



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10

As Term 2 draws to a close, we reflect back at all of the wonderful progress our students have made this Semester and all of the fantastic opportunities they have experienced, with thanks to our very dedicated teaching staff. Our Kindergarten students have just finished their first 100 days of Kindy—what a great achievement. They are definitely well into their 'big school' journey. Year 6 will return from the holidays, ready to complete their last semester of primary school. I hope they really cherish and make the most of the rest of their time here at Peakhurst West.

I have also been reflecting on my first year at Peakhurst West and I do so with so much pride. I'm very pleased and proud of the achievements of our school and this would not have been possible without the dedication of our teachers, the willingness of our students and the support of our community. Thank you so much for making our school as wonderful as it is. It feels like it was only yesterday that I walked through the Peakhurst West gates, yet it also feels like I've been part of this community for a long time. I cannot wait to continue the journey with each and every one of you.



THANK YOU P&C and K-6 CLUB

Our P&C have done it again. Our Election day BBQ has been a huge success today. Thank you to all of our parents who were able to help at the BBQ, or who made and delivered cakes for today's stall and also the Cake Stall this week. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and I could certainly feel the team spirit today.

REPORTS

School reports were distributed this week and we hope that you liked the new format. The reports are based on a period of both formal assessments and classroom observations. This semester, staff wrote personal comments for English and Maths and a general comment for each student. The feedback from staff was that they were genuinely proud of the achievements and progress of our students. It is important to remember that 'sound' or 'at' indicates that the child is working at their grade level and is a positive sign. The effort scale is also just as important as the grade that is given. Take the time to discuss and celebrate your child's progress with them—it shows that you value their education.

PAYMENTS

Term 3 marks the start of our 'POP—Parent Online Payment' system. This means that you can now make school invoice and excursion payments by direct deposit into the school account. A separate note was sent home with all the details for this. Please see Anna or Danielle in the office for further information.

Have a wonderful holiday. Relax and recharge and remember the importance of quality family time and the positive impact it has on your children!

"Children will not remember you for the material things you provided, but for the feeling that you cherished them." Richard L. Evans

Tanya Sarafoski



TERM 3

Week 1

Tues 19 July Students Return

Wed 20 July Athletics Carnival K-6

Thurs 21 July Stage 2 Excursion
'Field of Mars'

Fri 22 July PSSA Rd 6

Week 2

Mon 25 July 4/5B & 5L Excursion

Tues 26 July 6F & 5/6B Excursion

Fri 24 July PSSA Rd 7

Week 3

Mon 1 Aug P&C—7pm

Tues 2 Aug Stage 1 Excursion

Thurs 4 Aug **OPEN DAY**

Fri 5 Aug PSSA Rd 8

Week 4

Mon 8 Aug Mile Cricket Stg 3

Wed 10 Aug Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 11 Aug NAIDOC Celebrations

Fri 12 Aug PSSA Rd 9

Week 5

Mon 15 Aug District Athletics—
Track

Tues 16 Aug OLYMPATHON

Thurs 18 Aug Opera Incursion

District Athletics—
Field

To holiday or not to holiday...that is the question?

Stage Three finished Term Two with a visit to the Walsh Bay theatre to enjoy a production of **Hamlet** by **William Shakespeare**. The play was written and performed by, The Listies. The performance was called, **Hamlet Prince of Skidmark**, and was a hilarious adaptation of Shakespeare's play, **Hamlet**. It was cleverly written to include classic lines by, **The Bard**, as well as contemporary language and jokes. The traditional plot was followed and some unexpected deviations engaged the audience. The play was a blend of classic Shakespeare, pantomime, shadow puppetry and singing and dancing and there were many opportunities for the students to interact with the actors with one of our students, Hussein, helping out in one of the scenes on stage.

The students were able to relate to the characters, dialogue and plot because of lessons carried out in class over the last month. The experience really made Shakespeare come to life and help them realise how brilliant Shakespeare was and how his plays are still relevant, even after 400 years.

