



# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 2 2023

## AWESOME ATHLETICS



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 school begins at 9.00 am.

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# PRINCIPALS REPORT

Athletics carnival, Cross Country carnival, Subject Selection afternoon, Leadership Camps, Agricultural Show Season, Interschool Sport Competitions; it has been a student centred start to Term 2 with opportunities for students to shine in their chosen passions and fields of expertise and interest. Congratulations to all our students who have taken the opportunity to be involved in the plethora of activities that Peel High School offers.

It was wonderful to see the many students and parents attend the subject selection afternoon to ensure they are informed to make important decisions around subject choice for students moving into Years 9 and 11 in 2024. Our teachers were on hand to share information about Stage 6 subjects and Stage 5 Electives.

This term our Director of Educational Leadership, Ms Margaret Mulcahy, visited Peel High School. She met with student leaders who shared with her the opportunities that Peel High School has enabled them to engage in and their plans for the future post school. She was most impressed by their talents, confidence, diversity of skill and passion. Billy Stanton our Aboriginal Education Officer and Janine Way our Senior Leader Community Engagement accompanied Ms Mulcahy to the Culture Shed and the Yarning Circle where Billy presented her with a boomerang as a gesture to acknowledge her visit.



Our students will continue to shine on the state stage this term with a number of students being acknowledged. Sophie Day will travel to Sydney to be presented with the [Harding Miller Scholarship](#), Caitlin Blanch will travel to Sydney to be presented with the Geoff Shaw Memorial Scholarship as part of the [Public Education Foundation](#) Award Night. Our student leaders, Caitlin Blanch and Finley Wallace, will attend the NSW Parliament and Government House visit for student leaders

A shoutout to our students who are demonstrating pride in their school by routinely wearing the school uniform that has been developed in consultation with the Parents and Citizens of Peel High School. High schools play an important role in preparing young people for post school transition which by nature means following the expectations of an employer, which generally has a uniform or dress code. Thank you to our parents who support the school with an understanding that young adults are better prepared when we have high expectations of them to comply with organisational requirements. Hoodies are not part of the agreed Peel High School uniform and school jumpers are available from the uniform shop on site at Peel High School.

As a result of [NESA](#)s changes to NAPLAN reporting, where from 2023, NAPLAN results will be reported against 4 proficiency standards rather than numerical bands as in previous years, adjustments were required to be made to Strategic Improvement Plans, for all schools across the state. The [Peel High School Strategic Improvement Plan](#) can be viewed on the [Peel High School](#) website.

NAPLAN reports, from 2023, will contain 4 easy-to-understand proficiency standards:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

The new reporting standards will provide parents, carers and teachers with simpler and clearer information about how students are performing.

Erica Burge

Executive Principal

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





# AWESOME ATHLETICS

Future sports stars are among us! As their incredible sporting talents have been on showcase during Peel High School's annual Athletics Carnival that was held May 12.

All Peel High students competed in a variety of track and field events such as Running, Javelin, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Relay Racing and many others, including an 800 meter walking event.



But it wasn't just student sporting skills on display, as this was Year 12 students' final school athletics carnival, they got to showcase their extreme fashion sense in some of the most fabulous, colourful and zaniest costumes we have ever seen worn at a sporting event.

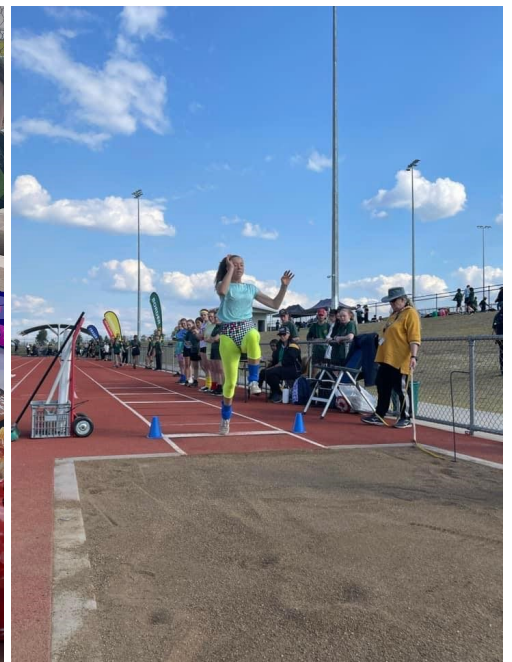
Not to be outdone by the kids, Peel High staff took to the track to compete in what is considered among staff to be one of the most prestigious of sporting events, a 100m race in the hopes that they can win the highly coveted and most legendary of awards, The Milo Cup. In the end it was Miss Panton, whose lightning fast speed got her that prized tin can trophy. Congratulations Miss Panton!

The Athletics Carnival was also where a round of the 2023 GOAT Cup was held. The GOAT Cup is a series of sporting grudge matches between staff and Year 12 students. After a tough showcase of strength during a game of Tug-Of-War, it was the Year 12 students who were victorious over the staff. Congratulations to Year 12 for winning their first GOAT Cup event for this year!





