



# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 3 2023

## BABY LAMBS & CHICKS



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

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff to Peel High School in the teaching, COVID team and non teaching staff. We have also had a number of long term temporary staff appointed on a permanent basis which is good news for the school and the individuals.

**NAPLAN** reports have been sent home with year 7 and 9 students. You will notice that the reporting scale has changed. I have included further information about the proficiency levels below:

Students' results will show how they performed in each of the NAPLAN assessment areas against 4 new proficiency levels:

- Exceeding: The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong: The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- Developing: The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- Needs additional support: The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

**Education Week** was celebrated across the state marking 175 years of Public Education in NSW. At a school level we celebrated the contribution of students and staff to Peel High School, with staff nominating students and students nominating staff. All were announced at the Education Week Assembly on 2 August 2023.



The Peel Network Education Week Awards were hosted this year by Tamworth South Public School on 3 August, with a student, staff member and community member recognised by each school.

Peel High School congratulates the following for their contribution to our school:

Poppy Walmsley from Year 10, Outstanding student achievement, for 'Demonstrating a strong set of personal values and ethical behaviour. She is a great citizen of Peel High School and makes the most of all opportunities offered to her.'

Dr Brooke Kennedy, Outstanding contribution to the school by a member of the school community, for 'Being a strong supporter of public education who willingly gives of her time to support the students and staff of Peel High School.'

Joel Visocchi, Outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member, for being 'positive, professional and considerate member of the Peel High School family. He supports all staff in his role as Technical Support Officer with his expertise in a genuinely caring manner.'



**NAIDOC Week** was celebrated at Peel High School with a number of activities throughout the week and our NAIDOC Assembly which saw students and staff recognised for their efforts at school. The main address was delivered by Aunty Stella Lamb who spoke of her life and the importance of education instilled and supported by her mother during her early years. The Vivian Knox Award was this year awarded to Aalyiah Morely and Chayse Shepherd. The assembly was attended by a large number of family and friends of Peel High School, guests including the Peel High School Director Of Educational Leadership, Margaret Mulcahy and Local Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared in the celebrations of the day.

**Public Education Foundation** has a range of scholarships available to students who are enrolled in Public Schools as a means to support their primary, high school and tertiary education "The Public Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing life-changing scholarships to young people in public education and enhancing the value and reputation of public schools." For more information on scholarships that may be suit your individual needs go to <https://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/>

The next **Parents and Citizens Association** meeting will be held at school on Monday the 21 August in the Peel High School Common Room.

We are currently working through the implementation of the **new Mobile Phone Policy**, introduced by the NSW Government to be introduced in term 4. Communications will continue with students and the community during the coming weeks. Please read below.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/nsw-government-begins-mobile-phone-ban-public-high-schools>

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Executive Principal

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





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28 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The NSW Government has announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW high schools beginning in Term 4, 2023 for Year 7 to Year 12 students. Peel High School will be making changes to the way mobile phones are used by students during the school day.

The new system is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to also promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

The new mobile phone plan at Peel High School will occur during all school hours, including break times such as during lunch and recess, as well as while students are on school-based excursions.

Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school.

We wish to advise that students will not be able to use their mobile phone to pay for food at the canteen in Term 4. Students will need to use a key card or cash to purchase food.

We are excited to make our school a mobile phone-free space to improve learning and engagement, however, we will always make sure you can contact your child in an emergency. There will be further information in the coming weeks on the school's website and via letters to parents and caregivers including information on applying for a medical exemption.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly on 67657088.

*E. Burge*

Sincerely,  
**Erica Burge**  
Executive Principal





# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

100%  
AT SCHOOL  
EVERY DAY!  
YOU CAN  
ACHIEVE  
PERSONAL  
EXCELLENCE!

100%  
DHIRRABUU  
"VERY FLASH"

90%  
DHIRRA  
"FLASH"

90%  
EQUATES TO 20  
DAYS OFF EACH  
YEAR OR 100  
HOURS OF LOST  
LEARNING TIME

85%  
NEEDS  
IMPROVEMENT

80%  
DANGER  
ZONE

80%  
EQUATES TO  
40 DAYS OFF  
EACH YEAR OR  
200 HOURS OF  
LOST LEARNING  
TIME

70%  
EQUATES TO  
60 DAYS OFF  
EACH YEAR OR  
300 HOURS OF  
LOST LEARNING  
TIME

75%  
DAMAGING  
IMPACT

70%  
SEVERE  
IMPACT

65%  
CRITICAL  
IMPACT

60%  
EXTREME  
IMPACT

60%  
EQUATES TO  
80 DAYS OFF  
EACH YEAR OR  
400 HOURS OF  
LOST LEARNING  
TIME

BELOW 50%  
HIGHLY  
CHALLENGING  
TO ACCESS  
ANY LEARNING

BELOW  
50%  
DESTRUCTIVE



## YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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15 August 2023

