



Newsletter

From the Principal

Term 1, Week 6

Friday 6th March 2020

We hope that you have enjoyed our termly Wellbeing Week and value the time it gives your family to slow down for a week. I would like to congratulate our District Swimming Team who represented our school at the Georges River Swimming Carnival. Thank you to every student who did their best on the day and represented Peakhurst West so well. We are proud of you all!

P&C POSITIONS

Thank you to all the familiar and new faces we saw at our P&C meeting on Monday night. We held the Annual General Meeting where members were elected for executive roles. I wish to congratulate Peter McWaters on his election as President; Kristina Zane as the Secretary and Nick Pontikos as the Treasurer. I would like to also thank our outgoing members, Leanne Shepherd and Kelly James for their efforts and commitment as Secretary and Treasurer in 2019. The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 6 April at 7pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

EXCURSIONS

At Peakhurst West, we love to organise excursions and opportunities for students that they might not normally have access to outside of school. It is usually in line with learning programs for the term and enriches student learning. At our P&C meeting this week, we discussed and reviewed the school's processes for excursions.

The aim of excursion planning is to keep costs at an absolute minimum. We follow all Departmental financial procedures related to keeping costs minimal and affordable. We have never made a profit on any excursion and it is not our intention to ever do so. For sport and extra-curricular activities the school subsidises the cost of PSSA buses so that we do not charge more than \$8 per student. For some events with smaller groups, we try to combine a bus with other schools. Where possible, we organise a shuttle bus service so that we can minimise the amount of buses booked.

Unfortunately, we are unable to allow or support parents transporting their own children to excursions. There are many implications for the school and student safety and while some parents might think it is more affordable to transport their own children to such events, the school and P&C have made this decision in line with maintaining the equity principles we apply to all we do at Peakhurst West.

The school policy and processes have been developed in consultation with the P&C who have indicated that equity and affordability for all students and their families is paramount, not just a smaller minority who would like to transport their own children to an event. Thank you for your understanding of these processes. We do require payment and permission before an excursion so we appreciate your support in doing this. Invoices have been sent home this week with excursion costs on there. As always, we can offer financial assistance if any family in the school requires it or we can provide a payment plan if necessary.

Have a great fortnight,

Tanya Sarafoski



TERM 1

Week 7

Wed 11 Mar Yr 6 High School forms sent home

Fri 13 Mar PSSA Rd 4

Week 8

Thur 19 Mar Stage 2 National Park Excursion

Last day to return Yr 6 high school forms

Fri 20 Mar PSSA Rd 5

Week 9

Thur 26 Mar Stage 3 Aquarium Excursion

Fri 27 Mar PSSA Rd 6

Week 10

Tues 31 Mar Stage 3 Gala Day at GRC

Wed 1 April Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri 3 April PSSA Rd 7

Week 11

Mon 6 April P&C 7pm

Thurs 9 April Easter Hat Parade & Raffle

Last day of term 1

**Students will begin Term 2 on
Tuesday 28 April**

George's River District PSSA

Congratulations to four of our senior students who were recently selected in District sporting teams. The students had to compete at a series of afternoon trials. Now they will compete at trials for the Sydney East region. If successful they will then compete at the State championships—*good luck at the trials!*



Sienna—Girls Basketball



Shadi—Boys Basketball



William—U11yr rugby league



Justin—Soccer



Pics with Peaky



No Week 6 'Gotcha' draw winners as Flag assembly was cancelled due to rain



Gotcha winners each week win a canteen voucher



T1 Week 5 'Gotcha' draw winners

Editorial note: Please note the amended results table for Wk 4



T1 Wk 4 Rd 1	Seniors	Juniors
Girls Basketball	V Oatley West WON 25-4	V Oatley West LOST 2-22
Girls Cricket	V Beverly Hills WON 77-71	V Beverly Hills LOST 63-77
Boys Softball / T'ball	V Beverly Hills LOST 1-5	V Beverly Hills LOST 8-9
Boys Oztag	V Kingsgrove LOST 1-2	V Kingsgrove WON 3-2
Mixed Newcombe	V Kingsgrove LOST 0-3	V Kingsgrove WON 2-1

T1 Wk 5 Rd 2	Seniors	Juniors
Girls Basketball	V Penshurst West WON 26-6	V Penshurst West WON 22-2
Girls Cricket	V Oatley LOST 49-123	V Oatley LOST 76-100
Boys Softball / T'ball	V Oatley LOST 4-6	V Oatley LOST 9-14
Boys Oztag	V Peakhurst WON 6-3	V Peakhurst LOST 6-8
Mixed Newcombe	V Narwee WON 2-1	V Narwee WON 2-1

T1 Wk 6 Rd 3	Seniors	Juniors
Girls Basketball	Wash Out	Wash Out
Girls Cricket	Wash Out	Wash Out
Boys Softball / T'ball	Wash Out	Wash Out
Boys Oztag	Wash Out	Wash Out
Mixed Newcombe	Wash Out	Wash Out

Season One Sports

Girls Basketball: *Mr Briggs*

Girls Cricket: *Mr Brown*

Boys Softball: *Mrs Klicek*

Boys Oztag: *Miss Nichols*

Mixed Newcombe: *Mr Sanders*

Swimming: *Mrs Kelly*

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Focus for the Fortnight

I will play safely on the equipment.

