



Newsletter

Principal's Message

Term 3, Week 10

Friday, 23 September, 2016

We've had a wonderful term 3 with too many highlights to count! Starting from NAIDOC Day to Education Week, our Book Week Parade, the Olympathon, Grandparents Day and our Public Speaking Finals this week, we have had a very eventful term indeed. With the number of community events this term, we have been very pleased to see so many of our parents, grandparents, carers and community members join us. The increasing engagement and support from our community is very much appreciated at our school.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The events this term have highlighted the importance of parental involvement at our school. Yesterday we had another successful morning at our Cake Stall. We recognise and appreciate the help of our parent volunteers. If you haven't been involved yet – you should consider it for Term 4 and 2017!



PAYMENTS

We appreciate the effort many families have gone to, to make payments over the past month or so. As we have explained previously, our new LMBR financial system will 'Go Live' in Week 2. This means that we CANNOT ACCEPT PAYMENTS from now until October 18th. This includes online payments too. We have some events coming up in the first fortnight of Term 4 including our dance program (Footsteps) and some excursions. As we cannot accept payment for these before they take place, we would appreciate your honesty in letting us know if your child will not be participating in the events so that we do not add those to your invoice for Term 4. As with all activities, we expect that if your child/children participate in an activity involving a cost, that it will be paid for. As always, if you have financial difficulties, please see me or Anna or Danielle in the office to make payment arrangements.

APPROACHING OTHER STUDENTS

Last week it was brought to my attention that a parent had approached another student in the playground to discuss an issue that involved their child. Under no circumstance should parents engage in this behaviour and discuss matters with another child. If there is an issue between your child and another child, the appropriate course of action is to contact your child's teacher to discuss the matter. If you feel your matter is still unresolved, then contacting our Assistant Principals is the next step. Parents should not be approaching students to discuss classroom, playground or general social issues. I would very much appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that this type of incident does not happen at our school again.



Week 1	
Mon 10 Oct	Students return
Tues 12 Oct	St2 & St3
Times Vary	Swim Program begins
Thurs 13 Oct	Footsteps Dance
Fri 14 Oct	PSSA Rd 3
Week 2	
Tues 18 Oct	Kindy National Park
Wed 19 Oct	District Public Speaking
Fri 21 Oct	PSSA Rd 4
Week 3	
Mon 24 Oct	Film Festival Premiere
Tues 25 Oct	Kinder Orientation
Fri 28 Oct	PSSA Rd 5
Week 4	
Wed 2 Nov	Kinder Orientation
Fri 4 Nov	PSSA Rd 6
Week 5	
Mon 7 Nov	P&C—7pm
Thurs 10 Nov	Kinder Orientation
Fri 11 Nov	S1 Bondi Excursion PSSA Rd 7

KINDERGARTEN 2017

Our numbers for Kindergarten 2017 are looking great! Our Kinder Orientation Program starts in Week 3 and it is of great benefit for future students to attend these sessions. If you have not enrolled your own child or your friends and family are yet to enrol for Kindergarten 2017, please advise them to do so in Week 1 next term.

While on the topic of Kindergarten, I would love to share this photo of a delicious popcorn delivery I received from Kindergarten today! Thank you Kindy!



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school will still be a busy place over the holidays. We are receiving an electrical upgrade on our power boxes throughout the holidays. This has been funded by the Department.

We will also begin installation of a kitchenette in room 11 (next to the canteen). This is the beginning step in preparing our school for a Before & After School Care (OSHC) facility. The OSHC tender process will be well underway in the first half of term 4. We are on track to beginning this service from Day 1, 2017.

POOL FENCE

I also wish to inform you that new fencing will be installed around the Peakhurst West Public School Pool over the school holidays.

The security fence to be installed between the school and the pool is due to the safety and wellbeing of the school community, but especially the students at Peakhurst West Public School. The NSW Department of Education provides clear guidelines according to the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, which states:

The NSW Department of Education believes that the provision of a safe working and learning environment for everyone at its workplaces is an integral and essential part of the responsibilities as a provider of public education and other community services.

