



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 2 2022

Athletics Carnival 2022



Should you need to drop any items off to your child during school hours please drop them into the front office. Students are not permitted to meet you outside school grounds or wait near the front or back gates/fence to collect items from you.

Before School our playgrounds are unsupervised until 8.30am each morning and then only minimal supervision until Roll Call at 9.00 am.

Front Office Hours (Mon-Fri) 8am to 3.45pm Payment Office (Mon-Fri) 8.30am to 3.30pm

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

As I reflect on my first 5 weeks as Executive Principal at Peel High School, I would like to thank the students, staff and community members who have welcomed me warmly to our school and made my transition to a new town and community an extremely positive experience. I have made it a priority to meet with our student leaders who have presented as honest and positive role models for the student body and challenged me with their own questions in their endeavors to learn more about me and my journey to Peel High School. Spending time with the school executive has enabled me to gain a broad perspective of the school and the staff that provide a varied and rich education for all our students. I have been impressed with the manner in which students at Peel High School have engaged in positive and productive conversations with me and fellow staff as I have moved around the school.

I make mention of some of the opportunities that students have engaged in in a short period of time I have been in the school:

- The Athletics carnival and the participation by the student and staff body
- The success of the Suffolk Sheep Stud Show Team who are giving of their time and weekends and seeking significant success.
- The Student Representative Leadership Camp at Lake Keepit
- The local recognition of our Amazon work placement students
- Our students who are representing in sport at regional levels

Visits to settled and productive classrooms that I have been invited to observe and engage with.

Our focus at Peel will continue to be on high expectations for all members of our school



community, as we continue to implement the Strategic Improvement Plan.

This includes high expectations of attendance, behaviour and engagement and an expectation that staff and community members exhibit and model these behaviours to our young people as role models.

As we join the *Connected Communities Strategy*, I encourage you to read more about how this strategy will provide opportunity to strengthen the educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and all students, bring the community closer with the school, bring in Aboriginal culture, and allows the school to work with government and non-government groups to help support the education of the school's students.

Please follow the link below to learn more.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/connected-communities/connected-communities-strategy>



Erica Burge
Principal

2022 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wow what a day! A massive thanks to Mrs Lawton and her band of support crew who worked tirelessly to make today such a success!

Thanks to all the students who attended and participated in the events on offer enjoying an awesome day in the sunshine. Thanks also to our BBQ kings and sweet specialists who provided food for staff and students throughout the day!

Well done to Mr McVey yesterday he took out one of the most prestigious titles Peel High has to offer - The Milo Cup! Many have tried and failed, but yesterday you conquered this mountain smashing all other teachers in the race. Well done and enjoy your victory!



Yarning Circle opening

On March 31 Peel High School invited community and parents/carers to the official opening of our Yarning Circle. The school has named our yarning circle Dharri-ba which means home of the bearded dragon. The day was filled with celebrations including Aboriginal dance from students alongside SLSO Paris Knox and community members Krystle Lamb, Jayden Kitchener-Waters and Councillor Marc Sutherland. Student works were on display and students presented poems from our Sista Speak programs within the school and student Annmarie Maguire and local blues musician Buddy Knox performed a wonderful musical performance.

It was so great to see our students, parents/carers, teachers and community members come together again without the burden of covid restrictions and we look forward to hopefully hosting more community days in the future!

A special thanks to our AEOs Billy and Brad, Kerrin Dominick our Business Manager, the Aboriginal Education team and students who have worked so hard on creating this area and getting it ready for the opening. A special thanks to the Stage 5 boys and Burt for running the BBQ on the day, The Tamworth Local AECG Executive Team for attending and our community members Krystle Lamb, Jayden Kitchener-Waters, Councillor Marc Sutherland and Buddy Knox who assisted our students on the day.



SRC Leadership Camp

Over 50 students from Years 7 to 12 recently attended our annual SRC Leadership Camp at Lake Keepit.

The day is run by our Senior Leadership Team. The aim of the day is to build strong relationships that will drive our team forward throughout 2022!

Our Year 12 senior leaders were exceptional role models for the team and showed outstanding leadership in their coordination and management of the camp! Thank you to the staff who attended the day and made the camp possible for all those involved.

