



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 2

Friday 31st July 2020

From the Principal

A big welcome back to Term 3 of the 2020 school year. Despite the current COVID-19 situation, all schools are looking forward to a great term and will return to full-time at school learning. All students should be at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. We are hoping for the return of more activities this term and will keep you posted of this information as it becomes known to us.

Education Week

Next week, Week 3 is Education Week. This year's theme is *Learning Together*, a theme very appropriate considering the unprecedented and unexpected learning from home that took place in Term 2. With COVID-19 restrictions still in place and Peakhurst West PS unable to invite parents into classrooms, students will be showcasing their learning via the school's online communication platforms next week. Please keep your eye out for this!

Relieving Deputy Principal

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Cynthia Ong-Ricketts will be the Relieving Deputy Principal between Peakhurst West and Penshurst PS for Term 3. Mrs Ong-Ricketts was successful through an expression of interest process. She is a highly experienced Assistant Principal who has an excellent knowledge of our shared site due to her involvement with both the Peakhurst West and Penshurst PS executive teams. Mrs Ong-Ricketts is excited by the opportunity to work with the Peakhurst West students, staff and parents more closely.



Kindergarten Enrolments– 2021

Now is the time to enrol any students who will be attending Kindergarten at Peakhurst West PS in 2021. If you have a child who is starting Kinder next year please visit the office to commence the enrolment process. Similarly, if you know of anyone who has a child starting Kindergarten next year, please let them know to visit or contact the office on 9153 9767.

P & C meeting

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the P and C will be hosting the next P and C meeting via Zoom on Monday August 3 at 7pm. If you would like to attend this P and C Zoom, please register your interest by providing your name and email address to the school office so you can be invited.



PSSA 2020

After an extended period of consultation and discussion concerning PSSA in 2020 and adhering to the NSW health guidelines for sport and physical activities in schools, the Georges River District has come to the decision to cease inter-school competitive sport for the remainder of 2020. This was not a decision that was made lightly, but due to many factors, the health and wellbeing of students, staff and families was deemed paramount. The decision was based on the views of the majority of schools in the Georges River District and more so is accordance with NSW public health guidelines.

School Photos

School photos will be taking place on Wednesday 19th August (Week 5). Information regarding the ordering process will be sent home shortly. This year the school will be using the services of Don Wood Photography.

Afternoon Pick Up

As a start to transitioning back to normal school finishing time, as of next Monday the 3rd August, students will depart the school gates in two groups instead of the current four groups. ***Children will continue to exit from the same gate they have been since the staggered departure pick up process began***, however their pick up time may have changed slightly. *(Please refer to the revised pickup time-line in the school newsletter)*. Students will either need to be picked up at 3:10pm or 3:15pm, at the respective gate, if being picked up early. ***Can I ask all parents/carers to please communicate clearly to their children if they will be picked up early, or if they are to wait in class until the 3:25pm bell.*** It is hoped that in the coming weeks of this term, Peakhurst West PS can return to their normal finishing time of 3:25pm, pending any further NSW Department of Education announcements. Please note that adhering to the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health guidelines, parents are still not permitted to enter school grounds to pick up or drop off students, unless collecting a sick child. We apologise for any inconvenience that this has created but thank you for your understanding in ensuring that our school remains as safe and happy as possible during COVID-19 times.

Mr R. Fisher

Acting Principal

Revised drop off and pick up arrangements beginning Week 3– Monday 3rd August

Peakhurst West PS Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements

DROP OFF	DROP OFF between 8.55-9.25am Your child will be greeted by a teacher and student leaders at the Ogilvy Street & Belmore Road gates. <small>*if you do not attend Before School Care</small>	
3:10PM PICK UP	Children with surnames starting with A, B, C, D to be picked up at the Ogilvy Street gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.	
3:10PM PICK UP	Children with surnames starting with E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L to be picked up at the Belmore Road gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.	
3:15PM PICK UP	Children with surnames starting with M, N, O, P, Q, R to be picked up at the Ogilvy Street gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.	
3:15PM PICK UP	Children with surnames starting with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z to be picked up at the Belmore Road gate & Kiss n Ride Zone.	
3:25PM	Children who attend After School Care or walk home independently will be dismissed at 3.25pm	

FAREWELL Mrs Sarafoski

Last Friday our school community said farewell to Mrs Sarafoski who has successfully been appointed to Brighton Le Sands Public School as their new Principal. Brighton school is double the size of Peakhurst West, with well over six hundred students.

