



# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 3 2024

## CHILDREN'S DAY



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

I extend a warm welcome to all members of our School community at the commencement of Semester 2. I hope that you had the opportunity to spend some quality time to relax and recharge over the mid year break.

Each semester provides the opportunity for new beginnings. As such, we trialled phone teacher/parent/carer calls. We found that we tripled our families that we connected with. The next opportunity for a school showcase of students' work and a face to face teacher contact will be 24th October at Peel High School. There will be many students' work on display, student performances, a barbeque and an opportunity to meet with teachers. I look forward to connecting with more families.

At the beginning of the semester, it is most worthwhile for each student to reflect on their previous performances, re-think their own goals, and consider how to implement a plan to respond to the advice offered in their reports. Following a positive and productive Semester 1, I am most pleased with the way in which the students have commenced Term 3. As I move around the school, students are happy and ready to approach all they do with enthusiasm.

The executive of the school has commenced a leadership course which will upskill us into taking the school forward in not only academic, sporting and cultural initiatives but also incorporating community voice into our school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Kerrin Dominick for her 9 years of service to Peel High School. Kerrin has accepted a temporary corporate position with the Department of Education for the rest of this year.

Since the last newsletter, a number of significant school events have occurred. Highlights are the following: students representing at a variety of state level sports; student performances in the community including musical and dance; junior debating; many agricultural activities including the Oze Fish launch and shearing school; dental health checks; students performing at DoE events; the BRIGHT launch; numerous career opportunities and visits; Book week author and writing activities; our HSC students completed their HSC trials; and of course our usual weekly activities of coaching in the community, Ranger program, Barber shop, girls programs and programs from perfect presence and creating chances.

All this in just five weeks really does demonstrate that "Peel High students can do anything".

Kind regards

Mrs Fiona Jackson

Executive Principal

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







# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

# CHILDREN'S DAY

On Friday, August 2nd, Peel High School's Aboriginal Dancers joined forces with Birelee MACS, Hillvue Public, and Tamworth High School to open the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (0-5 years) at the Tamworth Sports Dome.



The event was hosted by Luke Carroll from Play School. A significant moment for our Peel High students was the opportunity to engage with NSW Education Department Secretary Murat Dizdar, who kindly took time to pose for a photograph with our group.





# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

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

100%  
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"VERY FLASH"

90%  
DHIRRA  
"FLASH"

90%  
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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  
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60%  
EQUATES TO  
80 DAYS OFF  
EACH YEAR OR  
400 HOURS OF  
LOST LEARNING  
TIME

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HIGHLY  
CHALLENGING  
TO ACCESS  
ANY LEARNING

BELOW  
50%  
DESTRUCTIVE



## YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS



# NAIDOC DEBUTANTE BALL

On July 13, Peel High School students had the honour of participating in the local NAIDOC Debutante Ball. The evening was elegantly hosted by Epi Trindall and Lachlan Power. A highlight of the event was Kiana Pund making her debut, with several of our boys stepping up to partner with girls from the community. It was a night of celebration and cultural pride, showcasing the talents and grace of our students.





# NATIVE FOODS PROGRAM

Several of our girls recently participated in the Native Foods Program, where they completed three formal Units of Competency:

SITXFSA005: Use Hygienic Practices for Food Safety

SITHFAB025: Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee

BSBOPS203: Deliver a Service to Customers

The students undertook their training at Tamworth Community College and showcased their barista skills at the Homeless Connect Day, where they worked tirelessly to serve coffee. A big thank you to Karly Brogan, our Senior REIP Officer, for coordinating the training, and to the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Lands Council for their support of our students.



# SUPER SHEEP SHEARERS

Recently, 10 of our Peel students were joined with students from Tamworth High and Farrer in a 3-day shearing school run at Trelawney station!

Students learned how to set up a hand piece, handle sheep, wool handling, crutching and shearing of sheep! It gave students insight into the wool industry as well as jobs and career opportunities available.



A massive thank you to the 'Regional Industry Education Partnership' and 'Regional Development Australia Northern Inland NSW' for co-sponsoring our school, Ross, Leo and Matt from TAFE NSW for bringing years of experience and techniques to teach the students, Tamworth Local Aboriginal Lands Council for providing the shearing shed at Trelwany, and to Robs Rural Contracting for providing the sheep to shear.

Without the support and collaboration of everyone mentioned above, these awesome opportunities for our students would not be able to occur.





# HELPING OUR NATIVE FISH

The Year 11 & 12 Marine Studies classes commenced our OzFish program at Peel High recently!

The aim of the program is to improve the fish habitats for our native fish by repairing riparian zones, removing noxious weeds, stopping waste from entering the waterways and building fish hotels for native fish!

Leading up to commencement, students removed weeds and rubbish from the site and mulched the existing grasses to allow easy establishment of native grasses.



Students planted 200 Lomandra and Vetiva plants which will help to stabilise the banks, filter water, and attach insects to the water. These plants will be used in our bush tucker and fibre program, as the leaves can be used for weaving and seed be ground up for high protein meal.



