



Newsletter

Principal's Message

Term 4, Week 8

Friday, 2 December, 2016

CONGRATULATIONS!

I would like to start our Newsletter with a HUGE congratulations to some of our staff members who have been successful in obtaining promotion and permanency.

It is with both pride and sadness that I congratulate Miss Cole in successfully being appointed as an Assistant Principal at Daceyville PS from 2017, through merit selection. Miss Cole has effectively filled the role of Relieving Assistant Principal at our school over the past two years as our school went through some significant change. I have personally enjoyed working with Miss Cole and watching her strengthen her leadership skills over the past 18 months. All of the staff will miss her wonderful personality but we are all very proud of her achievements and know that she is ready for new challenges ahead!

Congratulations also to Miss Perugini who has been appointed as a permanent teacher from 2017 at Georges Hall PS, through the Graduate Recruitment Program. Miss Perugini has worked on many classes throughout our school, including 6F, 2S and 4H. We wish her all the best and will also miss her collegiality, hard work and enthusiasm.

Finally, congratulations to Danielle who has successfully been appointed as a permanent School Admin Officer. Danielle has filled Marlene's admin position over the past 2 years, allowing her to be considered for the role permanently. While we already miss Marlene, we are all very pleased that Danielle could obtain this position and remain with our school for many years to come!

I would also like to announce that Mrs Liston was to return to school in 2017 but has been offered a Relieving Assistant Principal role at Oatley West PS. This will be a temporary placement for 2017. We wish her all the best as she starts afresh in a new school.

Mr Brown will now be appointed as a Relieving Assistant Principal at our school in 2017 and we look forward to working with him in this new role. With all of these changes, we are still finalising our classes for 2017. Once we have completed our planning, we will share this information with our school community.

CONGRATULATIONS PSSA BASKETBALL TEAMS

This PSSA season, we were proud to hear that both the Junior and Senior Boys' Basketball Teams had made the PSSA Finals. Mr Briggs spoke very highly of the boys and their effort and sportsmanship throughout a very tough competition. I know that they played their hearts out today and they should be very proud of their 4th place ranking overall. Well done boys!

END OF YEAR

It's so hard to believe that we are now entering the final two weeks of school for 2016! Time certainly flies by. I look forward to seeing you all at our Twilight Disco this Tuesday night. It is also a bitter sweet time for our Year 6 students and their families as they prepare to leave our school and start their high school journey. I know this feeling all too well as my daughter is also finishing Year 6 this fortnight. I often wonder where time has gone and why they have to grow up so quickly! For some families, their last child is now leaving our school and they will entirely move on from the world of primary school. I am looking forward to celebrating many successes with our entire school community over the next fortnight!

Tanya Sarafoski



Week 9	
Mon 5 Dec	P&C Final Meeting for 2016 & Dinner
Tues 6 Dec	TWILIGHT DISCO 6pm—7.30pm
Wed 7 Dec	Combined Scripture Assembly & Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thurs 8 Dec	Presentation Day
Fri 9 Dec	Year 6 Cake Day & Stall Day
Week 10	
Tues 13 Dec	Picnic Day
Wed 14 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell
Thurs 15 Dec	Talent Quest
Fri 16 Dec	Students Last Day

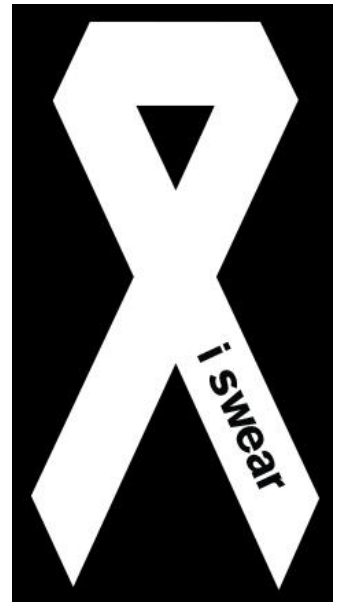
**TODAY WAS GOOD.****TODAY WAS FUN.****TOMORROW IS ANOTHER ONE.**

Dr Seuss

White Ribbon Family Breakfast

Our school supported **White Ribbon** by holding a family breakfast. It was a free event, prepared by the teachers of the school. **White Ribbon** is an Australia wide campaign aimed at stopping violence against women and families. Ms Cole visited every class and explained the aim of the campaign. Classes made B&W hand prints which festooned the COLA and highlighted the event. We hope this will become an annual event on the school calendar. We'd like to thank the following businesses who sponsored our breakfast:

@ the Corner, Mick's Gourmet Meats, Fresh Barn, Woolworths Riverwood, La Pagoda Bakery, Salvatore's Bakehouse Café, Breshnahan's Fine Foods & Short Black Espresso Bar.