Recess and lunch were both enjoyed at Dawes Point, underneath the Harbour Bridge—it was a great way to finish the term.



Jermaine helps out as
Queen Gertrude—
Claudius's wife



Hussein as an assassin helps Hamlet



The Listies



Lunch—
overlooking the
Harbour @
Dawes Point

Sport Cavalcade

Competition Position—Season Two



Pennant Winner

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

T2 Week 9	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Netball	Cancelled	Cancelled
Girls Soccer	Cancelled	Cancelled
Boys Soccer	Cancelled	Cancelled
Mixed Newcombe	Cancelled	Cancelled
Boys Rugby League	Cancelled	Cancelled

T2 Week 10	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Netball	BYE	BYE
Girls Soccer	V Lugarno Lost 0-3	V Lugarno Lost 0-3
Boys Soccer	V Peakhurst Draw 2-2	V Peakhurst Lost 0-4
Mixed Newcombe	V Lugarno Won 40-39	V Lugarno Won 45-29
Boys Rugby League	V Hannans Road Won 28-24	V Hannans Road Won 58-12

The bowling squad played pairs against Peakhurst South and Lugarno. Most teams had good wins. We finished with a game of **Bowls-Soccer** to hone our skills of delivering with the correct grass and weight. This was girls V boys and the girls won 2-0.



Rebecca P, Caitlen S,
Elizabeth N & Olivia S

Keep up the great work!



From the Library

Library Fairies Needed

We have got some fantastic helpers in the Library at the moment. These wonderful parents are helping with covering and labelling books. We are hoping to add to our volunteer army . If you can spare some time in the morning or the afternoon we would love to hear from you. It wouldn't need to be every week , just when you can . We need some people who would be happy to join our group by shelving books, labelling books and covering books. If you can spare an odd half hour a week please see Ms Dawson in the Library.

Happy reading!



Save the Date!

Some important dates this term:

Athletics Carnival—Wednesday 20 July—Barden Ridge

School Open Day for Education Week—Thursday 4 August

Grandparents Day—Thursday 8 September

Mobile Dentistry Service

Notes have been distributed for our free dentistry service in Week 2, Term 2. This is not a compulsory activity for your children. However, if your children do not see their own dentist every 6-12 months then he highly recommend that they see the mobile dentists in week 2.

Spotlight on Sport PSSA Player Profile



Emily Cliff (left) has been playing netball for almost five years. She currently plays for the Flames 13 AR team and this is her second year in our senior school team. Last year Emily was selected in the Sydney East Area PSSA team and played in the State carnival in Tamworth. This year she again made the Area team and will play in the State carnival in Albury. We wish her luck in her quest to be selected in the State team.

Ella-Rose Wight (right) is a current member of our junior netball team. She has played for the Revesby Workers team for two years. Her favourite positions are Wing Attack or Wing Defence. These positions suit her because of her agility and speed around the court.



Djumu Art Program



Year 6 student, Jermaine Baxter, was recently selected to be part of an art program called, Djumu Junior, an initiative of the Education Department's office of Aboriginal Education, to develop the art of story telling through Visual Arts. The program consists of three sessions at the gallery. The first day involved a tour of the gallery and a session on printmaking. After initial sketching and planning the students created some prints on cloth.

Jermaine Baxter at the **NSW Art Gallery** and with one of the paintings we have studied in class for art appreciation, *Fire's On*, by Arthur Streeton.

Spelling Bee Finals Yr3-6



This year's finals of the **Premier's Spelling Bee** was held on Thursday 22nd June (Wk9 Term 2) however due to the hotly contested Stage 3 rounds, the stage 2 final had to be carried over to Friday 24th. Each class from Yr3-6 were given the official list and class eliminations were held during Library lessons with each class having two representatives for the finals. The finals were split into divisions—Stage 3 followed by Stage 2.

