



Newsletter

From the Principal

Term 1 Week 8

Friday, 17th March,

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

This week, our students have participated in a number of activities to mark the National Day Against Bullying & Violence. Bullying is the ongoing, repetitive verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes harm to another person. Sadly, it is evident in our schools, workplaces and society overall. On Tuesday, I distributed a 'Bullying. No Way!' wristband to every student and teacher at the school as a symbol of our commitment to end nastiness, anti social behaviour, disrespect and bullying. This connects to our White Ribbon philosophies too. I have seen students proudly wearing their wristbands and explaining its significance to me and what it looks like to be a positive role model and not a bully or a bystander. Often the word 'bullying' is used loosely when there is a one off act of teasing or being mean. While these incidents are serious and must be dealt with, they do not constitute bullying. The students are permitted to wear their wristbands to school throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS REGIONAL SWIM TEAM

We are very proud of our Regional Swim Team who represented the Georges River Region at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Monday. I know all students swam their best. A special congratulations goes to Erin for progressing to State level. Erin will represent NSW schools in Freestyle and was also selected to swim on the NSW girls' relay team.

FLAG ASSEMBLY

With our very unpredictable weather we have had to cancel our Wednesday morning Flag Assembly a couple of times this term. Often, this is cancelled at the last minute as the weather is difficult to plan around. This not only includes rain at the time of the assembly but also if it has been raining heavily overnight or in the morning and the ground is far too wet for the children to leave their bags on. We apologise if this is an inconvenience for you particularly if you made plans to be away from work to see your child receive a special award, however please understand that we do prefer for the assembly to go ahead but the weather is beyond our control.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Just a reminder that this Saturday is the P&Cs BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Greenacre. We would love to see you there – either buying a sausage sizzle or helping out on the day!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Notes have been sent home for Parent Teacher Interview bookings on Tuesday, 28th March. All interviews will be on this evening only. 5/6T interviews will be held in the first few weeks of term 2. Please make the effort to meet with your child's teacher even if you believe they are doing well. It is a great opportunity for you to learn about your child's learning goals and what they wish to achieve this year.

"People with goals succeed because they know where they are going" – Earl Nightingale

Have a great week,

Tanya Sarafoski

**Week 8****Sat 18 Mar** BUNNINGS BBQ**Week 9****Tues 21 Mar** Kindy Excursion**Wed 22 Mar** Cake Stall/Mufti
Harmony Day**Thur 23 Mar** Stg 3 Gala Day**Fri 24 Mar** Rd 5 PSSA**Week 10****Mon 27 Mar** 3-6 Cross Country**Tues 28 Mar** Parent Teacher
Interviews**Thur 30 Mar** St 3 Aquarium**Fri 31 Mar** Rd 6 PSSA**Week 11****Thur 6 Apr** Easter Hat Parade**Fri 7 April** Rd 7 PSSA & Last
Day of Term 1

Sport Cavalcade

Season One of PSSA sport
commenced Wk5



Pennant Winners

Congratulations to Ryan X for earning his pennant this week!



SPORTS Wk7	Seniors	Juniors
Boys Softball / Tball	Wash Out	Wash Out
Boys Touch football	Wash Out	Wash Out
Girls Basketball	Wash Out	Wash Out
Girls Cricket	Wash Out	Wash Out

SPORTS Wk8	Seniors	Juniors
Boys Softball / Tball	Wash Out	Wash Out
Boys Touch football	Wash Out	Wash Out
Girls Basketball	Wash Out	Wash Out
Girls Cricket	Wash Out	Wash Out

Congratulations

Three of our students were successful at the recent combined George's River & Botany AFL District trials and will now compete at the Sydney East Championships on the 15th March.



Above: (L-R) Diego Bozinovski, Eric Broekhuis, Eloise Carey

P&C News

Next Fundraiser

Volunteers Needed – BUNNINGS BBQ

Join us for a fun day at Bunnings!

Where?

Bunnings Warehouse Greenacre

Cnr Roberts Road & Amarina Ave, Greenacre

Due to its covered BBQ area, the BBQ will go ahead regardless of the weather

When?

