



# Peel High School NEWSLETTER

WEEK 11, TERM 1 2022

## 2022 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

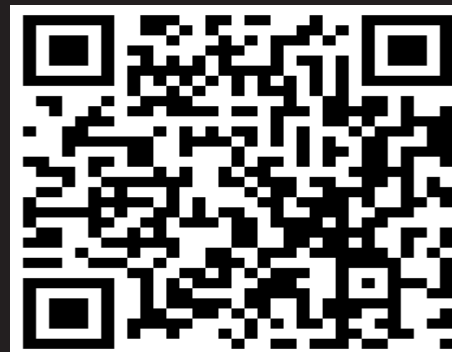


### REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS

As a safety precaution, 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.

This is a safety issue.



### Parents please note:

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**  
8.30am to 3.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



I cannot believe Term 1 is nearly over, it has just flown by. It has been a privilege to lead the school this term as Relieving Principal. My thanks go to Erin Stewart who relieved as Deputy Principal, The Senior Executive, the whole Executive Team and all PHS staff for their support and willingness to implement new strategies to raise high expectations for all to improve teaching and learning and positive outcomes for our students.

We will welcome our new Executive Principal, Mrs Erica Burge, at the start of Term 2. Mrs Burge is currently the Relieving Principal at Gilgandra High School.

During Term 1 students of PHS have been involved in a wide variety of terrific activities including,

- The show prep team scooping the pools at shows around the region
- Tuesday afternoon Senior Study sessions
- Wednesday Afternoon Homework centre
- Our successful Swimming Carnival
- Breaky Hub on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8.30am to 9.00am
- Sheep Shearing School
- Students getting their Egyptian on with the King TUT Road Show
- The Science and Engineering Challenge
- Students representing PHS in Basketball and Rugby League
- Great catering from the TAS students
- Our first whole school assembly for two years
- Gold Coast Excursion which has been two years in the planning
- Induction of our terrific student leaders
- PHS Aboriginal Education showcased to the AECG and community

It's wonderful to see school life returning to normal and our students being able to be involved in such a wide variety of events and activities.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday returning to Term 2 with batteries.

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

April 8	Last Day of Term
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter Sunday
April 25	Anzac Day
April 26	Staff Development Day
April 27	First Day of Term 2
April 27	Junior Leadership Camp at Lake Keepit
April 28	Anzac Day Assembly
May 6	Athletics Carnival
May 11	Cross Country
May 12	Yr 10 Vaccinations

### Peel's Breaky Hub

It's shocking to know that around 3 kids in every classroom across Australia are going to school hungry. Our program is kindly sponsored by PHS P&C and Food Bank Australia.

This year our focus is to provide a 'Grab & Go' breakfast program. Students can simply come up to the Breaky Hub choose to sit down or simply take a meal with them. We found students were more likely to make a meal and take it with them back to the playground.

Staff kindly volunteer their time of morning to set up, make breaky and ensure all students have access to food!

## BREAKY HUB

STUDENTS CAN STOP IN  
FOR A FREE BREAKY!

**MONDAY, TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

**8.30AM - 9AM**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



LOCATED IN TAS BLOCK

**The School Breakfast 4 Health program has four key benefits to the students:**

#### Health

- ✓ Improves nutrition and eating habits
- ✓ Improves mental and physical health
- ✓ Helps combat childhood obesity

#### Learning

- ✓ Improves readiness to learn and cognitive function
- ✓ Improves educational outcomes
- ✓ May assist test results (e.g. NAPLAN)

#### Participation

- ✓ Reduces absenteeism and improves punctuality
- ✓ Enhances engagement and productivity in the classroom
- ✓ Improves concentration and behaviour

#### Social Development

- ✓ Develops social and leadership skills
- ✓ Widens social networks and builds friendships
- ✓ Builds stronger relationships between students and staff