The finals were very competitive and Mrs Dawson needed to use her extra unseen lists to complete both stages.

Each stage group continued in the elimination finals until there were two competitors left. The winners will now compete at the Regional finals in early September.

Congratulations to the comperes who ran the event, to Mrs Dawson the organiser and Mrs Harris who assisted in the adjudication on Finals Day.



Comperes (L-R):
Andrei Esdaile-Watts,
Emily Cliff & James de
Fraime-Murphy



Queen Bees, Mrs Harris
& Mrs Dawson



Stage 2 winners: Hayden Man
(left) & Steven Lu (right)



Stage 3 winners: Yong Deng (centre) & Jonathan Hoh
(right). Due to travel commitments Jonathan will be
unavailable for the Regional finals so 3rd place
finalist, Emilia Paino (left), will represent our school.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

Three of our students were selected to represent our school in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition which was held at Padstow Park Public School on Thursday 23rd June.

Congratulations to Eric Xie, Isue Song and Sabah Swade for a great effort.

A special congratulations to Isue who placed 2nd in the Stage 2 competition.

World Cup Lunchtime Tournament



Captains: Brazil Shante Roberts & France Marc Opferkuch

Congratulations to team France who recently won the final of the World Cup Lunchtime Soccer Tournament. Seventeen, five-a-side, teams of students from Yr3-6 competed in the knock-out tournament. Each team chose a country for their team name. France progressed to the finals by being the top scoring team and in the semi between Brazil and Greece, Brazil won 1-0. The final was between France and Brazil. At half time the scores were locked at 0-0. In the second half, France dominated possession, scoring two goals. It was a magnificent final with both teams displaying great skills and excellent sportsmanship. The final score was a win to France 2-0. Congratulations to all teams who competed, the finalists and to the eventual winners, France! A special mention must go to Mr Brown who organised and ran the tournament. He also refereed all games and officiated in the final.



The winners, France with the trophy



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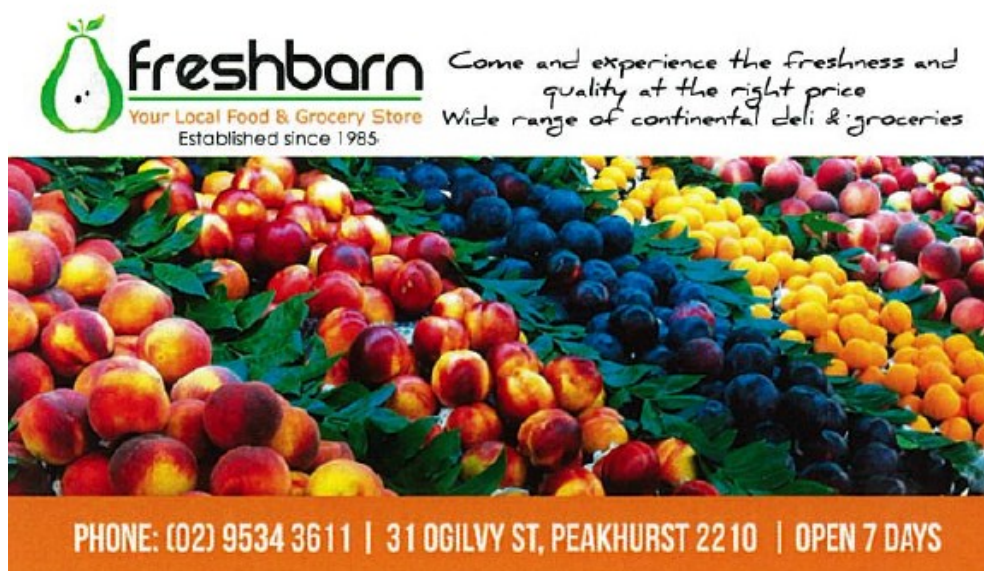
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