A massive thankyou to Mr Hodgson and the PE Crew for all of their amazing organisation that went into putting the event together. And a special shout out to Support and the SRC for running the fabulous food/drink stalls. And finally a massive thank you to all of our Peel High staff, students and community who attended and made this years Athletics Carnival such a fun and successful day.



## 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  
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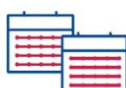
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
 (M) (X) (W) (T) (F)  
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= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



# SHEEP SHOW READY

Our sheep are now ready to strut their stuff for show, thanks to the efforts of the Stage 4 Boys class, who spent this semester helping get the sheep prepped and ready for the upcoming Dubbo Show and for the Northern Schools Prime Lamb competition in Guyra.

Students have been participating in activities, such as assisting in choosing which sheep should be shown, leading the younger sheep around, practicing how to stand, de-burring the sheep's paddocks to be free from weeds, and assisting Year 11 Primary Industries Students with their work.

But don't just take our word for it, take a look at these photos showing our Stage 4 Boys hard at work.









# SPOTLIGHT ON SUFFOLKS

At the end of First Term, two of our students, Isabell Kesby in year 12 and Cameron Russell in year 9 travelled to Sydney Royal Show to compete in the Junior Paraders Competition. They qualified for the event at last years Tamworth Show. Both students put in an amazing effort with Isabell coming 4<sup>th</sup> in her heat and Cameron Russell placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in his. Thank you to Miss Fairall and Miss Wyse for helping the students with cattle to parade at the show.

It was another busy start for the Agriculture students at Peel High School. Due to a short first week, the show team only had 3 days to prep the sheep for Gunnedah Show at the end of week 1. All the students worked hard and had the sheep well prepared.

10 show team students had early start at 6am to load up the sheep and travel to Gunnedah for the sheep section on Saturday morning. At the show of Suffolks, we came up against 3 other studs; Bexta Poll Dorsets, Gunnedah High Poll dorsets and Qubar Dorpers. Our students did a fantastic job of presenting the sheep. We were awarded the champion junior ewe, champion ewe and supreme ewe. In the final class our ewe went up against the champion ram from Bexta. The judge liked our ewe and awarded her the supreme sheep of the show! On a point count we were also awarded the most successful exhibitor!

The students then competed in a handlers competition made up for students from Gunnedah High and Peel High School. Zara Kesby won the junior class and Isabell Kesby won the senior class! A big thank you to Brooke Cowen for organising the sheep section at Gunnedah!





Our next sheep event was the Northern Schools Prime Lamb Competition. Mr McCabe took 11 lambs and 6 students up to Guyra for a very chilly camp! Students participated in a farmers challenge on Wednesday night, which is a fun event against students from other schools in farm activities! The next day our single lamb was judged and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his class. The other lambs were judged in pens of 3 with our heavyweight lambs coming 4<sup>th</sup> and our middle weights coming 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>! The lambs were then transported to Thomas Foods in Tamworth where their carcasses were judged, the results for the hook section are due soon! The students also got to learn about the sheep meat industry and compete in Junior Judging.

Our next show event was the NSW Dubbo Sheep Show. 9 students headed over with 11 sheep for the 3-day show. It is the biggest sheep show in NSW and the Suffolk breed was the feature Breed, which meant plenty of competition. On the first day the students worked incredibly hard to give all the sheep a final trim before the suffolk section the next day.

On Saturday our suffolks were judged. We picked up several awards including 1<sup>st</sup> placed novice woolly ram, 1<sup>st</sup> placed novice senior ram, 1<sup>st</sup> place novice woolly ewe, 1<sup>st</sup> place woolly ewe born after the first of August, 2<sup>nd</sup> place shorn novice ram, 2<sup>nd</sup> place open senior ram, 1<sup>st</sup> place open senior group, 3<sup>rd</sup> place junior group as well as many placings.

We had 2 teams in the GOONGUNYAH shield. It is a class in which students are judged on their presentation of the sheep and knowledge of sheep management. Our senior team came 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Farrer coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and St Gregory's coming 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was also a very big (and long) day for one of our students Chloe Moss. She won the junior judging last year and was asked to be an associate judge of the suffolk breed! She judged sheep for almost 6 hours and did an excellent job. Well done, Chloe!





On Saturday night we attended the suffolk stud dinner in which the students could enjoy a well-earned meal and relaxed talking with other sheep breeders.

Sunday started nice and early with Junior Judging and Handlers competition. Our students went up against around 170 students of all ages. The students judged meat sheep, wool sheep and dual-purpose sheep. They also competed in a handlers competition. Simone cleared the heats and made it to the final. One of our former students Charlotte Kesby came third on the senior handlers. Chole and Angela both picked up places in the junior judging placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to give a big thank you to Mr Laurie Raper for helping us prepare the sheep and our farm assistant Michelle for keeping the show sheep well fed!

- Benjamin Bowman