# CONGRATULATIONS CHAMPIONS!

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2022

### AGE CHAMPIONS



12YRS BOYS  
WYAMURRA WARD



14YRS GIRLS  
SOPHIE DAY



14YRS BOYS  
ALBERT TRAN



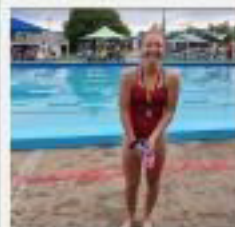
15YRS BOYS  
ASHLEY HOWCROFT



13YRS GIRLS  
ZARA KESSY



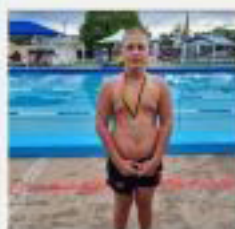
13YRS BOYS  
LINJARRA WEST



15YRS GIRLS  
CHLOE MULLIGAN



16YRS GIRLS  
PEYTON ABRA



16YRS BOYS  
HARRY FRAZER



17YRS BOYS  
ANGUS BLINMAN



17YRS GIRLS  
COURTNEY MULLIGAN





The Peel High School Annual Twilight Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 24th February. We had a total of 440 students attend the carnival which was pleasing to see so many students enthusiastic and keen to participate in the first sporting carnival of the year. Despite a rainy start and cooler weather, most of the students were eager to participate in races displaying great house spirit and a good attitude.

We had a focus on House Spirit this year, encouraging our student body to earn points for their house. Students were actively involved in all aspects of the carnival which saw a spike in attendance and participation. Congratulations to Fraser House who won the overall all point score on the day with a total of 507, followed by Goolagong on 450, Border 428 on and Meninga on 283.

Congratulations to our age champion for 2022!

## House Points

	Border	Frazer	Goolagong	Meninga
12B	6	0	0	0
13B	6	0	0	0
14B	12	0	0	6
15B	0	0	0	6
16B	0	10	0	28
17B	1	19	2	19
Junior Relay				6
Senior Relay	6	2	6	4
<b>Boys</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>
12G	0	0	0	0
13G	2	14	30	0
14G	12	38	1	13
15G	6	2	35	0
16G	12	56	0	0
17G	6	10	56	0
Junior Relay	6		4	
Senior Relay		4	6	
<b>Girls</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>13</b>
House Spirit	353	352	310	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>283</b>

Boys Age Champions	Age	Points	House
Wyamurraa- Warrenbool Ward	12B	6	Border
Linjarra West	13B	6	Border
Albert Tran	14B	12	Border
Ashley Howcroft	15B	6	Meninga
Harrison Frazer	16B	28	Meninga
Angus Blinman	17B	12	Frazer

Girls Age Champions	Age	Points	House
	12G		
Zara Kesby	13G	30	Goolagong
Sophie Day	14G	38	Frazer
Chloe Mulligan	15G	30	Goolagong
Peyton Abra	16G	36	Frazer
Courtney Mulligan	17G	36	Goolagong

It was a great afternoon had by all. Thank you to Ms Barnett, Miss Scholes, Burt and Year 12 who cooked up a storm on the BBQ raising money for their charity. The next carnival will be our Athletics Carnival on 6th May 2022.

## PHS Ag Show Team

It has been a busy but productive start to Agriculture at Peel High School this year. Students have jumped right in we have multiple programs running. Term one has been a busy and successful term for the show team, having attended both Barraba and Walcha Shows. The competition was strong at both shows with, Barraba having a good showing from four different studs, and Walcha having eight other studs with high quality sheep.

Our students did a fantastic job presenting our sheep and showing community spirit by helping the other studs, prepare and exhibiting. At Barraba Show we were awarded Champion ram, Champion ewe, Champion pair of ewes and Champion group (one ram, two ewes). The students had the opportunity to participate in the Junior Judging section – Where they tell the spectators how they would place the sheep.

Congratulations to Angela Robertson, Alanah Daniels, Cameron Russell, Jack Poole and Zara Kesby who all placed in the top 2 for their age group. The following weekend we backed our results up at Walcha Show. Where we won Champion ewe, Champion Pair of ewes and Champion group. Students have presented the sheep and themselves proudly and professionally and should all be congratulated.









## PHS Ag Show Team cont...

This year we have entered in the Merino wether challenge which will be in Dubbo in term 3. As part of that competition, we have 6 merino wethers to look after and grow out. They will be taken to the competition, where they will be shorn, and have their wool and carcasses judged. This will involve the students travelling over for 2 days, where they will learn about the wool industry from some of the industry leaders.