Be SAFE - Play equipment

In the classroom: Be Safe:

- I keep my hands and feet to myself*
- I use classroom equipment for its intended purpose*
- I walk inside the buildings*
- I am in the right place at the right time*

Storytime for Kindies



Stage 3 students have started a new initiative in the library. Every Thursday, at second half lunch, a Stage 3 student reads a story book to Kindy students. The senior student presents the story and asks relevant questions to make the story come alive. Nick got the ball rolling by presenting Jackie French's story, *Baby Wombat's Week*. It was an interactive and fun way for the kindies to spend their second half lunch.



Highlights in 5K

Maths Investigation

5K students started the year practising measurement skills. In groups, we measured the height of 10 students, worked out the average height, and then calculated the number of students required to circle the equator! This was a fun, hands on maths investigation.



Gratitude Wall

On Valentine's Day, we took the opportunity to express what we are grateful for in our lives, both at home and at school. We spoke about being grateful for what we have, rather than focusing on what we don't have and how this can change our outlook and wellbeing.



Exploring Shapes



1K have enjoyed exploring shapes through various hands-on learning experiences.

Students have created patterns, matched shapes with every day objects and even created shapes on geo-boards.



From the Easel



Nyah KJ

Ivy KA



Kindergarten have been exploring colours and learning some new letters. They have enjoyed doing various craft experiences to highlight their learning.



Veronica KJ

Violetta KA



Christian KJ

Katherine KA

From the Easel

Students in Stage One have been exploring the natural and built features of places. Stage One created their city landscape artwork inspired by artist Ton Schulten with a focus on colour and lines.



Daisy 1T



Pania 1T



Kaiden 1K



Zhenhan 1K



Hunter 2F



Prachi 2F



Vinfred 2P



Adam 2P



From the Easel



Stage 3 students have created some wonderful artworks inspired by their work on The Great Barrier Reef. Some of the pieces have been done at home as extra-curricular projects and some at school.



Dallas



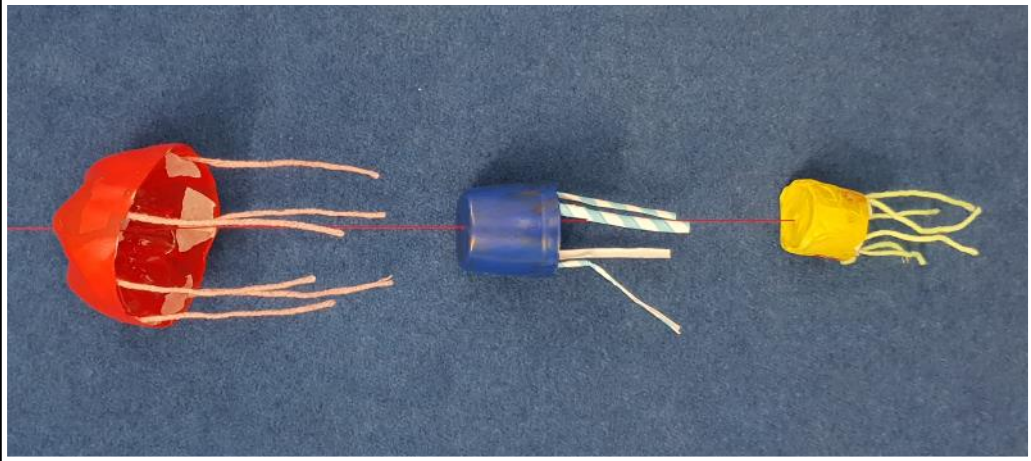
Reda



Hang—*One in a Thousand*



Amina—*Turtle Rookery (above) Jellyfish (below)*



Writers' Corner

The start of Autumn was celebrated in 6S by writing poems and creating collages about the season.



Autumn by Emily

The fallen leaves crunched and rustled,
As I strolled across the empty park.
It was so quiet,
You could hear the cool breeze,
Blowing through the trees.
Brown and yellow leaves,
Blanketed the deserted land.
The lonely, naked trees looked helpless,
Finally, autumn had arrived.

Artwork by Emily



Autumn by Michelle

Tumbling,
Twirling,
Dancing,
Autumn leaves,
Skimming the ground,
Daintily.
Orange, red and gold,
Scattered across the paths.
Chilly wind,
Billowing at helpless trees,
Stripping them of their leaves.
Tumbling,
Twirling,
Dancing,
Autumn leaves.



Artwork by Reda

Autumn by Edward

Autumn arrives,
With a gust of cool air,
Blasting a burst of freshness into my face—
Sweltering summer has finally gone.
Brown, yellow, red and orange—
Insects hide under the delights of autumn,
On cold, windy days.
The cool weather ,
Refreshes me like an iceblock,
Falling leaves twirl around like ballerinas.

A Walk Around *Our* School

Take the time to look & appreciate the wonder of nature



Everything has its own beauty but not everyone sees it

Time for Healthy Habits



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