



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2
Friday, 6th May, 2016

ANZAC Memorial Service

ANZAC Day was marked by a solemn flag memorial run by our Year 6 students. Jack Beecham opened the commemoration with the Welcome to Country and MC, Emilia Paino, invited speakers to the podium. Mrs Sarafoski delivered an address and students explained the significance of the day and recited poems. One poem was written and recited by Jesse Murray. Students from K-6 were invited to lay floral tributes and the Ode was delivered by Emily Cliff. This was followed by the Last Post, minute's silence and Reveille. The memorial concluded with the National Anthem—well done Year 6.



**Lest We
Forget**



TERM 2

Week 3

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| 10-12 May | NAPLAN
Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Fri 13 May | PSSA Finals |

Week 4

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| Mon 16 May | Cross Country |
| Tues 17 May | Writers Festival |
| Wed 18 May | Debating Workshop |

Week 5

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| Thurs 26 May | District Cross Country |
| Fri 27 May | Math-a-thon |

Week 6

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| Fri 3 June | PSSA Rd 1—
Season 2 |
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Week 7

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| Mon 6 June | P&C meeting 7pm |
| Thurs 9 June | Teddy Bears' Picnic |

Week 8

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| Mon 13 June | Public Holiday |
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Principal's Address

Welcome back to term 2! We have already achieved so much in just under two weeks... We had a moving ANZAC Ceremony last week organised by Mr Briggs; we gave our school photographers some BIG smiles on Wednesday this week and yesterday we bought some gorgeous gifts from the Mother's Day stall which was run by so many of our parent volunteers. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, ensuring our students made the most perfect choices for their loved ones.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our teachers had a very productive day last Tuesday during our staff development day. We learnt about the upcoming implementation of the Geography syllabus and Mrs Floratos gave us an overview of 'Project Based Learning' (PBL). This embraces 21st Century Learning as students are given open ended, 'non-googleable' questions that they investigate and respond too. This helps students acquire deeper knowledge of a range of topics. Our teachers are keen to implement PBL into their classrooms.

POSITIVE EDUCATION & RESILIENCE

Staff also learnt about the power of positive psychology, gratitude and resilience. While this is important for all of us as a society, it is particularly important in the development of our students and we will be focusing on this in our schools as part of our strategic direction that involves student wellbeing. Movement is also powerful in refreshing student concentration and our teachers are now implementing 5 minute movement breaks in their classrooms. Take the time to talk to your children about these activities they are doing in their classes. The feedback from staff has been 100% positive.



PLAYGROUND CHANGES

You may have noticed that we have made changes to our playground systems and processes this term. Our teachers are now wearing high-vis vests, ensuring their visibility in the playground. We have also opened up an additional area in the playground. The grass area between the library and E block has become a K-2 quiet, passive play area where K-2 students have access to equipment such as hoops, stompers and balls. These changes have been very positive with our playground incidences being minimised dramatically so far. We will continue to develop these areas with plans to establish a 'Buddy Bench' and the painting of handball courts. Mr Brown has volunteered to run a lunch time soccer competition with students in Stages 2 & 3. I hear the student winners will be playing against a team of teachers later in the term!

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

On Thursday, 9th June we will be holding a Teddy Bears' Picnic. All preschoolers are invited to this event which they will share with our current Kindergarten students. Please share this invitation with your family and friends—the more, the merrier.

NAPLAN

Next week students in year 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN). This is a 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. A NAPLAN report will be issued to your child later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. While this is an important assessment for all schools, it is also important to remember that NAPLAN results show a very small window into your child's school life and that everyday performance and class assessments are just as valuable. Please avoid adding any unnecessary stress to your children—we have been preparing the students in class and have familiarised them with the structure of each test. The best way to assist your child is to ensure they have a good night sleep before each test and a healthy, nutritious breakfast on the morning of each test.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Peakhurst West is now on social media! This week we have launched our Facebook and Twitter pages. Follow us on Twitter: @PeakhurstWestPS and on Facebook: Peakhurst West Public School. The official Facebook page has a photo of our teachers in Book Week costumes. Any other pages are not the official school pages.

