



Newsletter

Principal's Message

Coming back from the holidays it was very clear that things in the school had changed over the break. Not only had we installed a kitchenette in preparation for the OSHC that will be opening in 2017, but the students had more handball courts to play on, an upgrade on all the electricity boxes throughout the school had taken place and Spring had sprung with everything being greener than it was before the break. Our pool fence and school safety gate were also installed over the holidays, but some small modifications are still to be made before the installation is fully complete. I would like to re-iterate that these have been installed in the best interests of our students and their safety.

LMBR

Our office went live with 'LMBR' on Monday and it is now business as usual. Congratulations and thank you to our admin staff: Anna, Danielle, Samar and Kylie who have worked above and beyond their roles to ensure this seamless implementation. Anna and Danielle completed 15 days of training last term and balanced a larger workload with utmost professionalism. Term 4 invoices are being completed now. Thank you for your patience during this time.

CONFERENCE

I have been at the NSW Primary Principal's Conference in the city for three days this week with 500 other principals from across the state, focusing on changes in the educational landscape. During this time, Adrian Piccoli, the Education Minister, announced his commitment to providing schools with additional needs based funding. For 2017, we will be receiving an additional \$27,000 for needs based funding which we will be using to fund learning programs throughout the school. We can use this money to provide additional teacher hours which is then used to target specific students and programs. It is yet another example of how Gonski funding matters. We appreciate the Minister's investment in Public Education.

ANTI-BULLYING

I would just like to remind everyone that we have a strict Anti-Bullying policy at our school. Bullying is defined as an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden. Bullying is not classified as a one off argument or disagreement with another person. Bullying is not OK and it is not tolerated at our school. Peakhurst West aims to provide a happy place for learning for all students. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns about this.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Internationally, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. Next Friday is World Teachers' Day so I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazingly dedicated teachers for all their hard work every day. They genuinely care for each and every student at our school and are a great team to work with!

2017

Amazingly enough, we are already planning for 2017. We have had a very successful start to the year and are positively placed coming into the final eight weeks. It is important that we treat the next eight weeks as we would the first eight of the year. There are expectations around teaching, learning, behaviour and performance that we will continue to adhere to and there are a number of events that we are looking forward to participating in. The warmer weather is signalling that the end of the year will be here all too soon. Next week we start our first Kinder Orientation sessions. We are looking forward to meeting our new students and their families. If you know you will be moving and changing schools in 2017, please notify the office now so that we can take this into consideration when planning. Similarly, if you know of anyone in the area wanting to enrol, now is a great time!

Have a great fortnight!

Whether you think you can or you think you can't - you are right! - Henry Ford

Tanya Sarafoski

Term 4, Week 2

Friday, 21 October 2016



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
Thurs 3 Nov	Count Us In Singing
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
Week 6	
Mon 14 Nov	Stage 3 Camp
Fri 18 Nov	Stage 3 Return
Fri 18 Nov	PSSA Rd 8
Week 7	
Mon 21—24 Nov	Book Fair
Fri 25 Nov	PSSA Rd 9
Week 8	
Tues 29 Nov	Stage 2 Excursion
Wed 30 Nov	Stage 2 Excursion
Fri 2 Dec	PSSA Gala Day

Public Speaking District Finals



During the second week of term our school hosted the Georges River Network Public Speaking Finals. Approximately twenty schools competed in the finals. Each speaker delivered a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. We are very proud of our representatives who spoke so confidently. The high standard of all the finalists is testimony to the great work being done by schools in Public Education. Special thanks must go to Ms Cole and Mrs Pearce who organised and ran this event and to our School Leaders and Yr Six students who helped with official jobs.



Our school representatives in the finals (L-R)

Hayley Hinton (Early Stg 1) , Marcus McWaters (Stg 1), Elliot Zylstra (Stg 2) & Fiza Faruque (Stg 3).

Our School Leaders were excellent comperes.

Left: (Stg 1 & 2 finals—Nick Broekhuis & Emily Cliff

Right: (Early Stg 1 & Stg 3 Roland Wu & Emilia Paino

Top right: Fiza Faruque delivering her prepared speech.

Congratulations to our Speakers

Around Our Gardens



Kindergarten Excursion

On Tuesday 18th October, KP and KS went on an excursion to the National Park. After what seemed like a never-ending trip on the bus, we arrived and followed the guides inside for a talk about native animals. The students had a wonderful day exploring! We looked for insects and mini-beasts with magnifying glasses and bug catchers, painted a plaster insect to take home and went on a bushwalk to the lookout.

Kindergarten also learnt about animal shelters and got the chance to build a shelter for an animal. We dressed in camouflage to help blend in, hoping we wouldn't scare the animals. It seemed to work because we crept past a real red-belly black snake hiding in the bush next to the path!



Royal National Park



Enjoying Mother Nature's Classroom



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!



Art Room Request

Students at Peakhurst West have been participating in a variety of learning experiences in Creative Arts, by using a range of materials and media and experimenting with a variety of skills.