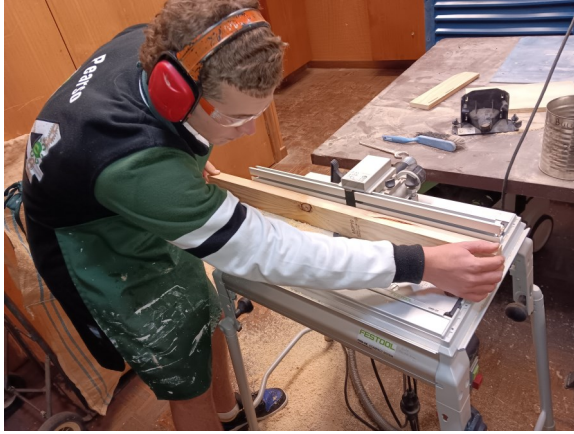
A massive thanks to Harry from OzFish, Mr Bowman, Mr McCabe, and Miss Wilde for running the program and engaging our students in the importance of environmental management. We are really excited to see the improvements we can make to our creek and environment over the next 18 months!



# INDUSTRIOUS STUDENTS

Industrial Art students have all been hard at work creating their major projects for the year.

Here is just a snap shot at what they've been up to so far this year.





# DENTAL DAY

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Chang Park and dental assistant Christine Stenning from White Cross Dental Care for their generous contribution of time and expertise.

Over four days, they provided free dental hygiene checks for our students at Peel High School. We're pleased to report that 60 students took advantage of this valuable opportunity to have their teeth examined and cleaned.

Thank you for supporting our students' dental health!



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## 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.

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## 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.

# NEW WHEELS

We are delighted to announce that our brand new 12-seater Toyota Hiace mini-bus has arrived!

Our students have been very fortunate to participate in many events and programs already this year, many of which have been held off site. The new bus is the third in our bus fleet and has enabled us to provide transportation for our students so that they can take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

The construction of our new 3-bay bus shed was completed last term.



## *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/carers 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**





# Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

**Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:**

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.

  
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NORTHERN INLAND BASKETBALL LEAGUE

MIXED TEAMS - U11, U13, U15

3X3

GRAB YOUR MATES AND  
HAVE SOME FUN!

ROUND 1

ARMIDALE

GUNNEDAH

SUN 11TH AUG  
10AM START

ROUND 2

TAMWORTH

SUN 25TH  
AUG

ROUND 3

ARMIDALE

GUNNEDAH

SUN 1ST  
SEP

FINALS

TAMWORTH

SUN 8TH  
SEP

\$100 (INCLUDES A TEE & 4 ROUNDS)

 : [bnsw.info/NIBL2024](https://bnsw.info/NIBL2024)

 : [www.bnsw.com.au/nibl/](https://www.bnsw.com.au/nibl/)

 : NIBL 3X3: Northern Inland Basketball League



BASKETBALL NSW



**UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

August 26-28	HSC Legal Studies Newcastle Excursion - 6:00am	September 5	Multi Sport Day
August 26-28	Merino Wether Show	September 6	HSC Business Studies Conference 2024
August 26	UNSW Student Legal Education Group Seminars - 12:00pm	September 10	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
August 27	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am	September 12	Catch up Injections Years 7 & 10
August 28	Creating Chances - Rugby Champion Program - 9:10am	September 12	RUOK Event
August 28	Careers on Country Years 11 & 12 - 9:30am	September 16	P&C Meeting - 6:00pm
August 29	Young Drivers Expo 2024 - 9:00am	September 16	<b>Year 11 Exams Start!</b>
August 29	Careers on Country Year 10 - 9:30am	September 17	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
August 29	Wear it Purple Day	September 19	Peel Showcase - 2:15pm
August 30	Year 11 Chemistry Assessment: Depth Study - 9:10am	September 24	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
September 2	<b>Student's Body of Work due!</b>	September 24	<b>Year 11 Exams Finish!</b>
September 2	Elevate Workshops - 11:45am	September 24	Stage Class Parent BBQ - 2:15pm
September 3	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am		

## **A REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS, PARENTS & CARERS WHEN VISITING**

### **PEEL HIGH SCHOOL**

- If you need to bring items to students at school, they are to be dropped off at the front office.
  - No takeaway food is to be delivered to school for students during the school day.
- If you wish to meet with a staff member, please make an appointment through the front office.
  - No visitors are to access the Peel High School site without signing in at the front office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

- Fiona Jackson (Executive Principal)

**PHS P&C Uniform Shop open TUESDAYS FROM 8:30am - 9:30am**

Pop in and see Sue for all your uniform needs.

**The P&C meet every third Monday of the month at 6pm (except Public Holidays & School Holidays)**

NSW Department of Education

# School Planner 2024



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Term 3	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
July	1	School development day 22	23	24	25	26	27/28
July / August	2	29	30	31	1	2	3/4
August	3	5	6	7	8	9	10/11
August	4	12	13	14	15	16	17/18
August	5	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
August / September	6	26	27	28	29	30	31/1
September	7	2	3	4	5	6	7/8
September	8	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
September	9	16	17	18	19	20	21/22
September	10	23	24	25	26	27	28/29

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Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources.  
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**Scan me for key dates**

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**School development days**

Students do not attend school.  
 Please check with your school to find out specific dates for these days.