Saturday, 18th March, 2017

If you can help for a two hour time slot during the day, please email Peter McWaters mcwatersp@ozemail.com.au or contact the school office.

**Our next P&C Meeting is this
Monday, 3 April at 7pm in the
Staffroom**

Area Swimming Representatives



Back: (L-R) Cameron Waaka (JGR), Samuel Morgan (JBR), Callum Seymour (100m F & 50m BA, BR, BU, Thomas Dutton (JBR)

Middle: (L-R) Ben Steinhardt (JBR & 50m BA BR), Ben Illes (JBR), Luke Steinhardt (JBR & 50m F)

Front: (L-R) Ai Kamikura (JGR), Erin Seymour (JGR & 50m F), Celina Daher (JGR)

Congratulations Erin Seymour who won the 50m freestyle race and will now compete at the NSW PSSA State swimming carnival.

Absent: Danielle Wills (JGR)

Congratulations Livai Saukara



Livai Saukara was successful at the recent combined George's River & Botany District U11 Rugby League trials and will now compete in a carnival on the 22nd March at Cronulla High.

TAKE A STAND TOGETHER—Bullying No



Our SRC members launch the **National Day Against Bullying & Violence** with their wristbands.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

The Premiers Reading Challenge is now Open!

This great initiative is on again at Peakhurst West. **It is a bit different this year. Children in Years 1-6 will need to complete the Challenge online at home.**

They are still welcome to borrow books from our Library but will register and enter books outside of Library time. **Kindergarten will still complete the Challenge at school with Ms Dawson.**

All the details you will need are on our Website. Just go to the *Our School* page and click on *Our Library*. Or follow the link below:

<http://www.peakhurstw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-library>

The first number for the Challenge is a book we have read in class—***The Little Refugee*** (22106).

If you have any questions come and speak to us in the Library.

Happy Reading!

Ms Dawson



Environmental Education Incursion for K—2

This term the K—2 classes participated in an incursion presented by a group called, **ENVIROMENTORS**. The purpose of the session was to teach children about recycling rubbish. The students learnt how to sort rubbish and how it is recycled so that the environment benefits and the amount of rubbish going into landfill is reduced.

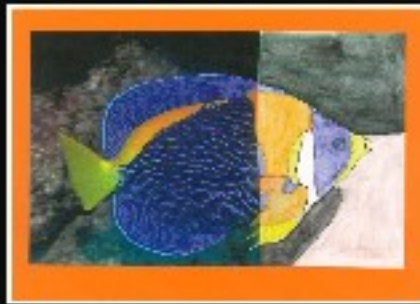


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Education for Sustainability

What has 5/6F been up to?



Our geography unit on The Great Barrier Reef has led to some wonderfully bright and interesting art work. We have looked at mixed media water colours using our skills to emulate the wonder of the marine life that live in our reef.



Our jelly fish art was completed by creating the bell of the jelly fish with string and then printing onto our background. For the background ocean current, we scraped green and blue paint to mottle the colours. We then added tentacles with white correction pen.

Parrot Fish



Definition

A parrot fish is a member of the family Scaridae, which is part of the order Perciformes. They are known for their bright colors and pattern.

Fun

Parrot fish are known for their ability to change their color and pattern. They are also known for their ability to change their shape.

Notes

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Diagram

A diagram of a parrot fish, showing its characteristic bright colors and pattern.

References

A list of references, including books and websites, that provide information about parrot fish.

Project

A list of projects, including a model of a parrot fish and a video of a parrot fish.

Notes

A list of notes, including a list of the colors and patterns of parrot fish.

Parrot Fish information report

Our science unit Marvellous micro-organisms is teaching us all about the amazing microscopic single celled organisms that we are surrounded by on a daily basis.

We have done experiments to see how baker's yeast works in the bread making process to undergo the process of fermentation. Through fermentation, Carbon Dioxide is produced and that is how we get our bread looking so fluffy!!!