## PHS Ag Show Team cont...

Speaking of wool, we had 12 students join students from Tamworth High to participate in a shearing school at Trelawney station last week. This was run by instructors from TAFE New England and supported by, Thomas foods International, Northern Inland Development group, and Tamworth Aboriginal Lands council. During the week students were taught how to position a sheep, crutch a sheep before moving on to the full shearing. There were also lessons on wool classing and sheep management. The instructors were very impressed with the enthusiasm of the students and their ability to get in and have a go.

Finally we are finishing off our broiler chickens to enter in the Sydney show as part of the School broiler competition. We were given 12 Broiler chicks from the RAS to raise and pick 6 to enter into the show! A big thankyou to all the parents of the students that have supported our show team this term! We really appreciate the help you give us in getting our students to the shows!

Mr Bowman and Miss Fairall



## SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

### Tamworth April 9th

Joblink Plus is an accredited provider of the Transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course

#### Module 1:

This looks at challenges in the decision making process (internal & external factors); how influences can impact your driving capacity; building resilience strategies; late night & fatigue driving.

#### Module 2: In-car session<sup>^</sup>

As well as becoming a safer driver, upon completion you will earn a **20 hour credit** to your log book.

Participants must have 50 hours of driving experience to enrol.

Cost: \$140 - ask us about your eligibility for the Disadvantaged Learner Initiative or Out of Home Care Initiative.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROL**

# 1800 374 834

[www.1800drive4life.com.au](http://www.1800drive4life.com.au)



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<sup>^</sup> Module 2 (in-car) will be on the 9th April



# TAS Faculty

The TAS Faculty has hit the ground running since returning in 2022. Looking on the other side of the pandemic, we see great events and opportunity for students studying our subjects.

I would like to express my Congratulations to all our HSC students who performed outstandingly in their Major Design Projects and Final Examinations in 2021. Overall, the faculty has seen vast improvements of the cohort who had been affected by Covid since their entry into senior schooling. They triumphed and were absolutely rewarded for their diligence and dedication to their projects and work. We attained Bands 5 through to Band 2s. Over the years I have managed the TAS faculty, we have consistently improved the overall results of our senior students and challenging the students to further their results with motivation, revision, study and hard work, to push themselves up into the next band. Behind our students, are my phenomenal team. I would like to acknowledge the enormous hours TAS Teachers invest into their seniors' students during school holidays and extended afternoon classes outside of school hours. Thankyou to Mr New, Mr Caterer, Mr Kelly, Mrs Townsend and Mrs Newmarch for their continued support and encouragement of our students.

I would like to welcome Mrs Pandey to the team. She has joined us this year and I hope she enjoys all her classes and the amazing experience it will bring to her teaching career at Peel High School. Have a read of her Teacher Profile to find out more about her!

Recently our Year 12 Hospitality students have been on Work Placement, something that has not happened in the last 2 years. The students have been fortunate with the easing of Covid restrictions to get a week of industry experience in a commercial kitchen or food service venue to showcase their knowledge and practical skills acquired over the 2 years of studying the course. The responses from Mrs Dircks on visiting the students, have been positive, students have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get "hands on" practical experience of what it is like to work in the Hospitality Industry. Many students have also been offered positions with these organisations in the past, and this year was no different. Employers have offered some of our students positions for when they finish their HSC. For some of our students, this is the first steppingstone into this career path once their high school years come to an end.

Coming up at the end of this term, Mrs Newmarch will be taking her Year 10 Food Technology class out on a food industry visit to one of our famous local burger hangouts, Williamsburg. There they will see behind the scenes kitchen operations and all the roles the staff play to make it the successful business we know it to be! Then they will sit down and enjoy a wonderfully delicious and much deserved special Burger Meal deal for lunch, taking in the ambience of the venue and celebrating the new school year in style.

Continued...

As the head teacher of the faculty, I have many goals that I would like to achieve this year, and a few will be with the assistance of our students in a catering event later in the year for the Variety Adventure Ride. This will involve 30 to 50 adventure style motorbikes travelling around NSW after a few months of fundraising and finishing off in Fitzroy Street Mall. Our senior Hospitality students will be catering and serving up a divine lunch complete with beverages to quench and satisfy the hunger of the riders, under supervision of their classroom teachers. This amazing experience is the perfect opportunity to showcase their skills and practical knowledge within the community. As part of the improvement and acquisition of new equipment in TAS, our Wood Fire Pizza oven will be another project that will be completed for our school this year. It will allow the student body and SRC members to organise and prepare food items made for fundraising efforts during the year and utilising our resources to improve the health and wellbeing of our students.