Dear Peel High School Community

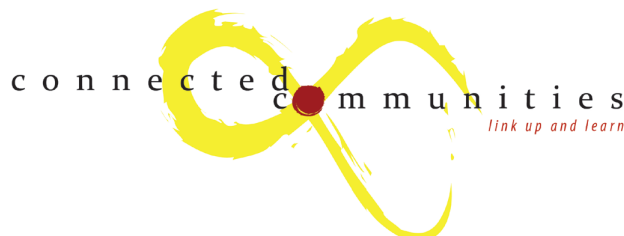
I would like to advise you that the Deputy Premier, and Minister of Education and Early Learning, the Hon. Prue Car, has endorsed the extension of the Connected Communities strategy until January 2025.

On behalf of our school, I want to thank you for your ongoing support in valuing what the Connected Communities strategy offers in broadening the many educational opportunities made possible for our school's students and staff.

Your sincerely

Erica Burge

Executive Principal





# FOR OUR ELDERS

Peel High School celebrated NAIDOC week. This years theme was "For our Elders" and we were honoured to have Aunt Stella Lamb be our guest Elder and share her beautiful story with us.

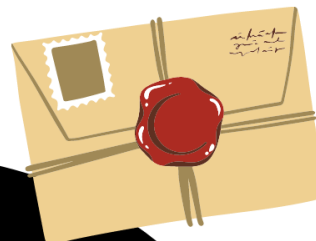
Our assembly celebrated the success of our many students and showcased their culture with pride.



Thank you to Deb Flett and Ted Allan for raising the flags with your Children and Grandchildren.

We were humbled by the community engagement and support on the day. Thank you to everyone who attended our assembly!

**Rewarding  
Positive  
Attendance**



## **Marramarrama-li "Praise" Attendance Rewards**

- Students obtain **90% or greater** attendance for **one fortnight**
- Students receive 5 House Points and a Positive Attendance Letter is sent home







# NAIDOC BALL

Nine of our Peel High girls and their partners looked divine at the recent NAIDOC Debutante Ball held on July 8. The annual event was once again a huge success with thanks to community sponsor Melissa Close from Carter and Osbourne Electrical and ex-peel Students Samantha Way, Cassie Withers, Teegan Hewson, Janine Way, who formed the committee.

Congratulations to Jakala Flett who was awarded the Miss Congeniality award and Thora Flett receiving the Miss NAIDOC 2023 Award!



## Days missed = years lost

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

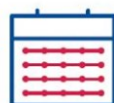
When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
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 M T W T F

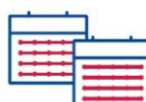
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
 M T W T F  
 M T W F

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



## *Extended Leave*

**PHS requires an 'Application For Extended Leave - Travel' Form to be completed when a student is going to be absent from school for an extended period of time - 1 Week or more (this leave may be due to a holiday etc..)**

**Any parent/carer wishing to take their child on extended leave can collect a form from the Front Office.**

**Form must be completed by a Parent/Carer and returned for Principal approval, prior to leave commencing**



# DANCING DARLING

Earlier this year Madison Boyd (Year 9) competed at 'Mayworth', which is the Australian Country Dance Festival where she qualified to represent Australia in Line Dancing in the Solo Teenager Newcomer division. Madi also competed and qualified in the Quad Team section with 3 other teammates from Lennox Beach Line Dancing (near Ballina), she's been training in Ballina on a regular basis with these young ladies throughout the year!



Madison has raised money and held fundraising events to fund herself to follow her dream of competing at The World Dance Master Championships in Blackpool, England.