On her last day the teachers organised a stunning luncheon and many teachers spoke about Mrs Sarafoski's strengths as a leader and friend.

After the luncheon the whole school met in the assembly hall to give the students the chance to say farewell. Mr Fisher introduced our School Captains, Sienna and Riley, who spoke on behalf of the student body. This was followed by the President of our P&C, Mr Peter McWaters, who officially farewelled Mrs Sarafoski on behalf of the school community and presented her with a parting gift. Mrs Floratos then spoke about the impact Mrs Sarafoski has had on our school over the last five years and Mr Briggs gave a few humorous anecdotes that highlighted just how much Mrs Sarafoski will be missed. It was a bitter sweet assembly, as we all congratulate Mrs Sarafoski and wish her continued success at Brighton, but we are so sad to see her go.

The assembly culminated in a brilliant digital presentation created by Mrs Klicek, highlighting the positive footprint Mrs Sarafoski leaves.

A special thanks must go to Ms Samar, Ms Kylie and the teachers who organised the luncheon and contributed to the assembly.



Our new Principal in 2015



Mrs Sarafoski on her last day with Captains, Sienna & Riley

THANK YOU MRS SARAFOSKI for FIVE FABULOUS YEARS!



Mr McWaters



Boy Captain—Riley



Mrs Floratos



Girl Captain—Sienna



Mr Fisher



***Farewell! &
Good Luck!***



From the Easel



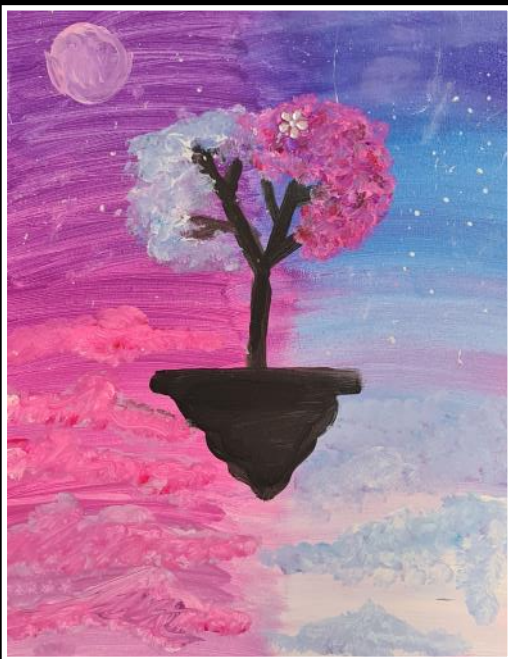
Some **Stage 3** students created artworks at home after studying our **Rich Text**, *Tintinnabulla*, and Science topic on Space.



Lara—*Rising Crescent*



Celina—*Silver Moon*



Celina—*Night & Day*



Celina—*I want to be an Astronaut*,
inspired by our **Science** topic on **Space**.



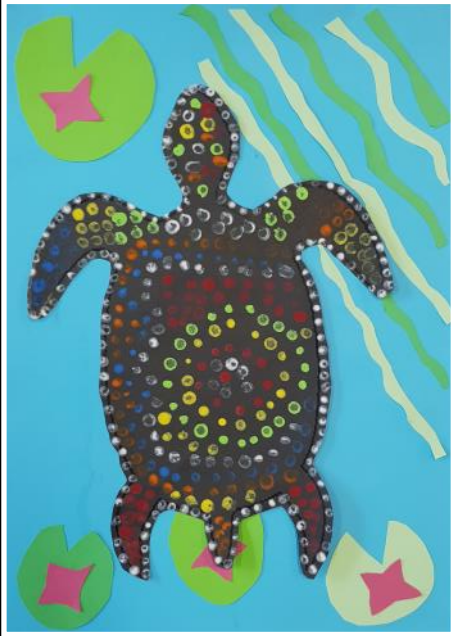
The World in Our Hands by Amina



From the Easel



Stage Two has been examining Australian animals. After reading a Dreamtime story about a turtle they created patterns on their turtles and then used the **collage** technique to feature their turtles on a water scene, with lily pads. As part of their **Science** topic on **light** the students used foil to create action figures and then glued them to a base and painted in the shadows.



