



Newsletter

Principal's Message

We have had quite a few families join us this term and I would like to extend a special welcome to all of you. I hope you enjoy our school and the quality teaching and learning that takes place here every day.

NAPLAN

Despite the negative media attention, I am proud to announce that our school performed better than the state in all areas of NAPLAN. Whilst we are a school that focuses on developing all-round capable and confident students, NAPLAN is still an important aspect of the education system in Australia and it is nice to know that our students are not only trying their best, but are making great improvements too. I strongly believe that this aligns with the philosophy that learners who are happy, safe and fulfilled will actually enjoy **learning** and make progress.

BOOKWEEK PARADE

We had so much fun at our Bookweek Parade! I was blown away by the efforts of our students and teachers, from the beautiful themed classroom doors to the costuming ideas – it really was a very happy occasion! Thanks to Miss Dawson for coordinating the event, again with a last minute venue change due to the weather.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

The next big event for the school is 'The Best Day of the Year' – Grandparents' Day. Our official invitation and notes went out this week. Thank you to the volunteers who have already returned notes indicating the level of help you can offer. Please also let us know if family or friends have businesses that would be willing to donate prizes for the raffle.

Term 3, Week 6

Friday, 26 August, 2016



Week 7	
Mon 29 Aug	St 3 Milo Cup
Wed 31 Aug	Music Festival
Week 8	
Mon 5 Sept	P&C— 7pm
Thurs 8 Sept	Grandparents Day
Week 9	
Tues 13 Sept	K-2 Science Day
Fri 16 Sept	Kindy Farm Excur. PSSA Rd 1
Week 10	
Wed 21 Sept	Public Speaking Finals
Thurs 22 Sep	Cake Stall
Fri 23 Sept	PSSA Rd 2 Last day for term 3



LMBR & INVOICES

We are moving steadily into our new financial and business system. Invoice reminders were sent home this week. We are aiming to have all outstanding invoices paid for by 19th September. Please contact me or the office if you every have difficulties making payments for school activities and resources. Term 4 invoices will be sent out after our 'Go Live' day, 17th October. Further information about this and a payment blocking period will be sent out shortly.

OPERATION ART

I would like to personally congratulate Olivia Singh whose artwork was selected for Operation Art 2016. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, in association with the NSW Department of Education which encourages young people to make artworks for children in hospital. I encourage all of you to attend the exhibition which is at Newington Armory Gallery, Jamieson St, Sydney Olympic Park from Saturday 10th September to 30th October. It is a free entry event.

SPORTS SEASON

We had a fantastic sports season with many teams in the PSSA finals, our Athletics and District Athletics Carnivals, students being selected as PSSA District Representatives and also Josh H attending the National Cross Country Championships just last week. Congratulations to all students who have tried their best at all of our sporting events, whether you progressed beyond school level or not.

COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

I will be attending the Combined Schools Music Festival this Wednesday night at Bankstown Sports Club and I cannot wait to see our choir and dance groups represent! Please make sure you have received all of the final organisational notes that teachers have sent home so that you know exactly how the night will run with drop offs and pick ups.

APPROACHING OTHER STUDENTS

We would gladly appreciate it if parents were to refrain from approaching other children to discuss incidents that may have happened during the day between students. Please see your class teacher or your stage Assistant Principal if you have any concerns about anything that happens at school.

TELL THEM FROM ME

Each year we seek feedback from the school community as to how we can further improve our school. This year we have been using the Department of Education created *Tell Them From Me* surveys which many schools across the state have adopted. We accept feedback very openly at our school so please take the time to complete the totally anonymous online survey: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/peakhurstwest>

THANK YOU MR BRIGGS

I would sincerely like to thank our in-house photographer, Mr Briggs, who always gives up his time so willingly to take photos of our school events without ever being asked. Then, not only does he take them but he spends a lot of his own time creating the beautiful collages that are displayed in our office foyer and in the Newsletter. I must give credit to Mr Briggs for helping to make our Newsletter the beautiful document that it is.