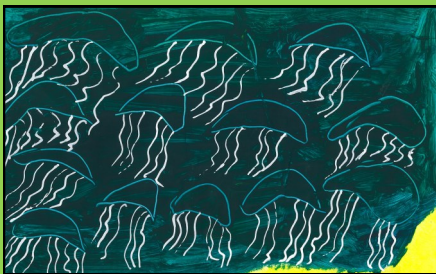
We have also looked at the formation of the mould penicillin, and its role in the production of antibiotics. We have learnt that under the right conditions, micro-organisms can reproduce rapidly from single celled organisms that cannot be seen with the naked eye, to actual colonies.



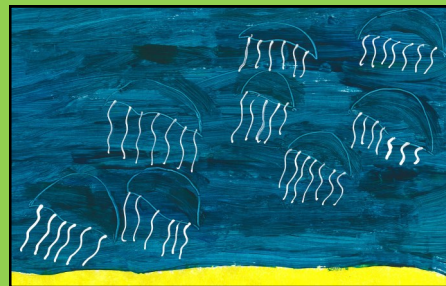
What Have 4/5B been up to?

We have had a busy in 4/5B to start 2017! In Mathematics, we have been focusing on whole numbers, addition, subtraction, graphs and angles. In our writing, we have been focusing on composing interesting and engaging narratives, using descriptive language devices such as similes, metaphors and personification. Our Rich Text unit 'Reef Superstar' is going well, as well as our Visual Art program, both linking to our Geography unit on the animals and issues associated with the Great Barrier Reef. We have participated in Swim and Survive lessons, Stage 3 Maths Groups, Creative and Performing Arts groups, as well as School and District Swimming carnivals. We also elected our SRC representatives— congratulations to William Hinton (Year 5) and Christopher Shepherd (Year 4), they will lead our class well.

We will be busy in the next couple of weeks, we have Harmony Day / Cake Stall / 'Red Day' (Wednesday 22nd March), the school Cross Country carnival (Monday 27th March), Parent and Teacher Interviews (Tuesday 28th March), and our Stage 3 excursion to the Sydney Aquarium (Thursday 30th March).



Raymond
Deng (Yr 4)



Ella-Rose
Wight (Yr 5)



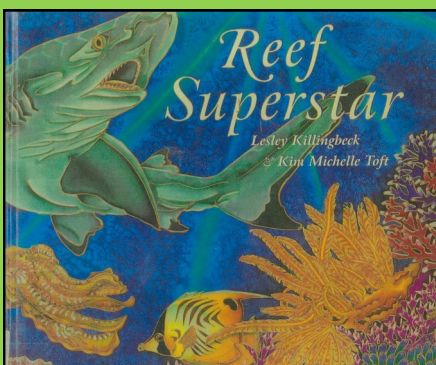
Luke Steinhardt
(Yr 4)



Hayden
Man (Yr 4)



Vienne MacMillan
(Yr 4)



Our Rich Text Unit

Descriptive writing using Imagery

The old man played wildly with the puppet that he had built. Suddenly a flash of lightning brighter than the sun hit the shack and the young child came alive. Sitting there and staring fearlessly at him with string hung from his skinny, slim hands, the puppet said "Who are you?" "Who are you?" asked the old man whose eyes grew as wide as truck tires. His face was an advertisement for surprise and his legs were steels. His wrinkles were like caterpillars crawling across his face.

Elson Ng 4/5B

BULLYING. NO WAY!

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National definition of bullying for Australian schools

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.



The definition of bullying has been developed as part of the National Safe Schools Framework and can be found on the Australian Government's Student Wellbeing Hub at <https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/glossary/>

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools was developed by the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group. This national group includes all state, territory and federal education departments, as well as national Catholic and independent schooling representatives.

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



Peakhurst West supports the NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

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TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER

Everyone is welcome at school.
Everyone has a place here.

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National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



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9am till 2pm

Peakhurst West Public School

Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst

Raffle drawn on the day

Lots of great stalls with bargains

Sausage sizzle, cold drinks, delicious homemade cakes,
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