



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9
Thursday, 24th March, 2016

Principal's Message

What an exciting week we have had! Monday marked our Harmony Day festivities where students dressed in the colour orange and donated a gold coin to support World Vision. We also spent some time doing buddy activities, including buddy lunch (despite the rain!) and Easter hat making. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising the day and decorating our school with flags and orange decorations. We really do aim to make Peakhurst West a school where 'everyone belongs'.

It has been so heartwarming to see our older students helping our K-2 classes with their Easter hat creations. There have been lots of feathers, chicks, decorative eggs, glitter and sparkles making an appearance in our classrooms. And didn't those hats look amazing?! I loved seeing how proud our K-2 students were of their creations. They



stood so tall and smiled the whole way during our parade – very cute indeed! We had perfect picnic weather and it was great to see so many of you taking the time to share a picnic with family and friends.

A very generous Easter Eggstravaganza Raffle started off our morning today. A huge thanks to all families who donated items for the raffle and those who bought tickets and sold some to their families. Our K-6 Club mums have also worked tirelessly to organise the tickets, notes and wrap the prizes. It really is a team effort! As with all our fundraising efforts, all money raised goes back to the school to support teaching and learning and to purchase more resources for your children.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Year 2 and 3 students have been taking advantage of our pool and participating in a two week Intensive Swimming Program. The progress the students made was phenomenal and they not only developed confidence, but for some of our students it is the first time they have attended swimming lessons. Well done to all students involved.

COFFEE & TEA AT PEAKY WEST

In this newsletter, you will find an invitation to our first 'Coffee & Tea at Peaky West' event. Not only is it an informal way for parents to get to know each other but it's a great way for me to learn more about you and your feedback for the school. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, 5th April straight after our flag assembly (approx. 10am in the school hall). There is no need to RSVP – just show up and be willing to have a chat!



Week 9

Fri 25 Mar Good Friday

Week 10

Mon 28 Mar Easter Monday

Wed 30 Mar Combined Easter Scripture

Fri 1 April PSSA Rd 6

Week 11 INTERVIEW WEEK

Mon 4 April P & C meeting 7pm

Tues 5 April Yr 6 Gala Sports Day

Stage 1 National
Park Excursion

Wed 6 April Interviews Evening

Fri 8 April Last Day of Term

PSSA Rd 7

TERM 2

Week 1

Wed 27 April Students Return

Fri 29 April PSSA Rd 8

Week 2

Wed 4 May School Photos

HAPPY EASTER



I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a relaxing long weekend with family and friends!

Tanya Sarafoski

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews will be held during week 11 (week beginning Monday 4th April). We have decided to hold interviews earlier in the year to set student goals and discuss your child's learning with the teacher. All bookings are online and easy to do. A note was sent home yesterday with information on how to register and access the online booking system. Please take the time to speak to your child's teacher. This will be the only opportunity for formal interviews, however our teachers are always available if you have any other concerns throughout the year.

One issue we have come across with this booking system affects split families. We are currently working with Sentral to overcome this problem and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any issues with the online bookings, please see your class teacher.

Invoices

Thank you to everyone who has made payments towards invoices this term. If you have not yet paid for School Magazine or Mathletics, could you please do so by end of term 1. We do not want to disappoint or disadvantage your child. These resources are used in the classroom and at home as a learning resource. The school cannot afford to continue these programs without full parent support.

Outstanding invoices were sent home today. We understand that sometimes school expenses are difficult to pay, however we encourage you to contact the office to make payment arrangements. Following up invoices does consume a lot of admin time that could be used in more beneficial ways. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Business Owners

We are looking for business owners who would be happy to support our school with their services. Currently, we are looking for web developers or painters for some projects we are working on. Of course, we don't expect freebies but we'd love to work with and give back to the community who supports us. Please contact the office on 9153 9767 if you feel you could assist us with these services.

Student Safety

Once again, we ask our school community to not send children to school before our 8.55am bell. We have a growing number of students who arrive at school, even before 8.30am when there is **no supervision**. We have several incidents between children that we have been dealing with and most of them occur at 8.30am.

Similarly, we ask that you head home in a timely manner after school. There are students who are playing on our playground equipment, unsupervised by their parents, which is also creating a dangerous situation. I have been asking students at the Ogilvy Street exit to wait at the fence for their pick ups, rather than take the time to play ball games, particularly during our peak period after school. Please talk to your children if this affects your family. We understand that there are sometimes delays in picking up your children but we'd appreciate them waiting in an orderly manner.

From The Library.....

Don't Forget Your Library Bag

We have had a great start to the year in our school Library. Lots of borrowing and activity is happening. Just a reminder to please remember to ask your child to have their Library bag on their library day. A library bag protects the borrowed books and lengthens the life of each text. If the children don't have a bag then it is not possible for them to borrow. The Library Days for each class are below.

