



Newsletter

From the Principal

I loved seeing everyone's smiling faces last week when we returned from holidays last week. We had lots of activity at the school over the holidays—The classrooms in E block were all painted and look brand new, a new garden was built at the end of E block and our OSHC received the final tick of approval and opened its doors last Wednesday.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN test next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We strongly encourage good rest and a nutritional breakfast on the morning of NAPLAN rather than doing copious amounts of study. By covering all aspects of the curriculum, we believe we prepare the students for these tests and that additional stress or anxiety around NAPLAN should not be placed on students.

Traffic Conditions on Ogilvy Street

This is another reminder to be vigilant when picking up and dropping off your children on Ogilvy Street. There is an increased amount of double parking at 3.25pm which is not safe for our children and their families. There is also a high number of trucks using Ogilvy Street with the developments that are currently in progress, so we need to be extra cautious for the safety of our students. Please do not park in driveways. We have had our garbage collection missed a couple of times last term due to driveway parking. This costs the school more money to arrange an alternate pick up. After discussions with the council, we have found that it would not be feasible to install a crossing on Ogilvy Street. The reason for this is that we would lose 30 metres of the street on each side as a 'No Stopping' zone. Council explained that this would in fact cause more havoc in the street so the P&C and I have elected to leave it as is. We have applied to change the bus zone throughout the day to a one hour parking zone instead. The 'Kiss n Ride' zones and times will remain as they are. This week, school zone flashing lights were installed on Ogilvy Street.

Student Wellbeing

With Student Wellbeing as one of our school priorities, we have a number of programs running this term to enhance student engagement, wellbeing and participation. All students have received a note for Sport in Schools Australia. This is a whole school athletics program. Stage 3 have been participating in a personal development course about the pre-teenage years run by Interrelate. Mrs Poulos and the Stage 3 team have been training Year 6 students to be 'Peer Support Leaders' with Peer Support groups rolling out this week. Mr Brown has also started running a Boys Education group on Monday and Friday mornings. More information on this is in this newsletter. We are also preparing to implement 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' across the school, to ensure consistency in all our school rules and values.

Have a great fortnight!

Tanya Sarafoski

Term 2 Week 2

Friday, 5th May, 2017



Week 3

Mon 8 May	St 3 Interrelate
Tues 9 May	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5
Wed 10 May	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5
Thur 11 May	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Mother's Day Stall
Fri 12 May	PSSA 'Friendly' Rd

Week 4

Mon 15 May	St 3 Interrelate
Tues 16 May	Choir Rehearsal
Thur 18 May	Sport in Schools

Week 5

Mon 22 May	St 3 Interrelate
Wed 24 May	National Simul. Storytime
Thur 25 May	Create South Performance Sport in Schools

Week 6

Thur 1 June	Sport in Schools
Fri 2 June	Rd 1 PSSA

Week 7

Thur 8 June	Sport in Schools
Fri 9 June	Rd 2 PSSA

Sport Cavalcade

Season One of PSSA sport commenced Wk5



SPORTS Wk 11 (T1)	Seniors	Juniors
Boys Softball / Tball	V Beverly Hills WON 6-1	V Beverly Hills LOST 5-11
Boys Touch football	V Penshurst West LOST 7-13	V Penshurst West LOST 2-3
Girls Basketball	V Hannan's Rd WON 28-20	V Hannan's Rd WON 26-8
Girls Cricket	V Oatley West LOST 95-140	V Oatley West LOST 116-160

SPORTS Wk 1 (T2)	Seniors	Juniors
Boys Softball / Tball	V Oatley	V Oatley
Boys Touch football	V Peakhurst LOST 3-4	V Peakhurst LOST 1-3
Girls Basketball	V Kingsgrove	V Kingsgrove
Girls Cricket	V Kingsgrove	V Kingsgrove

Congratulations to the following students who are representatives of our school at District trials:

Girls touch Football: *Eloise C*

Boys basketball: *Eren & Tarik K*

Boys Soccer: Eren & Tarik K, Will H, and Dylan A

Toys & Valuables

We would like to remind students and parents and that we strongly discourage students bringing any toys and valuables to school. We cannot guarantee the security of such items and they are often the basis of student disagreements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pennant Winners

Congratulations to Jessica K & Harrison W for earning a pennant this fortnight!