As Principal of Peakhurst West Public School it is my responsibility under this act to ensure that WHS procedures and guidelines are implemented locally. In addition this fence will now secure the whole school site seven days a week.

The fence will be installed over the upcoming school holidays, starting Monday, 26th September. Weather permitting, the installation should be complete over 3-4 days. The pool can still be accessed during this time. Once the fence has been installed, parking will not be available on the school site.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further questions about the process.

Thanks for a fantastic Term 3. I know that the staff and students are ready for the two week break! Have a great time with your children and enjoy the long weekend in between.

All staff and students resume on Monday, 10 October.

PLAY IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF RESEARCH - Albert Einstein

Have a great break,

'Tell Them From Me' Parent Feedback Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.



You can click directly on this link to access the survey: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/peakhurstwest>

What 6F is Up To

Well it has been a very busy term for year 6, with athletics carnivals, high school transitions and being film stars. However, in amongst all of that we managed to spend time learning about Taronga Zoo's Legacy Animals. This unit focused on our endangered species. Students have created fact files, reports and even poems supporting the conservation of these endangered animals. In Art, 6F have created pottery sculptures of gorillas, used printing to design tiger prints and chalk to design silhouettes of endangered animals. Phew! We need a holiday.



What KP is Up To

The students in KP have been enjoying a busy term with lots of fun and exciting activities happening throughout the school! KP had their first Athletics Carnival, Book Parade, Olympathon, NAIDOC celebration, Grandparents' Day and have also been keeping busy in our new Learning Through Play language centres.

Robot Number 1



Book Parade



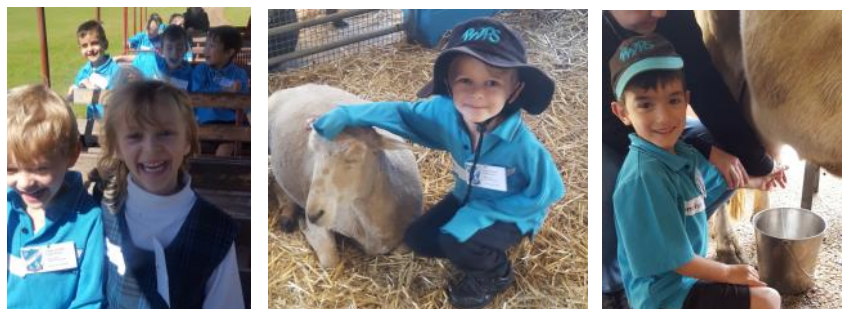
This term Kindergarten have been learning all about farms, farm animals and how different products such as meat, milk, wool and bread come from the farm to us. Last Friday 16th September, Kindergarten went on an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm.

After looking at lots of different farm animals including some very cute baby animals, we had a bumpy tractor ride, learnt about whip cracking, watched a sheep dog show and saw the farmer shear Baa-bara the sheep. She looked very stylish in her new haircut!

Grandparents' Day



Calmsley Hill City Farm



Learning Through Play



NAIDOC Day



Sport Cavalcade



Competition Position—Season Three

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

Jenson Redmond, Ben Illes, Arthur Leung, Moniqua Diab, Tyson Roberts, Connor Stewart and Erin Seymour.

Keep up the great work!



Sporting Colours Day

The SRC organised a ***Sporting Colours Day*** and colouring competition in conjunction with the cake stall run by the P&C. Despite the rain students from K-6 arrived to school dressed in their favourite sporting team's jersey or colour.—even the teachers joined in. The gold coin donation for wearing mufti went to the, ***Kids with Cancer Foundation***. Congratulations must go to our SRC for organising the event and to the P&C and families that provided the cakes for the cake stall—***it was fun and sweet way to end the term.***