What an incredible start to our event calendar for the SRC in 2022! "We're all in this together" is the SRC theme for the year driving social and fundraising events and this camp really brought everyone together as a united team. We are excited for the year ahead!





Northern Schools Prime Lamb Competition

On the 3 and 4 of May, 12 students and 16 wethers travelled up to Tenterfield to compete in the Northern Schools Prime Lamb competition. This year it involved 120 sheep from 7 different schools. These schools competed in a Farmer's Challenge and Junior Judging. We were so excited to see Isabel Kesby place third and Alannah Daniels place equal fifth overall. A fantastic result for these two students. Peel's lead lamb placed First in his entered class and the judge also awarded him the Champion Lamb of the show on the Hoof. All these sheep now go on the hook section at Thomas Foods. A massive congratulations to all the staff and students involved in another very successful outing showcasing our amazing Ag Faculty.



2022 ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our school leaders Charlee Marshall, Angus Blinman, Lori Stewart and James Elphick (relieving for Tino Van-Staden due to illness) were outstanding ambassadors for our school! They attended all Anzac Day services including Dawn Service, Main Town Hall Service, Westdale Service and Attunga Service, demonstrating exceptional respect and leadership throughout.

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL SENIOR STUDY SESSIONS

No sign up needed - just turn up when you can!

**TUESDAYS 3:20PM - 5PM
@ THE LIBRARY**

Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend Senior Study Sessions in the library where they can work on class work, assessments and study with the assistance of their teachers! Snacks are provided free of charge.

BREAKY HUB

STUDENTS CAN STOP IN
FOR A FREE BREAK!
MONDAY, TUESDAY &
FRIDAY
8.30AM - 9AM
IN THE
TAS BLOCK

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTRE

Collect permission notes from the library!

**WEDNESDAYS 3:20PM - 5PM
@ THE LIBRARY**

All students are encouraged to attend Homework Centre in the library where they can work on class work, assessments and study with the assistance of their teachers! Snacks and afternoon bus-drop off for local students is provided free of charge.



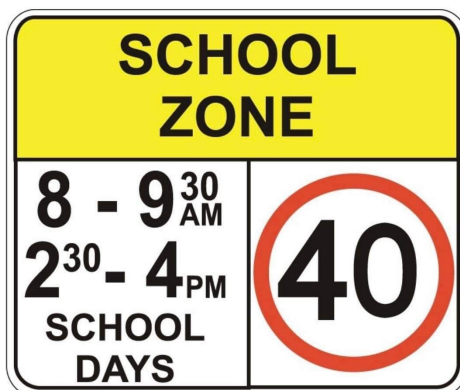
We would like to congratulate and welcome the incoming 2022 P&C Executive Committee, Sue Hansen, President. Meghan Leary, Vice President. Nicole Henry, Secretary and Nor Hartley Treasurer.

Thank you to the outgoing committee, your contribution and dedication are very much appreciated by us all.

Our P&C plays a vital role within our school community with fundraising that directly benefits each and every student. They run a fantastic canteen which is supported & enjoyed by not only student but staff also.

PHS P&C Uniform Shop open **EVERY MONDAY** between 9am and 11am. Pop in and see Tracey Towill for all your uniform needs.

The P&C meet every third Monday of the month (except Public & School Holidays)



A reminder to our school community that **SCHOOL ZONES OF 40KM/H** are in force from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm, on school days.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed



The area directly out the front of the school, on Gunnedah Road is a **BUS BAY** between the hours of 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm.

If you are dropping off or picking up students during these hours, parents/carers are advised to access the carpark located off Cole Road.

Spotlight on CAPA

Introduction to Culture

This term, Year 7 Music started with an Acknowledgement of Country and Indigenous Cultural talks presented by Peel High Cultural Leaders Aaliyah Morley and Shakayla Spearim (Year 11) and Lachlan Power (Year 10) to begin our study of Australian Music. These inspiring leaders talked about the importance, and the role of music within their community, while sharing the story of how the didgeridoo (yidiki) came to be. There were demonstrations of tools such as digging sticks and boomerangs as well as explaining how the different types of timber used to create clapping sticks resulted in differing pitches when played. Stories of dances for the four creation animals – yurrandali (goanna), bandaarr (kangaroo), dhinawan (emu) and bigibilla (echidna) were also discussed explained the connections with gunimaa (mother earth)

The students have been learning songs and dances of the emu and the creation animals and shared their own stories and knowledge of culture within the Yearning Circle. The session concluded with a tour of the Cultural Shed showcasing artworks, and textiles and a didgeridoo workshop where Aaliyah, Lachlan and Shakayla have had the opportunity to learn more about their culture. They also encouraged students to join the Didge Program, Peel High Aboriginal Dance Group and Sista Speak.