From the Library

Premier's Reading Challenge Workshops

We are half way in the challenge now and still need a lot of students to sign up. The good news is that Kindergarten have now finished the challenge. All other years need to be signed up to complete the challenge.

If you are unsure how to complete the Challenge with your child, I will be running some workshops on Wednesday Week 7 and 8 (7th and 14th June) from 3.00 pm in the Library. You will only need to come to one. This will show you how to access and input the data to finish the challenge. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Happy reading!

Ms Dawson

Men to Be

Have you seen Mr Brown playing Newcombe Ball with Stage 2 and 3 boys in the morning? With a higher ratio of boys in the school and a higher need to engage our boys and build positivity, we have started a new boys welfare program called 'Men to Be'.

Men to be is a new initiative organised for male students in Years 3-6 at Peakhurst West Public School. This before-school program is focused on developing and supporting boy's education values and attitudes within our Primary student group. Men-to-Be uses sport as a medium to support boys in their physical (fitness), educational (attendance and engagement) and social (social skills) well-being.

Once established, this group will also be involved in coordinating and assisting with whole school events and community projects such as Father's Day and Mother's Day activities, Clean Up Australia Day and White Ribbon Day initiatives.

Establishing and developing parent partnerships are an important part of the program and is open to any mothers and fathers who are willing to take part in the program's organisation and running.

It is our hope that through this program, the boys will be exposed to positive experiences that promote and encourage attendance and engagement, an interest in being healthy and various improvements in positive social maturity such as teamwork, communication skills and respect.

The boys meet Mr Brown at 8.55am on Monday and Friday mornings. Please see Mr Brown if you have any questions about Men to Be.



Peer Support

Our whole school started Peer Support sessions this week. Over the term, the students will be participating in a new module, 'Moving Forward' which focuses on Resilience. The experiences in the module help students to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges.

In this weeks session, the students established connections with other members of their group and developed their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The students discussed an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non resilient responses.

You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.



Congratulations on Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in being selected in Georges River & Botany joint trials. These students will now compete at the Sydney east carnivals.



Joshua H

Boys touch football



Eren K

Boys touch football



Eloise C

Girls touch football

Great Barrier Reef Geography Projects

The cupboards and walls of Stage Three classrooms are now festooned with models, dioramas and canvas paintings. These feature aspects of the Great Barrier Reef which was last term's geography topic and many will be on display later in the year at the Twilight Arts Festival. ***Below are some examples done by students of 4-5B.***