Until next time, see you all next term!

Mrs D. Chareunsouk-Hartley

Head Teacher TAS

| NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)







## Peel High School's New Principal

The appointment of the new Executive Principal for Peel High School has been announced this week.

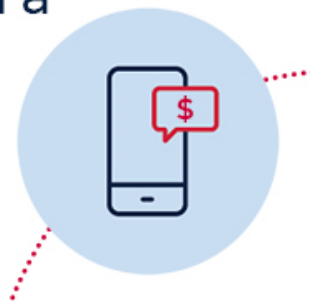
We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Erica Burge to our school. Mrs Burge will commence her appointment at Peel High School in term two 2022.

Mrs Burge comes from the Relieving Principal position at Gilgandra High School. She has had a long period of time working at Wadalba Community School as both the Relieving Principal and Deputy Principal.

Mrs Burge is looking forward to meeting with our wonderful students and leading the outstanding team at Peel High School. Her goal is to continue the existing quality programs and work with the school community on the design of new initiatives within the Connected Community strategy.

# A new online payment page is now live on our school website!

Access from a mobile, tablet or PC and in a language of your choice.



**Peel High School are no longer able to take payments over the phone.** There is now a secure payment page hosted by Westpac, using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, which can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website, <https://peel-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and selecting the 'Make a payment' tab located at the top of the screen.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school Statement of Account.

When you access the Make a payment you must enter

- the students name
- class or year group
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

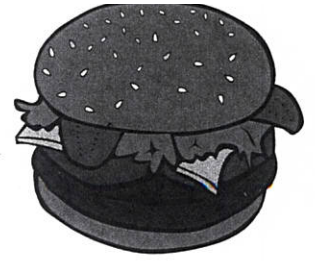
Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the School Administration Office.



## Peel High School Example Canteen Menu

*(Prices may change)*



### HOT FOOD

Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar burger	\$4.50
Lettuce, Caesar sauce, Cheese & Bacon	
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Pie	\$4.00
Potato Pie	\$4.00
Meatball & Cheese Sub	\$4.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Chicken Fingers (4)	\$2.00
Chicken Crackles (4)	\$2.00
Cheese toastie	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese toastie	\$3.00
Ham, cheese & tomato toastie	\$3.00
Cheesy tomato pasta	\$4.00
Beef Lasagna	\$4.50
Cheese Burger	\$4.50
Dim Sims	\$3.50

### WRAPS

Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Ham Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken, Cheese & Sweet Chili Toasted Wrap	\$3.50

### SNACKS

Sea Salt Chips	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50
Chocolate Muffins	\$2.00
Cheese & Jatz	\$3.00
Watermelon Tub	\$3.00

### FROZEN

Juice	\$1.50
Slushie	\$2.50
Quelch – 99% Juice	\$0.80

### DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$1.00
Water 1.5L	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk (300mL)	\$2.50
Plain milk 600 mL	\$2.00
Chocolate or Strawberry Flavoured Milk (500mL)	\$3.50
Chocolate or Strawberry Juice Bombs (variety)	\$2.50
Juice 250mL (variety)	\$2.50
Dairy Farmers Iced Coffee	\$3.50
Dare Double Espresso	\$3.80
Coke no sugar	\$2.70

To avoid disappointment, please  
place your orders early.



# Careers Newsletter

Term 1 has been a big one in the career's office at Peel High School. With a lot of events and opportunities available to our students.

The work experience program is on offer in Term 2 to our current Year 10, 11 and 12 cohorts. Students need to see the careers team to express their interest. More information will be given in the Year 10 careers class.

School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATS's) are more than just part-time jobs, they are a great way to set yourself up for the career you want, whilst completing your HSC.

SBAT's are available to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students - and combine paid work, training, school and an Industry based national qualifications to which gains credit towards the HSC, some can even contribute towards the ATAR!

