



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 6

Friday 28th August 2020

From the Principal

COVID-19 Latest department guidelines

We recently sent out the latest COVID-19 guidelines to everyone via the Skoolbag app. As a reminder, students should not be at school unless;

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Please email the school a screen shot of the negative test result, identifying the child and if possible, date of birth, the day before your child returns to school.

The school email is: peakhurstw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

As always, all student absences require written explanation. Please supply a note with your child on their return to school.

Additional information of interest to you includes:

- All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted.
- P&C meetings and events must be on-line only.
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests).

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 or call the office (9153 9767) to commence the enrolment process.

Tell Them From Me Survey

A reminder to all parents and carers that Peakhurst West Public School is seeking your feedback in order to make the school the best place it can be. It would be appreciated if parents/carers could take a few moments to complete the Tell Them From Me survey at <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/phmq2>. Survey respondents remain anonymous. A big thank you to the families who have already completed this survey. Your time and feedback is greatly appreciated.



Father's Day Stall

On behalf of the P and C, the school will be hosting the Father's Day stall for students to purchase gifts for their father or for a significant father figure in their life. The stall will be held on Friday September 4th 2020. Gifts range from \$2 to \$8 in price. Students are asked to bring a plastic bag to take their gift/s home in.

SASS appreciation week

This week we celebrated SASS appreciation week at Peakhurst West PS. SASS week recognises the incredible work school administrative and support staff do each and every day in schools right across NSW. I would like to personally acknowledge and thank our office staff; Mrs Elliot, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Dabbagh, our School Learning Support Officers; Mrs Woodhams and Mrs Turk-Nikro, and our general assistant Mr Favorito for the vital role they play in keeping Peakhurst West PS running efficiently.

Thank you!



Wishing you a terrific fortnight!

Mr R. Fisher
Acting Principal

Look at what 4L has been up to?



We can improve our explanation writing by helping each other.



We enjoy seeing our real life 'Peaky' every now and then.



We could predict what would melt and how fast



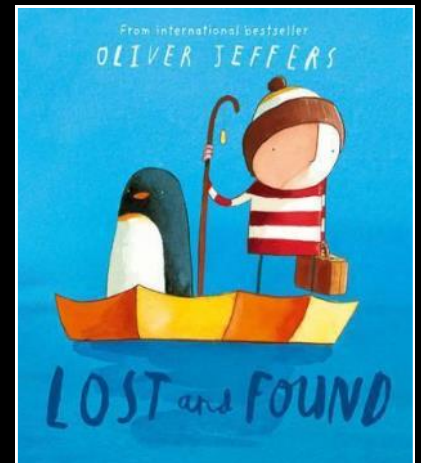
We enjoy our crunch and sip break.



We can use a number line to work out subtraction?

Kindergarten STEM Challenge

Our creative kindergarten students engaged in a **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activity where they had to create a boat using various materials. The idea was inspired by a book called **'Lost and Found'** by Oliver Jeffers. In the story a boy had to figure out how he would take a penguin back to the South Pole. Kindergarten's challenge was to create a boat that could float and would be strong enough to carry the boy and the penguin. Students worked collaboratively in their group and came up with some fantastic creations. They enjoyed testing their boats to see if they could float.





We
finished!



Building
our
Boat



Look – it works!

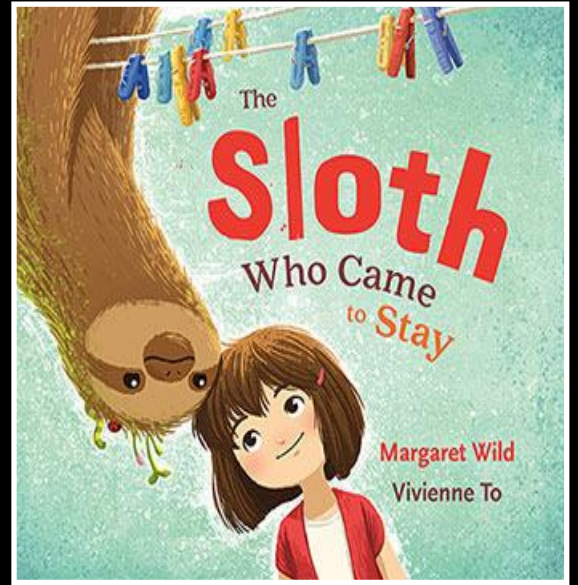


It floats!



From the Easel

This week 1K read the story, *'The sloth who came to stay'* by Margaret Wild as part of their imaginative writing unit of work. After reading, students created their own sloths using the images from the story.



