



Newsletter

From the Principal

Term 1 Week 10

Friday, 31st March,

HARMONY DAY

We had a wonderful Harmony Day celebration at our school last week. Harmony Day is a day where we acknowledge that we all belong, regardless of our backgrounds and differences. I am proud of our multicultural school where we have over 190 students and staff who represent 30 different cultures and backgrounds. To commemorate the occasion, every class planted a class tree which reminds us that Peakhurst West is a school where everyone belongs.



FUNDRAISING

Our P&C and K-6 Club have been very busy again this term. Last weekend, a Bunnings BBQ was held at Greenacre Bunnings and despite the weather not being ideal, it was a great day of teamwork amongst parents and some of our staff. We also had an impressive number of parents who volunteered to sell cakes at last week's cake stall and we have many volunteers who will be helping to make up hampers for our Easter raffle next week. I'd also like to acknowledge the parents who may not be able to help out on the day but always send in donations and make an effort to support our fundraising drives. We could not raise funds for our students without this support.

PARENTS

This term we have had two instances of parents approaching children, other than their own, before or after school to enquire about an incident at school. This is totally inappropriate and is unacceptable. I am sure you would find it unacceptable for another parent to approach your child. If you or your child has a concern about something, please inform a class teacher so that we can deal with school based issues.

There is also an increase in parents who simply 'drop in' to classes to drop off lunch or pass a message onto their child. This is also inappropriate and is extremely disruptive to classes. If you have a message for your child or need to drop something off to them, please see the office who always ensure messages or food are passed on. It may not seem like a major disruption but if five parents disrupted classes each day, this time does add up. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We can't believe that it is this time already! Our K-2 classes have been making Easter hats with their Years 3-6 buddies and some of them are looking quite extravagant. I cannot wait to see all of the proud students parading with their hats. Information about the Easter Hat Parade is included in our newsletter. You can still donate chocolate eggs for the raffle on Monday.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful first term. Teachers will be planning for term 2 next week.

Have a safe and happy break and as always, I encourage you to spend quality family time together. Students return to school on Wednesday 26 April.

Harmony makes small things grow, lack of it makes great things decay - Sallust

Tanya Sarafoski



Week 11

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| Tues 4 April | Yr 6 Peer Support Training |
| Wed 5 April | Yr 6 Peer Support Training |
| Thur 6 Apr | Easter Hat Parade |
| Fri 7 April | Rd 7 PSSA & Last Day of Term 1 |

Term 2

Week 1

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| Wed 26 April | Students Return
OSHC begins |
| Fri 28 April | PSSA Rd 8 |

Week 2

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| Mon 1 May | St 3 Interrelate |
| Tues 2 May | 5/6T Interviews |
| Fri 5 May | PSSA Rd 9 |

Week 3

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| Mon 8 May | St 3 Interrelate |
| Tues 9 May | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Wed 10 May | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Thur 11 May | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Mothers Day Stall |

Sport Cavalcade

Season One of PSSA sport
commenced Wk5



SPORTS Wk9	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 Wk10	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

Four of our students have been nominated to attend the combined George's River & Botany Boys Touch Football District trials: Joshua Hewitt, Eren & Tarik Kumsuz and Brian El Hussein

Two of our students have been nominated to attend the George's River District cricket trials: Jax Macmillan & Eloise Carey

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to

Zeyad Swade, Felix Lee, Kaito Mochizuki, Mitchell Patterson, Ahmad Swaiy, Will Hinton, Tia Gundry, Aritree Saha, Adam Chehab, Ahana Saha, Colin Deng and Talia Watson for earning their pennant this week!



Easter Celebrations

It is not long until the annual Easter Hat Parade! This year we will begin the parade in the hall at 12:00 on **THURSDAY 6 APRIL** with all students in Kinder, Year One and Year Two taking part. This year students have made hats at school and do not need to bring anything from home. They will parade their hats for their families and friends then will have a chance to do some dancing with their family.

Following the parade, students will walk through the primary rooms to show off their hats to the older students and then meet again under the COLA. At this time we will hold the K- 6 Club Easter raffle. This should be around 12:45.

We have asked that families send in donations of Easter eggs to contribute to the raffle. We know that many families have worked hard to sell raffle tickets also, which we appreciate. Please bring in any raffle tickets or egg donations by Tuesday 4 April.

As always, if you are planning on taking your child home with you after the parade and raffle, please sign them out at the front office.