Emily



Sun



Jonathon



Above: *Turtle in a pond.*

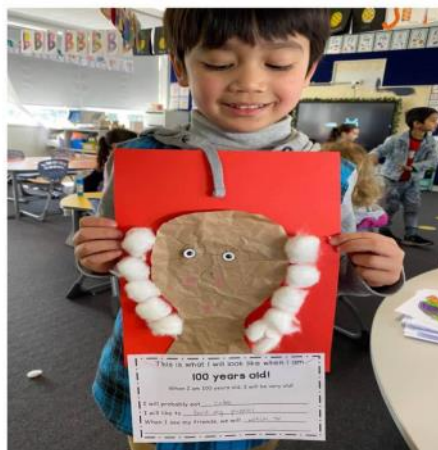
Left: Vincent's action sculptures entitled, *Jump!*

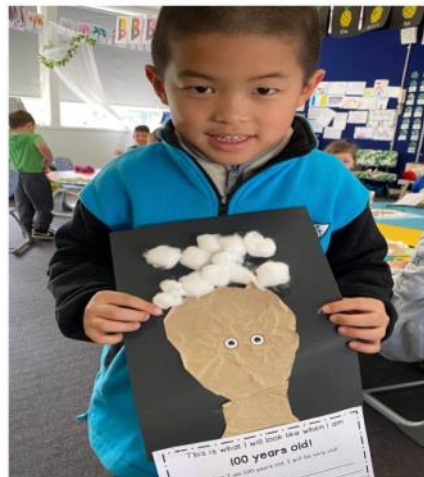
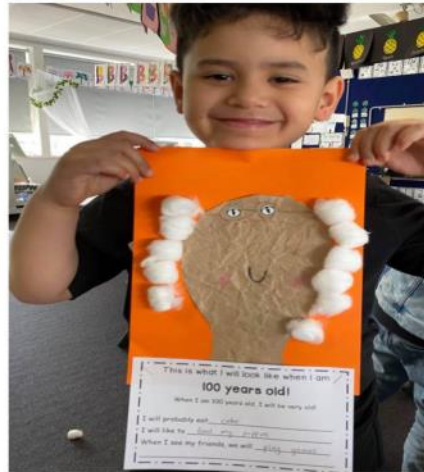
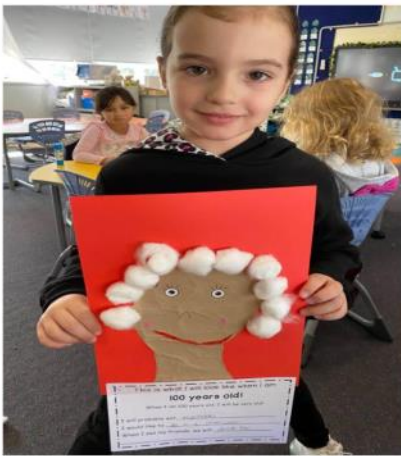
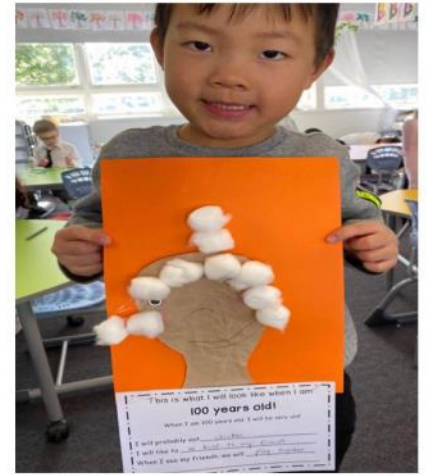


