



Newsletter

Principal's Message

Term 3, Week 8

Friday, 9 September, 2016

It was great to see so many grandparents and 'grandfriends' at our Grandparents' Day celebration yesterday. We hope you enjoyed the day and gained a great perspective of your grandchild's education, their friendships and the activities they do at school. I am very proud of the fact that every child in the school was able to have fun and perform for our wonderful audience. I know that my grandmother certainly enjoyed herself.

A fantastic day like Grandparents' Day is not possible without lots of organisation and help. A very big thank you must go to the staff at Peakhurst West who always join forces to make big events like this a success, but I must acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Pearce, Mrs Solo, Mrs Kostoglou, Mrs Kingsnorth, Mrs Woodhams and Miss Samar for all of their organisation leading up to the event. We had families who donated morning tea items and we had a fantastic army of parent helpers who were busy making lunch for our grandparents. Mrs Floratos helped prepare Stage 3 students with their special role yesterday and they very eagerly and maturely helped us host the event, serve food and sell raffle tickets. We will acknowledge all of our raffle sponsors in the next newsletter. It really is a combined team effort.



What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humour, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies. Rudolph Giuliani

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Our students have been participating in Public Speaking in their classes over the past fortnight. Class winners then progress to a stage competition where six finalists (four for Kindergarten) are selected to represent at the school finals. The school finals will be held on an evening this year, allowing parents of the finalists to watch the event. We will also have an external adjudicator on the night. The School Public Speaking Final will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 21st September. Further details will be given to our finalists next week.

FILM CLUB

Congratulations to Mrs Harris, Mrs Klicek and our newly established Film Club who produced a short film to lodge in the 'Films By The Sea' competition. This is a NSW Public Schools Film Festival that encourages not only film making and editing but problem solving, critical and creative thinking as well as collaboration and cooperation. I'm very proud to announce that their anti-bullying film titled 'The New Kid' has been selected to proceed to the next round of the festival. It is a short film that features all of the stars in the Film Club and I am very impressed with the production, given how little time they had to produce it.

It is hard to believe we are entering our final fortnight for Term 3! Have a great fortnight!

Tanya Sarafoski



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



'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>



Pennant Winners

Congratulations to the pennant winner for this fortnight!

William Mestre, Tayla Prior, Adam Dib, Hussein Chehab, Adam Chehab, Marcus McWaters and Zeyad Swade.

Keep up the great work!

Fundraising News

Thank you for your support in our recent fundraising efforts.

Collectively, we raised \$3500 from Olympathon sponsorship. Thank you to all of you for asking your family and friends to support our school. This money will go to the continual upgrade of resources and furniture throughout the school.

Congratulations to the following students who raised the most amount of money on each stage: Melissa—Early Stage One, Havana—Stage One, Chanel—Stage Two, and Michael, Christian & Ernest who were equal first in Stage Three.

There are also Zooper Doopers for the K-2 and 3-6 class who raised the most amount of money together. Well done to 1E and 5/6B for this win.



Music Festival @ Bankstown Sports Club

Our school Choir and Dance Group recently performed at the **Combined Public Schools Music Festival (CPSMF)** at the **Bankstown Sports Club**. It was a wonderful evening of music, dance and singing. The program of twelve songs was broken into four brackets with dance and musical items in between. This is the first year our choir has included Stage two students. Andrei Esdaile-Watts and Yong Deng helped with the multicultural welcome, speaking in Russian and Mandarin, respectively. The choir and dance group started preparing for the festival in term one. The festival ran for three nights with four schools making up the massed choir of about one hundred and eighty students, for each performance. Our school performed on the final night of the festival. The evening showcased creative arts programs in Public Education.



Music Festival @ Bankstown Sports Club



Let's Dance



Grandparents' Day @ Peakhurst West

The best day of the year!

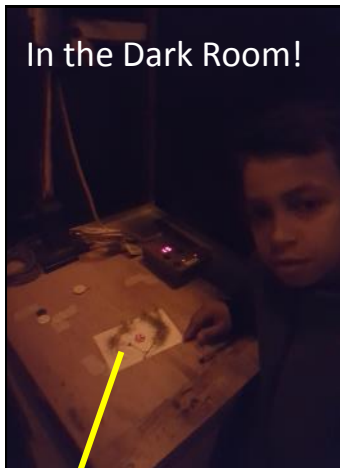
Grandparent's Day lived up to it's reputation as being the best day of the year at Peakhurst West. After classroom visits to see their grandchildren in action our VIP guests were served a wonderful morning tea. This was followed by Stage group items in which all children participated. Jermaine opened the performances by delivering the Acknowledgement of Country and the school choir sang the National Anthem. The choir then had the grandparents tapping their toes to, ***On the Sunny Side of the Street & Yackety Yack*** and then the dance group performed a very energetic routine. Each Stage group then performed their items. After the entertainment the VIP's were treated to lunch, shared with their grandchildren. Lots of photos were taken and then it was time for the traditional raffle, with dozens of prizes. The day was a real team effort and a special thanks must go to the parent helpers, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Solo, Mrs Kostoglou & Mrs Kingsnorth and all the teachers and school staff who helped organise and run this special day and of course we thank our VIP's—our wonderful Grandparents!





Year 5 Spend a Day @ GRC Peakhurst Campus

This term Yr5 spent two days at **GRC Peakhurst Campus** working with secondary teachers to get a taste of what life in Yr7 will be like. They all received welcome packs that include a **timetable of lessons** for the two days. On day one they rotated through; Science, Music and Visual Arts and on day two through; Maths, Photography and Cooking. They had to move from the rooms and labs according to their timetables. The lessons were practical and lots of fun. In the dark room they created designs on photographic paper while in the kitchen they made some chocolate spiders, which were all mostly eaten before returning to school. In the Maths lesson they recorded their heartbeats after periods of exercise and plotted their results on graphs. For Science they explored the properties of static electricity and in music they learnt some African rhythms and songs. For Visual Arts they created a variety of prints. It was a wonderful experience that helped all the students feel positive about what lies ahead. A special thanks must go to Mr Adrien Morley (organiser), his team of teachers who ran the lessons and to the SRC Representatives who assisted on the two days.



In the Dark Room!



YUM!

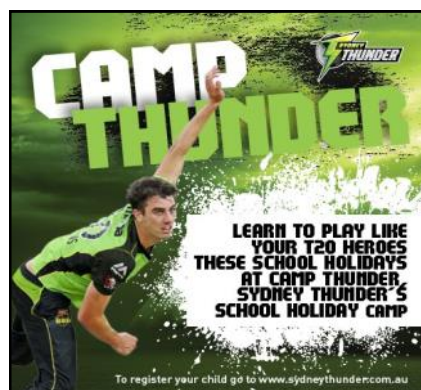


Milo T-20 Blast Gala



Both teams after the finals

Our school entered two teams in this year's Milo Cup. The day was a round robin format with finals at the end of the day. Our boys made it through to the final and were runners up to Mortdale and our girls defeated Beverly Hills in the semi final, finishing third. A special mention must go to Mr Brown who coached both teams.





PEAKHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2017

ORIENTATION DATES:
TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 2016
WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016
THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2016
10-11AM





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30 August 2016

Dear Principal,

Please help us supply appropriate bus services by reminding students to tap on and tap off with their School Opal cards.

I am writing on behalf of Punchbowl Bus Company, the bus operator that provides your school bus services, regarding student use of the School Opal card.

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Your assistance helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about any issues raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Hamish Fraser
Planner & Scheduler

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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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WHEN: Saturday, 24 September 2016 from 2.00-4.00pm

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High School



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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