The CAPA department are grateful to have amazing students who are willing to sharing their knowledge and skills, you are an inspiration and asset to our school.

Lunchtime Tunes

Did you know that the Music classroom and Studio are open every lunchtime (excluding Thursday B's) for students to practice their instruments, learn a new song, join a band or experiment with the Studio.

Music is the place to be!

The Peel Poddy

Recording now! Peel High School's very own podcast featuring interviews of students and staff, books, movies, and album reviews, "did you knows", event recounts, and opinion pieces. The Peel Poddy is set to be released by the end of this term.

Is there something you would like to hear about? Would you like to join in? Contact Miss Hayman or Miss Willey in the Music Staffroom.

Visual Arts:

What a busy term we have had in the Art block! Our students have been making, creating and developing their skills throughout Term 1 and progressing well into Term 2.

We will be holding a CAPA Showcase in Week 5 to display all the student's work. Year 8 Visual Arts have been learning about the elements of art in Term 1 and studying the famous masterpieces such as Edvard Munch's 'The Scream' and Picasso's 'Weeping Woman'. This term they are learning about Surrealism and the complexities of perspective drawing. Year 9 Visual Arts have had a constructive Term 1, creating large scale portrait drawings of celebrities and family members. Year 10 Visual Arts delved into design in Term 1, studying furniture designers and then creating a small scale room of their choice, using carpet, wallpaper and materials kindly donated by Downtown Interiors. This term they are learning the techniques and skills for landscape painting- Bob Ross, move over, Year 10 are here! Year 11 Visual Arts have been the lucky students to first use our brand new Prismacolor pencils for their Still Life Drawings with amazing results! Yr 12 Visual Arts have been busy chipping away at their Bodies of Work for their upcoming HSC.

A Message from Mrs Sherlock:

It has been a pleasure watching the CAPA faculty grow over the past 4 years with students excelling across all areas of the creative and performing arts, seeing new subjects evolve and the talents of Peel High students develop into passions. I have enjoyed my time as Head Teacher of the faculty and working with wonderful staff along the way. I am to embark on a new journey and start my maternity leave this term, but I cannot wait to see what wonderful things that the CAPA faculty and students can produce in the future! Signing off for now, Mrs Sherlock.



UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

May 26-27	HSC Geography Newcastle Excursion	June 20	Clothing Shop OPEN 9am—11am
May 30	Clothing Shop OPEN 9am—11am	June 23	Parent / Teacher Interviews Yr 10, 11 & 12
June 1	School Cross Country	June 27	Clothing Shop OPEN 9am—11am PC Meeting 6pm
June 2	Yr8 2021 Catch up Vaccination Subject information Evening	July 28	Parent / Teacher Interviews Yr 7, 8 & 9
June 6	Clothing Shop OPEN 9am—11am		
June 16	HSC Music Day - Mandatory Excursion		

CROSS COUNTRY WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK
1:15pm start bus transport to and from school.

CATCH UP VACCINATION DAY Thursday JUNE 2.

Please ensure that your child has their signed Vaccination form on the day



School Planner 2022



Term two	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
April / May	1	25 April – ANZAC Day 25	26	27	28	29	30/1
May	2	2	3	4	5	6	7/8
May	3	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
May	4	16	17	18	19	20	21/22
May	5	23	24	25	26	27	28/29
May / June	6	30	31	1	2	3	4/5
June	7	6	7	8	9	10	11/12
June	8	13 June – Queen's Birthday 13	14	15	16	17	18/19
June	9	20	21	22	23	24	25/26
June / July	10	27	28	29	30	1	2/3



Scan me for practical school tips!

To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our back to school hub at education.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school.