A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others L. Frank Baum, The Wizard of Oz



Have a great fortnight!

Tanya Sarafoski

Olympathon

Please remember to return your sponsorship money. It should all be returned to school next week so that we may then work out our fundraising prize winners.

Father's Day

The P&C, together with the K-6 club and staff at the school are trialling a new Father's Day initiative. Previously, we have had mixed success with various Father's Day events and stalls so each student will be making a more significant craft item that will be sent home. This will still be a fundraising event, as in previous years, with all profits being managed by the K-6 Club. The cost of the craft is \$5 for all students, with each stage producing a different item. This is a very small price to pay for a gift that is not only useful but made with so much love. If you haven't already paid for this, please do so by Tuesday at the latest.



'Tell Them From Me' Parent Feedback Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.



You can click directly on this link to access the survey:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/peakhurstwest>

Library Helpers Needed

We are looking for some helpers to cover books at home when there are new books or work in the Library one morning a week when you are able. If you can spare some time to help the children please see Ms Dawson in the Library. Just a few hands to help can make a huge difference.

Happy reading

Ms Dawson



OLYMPATHON K-6 *Faster Higher Stronger*

Our **Olympathon** commenced with a torch relay with representatives from all classes running a circuit of the COLA. The kindies were grouped together and all groups represented a different country. The students then rotated through the sporting challenges—six before lunch and six after lunch. The activities involved: throwing, kicking, balancing, running and ball skills. At the conclusion of the program the countries met for a closing ceremony and the announcement of the winning country—that went to Spain (1/2P). It was a fun way to mark this year's Olympic Games, in Rio, and raise some money for the school through sponsorship—thank you to all those who sponsored our young athletes.

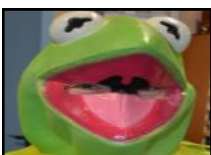


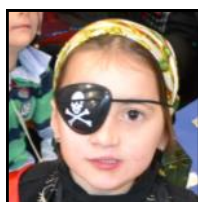
BOOKWEEK Character Parade



Australia! Story Country

Despite the rain the annual **BOOKWEEK** character parade went ahead in the hall. It was a wonderful event with the hall full of colourful and creative costumes and happy smiling faces. Mr Sander's accent, as *Schumann the Shoeman*, had everyone in stitches. The parade started with our wonderful Kindies followed by our Yr 6 students who were participating in their final parade, of Primary school. Mr Sanders then invited each class to parade to music and clapping. The parade finished with the teachers doing a lap of the hall. A special thanks must go to Mrs Dawson for organising such a terrific event—the wonder of books, stories and characters was reflected in the students' faces.





Australia! Story Country

Opera Australia @ PWPS for Bookweek

A visit to our school by Opera Australia during Bookweek has been a tradition at PWPS for many years. Each year students from K—Yr6 see a different opera, based on a well known story, so that by the time students finish Year 6 they have enjoyed seven fabulous productions. This year the opera was ***Hansel & Gretel***, based on a fairytale written by the Brothers Grimm and published in 1812. The cast and musicians are all members of Opera Australia. The props and scenery are all created in the workshops at the Opera House. The singers interact with the audience during the performance and finish with a Q&A session. A special thanks must go to Ms Dawson for organising such an enjoyable and cultural experience.



Sport Cavalcade

Competition Position—Season Two



Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the pennant winners for this fortnight!

Jesse Murray, Josh Pradhan, Caleb Zylstra,

Tayla Prior and Sora Kamikura.

Keep up the great work!



T3 Week 3	Juniors	Seniors
Girls Netball	5th	3rd
Girls Soccer	10th	9th
Boys Soccer	7th	3rd
Mixed Newcombe	8th	9th
Boys Rugby League	7th	4th

Gala Day News

Three teams qualified for Gala Day for season two; Senior Boys soccer, Senior Girls netball and Senior Boys rugby league.