Thanks again for your support of the school and the K-6 Club.

Congratulations

Livai Saukaru



Livai Saukaru was successful in being selected in the Sydney East U11 Rugby League side and will now compete at the State Rugby League

The Mimic of the Sea

by Ben Illes 4/5B

She's a sea snake, a jellyfish, a brittle star

She's the legend of the sea

She's quite spectacular

You don't know what she could be

She could be a stingray or a flounder

She causes no fuss

You would want to see her

As she deserves an A plus



CREATE South



Congratulations to Alexandra, Jacinta, Christian & Michael who were successful in their auditions and have been selected to represent in 'CREATE South' - a three day Creative Arts initiative for gifted and talented arts students in our directorate. We look forward to seeing them shine on stage in May!

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Parent Helpers needed.

Parent helpers are needed in the Library. There are a few types of help required. From time to time we need people who could **cover a tray of books at home** and return them.(all equipment and even training -if needed is supplied). In addition, we would love some parents who would be able to give 30 minutes on a regular basis, to help with the many duties in the Library.

If you are able to help please complete and return the slip below and Ms Dawson will contact you.

Happy Reading!

Ms Dawson

Dear Ms Dawson ,

☐ I am able to help, from time to time with covering books

☐ I am able to help in the library

Name: _____

Mobile: _____

Peakhurst West BBQ @ Bunnings



The team hard at work

Our P&C recently organised a Bunning's BBQ as a fundraiser, at the Greenacre store. A big thanks must go to the organisers and the parents, and teachers who helped out on the day—another successful event!



HARMONY DAY *Everyone Belongs*



Harmony Day commenced with a multi-cultural welcome followed by an assembly, led by the SRC, to explain the meaning of the event. This year's theme was, **Everyone Belongs**. It was a multi day with students featuring the colour orange. A gold coin donation raised money to purchase twelve trees which were planted along the Ogilvy Street fence, by each class, and to help sponsor a child through World Vision. In class students completed Harmony Day activities.

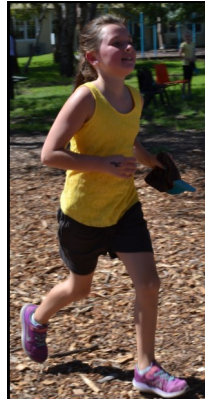
In conjunction with the day the P&C ran a cake stall and the canteen sold hot dogs and lollies.

A special thanks must go to Mrs Pearce, Mrs Klicek and Mrs Lymberis who organised the day and to the P&C for running the cake stall.



YOU & ME = US

Cross Country



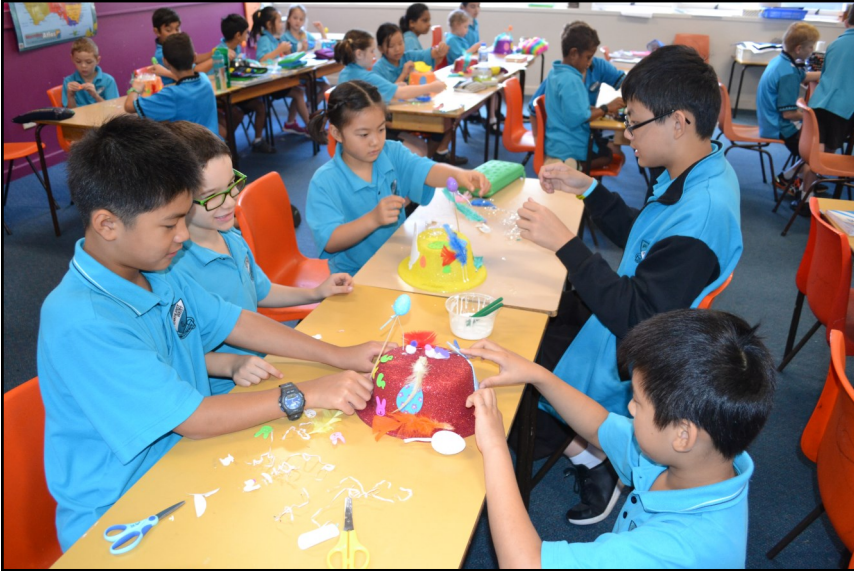
Eren Kumsuz (Vice Captain)
& Tayla Prior (Captain) of
Kookas with the Champion
House shield.