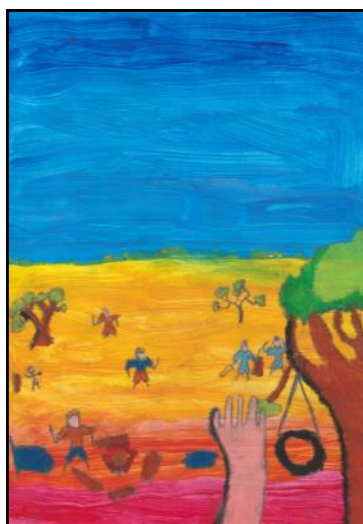
The **Art Room** needs your help as resources are running low. Egg cartons, meat trays, newspapers, magazines and takeaway containers are desperately needed, so if you can help with these items it would be greatly appreciated. Just send them to school with your child or deliver them to the **Art Room** (E Block—last room closest to the Ogilvie St top gate) so that your child can enjoy their next art experience.

Thank you in advance,

Mrs Wells and the students of Peakhurst West.

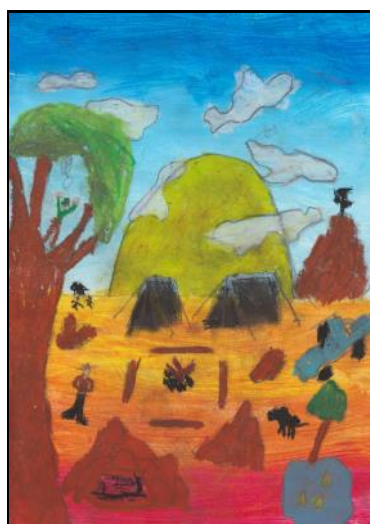
T4 Week 1	Juniors	Seniors
Girls	V Mortdale	V Mortdale
Softball / Tball	Loss 10—17	Loss 1—15
Girls	V Peakhurst	V Peakhurst
Oz-tag	Loss 1—5	Win 4—3
Boys	V Oatley	V Oatley
Basketball	Loss 18—24	Loss 17—21
Boys	V Mortdale	V Mortdale
Cricket	Loss 46—91	Loss 41—111
Mixed	V Hurstville Sth	V Hurstville Sth
Hockey	Draw 3—3	Loss 0—7

T4 Week 2	Juniors	Seniors
Girls	V Oatley	V Oatley
Softball / Tball	Draw 18—18	Loss 1—5
Girls	V Lugarno	V Lugarno
Oz-tag	Loss 0—7	Loss 4—8
Boys	V Beverly Hills	V Beverly Hills
Basketball	Win 6—8	Win 30—27
Boys	V Oatley	V Oatley
Cricket	Loss 53—128	Loss 68—129
Mixed	V Oatley	V Oatley
Hockey	Loss 1—5	Loss 0—7



Outback Fun

Beau Morrison
inspired by Pro Hart



Outback Fun

Logan Teppa
inspired by Pro Hart



Tiger, tiger burning bright in the forests of the night

(inspired by poem by William Blake)

Olivia Singh

acrylic on board

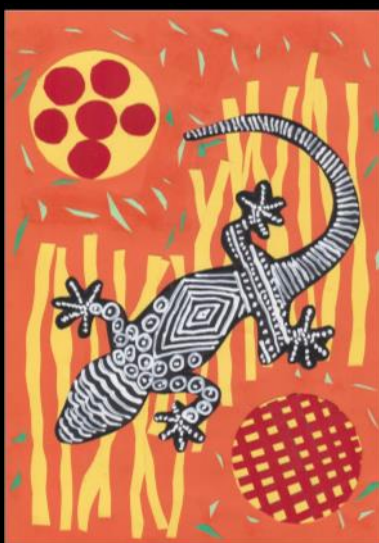
What's **5-6B** Been Up To?



King Kong Rampage Jax MacMillan collage



King Kong Rampage Willian Lorraine-Grews collage



Native Fauna - Nick Broekhuis collage

King Kong Rampage

Causing destruction,
Across New York,
His wrath has no limits,
Destroying everything in his path.
Screaming, shouting, running away,
If King Kong's in town, no-one will stay,
Angry roars, from King Kong,
The terrifying bursts echo loud and strong.
Mounds of rubble, people dead,
Survivors stunned and filled with dread.
The destruction of King Kong,
One day will be told in a song.

by Dara

Storm spreads across the sky,
Lightning crashes over the city,
Screams echo through the streets,
Terror envelops all.