Serra



Kaiden



Charlie



Zhenhan



Aroha



Knarlah



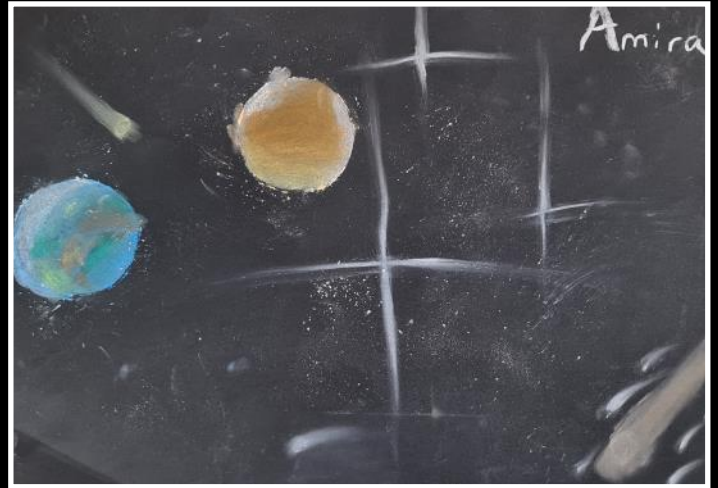
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This term's Stage 3 Science topic is Space. Our Solar System was depicted by 5K using chalk except for Sumiya who used acrylic paints on canvas.



Sienna



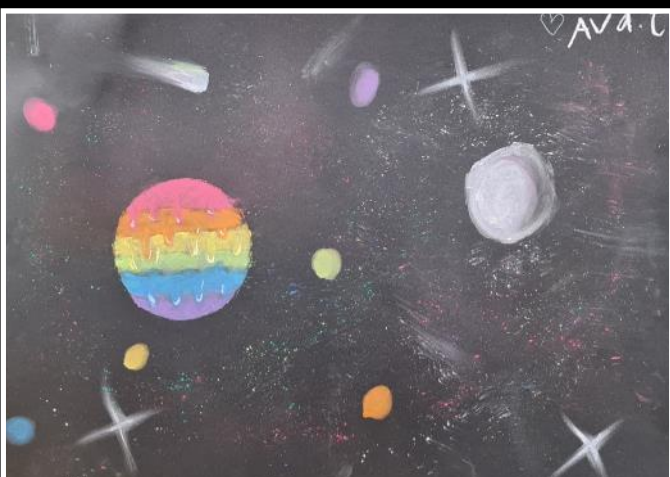
Amira



Leslie



Sumiya



Ava



Jayden



From the Easel



This term's Stage 3 Science topic is **Space**. There are an estimated 2,666 man made satellites currently orbiting our planet with more being launched every year. There is one natural satellite—the Moon. One of our art projects is to depict these satellites in a mixed media piece—we call it—**Big Brother is Watching**.



Celina Daher



Lara Mannell

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING



Amina Vargan



Poet's Corner

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Stage Three CAPA groups have been exploring dance, drama and music. After watching animations and listening to David Bowie's poignant ballad, *Space Oddity*, the children wrote poems to explain their feelings.

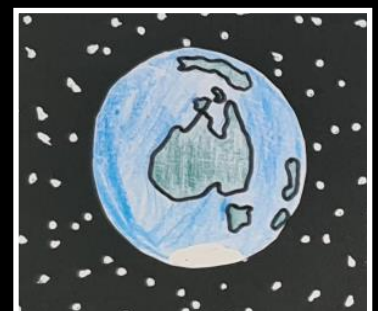
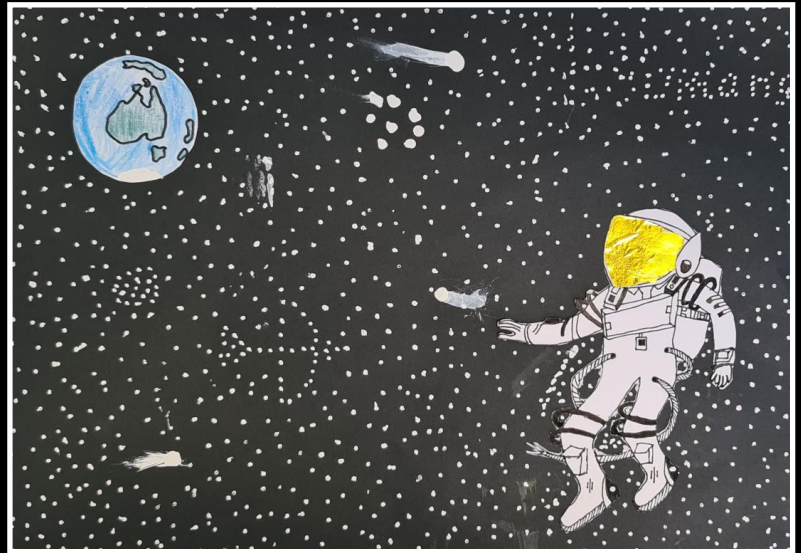
OBLIVION

Weightlessness hit me,
As I opened the hatch.
Fear wrapped me,
Like a blanket—
Snap!

The tether split.
Helpless, like a cork in a flooded river,
I drifted into space -
Floating to oblivion.

My mind flashed with memories;
I recalled the times I climbed trees,
I remembered myself watching my
brother playing games.

Those happy memories began to fade -
My fate was sealed.

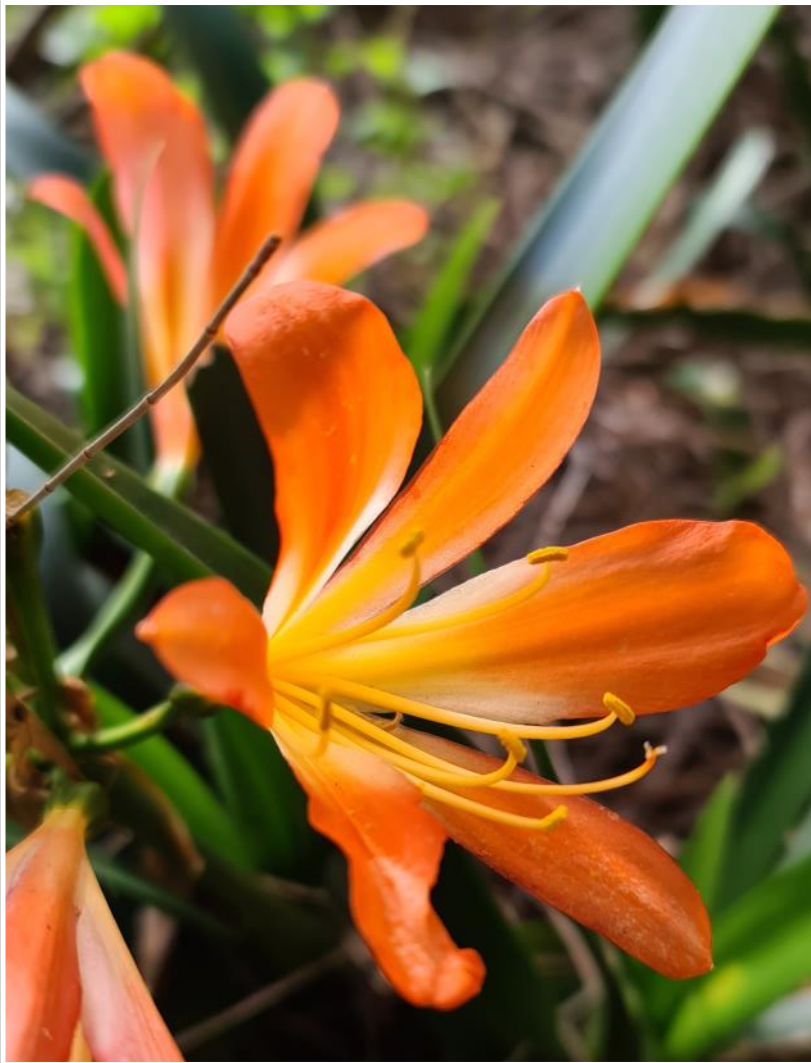


by Michelle Tu

Artwork by Jeff Zhu

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

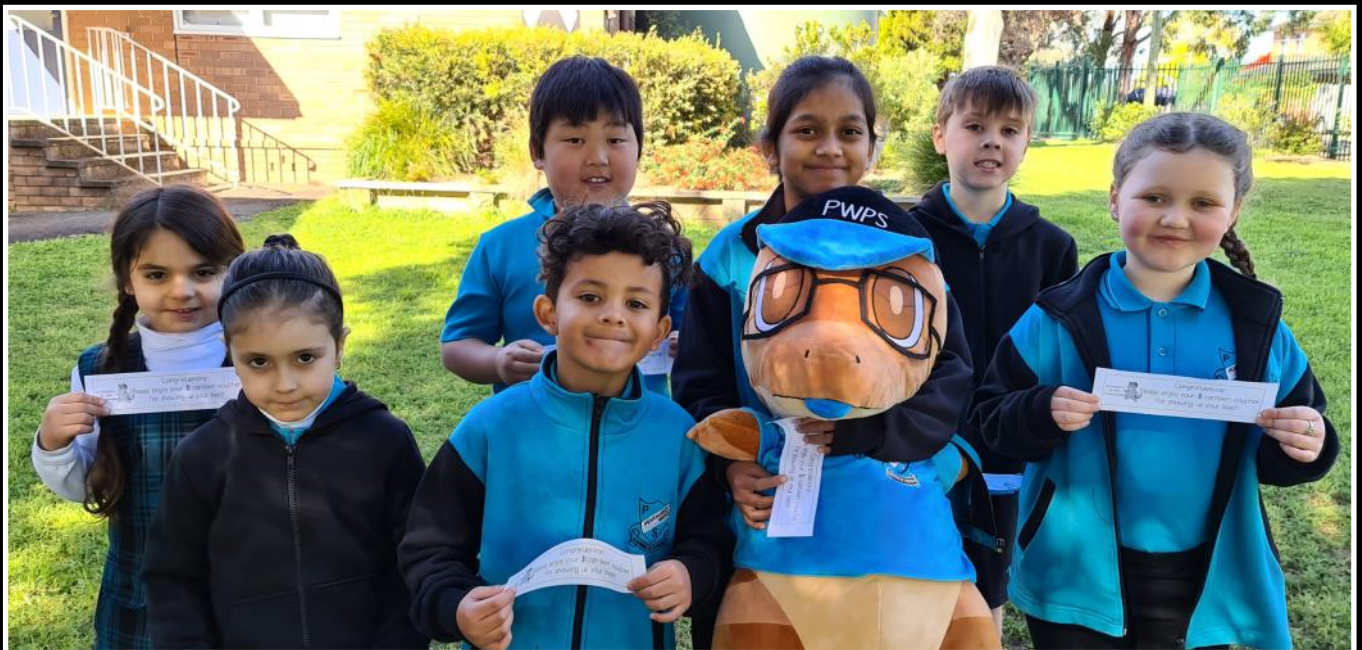


POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

The **expectation** for the coming fortnight is:

I keep my hands and feet to myself

*(Be **SAFE**)*



***Our Third Gotcha draw winners for Term 3
(Wk 6). Each student wins a canteen voucher.***



Peakhurst West Public School P&C



Father's Day Stall – Friday 4th September

We all know how much dad's **love** waking up on Father's Day to a gift which has been specially picked out for you by your child, so the P&C is holding a **Father's Day Stall** on **Friday, 4th September**.

We have a variety of amazing gifts on sale and these items will range in price from **\$2.00 to \$8.00**. There will also be gifts available for Grandpa/Pop, so please send extra money with your child if you want them to buy more than one gift. Make sure your child has a bag to put their gifts in.

Due to Covid-19, unfortunately this year we are unable to have parent volunteers run the stall. Thankfully, staff at the school are volunteering their time so that the stall can still go ahead.

The P&C thanks you for your ongoing support.



Our school is trialling book club this term. Families can purchase books through book club and earn points towards resources and books for our school!