Peakhurst West Public School—supporting **White Ribbon**

White Ribbon—breaking the silence

The staff joined in by preparing and cooking the breakfast for this important cause.



White Ribbon Garden Dedication

Our new White Ribbon garden was officially dedicated at our White Ribbon Family Breakfast. The project started early in the year with our gardening group designing the planting arrangement after the bed was built by Mr Robert Pitt. The students then prepared the bed, spread the soil, planted the plants, mulched and maintained it. This was a real community project with last year's Year 6 students raising the money for the soil and plants. We must also thank **Mr John Quintal** who printed two outdoor signs and kindly donated them to the project as a gift from his family. The garden was officially opened when Mrs Sarafoski cut the ribbon. The garden really helps beautify the school but it is also a powerful message about stopping domestic violence—**NOT VIOLENT—NOT SILENT**.



Our gardening group who have worked very hard to create our new White Ribbon garden.

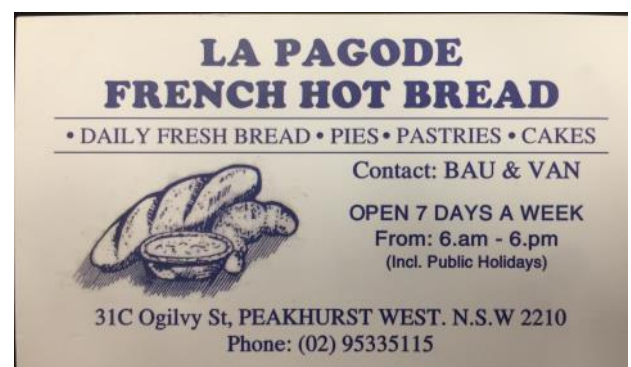


Above: Our new sign & Adam Quintal and his mother—thank you to the Quintal family.



Above: Mrs Sarafoski cuts the ribbon to officially dedicate our garden.

Special thanks to our Sponsors for our White Ribbon Breakfast.
We appreciate their support and would love for you to support
them as well!



@the corner 2

Sport Cavalcade



Competition Position—Season Three

T4 Week 7	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Softball / Tball	V Narwee Loss 6—10	V Narwee Loss 7—8
Girls Oz-tag	V Oatley Loss 3—7	V Oatley Loss 5—9
Boys Basketball	V Lugarno Win 17—14	V Lugarno Win 82—12
Boys Cricket	V Narwee Win 85—67	V Narwee Win 171—32
Mixed Hockey	V Beverly Hills Draw 0—0	V Beverly Hills Draw 3—3

T4 Week 8	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Softball / Tball	NO GAME CAMP	NO GAME CAMP
Girls Oz-tag	NO GAME CAMP	NO GAME CAMP
Boys Basketball	NO GAME CAMP	NO GAME CAMP
Boys Cricket	NO GAME CAMP	NO GAME CAMP
Mixed Hockey	NO GAME CAMP	NO GAME CAMP

Congratulations to the Senior & Junior Boys Basketball teams for qualifying for the PSSA District finals.

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

Alessandro Favuzzi, Taylor Conneely, Grace Loraine-Grews, Kelvin Chen, Cyrus Chen and Lynna Deng.

Keep up the great work!



Former Students Return



Former students **Angelique Jones, Rhianna MacRitchie and Vineet Tito** returned to our school to talk to Year 6 about their impressions of their first year at Menai High. They have had a successful year, adapted to life in Secondary school and have enjoyed their first year but they do miss our school.

What has 4H been up to?

This term 4H have been very busy researching, writing, directing and filming their documentaries on Australian and Chinese animals or landforms.

Students formed groups and researched their chosen topic. They then storyboarded their ideas, planning how they would film their documentary. Each group decided on what props they needed to create to help bring their documentary to life, then they spent time designing and creating these with great enthusiasm.

Everyone was very excited to get outside and film their documentary using the iPads. It was great to see how well each group worked collaboratively and cooperatively together.

After filming was complete, we spent time as a class learning how to edit our documentaries and add in exciting extras such as music and various effects.

All groups did such an amazing job creating their very first documentaries. We are a very lucky school to have so many talented students.



MOvember CRAZY HAIR Mufti

MOVEMBER



Congratulations to the SRC for organising a MOvember Crazy Hair Mufti which they ran in conjunction with the White Ribbon Family Breakfast—***GO the MO***



Thank you SRC!



Congratulations to our MOvember Mo Bros who have raised over \$700 this November—you can still donate to PEAKY MOS!





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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