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
2S	4H	KP	3C	5L	1E	4/5B	1/2P KS
3/4L		5/6B				1K	

SOS Parent Helpers Needed

We are calling for some helpers in the Library. If you have a spare 30 mins or hour in the morning after you have dropped off your child we would love to hear from you. It does not need to be every week but we would love some help with covering books, labelling books, and shelving. If this sounds like you then please see Ms Dawson in the Library. We will even put the radio on as we work.

Happy Reading

Ms Dawson

Sport Cavalcade



Week 8 T1	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Basketball	V Oatley Lost 8—18	V Oatley Lost 10—41
Girls Cricket	V Peakhurst Lost 19—44	V Peakhurst Won 26—19
Boys Oztag	V Oatley Lost 2—5	V Oatley Lost 4—8
Boys Softball	V Peakhurst Won 14—11	V Peakhurst Lost 0—20

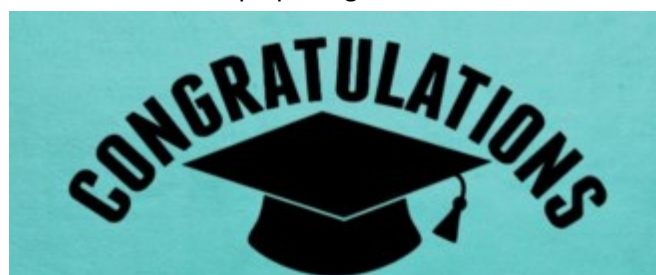
Week 9 T1	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Basketball		EASTER
Girls Cricket	EASTER	
Boys Oztag		EASTER
Boys Softball	EASTER	

Pennant Winner

Congratulations to the pennant winner for this fortnight!

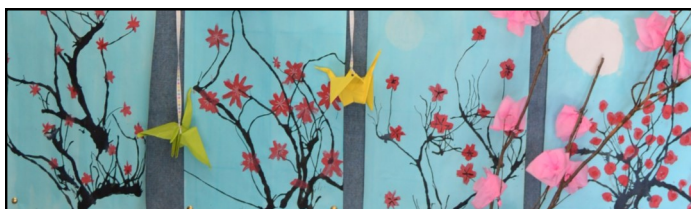
Ernest Deng

Keep up the great work!



What have 5L been up to?

Throughout term 1, 5L has been learning about Japan. In writing, we are using a range of persuasive techniques to create travel brochures for Japan and compose convincing expositions for their audience. 5L visited Hazelhurst Art Gallery and were extremely inspired by the amazing artworks. In our visual arts lessons, children created Japanese cherry blossoms using ink blowing and made paper cranes using the art of paper folding (origami). The students of 5L enjoyed working closely to their buddy class 1K, to make their Easter hats for the parade.



Easter Hat Parade & Picnic



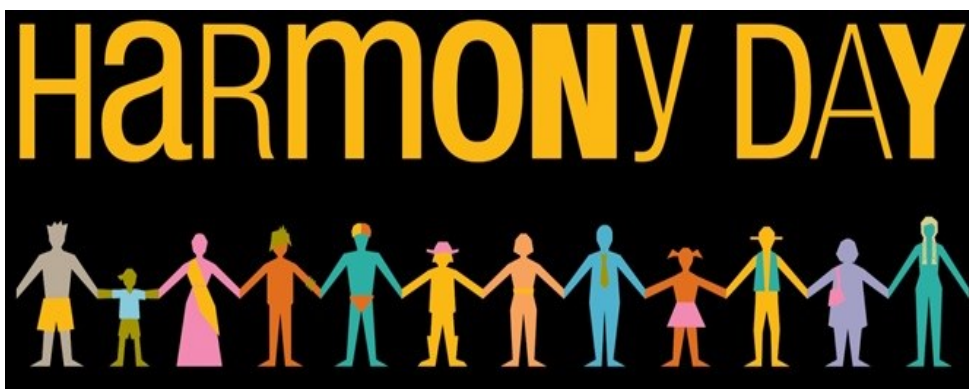
HARMONY DAY @ Peakhurst West Public School

Everyone Belongs Everyone Belongs Everyone Belongs

Despite the rain, classes from K-6 marked **Harmony Day** by wearing orange, doing selected classroom activities and having lunch with Buddy classes. Instead of a picnic in the playground lunches were shared in classrooms and were a lot of fun. Thank you **SRC** for organising this important day. Money raised from the gold coin donation will go to World Vision & The Smith Family. A special thanks must go to Mrs Brown for organising the classroom resources and arranging the decorations for the day.

Did you know?

- Harmony Day is celebrated throughout Australia on 21 March. Since first held in 1999, Harmony Day has grown to become a significant annual day for Australians to come together and celebrate our nation's cultural diversity.
- 21 March is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.
- Orange has been the Harmony Day colour since the first day was held in 1999. Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations. It aids in the development of new ideas and frees the spirit of its limitations, giving us the freedom to be ourselves. At the same time it encourages self-respect and respect of others.






