



Newsletter

Principal's Message

Term 1 Week 11
Friday, 8th April, 2016

INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all of you who attended Parent-Teacher interviews this week. I hope you found them to be a valuable insight into your child's education and that the feedback given shows areas of growth and improvement needed. Thank you to all the teachers who prepared comprehensive information and data to share with parents. They genuinely care about your children and their development. We received lots of positive feedback about using the hall for all interviews and the new online booking system. We appreciate your patience in establishing this new system.

COFFEE & TEA

Although small in number, our coffee and tea session was a great opportunity to strengthen relationships with our community. Thank you to those who attended – I really enjoyed getting to know more of our parents. Look out for our next coffee and tea session next term.

ANNUAL REPORT

The 2015 Annual Report is now available for our community to read. I strongly encourage you all to take the time to read this document which documents the schools progress towards our targets, our financial situation and reports on key events and initiatives from 2015. The Annual Report can be found on our school website.

STUDENTS ARRIVING TO SCHOOL EARLY

I would like to again reiterate that there is no supervision before 8.55am. Some students over the past fortnight have arrived at 8.15am. Please take the time over the holidays to make alternate arrangements for your children if you are arriving to school before 8.55am. As we head into Winter, the mornings will be much colder and more unpleasant.

CANTEEN NEWS

Over the past month, I have led a panel comprising of two parent representatives from the P&C and one staff representative through a canteen tender process. After careful consideration, we have decided to re-appoint Kaps' Canteen Services as the canteen licensee for the next three years. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Rene and her team and eating their delicious food.

PAYMENTS

Thank you to all families who have paid their invoices in full or started making instalments towards their invoices. It truly makes a difference to the resources and opportunities we can offer the children. Term 2 invoices will be sent out in week 2 next term.

Thanks for a fantastic term 1. We have already achieved so much and we really couldn't do it without our students who are so willing to try their hardest at school each day. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday. Students return on Wednesday, 27th April.

Tanya Sarafoski



TERM 2

Week 1

Wed 27 April Students Return

Fri 29 April PSSA Rd 8

Week 2

Wed 4 May School Photos

Thurs 5 May Mother's Day Stall

Fri 6 May PSSA Rd 9

Week 3

10-12 May NAPLAN

Yrs 3 & 5

Fri 13 May PSSA Finals

Week 4

Mon 16 May Cross Country

Tues 17 May Writers Festival

Wed 18 May Debating Workshop

Week 5

Thurs 26 May District Cross Country

Fri 27 May Math-a-thon

Sport Cavalcade



Week 10 T1	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Basketball	V Narwee Won 38-0	V Narwee Draw 26-26
Girls Cricket	V Peakhurst Sth Lost 115-79	V Peakhurst Sth Won 51-15
Boys Oztag	V Hurstville Sth Won 7-5	V Hurstville Sth Won 7-3
Boys Softball	V Beverly Hills Won 11-8	V Beverly Hills Won 15-1

Pennant Winner

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

Nathan Illes, Eric Wang, Xander Mannell and Michelle Tu.



What have 4/5B been up to?

Week 11 T1	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Basketball	V Kingsgrove Lost 7-36	V Kingsgrove Lost 12-42
Girls Cricket	V Oatley West Lost 18-41	V Oatley West Won 54-50
Boys Oztag	V Beverly Hills Lost 2-6	V Beverly Hills Lost 2-4
Boys Softball	V Oatley West Lost 14-15	V Oatley West Lost 2-16

We have had a busy Term 1 in 2016. In addition to our Maths and Literacy work, the class has been studying Japan and it's culture, artworks and built environment. We would love for you to have a look at some of our artworks at the entry to the school office or on our classroom windows! In English we have been writing Persuasive arguments to convince an audience to believe our point of view.

4/5B hopes that all our Peakhurst West families and friends have a safe and happy holidays. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the start of Term 2!

Mr Brown (4/5B Class Teacher)

NAPLAN

Next term students in year 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN).

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government schools take part in these assessments.

A NAPLAN report will be issued to your child later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

Additional information about these assessments can be found at www.nap.edu.au/

Leadership Presentation @ Flag Assembly



School Captains and Leaders



School Representative Council (SRC)



Mr Mark Coure MP, State Member of Parliament for the seat of Oatley, attended our last Flag Assembly of Term 1 and presented our school leaders with certificates from the State Government. He spoke of the importance of leadership and the responsibilities it carries.

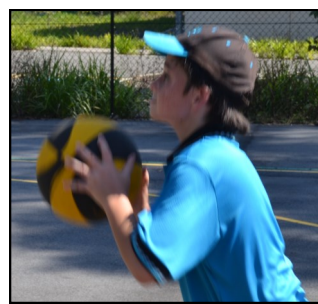


House Captains

Year Six @ Gala Sports Challenge



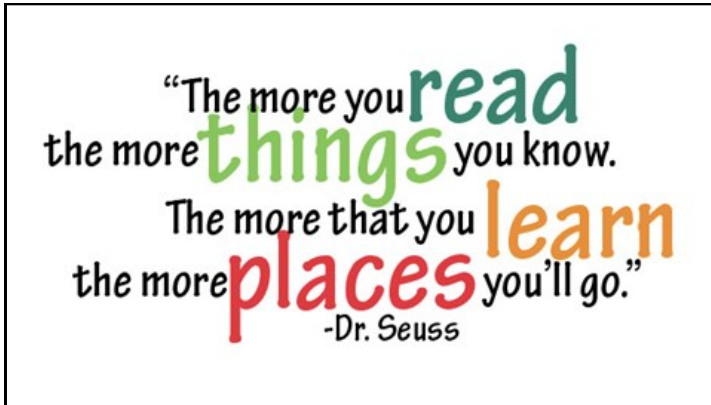
Year Six finished the term with a day of sporting challenges at GRC campus, Peakhurst. The day was organised and run by Year 10 students who are in the PE and Sport elective. Part of their course is to plan and run a sporting event. Our students were divided into five teams. The day was broken into several sessions of three activities per session. Each activity was introduced and run by a different team of instructors. And the teams rotated through the program. Special thanks must go to the PE staff and Yr 10 students of Peakhurst High for organising such a wonderful event.






What to do in the holidays?

When holidays are approaching, many parents approach teachers asking for additional schoolwork in the holidays. The holidays are an opportunity for students to recharge and relax, however we greatly encourage our students to read every day and especially in the holidays. All it takes is twenty minutes a day.

Read together, go for a walk together, play board games and spend quality time together.



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Easter Festivities



say cheese

School Photo Day is Wednesday 4 May 2016

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

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- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. **NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED**
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
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WEEK ONE

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WEEK TWO

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