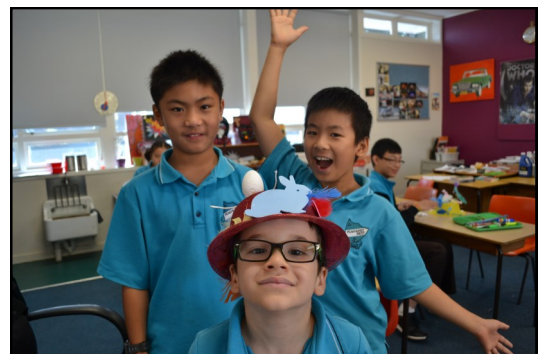
Due to the continued wet weather and the closure of Gannons Park our Yr2—6 Cross Country was held at school. Our 7yr old students ran one lap of the course while 8, 9 & 10 yr olds ran 3 laps and our 11 and 12 yr olds ran 5 laps. It turned out to be a beautifully sunny day. Special thanks must go to Mr Brown & Ms Nichols who organised the event and needed to change their plans at such short notice and to the parents who helped with time keeping. Good luck to our school team that will compete at the GRPSSA District carnival.

CONGRATULATIONS **KOOKAS** CHAMPION HOUSE

Buddy classes have been busy creating **Easter Hats**



Cutting &
Gluing



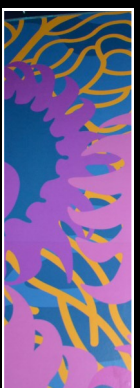
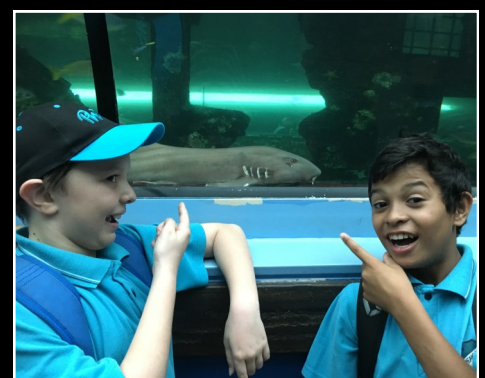
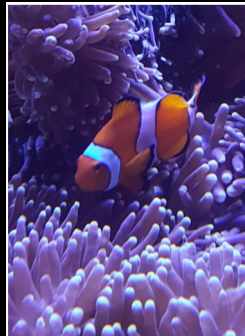
Buddies

Stage 3 @ Sydney Aquarium



Stage Three ended first term with an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium as a culmination to their Geography topic on the Great Barrier Reef. The students were able to see dugongs feeding, sharks, tropical fish, touch creatures in the touch pool and to be involved in a session, run by an aquarium educator, focused on the adaptation of reef creatures. An added bonus was a ride on the penguin raft to see Antarctic penguins in their specially created habitat. The excursion really complemented the term's work completed in the classroom.

Aboard the penguin raft to the Antarctic habitat —minus 5 °C!

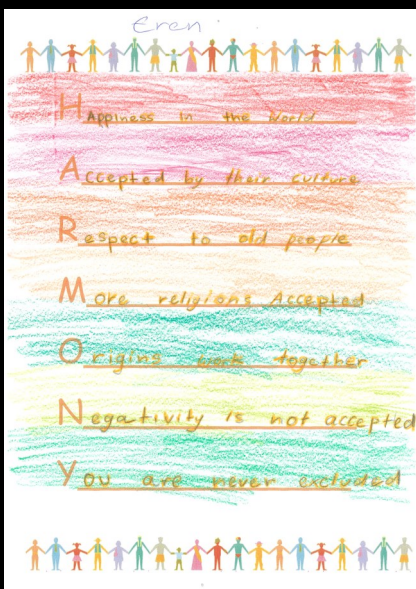


What has 5/6T been up to?

5/6T have been busy over the weeks; they gained their new teacher Miss Trpenovska and experienced all forms of learning through events like Anti-Bullying and Harmony Day. Students in 5/6T are coming together as a TEAM to build a respectful working environment, which reflects in their Anti-Bullying Pledges, where they promised to be an active bystander and put a stop to Bullying.



Harmony Day consisted of students reflecting on its significance and what cultural diversity means to them. Students completed acrostic poems and designed a hand print that recognises their cultural identity, as we build a tree to signify that everyone belongs. Students were also provided with the opportunity to plant a tree on Harmony Day, to symbolise each class at Peakhurst West and how we come together to recognise diversity.