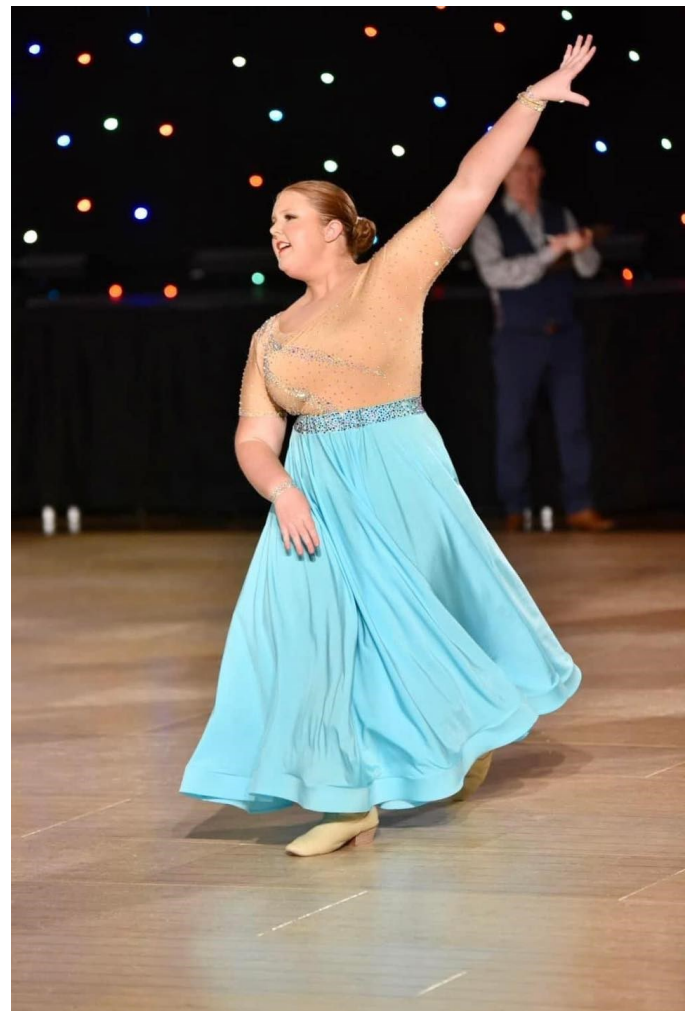
On 28th-30th July, Madi competed at The World Dance Masters Championships where she represented Team Australia and competed against fellow dancers from all across the world!

Madison performed from the heart with confidence in her 3 Solo Line Dances, which incorporated the influence of techniques such as Cha Cha, West Coast Swing and Waltz. Up against the best in the world, Madison did Australia extremely proud, but unfortunately didn't make the finals.

Madi's Quad Team also danced their routine beautifully which included Akubra hat work of spins and hat tosses - they placed 4th in the world Quad Team division!!



Congratulations Madi, you've made your family, friends, community and Australia very proud!!



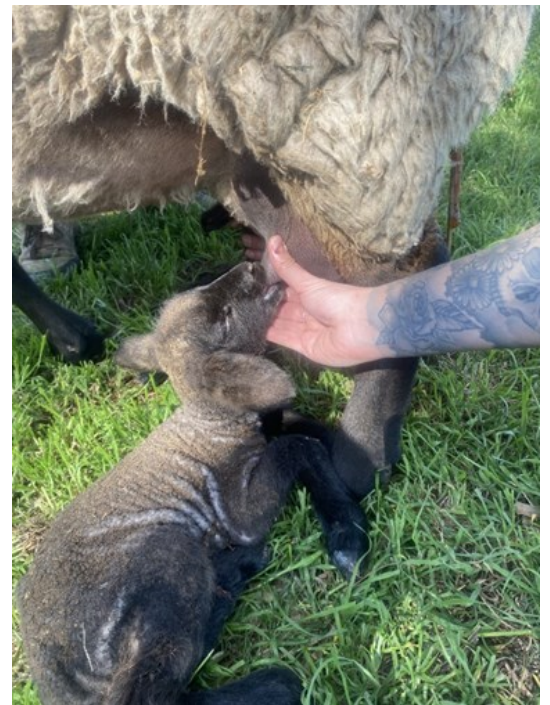


# BABY LAMBS & CHICKS

Spring has sprung early for the Peel High Agriculture Team, as this August our sheep have begun lambing and have already given birth to some beautiful baby lambs! **So cute!**



Students assisted Mr Bowman with helping the newborn lambs get immediately attached to their mothers so that they can be fed that vital 'First Milk' to provide them with the essentials they need to stave off diseases.





We also have an abundance of adorable baby chicks, that all fall under the care of our Stage 4 boys, who are responsible for doing the morning feed and welfare checks of not just the baby chicks, but all of our other farm animals. Our Stage 4 Boys work hard to make sure none of our animals go without food, water or T.L.C.