Xander M



Fish: Alexandra K **Jelly fish:** Fatima H



Cooper S



Elaine T

Stage 3 @ *Gala Sports Day* GRC Peakhurst Campus



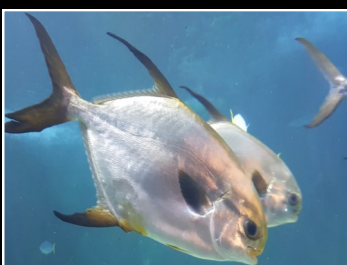
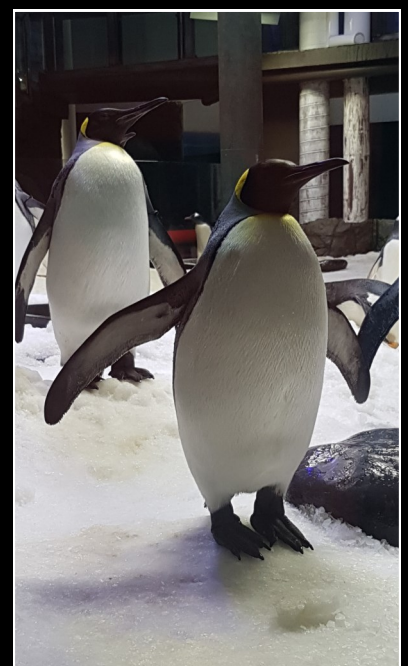
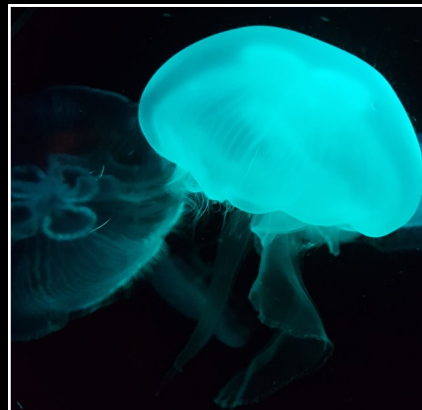
Stage 3 finished Tern One with a visit to the GRC Peakhurst Campus to participate in a day of sport. The day was organised by Year 10 students as part of their elective PE course. The students were organised into six teams and worked their way through a program of games that needed different physical skills. The students had a recess and lunch break. The event had been postponed twice due to the wet weather during Term One and the organising students went to great lengths to utilise different areas as the oval was still too wet to use. It was obvious that there were some future PE teachers in the Year 10 group. A special thanks to Mr Aaron Morley, his staff and the Yr 10 students for organising a day challenging games and fun.



Stage 3 Visit the *Sydney Aquarium*



As part of our Geography topic on The Great Barrier Reef, Stage Three visited the Sydney Aquarium to see some of the marine life we have been studying, visit the touch pool and participate in an educational session focussed on marine animal adaptation. The students were also lucky enough to experience the new Antarctic penguin raft attraction.



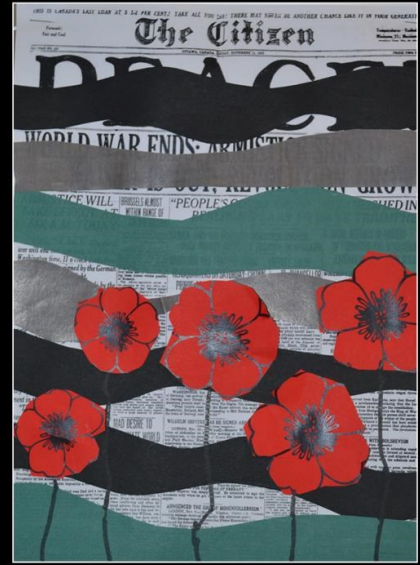
ANZAC Art by 1K



Cali



Bryton



Cooper

Lest we forget



ANZAC Service 2017



Our Year Six students ran our annual ANZAC remembrance service. Ms Dawson delivered the address and discussed the importance of remembering. We were fortunate to have a former student, Tushan Chandra, attend to play the bugle calls. This year students were able to buy a sprig of rosemary to support Legacy and students were also able to lay floral tributes at the flagpole. A group of students presented a poignant poem called, The ANZAC on the Wall. A special thanks must go to Tushan and Mrs Dawson.



Year Six students who ran the ANZAC remembrance service



Former student Tushan Chandra



The ANZAC on the Wall



Lest we forget



[Dear Parents and Carers,](#)



Thank you for your warm welcome to the Peakhurst West PS community.

We hope you and your child/ren are so far enjoying their time in PWOSHC.

Our appointed Co-ordinator and Nominated Supervisor is Corrine Newson who is an experienced Educator. You will have also met Victoria Grima, Assistant Co-ordinator, Dawn Simons, Centre Manager and Educational Leader. Cassie Larden is assisting with administration and accounts.

The children have shown great excitement in attending our brand-new Centre and we are introducing routines, resources and programs to them daily, requesting their input and ideas. In accordance with the National Quality framework (NQF) children are offered a varied program of free play activities with diverse resources, books, craft and in and outdoor games. Educators will be observing children, prompting them to share their ideas for activities and interest Clubs and creating a program for the following week based on these interactions. A wish list is already in progress!