Translucent jellyfish dancing on the sea bed – acrylic & chalk

Over the course of term students have had the opportunity to experience creating different forms of art based on the Geography unit, The Great Barrier Reef. Students have used a variety of mediums of paint and chalk to represent the translucent quality of a Jellyfish. They were able to practise their skills of using the brush to make long circular strokes and creating different shades of blue.



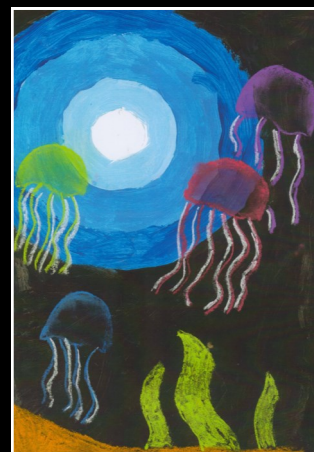
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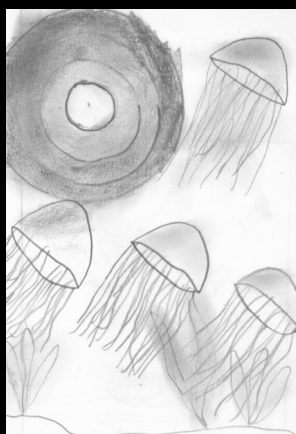
Eloise



Banin



Marcus



CLASS HAIKU

Translucent bells dance
Ninety-five percent water

JELLYFISH [ACROSTIC AND HAIKU POEMS]

Jiggly and translucent

Efficiently unique

Lovely, but not up close

Luck is what you need to find one

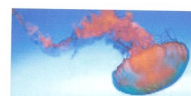
You should have brought a camera

Full of water

It is truly outstanding

Shame they hurt A LOT!

How more amazing and cool can they be!



*chilling out with mates
swimming in the big blue sea
jelly fish ,thats right.
not a single brain
they rely on their senses
have not got a clue.
they are omnivores
eating delicious meals
feeding on plankton.*



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GEORGES RIVER LIONESS CLUB AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 1st April, 2017

9am till 2pm

Peakhurst West Public School

Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst

Raffle drawn on the day

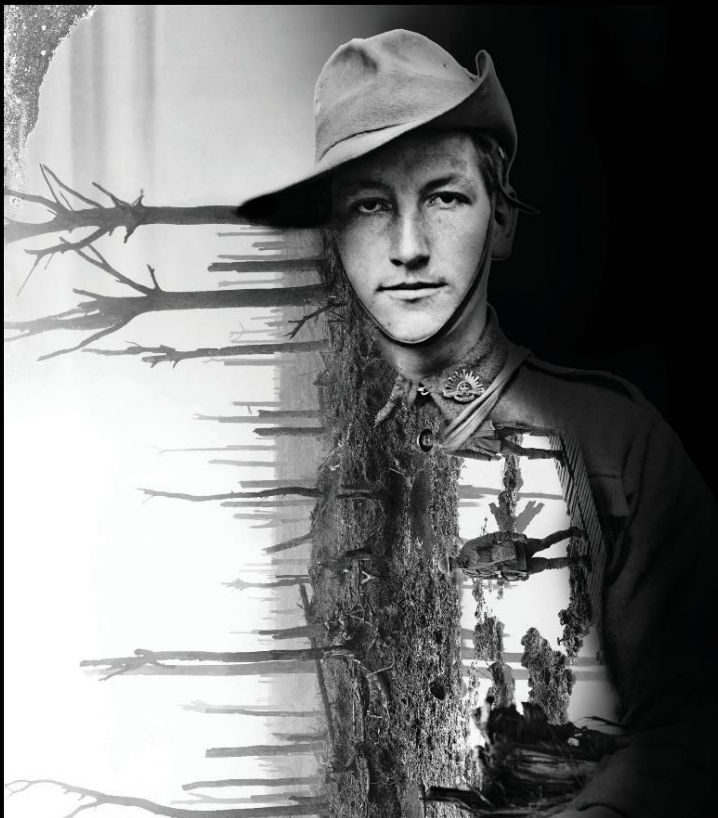
Lots of great stalls with bargains

Sausage sizzle, cold drinks, delicious homemade cakes,
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clothing, hats, bags, craft

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Amusement Activities, Face Painting

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