Happy Mother's Day! I hope you all have a beautiful day with your family—I know I am most certainly looking forward to spending the day with my grandmother, my mum and my own children.

Sport Cavalcade



Week 1 T2	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Basketball	BYE	BYE
Girls Cricket	V Narwee Won 34-31	V Narwee Won 45-27
Boys Oztag	V Penshurst West Won 7-6	V Penshurst West Lost 2-3
Boys Softball	V Peakhurst Sth Draw 10-10	V Peakhurst Sth Won 15-10

Week 2 T2	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Basketball	V Penshurst Won 32-4	V Penshurst Lost 20-46
Girls Cricket	V Oatley Lost 36-42	V Oatley Lost 36-50
Boys Oztag	V Lugarno Lost 1-4	V Lugarno Won 5-2
Boys Softball	V Oatley Lost 9-12	V Oatley Won 14-8

ANZAC Day

*A day of remembrance,
For the people who fought.
We stand in silence,
To keep their spirits alive.*



Jesse M

Pennant Winner

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

Nathan I, Eric W, Xander M and Michelle T

Keep up the great work!

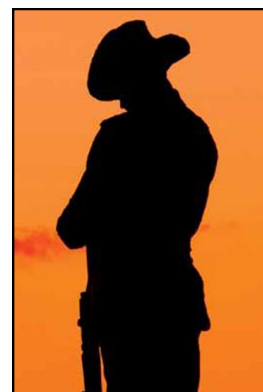


LEST WE FORGET

Those who fought for us,
Until their sun had set.
Their bravery was victorious,
Lest we forget.

They fought for their country,
A very heroic bet.
Their lives were on the line,
Lest we forget.

They fought to the bitter end,
Through warm and wet.
They protected their families,
Lest we forget.



We thank the Anzacs yearly,
For the peace we have met.
They shall now rest in peace,
Lest we forget.

James de F-M

OC Applications

Opportunity classes (OC) cater for Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted students who are high achieving at school. These classes help students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Parents must apply when the students are in Year 4.

Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at a primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online have been sent home to year 4 students and can be accessed at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

The application website opened on 26 April 2016 and closes on 13 May 2016. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance.

You must submit only ONE application for each student and you must notify Miss Cole that you have submitted an application.

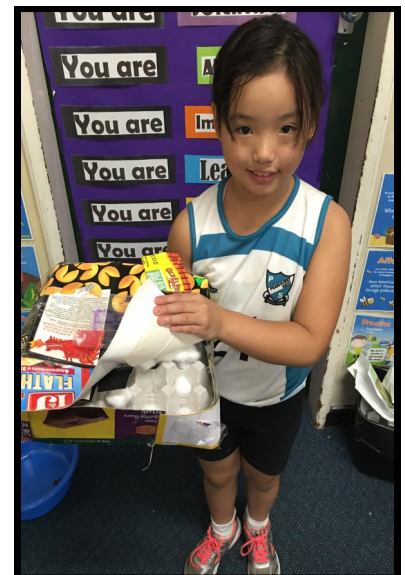
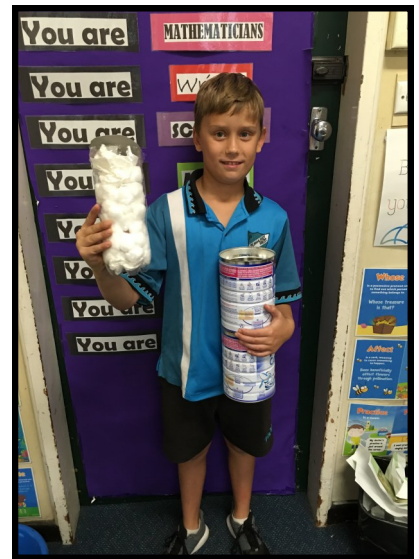
What have 4H been up to?

