Award followed and year Six was formally farewelled by Mr Briggs and Mr Brown. The ceremony concluded with the elected School Leaders for 2016 being inducted by the outgoing leaders of 2015



Top right: Dux of School Adrian Smith

Bottom right: ANSTO Science Awards Busra Kumsuz (stg2) Tim Hosken (stg3)

Induction of School Leaders 2016



Boy Captain for 2016
Roland Wu inducted by
outgoing Captain
Rida El Ammar



Girl Captain for 2016 Emilia
Paino inducted by outgoing
Captain Alyse Hewitt

**Congratulations to our elected
School Leaders for 2016**

(L-R Back) Emily Cliff, Nick Broekhuis, Collin Fu, Jaafar El Ammar

(L-R Front) Roland Wu (Capt), Emilia Paino (Capt), Jesse Murray, Sora Kamikura

Thank You School Leaders 2015



(L-R Back) Cherish Suter, Finn MacMillan, Aidan Bancroft, Alyse
Hewitt (Capt)

(L-R Front) Rhianna MacRitchie, Rida El Ammar (Capt), Lauren
Carey, Adrian Smith

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 Alyse Hewitt

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

Sport Cavalcade—Gala Day

Week 9 Semi	Juniors	Seniors
Boys Basketball	V Oatley Lost 18-20	NA
Girls Softball/ Tball	NA	NA
Boys Cricket	NA	V Oatley Won 52-28
Girls Touch	NA	V Oatley Won 3-2
Mixed Hockey	NA	NA

Sport Cavalcade—Gala Day

Week 9 Final	Juniors	Seniors
Boys Basketball	V Kingsgrove Won 26-21 (3rd)	NA
Girls Softball/ Tball	NA	NA
Boys Cricket	NA	V Mortdale Won 56-14 (1st)
Girls Touch	NA	V Kingsgrove Won 10-3 (2nd)
Mixed Hockey	NA	NA

Year Six Farewell Dinner

This year's Year 6 farewell Dinner was again held in the school's Assembly Hall. It was a wonderful evening that gave the Yr 6 students the chance to have a little fun and say goodbye to the school. The event commenced with a baby photo guessing competition which was won by Lauren Carey. School Captains, Rida El Ammar and Alyse Hewitt delivered their farewell speeches and cut the cake with Mrs Sarafoski and then the students and teachers enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner. This was followed by some games, dessert and some favourite dances. The night concluded with the students receiving their Yr 6 Yearbooks and Graduation photos and certificates. A special thanks must go to Mrs Floratos for her organisation and to all the parents who helped in preparing and serving the fabulous food and desserts.



Primary Picnic Day

This year's Primary Picnic Day was a day of fun at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre. The day was divided into two sections. We started the morning with water sports. In groups of 20 we rotated through a series of activities in the pools—two of these were water slides. Each of the other activities were games like; water polo shoot, basketball shoot, newcombe ball and diving games. After eight rotations it was time for a BBQ lunch. This was followed by an afternoon in the stadium. Again the groups rotated through eight games like; giant slides, a giant jumping obstacle course, giant jumping twister and a series of ball games. It was an exhausting day of fun activities.



Slip, slide, Jump!

Principal's Message

I would like to say thank you to our entire school community—students, parents, carers and community members who have support Peakhurst West throughout 2015. We really could not have experienced such a successful year without the support of our community. I feel both very proud and privileged to be leading such a wonderful school. While this special photographic edition of the newsletter shows exciting events over the past fortnight, some of our highlights of 2015 include:

Our teachers working with the latest quality teaching framework and are exploring new ways to monitor and plan for learning using online tools and resources. Teacher Professional Learning and Feedback continue to be an integral part of our school culture.

Our students are adding to their scores in NAPLAN, with growth data continuing to show significant progress between years 3 and 5. Average scores continue to be comparable with or better than the averages for similar schools and across the state.

We have had many students represent our school in sporting events on a district and state level, with six representations on a national level this year.

Our PSSA teams have been well represented in finals this year, with many teams taking out the championship. Performing Arts have been a key part of our school, with many students performing at the Combined Music Festival in the choir and dance group. These groups have also performed at various school events.

Grandparents Day – our favourite day of the year – was yet another successful event that bonds the school with our community.

We held our School Fete and most recently, the Twilight Arts Festival. Our students are so lucky to have teachers at our school who are so passionate about the arts.

We have raised money and donated to charities, including MOvember and the Leukaemia Foundation.

We have started making physical improvements to our school – painting of classrooms, upgrading the gardens, purchasing of some new furniture and also the community built school memorial garden in honour of our previous principal, Ms Carr.

All schools have been fortunate enough to receive Gonski funding, which is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. We have utilised our funding to hire additional teachers who work inside classrooms with the existing classroom teacher to provide in class support for all students. This means that all classes have sessions with two teachers throughout each week and as a result, learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy are maximised. The federal government has committed to 4 years of this funding so we need to continue lobbying for this very valuable funding, to be an integral part of our education system, always.

It has been an exciting year and we look forward to a bigger, brighter 2016!

I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication shown to us by Mrs Alexander who is sadly leaving us to begin the next exciting journey in her life—retirement. We know that we will miss her, as I am sure she will miss being at the school on a daily basis. She has been a great teacher, leader and friend to all of us and I wish her only the best in her future (and lots of relaxation).



On behalf of the staff at Peakhurst West PS, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe, happy and restful holiday!

Tanya Sarafoski
Principal

School Survey

We appreciate your feedback and would love to hear what you think about our school. We have set up a completely anonymous school survey which can be accessed on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peakhurstwestparents>

Most questions are multiple choice so it shouldn't take more than five minutes to complete. It helps us with planning for the future. The survey will be open for one week. Thank you!

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.

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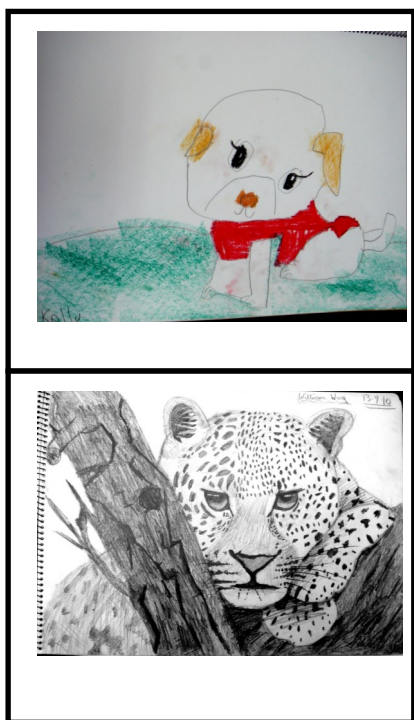
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