To purchase books from the current catalogue follow the link:

[https://www.redgumbookclub.com.au/browse/
currentcatalog](https://www.redgumbookclub.com.au/browse/currentcatalog)

OR

Search for **Redgum** book club in your web browser. Add the books you would like to purchase to your cart and enter your delivery address. **Remember** to select **Peakhurst West Public School** from the drop down list to ensure that our school receives reward points towards purchasing books for our school.

Please place your orders by **Sunday 23rd of August 2020**

If you have any questions contact Mrs Meoli.

Canteen Lunch Special

Wednesday September 2nd

Nachos and Frozen juice cup

\$5.50

Not available on flexischools

CANTEEN REMINDERS!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

- **NOODLE CUPS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CANTEEN IF ORDERED**
- **ICE BLOCKS AND ICY TREATS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CANTEEN FOR RECESS AND LUNCH ORDERS.**
- **RECESS ORDERS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CANTEEN**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME, CLASS AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE CLEARLY ON THE LUNCH BAG.**
- **ONLINE ORDERING IS PREFERRED WHERE APPLICABLE BUT ORDERS CAN STILL BE HANDED IN WITH YOUR CHILD AT CANTEEN.**
- **BREAKFAST ITEMS ARE BREAKFAST ITEMS ONLY. THEY CANNOT BE ORDERED.**

THANKYOU. FRESH START CANTEENS ☺

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



**To enrol: www.learnmusicatschool.com.au
(02) 9411 3122**

VIP Music est. 1984