Typically, an SBAT program takes two years part-time, which will result in completion of one year in Trade qualification. Here are some responses from our Peel SBAT students,

What do you like about...

Will Finch – “Being able to take the theoretical aspect and actively use in the workplace environment. It also helps you improve your knowledge of the subject your studying and give real worldly experience”. (Certificate III Information Technology)

Shontae Overs – “It's a great experience for those who are willing to commit and put in the effort regarding knowing what they want for their future. Be prepared to face challenges”. (Certificate III Nail Technology)

Jayden McDonald – “I love the place of work. I have great Support around me and they are willing to give you a go as opposed to just watching. The Mechanics know a lot and do their jobs properly”. (Certificate III Heavy Commercial Mechanical Technology)

Year 10 Career Classes lesson topics consist of,

- Maximising Your Opportunities
- Resume & Cover letter
- Making Informed Career Choices
- Subject Selection
- Creating a Unique Student Identifier (USI)
- Creating a Tax File Number

The 2022 Careers team consist of

Mrs Helen Herdegen – Careers Adviser (Monday-Wednesday)

Mrs Emma Stanley – Careers Adviser (Thursday & Friday)

Mrs Sally-Jane Morgan – Post School Administration Adviser

We have an exciting, wonderful, proactive, and positive year ahead of us. Stay tuned for more exciting careers news in this section.

The Careers Team

*It's up to you<sup>th</sup>*



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YOUTHIE

# JOIN US FOR YOUTH WEEK 2022!

Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to express their ideas and views, act on issues that affect their lives, and create and enjoy activities and events!

Join in the celebration of youth between 4-14 April, organised by young people, for young people in the Tamworth region.