4H have been very busy in Science, learning about natural and processed materials that packages are made from.

Throughout the unit students examined a range of packages to identify their characteristics such as shape, colour, size and what it is made of. They also discussed the environmental impact of materials that are used to make packages.

The students also tested how well materials can protect an object from impact and how shape contributes to the design and strength of a package. The class then applied this knowledge to design a package using various materials that would be suitable to protect fragile contents. They then sketched their package design and built this using various materials.

4H did an amazing job and made some very creative and effective packages to protect their fragile objects.



Building Our White Ribbon Garden

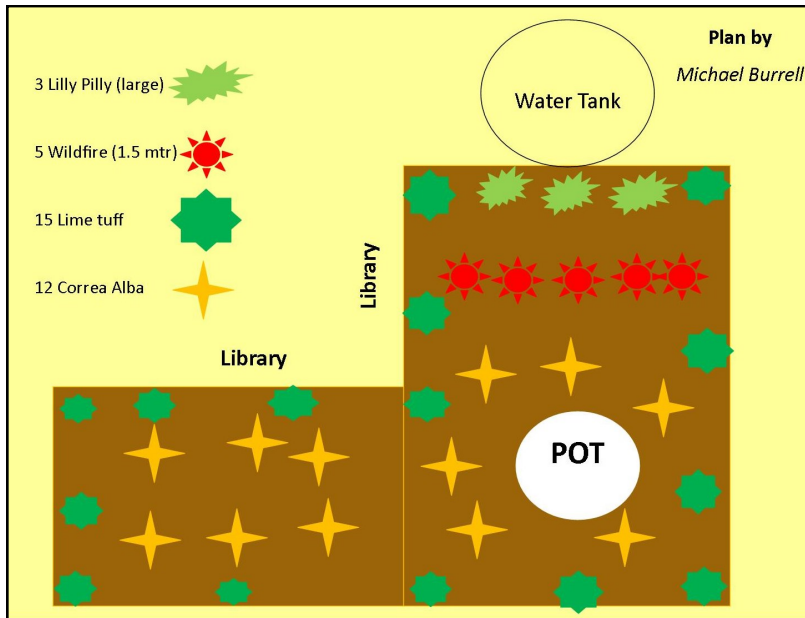


We have completed the first stage of our new garden area we are dedicating as a **White Ribbon** Garden.

Before we fill it with soil we need to cover it with cardboard to inhibit the growth of weeds. We are seeking large cardboard boxes (the type used for televisions or appliances) to be brought into school and left near Mr Brigg's room. We do not need small boxes like the ones obtained from grocery stores.

Our student gardening group will prepare the bed and do the planting. We have already chosen the plants and some students have drawn planting plans. They have also calculated the amount of soil we need.

Later in the year we will have an official opening assembly and dedicate it to **White Ribbon** and a world without violence.



Share the Dignity Campaign

The Share the Dignity Campaign provides sanitary products to homeless women and women in refuges who cannot afford to purchase products.

The Member for Oatley, Mr Mark Coure's electorate office, at 24 Pitt Street Mortdale, is a collection point for sanitary products that will be distributed to women in need.

In Australia the figures regarding woman and homelessness is disturbing with 25% of homelessness in women due to family and domestic violence and one in four women having experienced physical or sexual violence the Share the Dignity Campaign provides some relief to women at risk.

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The Premiers Reading Challenge is now open

It has been described as the biggest Book Club in the world

All of our school complete the challenge together.

Kindergarten children do the challenge **completely** at school with the reading they do in class and in the Library. The information is put onto the computer by Ms Dawson

Year 1 and Year 2 students do a lot of it at school. However, they begin to learn how to complete it on their own. They will be shown during the Library lesson how to Log in and record the books online. They will complete the challenge by both school reading (in class or in the Library) and with their reading at home (from books borrowed from the Library or that they read from other places).