Coffee & Tea at Peakyl West

10-11am

Wednesday, 6th April

School Hall

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the Principal & other parents!



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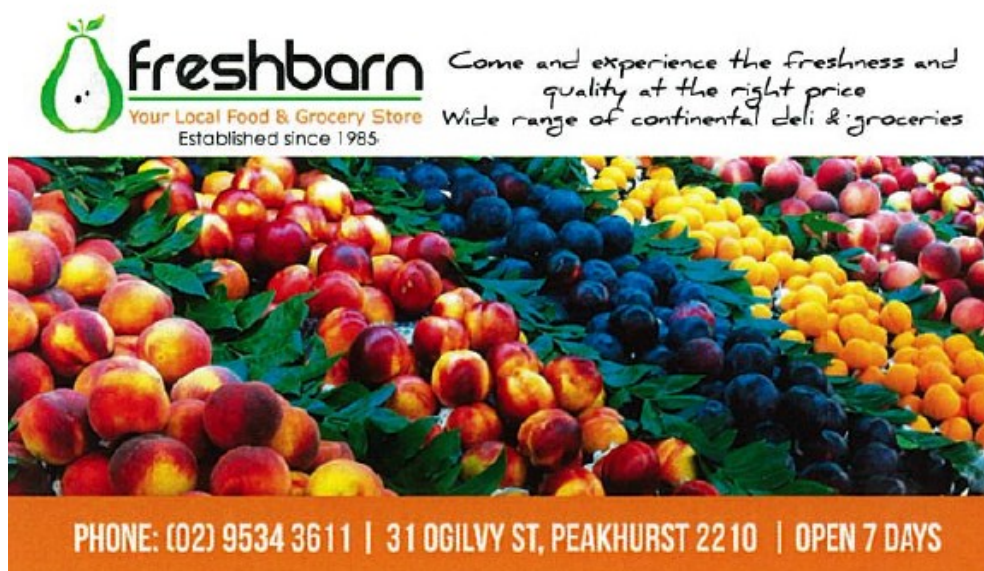
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Family Fun Day

Sunday

CAFE 31

✦ Face painting ✦ Henna
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20th March 2016
10am – 2pm
31B Oglivly Street Peakhurst

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ISLAND TOUR

Experience an unforgettable day out on Sydney Harbour touring the pristine Clark Island, where you'll participate in traditional tribal arts such as sand painting and hand stenciling, and observe exciting cultural performances.

A perfect way to spend Easter on the harbour complete with an Easter Egg hunt!

Join us for a BBQ lunch and participate in fascinating artistic and cultural activities from the world's oldest living culture.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- Sand Painting and Hand Stenciling
- Guided tour of Clark Island to learn about bush tucker, flora and fauna and hunting techniques
- Cultural Dance Performances

DATES

Good Friday 25th March	10.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday 25th March	10.00am – 1.00pm

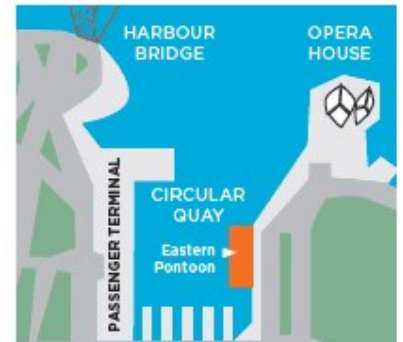
TICKET PRICES

Children	\$30
Adults	\$40
Student/Concession/ Pensioner	\$35
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Prebook your BBQ lunch	\$10pp**
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Building Bridges

When parents separate, they often live in two homes and kids need to find a way to build their own bridge between their parents' homes.

Building Bridges is a free two-hour workshop for children to discuss how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places.

Children will learn:

- to understand feelings about parental separation and conflict
- about changes in families following separation
- how to feel safe in the family
- to become emotionally stronger and more resilient

For Children aged between 8 and 12 years

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate or
we will come to your venue.

\$15 per child but negotiable

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Parents Not Partners

This six-session program is for separated parents in conflict over their children – where they should live, how much time they should spend with each parent, what school they should attend, or anything else concerning the children.

Parents who are separated will learn:

- about the effects on children of the ongoing parental conflict
- how to shift focus from the conflict with the other parent to child's needs
- skills to reduce conflict
- about parenting after separation
- how to transform the relationship with the other parent into a business-like partnership
- to better understand the emotional needs of each child in the family

Mondays, 6:30pm to 9:00pm

23 May | 30 May | 6 Jun | Tues 14 Jun

| 20 Jun | 27 Jun

Cost: \$150

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road
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Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:

- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Monday, 6:30 pm to 9:00pm

23 May | 30 May | 6 June

Cost: \$75 per couple

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

Address: 383 – 385 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Monday, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**2 May | 9 May | 16 May | 23 May | 30 May
6 Jun | Public Holiday | 20 Jun | 27 Jun 2016**

Cost: \$50 per child

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

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Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate

