



Term 3 Week 8 Newsletter

Important Dates



13th September - Garden Project Day

19th September - Stage 3 Gala Day - GRC Peakhurst

23rd September: Last day Term 3

10th October - Students return Term 4

19th October - Kinder Orientation 1

25th October - Combined Music and Dance Festival - Bankstown Sports Club

26th October - Kinder Orientation 2

2nd November - Kinder Orientation 3

16th - 18th October - Stage 3 Camp - Point Woolstoncroft

17th November - Kinder Excursion - Symbio

19th December - Last Day Term 4 – Students

Message From The Principal

A sad day today remembering the life of Queen Elizabeth II. It is hard to comprehend a person dedicating 70 years of their life to the service of their people. A truly remarkable woman. The ultimate working mother as well as a person who held the monarchy together as the world shifted around her. Her work ethic, dedication and commitment to her role has been a tremendous achievement.



On a positive note I would like to acknowledge the truly wonderful work of our SASS team. This week was SASS Appreciation Week.

Anna

Danielle

Sanaa

Kim

Mel

Brendan

Regina

John



Without this group of dedicated support and admin staff the school could not function. Every day they support the day to day running of the school, assist students with wellbeing and learning. Thank you!!!! I hope you enjoyed your lunch on Thursday.

This week has been fun. We had PJ day on Wednesday, R U OK day on Thursday and I have had the pleasure of conducting kindergarten enrolment interviews all week. It has been so nice to meet all our 2023 kindergarten students and welcome new families to our school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Rebecca Ingram

Principal

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kagan and Isaac in Year 6 who competed in the Sydney East Athletics Carnival.

School Attendance

NSW Department of Education



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

P and C News

September P&C meeting

Monday 12th September 7pm - Zoom

Peakhurst West P&C is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85362477792?pwd=ZXhrMW80Z3gzamp4T1cwTGE3Mm9DUT09> Meeting ID:
853 6247 7792

Passcode: 885795

Community Garden project at PWPS with Bunnings Padstow



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

The Community Garden Project is happening next week.

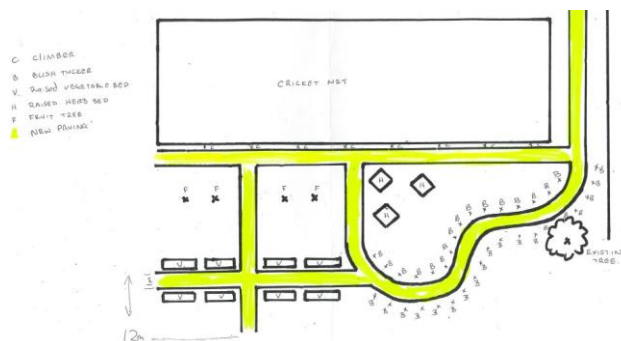
Thank you all families that have said they will try to attend. If you have become available and would like to join us, YOU STILL CAN.

ALL HELPERS:

- **Tuesday 13th September:** If possible please meet at the **School Hall at 9:15 to sign in and a short debrief.**
- If you have any gardening tool or wheelbarrows, please bring them with you. No pressure to bring or buy anything.
- Lunch will be served around lunch time and we will be providing refreshments/snacks.

Thank you for being a part of the school community. We appreciate everything our families and community do for Peakhurst West PS and our students.

Mr Dalamagas



New School Mural



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proud to announce the completion of our new mural painted on the library wall under the cola.

Thank you to the SRC for the wonderful student ideas and Mr Bunt for all your effort and organisation. It was great to have a talented artist like Austin make our school a beautiful and bright place.

All families as welcome to view and take photos.







Lost Property

Please have a look for any items your child has missing in the lost property tub **outside the library**.

There are lots of jackets that are both school uniform and not uniform jackets.

Any items remaining outside the library at the end of term will be donated to charity or used as spare uniforms in the office.

Choir News

On Tuesday the 30th of August, 21 choir students along with Miss Flanagan and Miss Regina attended a Whole Day rehearsal at Lakemba Public School in preparation for the Combined Public Schools Music Festival on Tuesday evening on the 25th of October. It was an absolutely amazing and super fun time! Students practised 10 songs while learning actions to go with it! That's a lot of singing. :) I am so proud of the respect, hardwork and creativity of these students. Many teachers and even our friendly bus

driver commented on the manners and excellent behaviour of our students. Well done PWPS Choir!
What an excellent achievement! 🎵🎵





PSSA



Round 1: 9/9/22 - Washout

Lets hope for no more missed games this year.

Silver, Gold and Platinum Achievers 🏆

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award. Remember to keep collecting those reward cards. When you have 5 reward cards hand them to your teacher to receive your Bronze Award. Once you have amassed 3 Bronze Awards you will receive a Silver Award. Three Silver awards equals 1 gold. So follow our School Wide PBL Expectations and start collecting.

Platinum Award Winner- Alessandro Favuzzi 🏆



1 - GOLD WINNERS 🏆

Logan Piercy

Joseph Ruan

Yiling He

Eshabella Baidar

SILVER AWARD WINNERS 🥈

Cooper Manley

Emma Voss

Mia Dong

Annabelle Smith

Wendy

Adele Awad

Nikkos Elfes

Emily Mak

Marcus Markovski

Logan Piercy

Sarah Dennaoui

Leila Dennaoui

Isaac Reslan

Abbie Hilton

Sam Jradi

Raina Pontikos

Ian Permana

Addy Katarzis

Cooper Manley

Yarra Butto

Emily Smith

Adam El Rozz

Sarah-Lee Worth

Abdullah Kahil

Marko Markisic

Carlyle Robinson

Tianna Zhu

Wow! What an extensive list of award winners!



Gotcha Draw

Our delivery of our new PBL reward for the Gotcha draw has arrived. Students who are Gotcha winners will now receive a Peaky bouncy ball.

Congratulations to our Gotcha draw winners!

We GOTCHA being respectful, responsible and safe in the playground.

Kindergarten 2023 OPEN DAY

What an fabulous event! Our Kindergarten students welcomed our new families into our classrooms. We had the best time with them and are looking forward to welcoming the families again for the orientation days next term.







Kinder 2023 Orientation Days



Peakhurst West Public School



ENROL NOW

Do you have a child who is starting
Kindergarten in 2023?

It is now time to enrol.

Orientation Days

Time: 9:45-11:00am

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Wednesday 26 October 2022

Wednesday 2 November 2022

OGILVY STREET PEAKHURST NSW 2210
[HTTPS://PEAKHURSTW-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU/](https://peakhurstw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/)
TELEPHONE: 02 9153 9767

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students have been practising their public speaking skills this term. We have persuaded our audiences about topics such as; Books are better than Movies or Dogs are better than Cats (and visa versa). We are in the last week of our competition and next week we look forward to some excited students presenting their final oral presentation. Good luck to all those students who have been successful to make it into the finals.



Stage 2 Excursion

Chinatown and the Chinese Garden of Friendship



4BK students playing Chinese Whispers



4BK in the Chinese Garden of Friendship



4BK listening to the tale of the Chinese Zodiac

Stage 2 recently visited Chinatown and the Chinese Garden of Friendship in Darling Harbour. The day supported our Geography unit where we are learning about the Earth's environment, in particular the natural vegetation and animals found in China.

Our knowledgeable guides took us on an interesting tour of Chinatown. We learnt many interesting facts about Chinese culture, saw examples of different architecture, special foods eaten by Chinese people like sea cucumbers, and jewellery such as jade. The importance of the Chinese Zodiac, as well as lucky numbers and colours was also explained to us.

We then moved to the tranquillity of the Chinese Gardens, where we had to solve riddles using the knowledge we gained from listening to our guides. As well as seeing bonsai, cherry blossoms and bamboo, we were excited to see koi fish, water dragons and even a small turtle! Crossing curved bridges to escape evil spirits and listening to traditional stories was also a highlight.

Chinatown and Chinese Garden of Friendship



3/4K students walking the streets of Chinatown and viewing special jewellery such as jade.



Decorative footpaths where pebbles are laid on their sides to improve water flow



Koi fish and water dragon

Chinatown and Chinese Garden of Friendship



3/4K enjoying the landscape in the Chinese Garden of Friendship



Richie leading the group
around the gardens



Isaiah was inspired to sketch this scene

Chinatown and Chinese Garden of Friendship



3/48 enjoying their excursion around Chinatown and the Chinese gardens



Stage 3 News

Stage 3 have been getting outside for some weekly 'Movement in Maths'. Getting both our brains and bodies working hard! Pictured is stage 3 learning how to use a trundle wheel to measure distances which they then recorded in their books.





From the library

Free Books!

There will be free books for students outside the library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Please come and have a look and see if there are any old library books you would like to add to your home library.

Holiday Borrowing is Back!

The library will be open after school (3:25-4pm) on Wednesday 21st of September for students and families to come and borrow books to read over the holidays.

Established in 1911, Sydney Technical High School, located in Bexley and close to several major transport links, is an academically selective secondary school for gifted and high achieving boys.

Many of our proud alumni are currently leaders in their field and our strong connection with them allows for authentic networking opportunities.

Our staff are experts in delivering highly engaging and challenging curriculum for our diverse learners with strong links to the UNSW's GERRIC faculty.



The STHS Performing Ensembles music program has over one hundred student participants playing over thirty different instruments and receive mentoring and specialised tuition.

We are highly successful members of the St George Sport Association with weekly grade competition each Wednesday afternoon in disciplines such as basketball, soccer, Oztag, cricket, volleyball, table tennis and tennis. This is complemented by our

recreational sport program and includes fencing, fitness, ten pin bowling and beach walking.

Our extra curricular program offers outstanding opportunities for every student to connect and thrive in our school's high expectations culture in many fields including public speaking, debating, chess, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, digital media, Latin, entrepreneurship, coding and much more.



Our Open Morning is 9:15am on Tuesday 11 October 2022



Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Team on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

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