T3 Week 9	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Softball / Tball	V Oatley West Loss 9-12	V Oatley West Win 13-4
Girls Oz-tag	V Peakhurst Sth Loss 4-6	V Peakhurst Sth Win 5-3
Boys Basketball	V Kingsgrove Win 18-4	V Kingsgrove Win 26-22
Boys Cricket	V Oatley West Win 76-21	V Oatley West Loss 48-101
Mixed Hockey	V Penshurst Win 3-2	V Penshurst Loss 6-7

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Girls Softball / Tball	V Kingsgrove Loss 11—12	V Kingsgrove Loss 4—7
Girls Oz-tag	V Penshurst Loss 1—3	V Penshurst Win 8—1
Boys Basketball	V Peakhurst Sth Win 14—2	V Peakhurst Sth Win 57—4
Boys Cricket	V Kingsgrove Win 51—34	V Kingsgrove Win 86—75
Mixed Hockey	V Oatley West Loss 1—4	V Oatley West Loss 2—5



Well done
SRC!

Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards @ UTS

Congratulations to **Jermaine Baxter** who recently received a **Deadly Kids Doing Well Award**. The awards were hosted by **UTS**. This year **152** students from **K-12** were recognised by the **NSW Department of Education** and **Jumbunna—Indigenous House of Learning (UTS)**. **Aunty Fay Carroll**, of the Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Team, delivered the **Welcome to Country** and the packed auditorium was treated to a didgeridoo performance. A gifted & talented group of Aboriginal singers sang the National Anthem in an Aboriginal language and also in English. The awards were presented in age groups with speeches and entertaining performances between. One stunning performance, of dance and music, told the Dreamtime story of how the waratah became red. It was an inspiring ceremony and our school is proud of Jermaine's award. Also attending the awards were Jermaine's proud parents and a very proud teacher and Principal.



Public Speaking Finals K-6



Finalists Stage One (back) Stage One (front)



Finalists Stage Two



Finalists Stage Three



Winners Elliot Zylstra (Stg 2) Fiza Faruque (Stg 3)



*Winners Hayley Hinton (Early Stg 1)
Marcus McWaters (Stg 1)*

This year our K-6 Public Speaking finals was an evening event, held in the Assembly Hall. The program started at 4:00pm with our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students and finished with our Stage 2 & 3 students at 6:30pm. The guest adjudicator, Ms Courtney Henry, was astounded at the quality of all the finalists. All students delivered a prepared speech and students from Stage 1-3 had a short time to prepare impromptu speeches on different topics. The winners were: **Early Stg 1** Hayley Hinton (*Kindness*), **Stg 1** Marcus McWaters (*Reading Books is Fun*), **Stg 2** Elliot Zylstra (*Should Schools Sell Sweets or Sweet Drinks?*) & **Stg 3** Fiza Faruque (*Selective Schools do More Harm than Good*). The winners now progress to the district final—we wish them luck. A special thanks must go to the adjudicator, Ms Henry, organisers; Ms Cole & Mrs Pearce, the teachers who attended and our Yr6 helpers who carried out a variety of roles on the evening.

Public Speaking is alive and strong at our school!



Celebrating Excellence @ Our School

ATHLETICS



(L-R) Joshua Hewitt, Shante Roberts, Livai Saukuru, Eloise Carey

Four of our students achieved outstanding results at the recent Sydney East Area athletics carnival and will now compete at the NSW State PSSA Athletics carnival. Joshua Hewitt finished 2nd in the final of the 11yr 800m, Shante Roberts was 3rd in the 11yr high jump, Livai Sukuru was 2nd in the Junior shot put and Eloise Carey was 2nd in the 11yr 800m. We wish them luck at the State PSSA Athletics championships in Term4.

Congratulations to four of our students who recently competed at the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Steven Lu and Hayden Man were in the junior division. The finals were run on a knockout format. Steven Lu finished as runner up in his division. Emilia Paino and Yong Deng competed in the senior division—well done to our spellers!