Breakfast is offered between 7.00 and 8.30am and afternoon tea on arrival at the Centre in the afternoon at 3.30 pm. We aim to offer a healthy and culturally appropriate menu which satisfies hunger pangs without compromising dinner time! Alternatives are available to meet each child's dietary needs.

For information about our staff, program and menu, please see the Parent Noticeboard. Menus and programs are displayed there, along with our Policies and other important service information. All our Educators wear name badges so you can easily identify them, as well as the Nominated Supervisor and responsible people on site each session.

Please do let us know if you are hearing reports of anything about the program or menu directly from the children – we endeavour to receive all feedback genuinely and respond accordingly. Similarly, if you have questions or concerns, we would appreciate you sharing those with us so that we may address them.

You can call and speak to staff between 7am and 11am and from 2pm- 6pm. At other times, and during peak session times when all Educators are with the children, please leave a message and we will call you back. You can also email the Centre at this address but please don't leave urgent messages within half an hour of sessions commencing as we do not check emails consistently when the children are present.

In collaboration with Tanya Sarafoski, we will be holding an Information Session for parents in the coming weeks. We will finalise the date and let you know when this will be.

We would also like to hold a more informal Welcome Barbecue before the end of term 2. This will be an opportunity to meet with the team in an informal setting towards the end of the afternoon session with an added 'dinner thrown in' benefit. Date to be advised.

As a courtesy, and pending all Government approvals being finalised for CCMS and Childcare Benefit subsidies, we would like to advise that **Ezidebit billing will occur this Friday, 5th May**. On this day, fees for weeks commencing **1st May and 8th May** will be charged. From there on fees will be billed each Friday for the following week. The amount is usually deducted from your account on that day and we receive and receipt it by Wednesday of the following week.

Statements are issued to each family on a Wednesday which shows the estimated amount for Friday's billing.

Please speak to Corinne or Cassie if you have account queries and she will be able to respond to you directly.

We look forward to working within your dynamic school community and getting to know you and your child.

[Suzanne Blythin](#)

DIRECTOR

Date: 5 May 2017

Hi families

We would like to welcome you all to Peakhurst West OSHC. Our Centre is staffed by two very enthusiastic and dedicated Educators. Our Co-ordinator is Corinne Newson and Victoria Grima is our Assistant Co-ordinator. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please see Corinne or Victoria. They are looking forward to getting to know you and your children and aim to make the Centre a fun, vibrant and relaxing space. Dawn Simons is the Regional Manager and Educational Leader who visits the Centre weekly. We look forward to sharing some great OSHC experiences with you each week.

PROGRAM

As the Centre is brand new, the children have taken great delight in opening all of the equipment, toys and games. They have all had the opportunity to play with each and every toy here at the Centre.

The children took the staff on an adventure around the school, showing Corinne and Victoria where everything was and explaining to them what all of the areas are used for.

The children have enjoyed breakfast, morning and afternoon tea as well as playing in and outside, collecting some leaves, bark and twigs to get our Sustainability Journal started.

Next week's menu:

Mon	Hokkien stir fry noodles with mixed Vegetables
Tues	Toasted Pita Pockets with ham, cheese, plus salad
Wed	Wraps with ham, tuna and salads
Thurs	Crackers, Cheese, dips and Veggie sticks
Fri	Vanilla Yoghurt and Fruit



Mango Smoothie Recipe Card

OSHC Recipe Cards on APP



UPCOMING CENTRE EVENTS

International Nurses Day May 12
International Day of Families May 15
PWOSHC Children's Clubs:
Morning Cooking Club
Sustainability Club

CHILDREN'S INPUT

Thank you to Sonja for your creativity and helping to decorate the Sustainability Book and the suggestion box.

FEEDBACK/STAFF UPDATE.

Corinne and Victoria look forward to using the children's creative ideas and suggestions to create the programs for each week. Please give us your suggestions and feedback so that our Centre can meet your needs.

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