King Kong Rampage Collin Fu collage

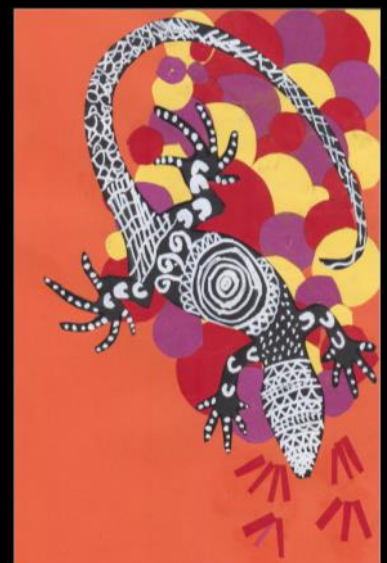


King Kong Rampage Juliannah Cubillos collage

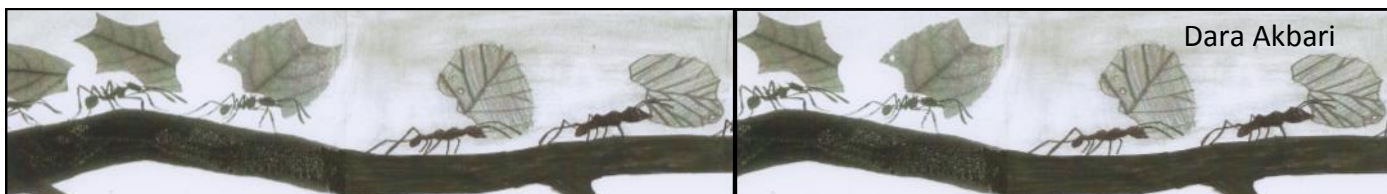
Demolishing the buildings,
Fear fuelling the hatred,
A beast of pure destruction,
A creature missing home.

Defence forces fighting,
Spotlights lighting their path,
Fearing lives ending,
Praying for a miracle.

by James



Native Fauna - Fiza Faruque collage



*This term 5-6B has been looking at Prominent Australians. Our first one is artist, **Pro Hart**, who was fascinated by ants. This is believed to be because of the years he worked in the tunnels of mines in Broken Hill. We have been watching video clips about Leaf Cutter ants, making notes, doing sketches (inspired by pro Hart), discussing vocabulary and finally writing poems. Next we will focus on some of his outback landscapes.*

Leaf Cutter ants,
 Working like machines,
 Mandibles sawing,
 Through leaves ,
 As if they're butter.
 Then hoisting the jigsaw pieces,
 Up into the air,
 Before scurrying back to the colony,
 Like soldiers marching,
 Along a super-highway.
 Their black hooded bodies,
 Thin frail legs,
 Antennae twitching,
 Like leaves in the wind.
 Although they're minute,
 They are very strong,
 Lifting leaf segments so big –
 Tiny marching weightlifters.

Caleb Zylstra

Leaf Cutter ants,
 Travelling from branch to branch,
 Following one another,
 Like a conga line.
 Collecting leaves to turn into fungus –
 Food for the colony.
 Following a pheromone trail,
 Like a dog sniffing for food.
 New leaf Cutter ants enter the scene ,
 From another nest,
 Causing World War Three!
 Small but strong,
 Like tiny weight lifters,
 Returning to their nest with their prize.
 The underground colony,
 As big as a school bus,
 All working for their Queen –
 As she lays more eggs,
 For the super organism to grow.

Olivia Singh



Photography @ Peakhurst High School Dark Room

Last term Yr5 spent two half days experiencing life in Secondary school. Teachers and SRC representatives from GRC Peakhurst campus organised a series of Yr7 experiences for the students. These lessons were in the Art room, Food Technology kitchen, Maths room, Dark room and Music room.

In the Dark room the students learnt the basics of working with a safety light (red) on and setting the time exposure and composing designs with a selection of objects. Here are some of the fabulous results.



Above right—top to bottom: Isobel Steinhardt, Jack Martsoukos, Chester Chin, Ernest Deng.

Above: Jaiden Gregory



PEAKHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2017

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





Upcoming EVENTS

Term 4, 2016

TERM 3	Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October	1	10 Students Return	11	12	13 Footsteps Dance	14 PSSA Rd 3
October	2	17	18 Kindy Excursion- National Park	19 District Public Speaking Finals	20 Footsteps Dance	21 PSSA Rd 4
October	3	24 Film Festival Premiere	25 Kindergarten Orientation 1	26	27 Footsteps Dance	28 PSSA Rd 5
October	4	31	1	2 Kindergarten Orientation 2	3 Footsteps Dance Music: Count us in 12:30pm	4 PSSA Rd 6
November	5	7 P&C- 7pm	8	9 Prefect & Captains Speeches	10 Footsteps Dance Kindergarten Orientation 3	11 Stage 1 Bondi Excursion PSSA Rd 7
November	6	14 Stage 3 Camp- Pt Wolstoncroft	15	16	17 Stage 3 returns from Camp	18 PSSA Rd 8
November	7	21 Book Fair	22 Book Fair	23 Book Fair	24 Book Fair	25 PSSA Rd 9
November	8	28	29 Stage 2 Excursion Rivers & Wetlands	30 Stage 2 Excursion Rivers & Wetlands	1	2 PSSA Gala Day
December	9	5	6	7 Combined Scripture assembly Parent Helper Morning Tea	8 Presentation Day	9 Cake Day Stall Day
December	10	12	13 Picnic Day	14 Year 6 Farewell	15 Talent Quest	16 Students Last Day



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

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