SPELLING BEE



(L-R) Steven Lu, Emilia Paino, Yong Deng, Hayden Man

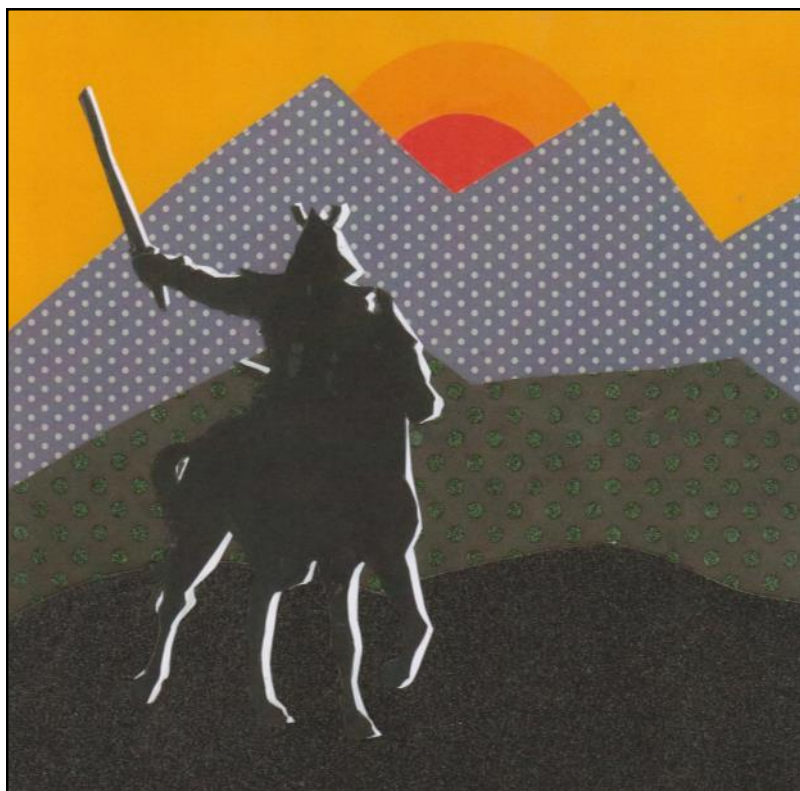
PEAKYBALD PORTRAITS



Congratulations to our Stage Three artists who entered artworks in our **Peakybald Portrait** competition. The finalists' works have been on display in our Assembly Hall and the voting has concluded. There are two categories; Students' Choice (Stage 3) & teachers' Choice. The winners will be announced at the first Flag Assembly of Term Four.



Operation Art Success



Samurai at Dawn

Olivia Singh

2016

collage

Congratulations to Olivia Singh who recently attended the opening of the **Operation Art**, collection for 2016. Earlier in the year Olivia's artwork was selected in the collection. She was delighted to learn that her collage was selected by major sponsor, ANSTO, to be hung in their offices for a year before being donated to a Sydney hospital. Operation art promotes Visual Arts in our Public Schools, in NSW. The artworks are framed and donated to children's wards in metropolitan and rural hospitals. Some are chosen by sponsors for their offices and others are displayed at galleries around the state.



Above: Olivia Singh with her Ansto award.

Top: With her framed artwork at the official opening of this year's collection.

Thank You, Sponsors

Thank you to all of the below sponsors for generously donating prizes for our raffle on Grandparents' Day. It really is a community event!

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Thai Icon

Café 31

Riverwood

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Padstow

Barry's Meats

Padstow Physiotherapy

Harvey Norman Broadway

Conca D'oro, Navarra Venues Group, Riverwood





PEAKHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2017

ORIENTATION DATES:
TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 2016
WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016
THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2016
10-11AM



OPERATION ART 2016

Operation Art is a program that encourages young people to create artworks for children in hospital.

FREE ENTRY

Newington Armory Gallery, Jamieson Street
Sydney Olympic Park
Saturday 10 September – 30 October 2016
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WHERE: 13 Webb St Riverwood

WHEN: Saturday, 24 September 2016 from 2.00-4.00pm

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