We will hold trials over the next two Fridays for Season Three. The sports available are:

Girls: Softball / T-ball & Oz tag

Boys: Basketball & Cricket

Mixed: Hockey (Minky)



Senior Boys Soccer finished 3rd



Senior Boys Rugby League (above) finished 3rd

Senior Girls Netball (right) finished 3rd



Lawn Bowls @ PWPS—Gala Day



Jaafar El Ammar presents Sandra with a bouquet on behalf of the three schools.

Low & Slow



YUM!



Jack Dove in action



Ethan Egan's winner



Paul Jamito in the finals



Christian Burrell most improved bowler



Our Lawn Bowlers finished their season of sport with a **Gala Day** at the Grandviews Bowling Club. After nine weeks of learning the skills of bowling the students from the three participating schools (Lugarno, Peakhurst South and Peakhurst West), were able to put their skills into practice. As coach Cameron was in America one of the volunteer mentors, Sandra, took control and organised the games with chocolate prizes and BBQ lunch. Two of our bowlers, **Paul Jamito** and **Ethan Egan** made it to the singles finals with Ethan winning his match. Special mention must go to bowler **Jack Dove** who is in his second year of the sport and who missed the Gala because he was bowling in a competition in Dubbo. His team from Taren Point came second. A special thanks must go to Cameron, Sandra and the management of Club Grandviews for making bowling a sporting option for local Primary school students.

What KS is Up To

On Wednesday 24th August KS enjoyed their **first** Book Week Parade. It was very exciting. Everybody came dressed up as their favourite character from a book. In KS we dressed up as Little Miss Naughty, Storm Troopers, Minions, Anna, Elsa, Fancy Nancy and other great costumes. After the parade we all walked around the school to see all the classroom door displays. They all looked fantastic. KS all had a great day.



Everyone has a story!




Peakhurst West
Public School
invites you to our

Annual Grandparents Day

Thursday, 8th September, 9.45am-1pm

The program for the day is:

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- 9:45 am - Visits to classrooms
 - 10:15 am - Morning Tea for Grandparents
 - 10:30 am - Morning Tea for children
 - 10:50 am - Performances by the children
 - 12:00 pm - Lunch
 - 1:00 pm - Raffle draw

Morning Tea and Lunch are provided
for Grandparents only

RSVP by 1st September
(on separate note)

OPERATION ART 2016

Operation Art is a program that encourages young people to create artworks for children in hospital.

FREE ENTRY

Newington Armory Gallery, Jamieson Street
Sydney Olympic Park
Saturday 10 September – 30 October 2016
Open daily 10am to 4pm



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Term 3, 2016

Upcoming EVENTS

TERM 3	Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	1	18 Staff Return	19 Students Return	20	21 Stage 2 Excursion	22 PSSA Rd 6
July	2	25 Dentistry Week 4/5B & 5L - Wattamolla	26 5/6B & 6F - Wattamolla	27 K-6 Athletics Carnival	28	29 PSSA Rd 7
August	3	1 P&C - 7pm	2 Stage 1 Powerhouse Excursion	3	4 Education Week Open day	5 PSSA Rd 8
August	4	8 Stage 3 Milo Cup Cricket	9 Yr 5 GRC Transition	10 Choir Rehearsal	11 NAIDOC Day	12 PSSA Rd 9
August	5	15 District Athletics - Track	16 K-6 Olympathon	17	18 K-6 Opera District Athletics - Field	19 PSSA Finals
August	6	22	23 K-2 Science Day Yr 5 GRC Transition	24 Book Week Parade	25	26
Aug/Sept	7	29	30	31 Combined Music Festival	1	2
September	8	5	6	7	8 Grandparents Day	9
September	9	12	13	14	15	16 PSSA Rd 1 Kindy Farm Excursion
September	10	19	20	21	22 Cake Stall & Mufti Day	23 PSSA Rd 2 Last day, term 3

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presents

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Ph: 0421 822 576 to buy your tickets or
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INFORMATION MORNING

Prospective Year 7 Students 2018

Thursday 13 October 2016

at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

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