During Term 2 any children who are falling behind in their reading will go to 'Reading Club' in the Library at Lunch time and read with Ms Dawson. They will also be offered help putting their books on the computer at this time.

Years 3-6 are encouraged to complete the challenge independently. There will be some lessons for registering and reading however the children will be expected to complete a lot of it from independent reading and put the books on the computer at home as part of their homework for the term. They will also be able to go to 'Reading Club' when it starts later in Term 2.

What is Reading Club?

Reading Club will start in Term 2. An announcement will be made each day to remind the invited students to go to the Library. At the Library we will eat our lunch together and read a PRC text. Students may also have access to computers so that they can log books if they have not been able to do so at home. Reading club is held at around 3 times in the week to give all students a chance to come along if they need to without missing out on training for their other commitments.

How can I Log In At Home ?

To log in to the Premiers Reading Challenge site students need only to know their internet login from school (first name.last name (sometimes with a number) and their personal password). The link is below:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/>

After logging on ,click "Student Reading Record" from the menu on the left.

Next just add the books by their number (on the cover) or author and title.

Any questions?

See Ms Dawson

Happy Reading from the PWPS Library

The Teddy Bears' Picnic

at

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Thursday, 9th June, 2016

12 - 1pm

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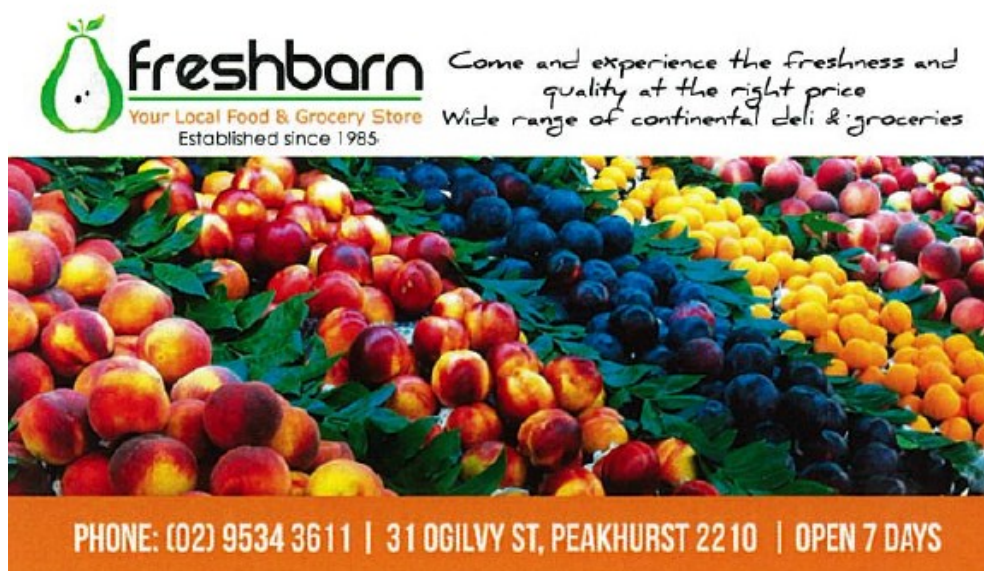
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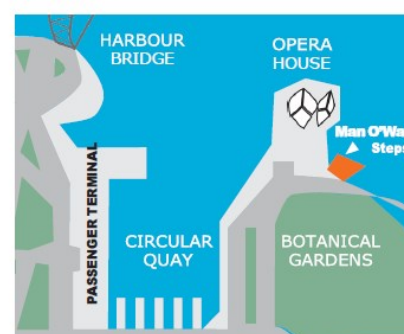
DATES

Friday	27 th May 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Saturday	28 th May 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Sunday	29 th May 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Friday	3 rd June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Saturday	4 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Sunday	5 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Friday	10 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Saturday	11 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Sunday	12 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Friday	17 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm
Saturday	18 th June 2016	7.00-9.30pm

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