## **Six events are being held in the Tamworth region:**

### **Cultural Celebrations Day**

Saturday, 9 April 2022, at Tamworth Regional Youth Centre

### **Art Workshop**

Sunday, 10 April 2022, at Tamworth Regional Gallery

### **Accessibility Sports Day**

Tuesday, 12 April 2022, at Tamworth Sports Dome

### **Art Workshop**

Tuesday, 12 April 2022, at Barraba Town Hall

### **Edible Garden Launch**

Thursday, 14 April 2022, at Tamworth Regional Youth Centre

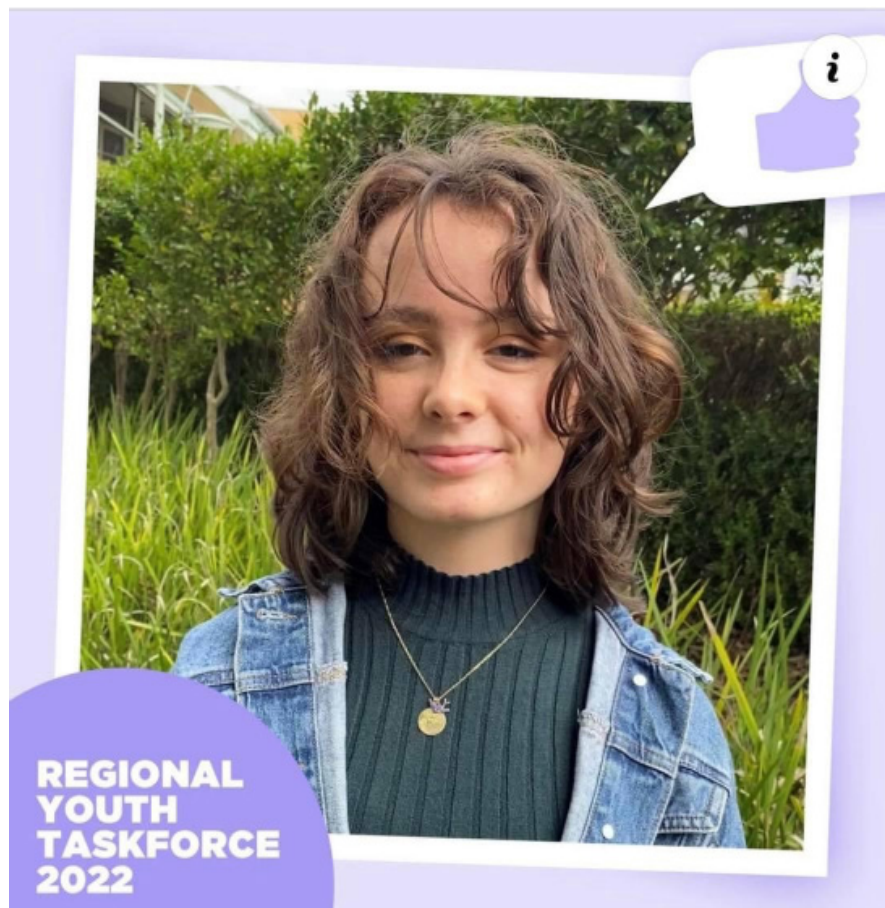
### **Art Workshop**

Thursday, 14 April 2022, at Nundle Town Hall

If you're between the age of 12-24 years, sign up to any of the Youth Week celebrations at the link below!

[www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/youthie](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/youthie)





## SPOTLIGHT on Success

Thanks to Our Regional NSW for sharing this exciting news!

"Introducing our Regional Youth Taskforce for 2022!

16-year-old Caitlin Blanch is from Tamworth (Year 11 at Peel High School) and has identified some challenges she'd like to tackle while on the Regional Youth Taskforce.

Early engagement with police and illicit substances is a massive epidemic facing rural youth. Implementation of age appropriate school networks and programs commencing within primary schools could prevent or detect concerning behaviours prior to incidents occurring.

The Regional Youth Taskforce will be an important part of regional youth policy formation in 2022."

Congratulations Caitlin on this amazing achievement and we can't wait to see your growth and achievement in this role!





## CHS Basketball Knockout Gala Days

In Term 1 the Combined High Schools Basketball Knockout competition was held. The Opens Girls had a gala day at Gunnedah Stadium, where Peel played against Quirindi HS and Coonabarabran HS. The Peel team was young, with players from Year 8 to 10 only. Our girls played hard against older and rep-level players but lost both games. Coach Bec Francis complimented the girls on the great attitude they maintained for the entire day.

The Opens Boys then had a gala day at Tamworth Sports Dome the following week. The Peel boys played in a round robin against Tamworth HS, Oxley HS, Gunnedah HS and Quirindi HS. Peel started with a 33-60 loss to the eventual winners Quirindi, which was a great warm-up game for our less experienced players. Peel then beat Tamworth 34-32 then beat Gunnedah 28-19. We finished the day with a non-serious match against Oxley. Lachlan McDonald hit an amazing half-time shot from ten metres behind the half-way line, but Oxley pulled away in the second half to win by about 10 points.

I congratulate the boys for their team spirit and sportsmanship and look forward to seeing mostly the same group play again next year. The Under 15s Knockout Competitions for girls and boys will be held in the second half of the year. Interested players would greatly benefit from playing on Wednesday afternoons at the Sports Dome with one of our many school teams. We train on Monday afternoons and have teams in the 7/8 Girls, 9/10 Girls, 7/8 Boys, 9/10 Boys and 11/12 Boys divisions. Please contact the school and ask for me if you'd like more information.

Alex Baird

Basketball Organiser

## Peel High School Variation of Routine Report Proforma

Below is a copy of our Variation of Routine (VOR) report for the purpose of informing parents/carers and students that we would like the opportunity to report on students involvement and successes in activities outside of school events, such as sporting representations and community service involvements.

As the school is not always aware of participation in events outside of school, for them to be acknowledged it is the students responsibility to collect a copy of this form from the front office prior to the event and return it to the office after participation in the activity including information that is outlined on the form.



### Peel High School VOR Report

DETAILS OF EXCURSION			
Name of Excursion / Visit			
Learning Area		Teacher in Charge	
Other Staff Attending			
Dates and Times			To

## 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



# School Planner 2022



Term two	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
April / May	<b>1</b>	25 April – ANZAC Day 25	26	27	28	29	30/1
May	<b>2</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7/8
May	<b>3</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
May	<b>4</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21/22
May	<b>5</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28/29
May / June	<b>6</b>	30	31	1	2	3	4/5
June	<b>7</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11/12
June	<b>8</b>	13 June – Queen's Birthday 13	14	15	16	17	18/19
June	<b>9</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25/26
June / July	<b>10</b>	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](https://education.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school).