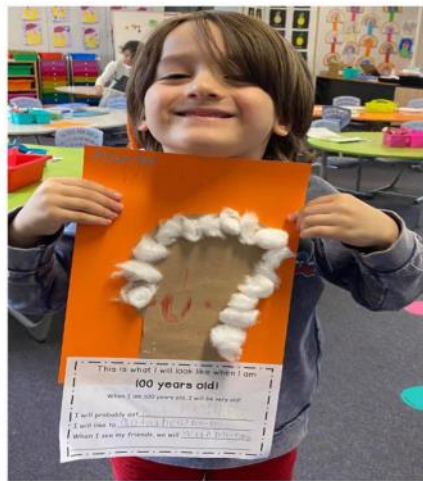
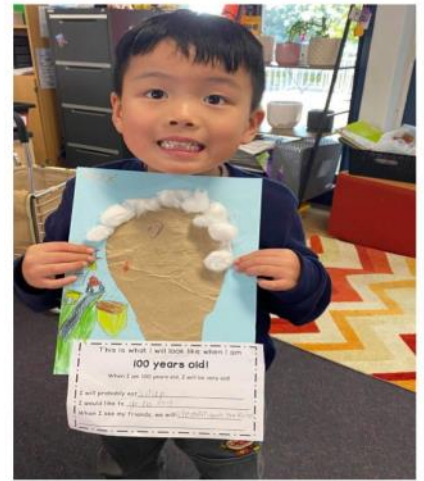
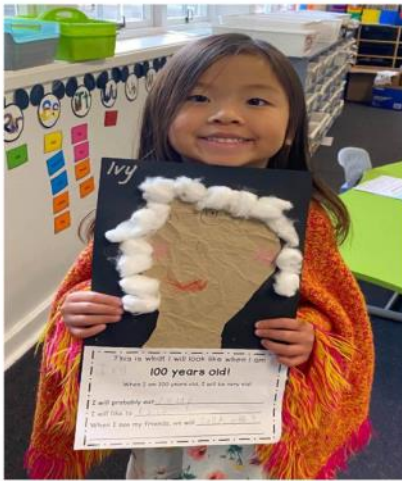
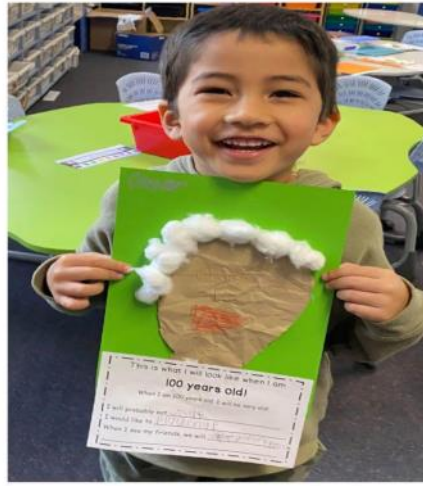
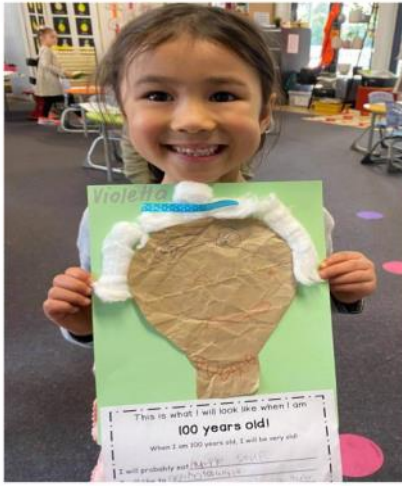
Celebrating 100 Days of Kindergarten

At the end of Term 2 our wonderful Kindergarten students celebrated '100 days of school' at Peakhurst West Public School. Some students enjoyed dressing up as if they were 100 years old! Students created an image of what they imagine they will look like at 100 years old.

Congratulations Kindergarten!!!









100 Day Challenge

Kindergarten students worked with their Stage 3 buddies to complete a series of tasks. The challenge was that the tasks had to be completed in 100 seconds. Students had ten activities to do. Some of the activities included: how many cups they could stack, how many star jumps they could do, how many sight words they could write and many others all within the time frame. Kindergarten students had so much fun. A big thank you to Mrs Aekins and Miss J for organising the day.





A Walk Around *Our* School

Take the time to look & appreciate the wonder of nature



This decaying leaf looks like a piece of delicate filigree jewellery



Sandpit equipment thief



Everything has its own beauty but not everyone sees it

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)



The **expectations** for the coming fortnight are:

School wide—I walk quietly in the hallways.

*(Be **RESPONSIBLE**)*

In the classroom—I walk inside the buildings

*(Be **SAFE**)*



Our first Gotcha draw winners for the term (Wk 2). Each student wins a canteen voucher.

From time to time, parents may be lucky enough to receive a

Proud Peaky Parent Postcard.

This new initiative is in addition to our existing reward system (Reward Cards and Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards). A postcard may be sent home by a teacher if they are particularly proud of a student's behaviours.



Proud Teacher Moment
Just a note home to say that _____ has

- ☐ Shown respectful behaviour all day
- ☐ Helped others
- ☐ Shown excellent sportsmanship
- ☐ Used respectful manners
- ☐ Been responsible for their own learning
- ☐ Shown great improvement in _____
- ☐ _____

I am so proud of their achievements and I hope you are too!



Learn Music on Keyboard at School

Classes have resumed!

Great songs! Musical activities!

Cool music knowledge!



- Convenient at-school venue with additional health & safety measures in place
- Small group, 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



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