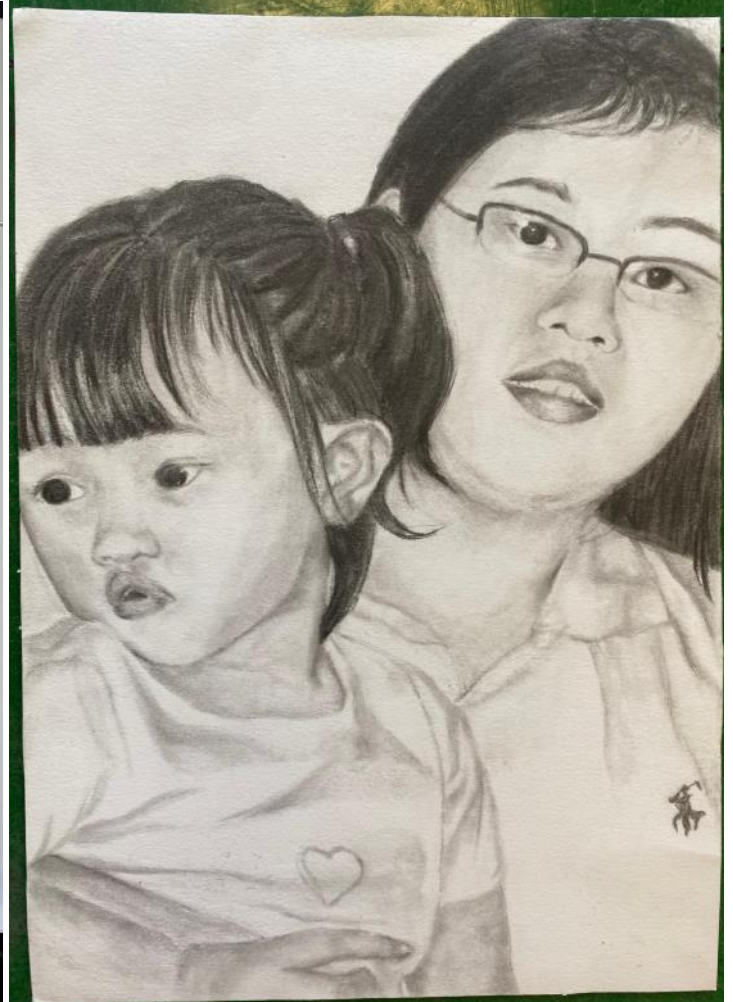




PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10, TERM 3 2024

YEAR 12 MAJOR ART



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

It has been another exciting and productive term at Peel High School.

We are in the final week of school for Year 12. They have made a great contribution to the school in their 6 years at Peel High School. Most of the hard work is done, with only their final exams to go. We wish them best as they make their final preparations. I want to thank the parents and carers of these students who have shared in the HSC journey and supported them through the process. I also want to thank the Year 12 Teacher and Support Staff, who have been dedicated in their efforts to assist the students. This effort continues over the holidays as many of the teachers will be running study workshops at school, so the students can be as prepared as possible.

Year 12 do not need to wait for great achievements. The school has been buzzing with Year 12 students completing major works, and a huge array of industry and creativity has been on show. Additionally, Gabby Ward in Year 12 has been awarded an incredible accolade as she has won the NSW VET in Schools, Student of the Year. This is the penultimate award for Vocational Education in NSW Public Schools. We can all share in the pride of her achievement. Gabby's success illustrates how Peel High School students achieve when they take the opportunities that are presented to them. More opportunities continue to be created regularly.

Recently, the Walaaybaa Junior Rangers program was awarded a QANTAS Regional grant so that The Peel High School wetlands could be mapped, revegetated and protected. I am proud of the work done to partner with local and national organisations to enhance the learning and learning environments of the school.

As we return to school in Term 4, there are a few reminders to ensure a positive and productive start. Please ensure that:

Students return to school in their full summer uniform

Mobile phones remain prohibited for student use on school grounds. If they need to be brought to school, they need to be placed in the provided phone lockers.

The expectations of student behaviour remain in place so that learning is the focus of the school day.

Attendance every day is critical to success. We want as many students as possible taking advantage of the opportunities that we create. This isn't possible without strong school attendance.

I would like to invite you to take up an opportunity to visit the school. In week 2 of next term Peel High School is hosting its inaugural Peel High School Showcase. This event is being hosted so that you can come and see the achievements of our students. You will have the opportunity to speak with teachers and see some of the work that students have been doing. Additionally, a variety of community organisations have been invited and they will be providing information about their services and how they might be able to help you and your child.





The school is developing its new Strategic Improvement Plan for 2025-2028. We would love to hear from you about what you think Peel High School does well, and what other services and support you think we should focus on into the future. You can participate by filling in a survey located in the front office or coming to the Showcase event. Additionally, the survey will be emailed out to families. Please get involved and help shape the future of Peel High School.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to wish Mr Keenan a happy Term 4 as he is going to Bourke to relieve as the Executive Principal at Bourke High School. Mr Keenan's wealth of knowledge and experience will be of benefit to Bourke High School. We will see Mr Keenan return to Peel High Term 1, 2025.

I wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing you all back Monday, 14th October for Term 4.

Mrs Fiona Jackson
Executive Principal

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



HELPING NATIVE FISH CONTINUES

Last week, we continued our work with the OzFish program!

Students across Year 7 to Year 12 planted and watered Lomandra plants which will help stabilise the banks, filter water, attach insects to the water, and be able to 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.

Students learned about Willow Tree management and how to poison them effectively through a cut and fill demonstration, as well as how to survey for aquatic life.



NBN News also came along to interview staff and students about the program!



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



AWESOME AGRICULTURE

DUBBO MERINO SHOW

During week 6, 10 students and 6 wethers travelled to the Dubbo Merino Show to participate in the Schools Merino Whether Challenge. Over the 2 days, students were able to participate in workshops on the wool industry, sheep meat processing and marketing, sheep dog handling, careers in the sheep industry, wool assessment, shearing and showing of sheep. Zara Kesby also got to be an associate judge with Merino wool judging to further improve her abilities before she heads off to represent NSW in wool judging later this year. Our students did an excellent job and we were awarded the best presented school! A big thank you to the committee that organised the events for the school students and the wethers for us to grow out. Also a big thank you to Miss Wise from Tamworth High School for helping supervise our students on the trip.





PIG PRODUCTION SEMINAR

In week 10, Students from Peel High School and Tamworth High School participating in a pig production seminar run by local pig producer Mr James Goodfellow. Students were able to learn about the pig industry, pig handling and processing. It is also part of our paddock to plate program with the pigs being grown out, and put through a local butcher so that our students can have the full paddock to the plate experience next term! Thankyou to Mr Goodfellow for giving up his time to educate our students.



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



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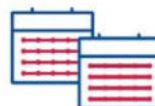
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

YEAR 7 TRIP TO MACHA TOR

On Thursday the 12th of September the Year 7 selective class went on a day trip to the Warrumbungles National Park. There they participated in a variety of fieldwork activities and got to hike up to the top of Macha Tor, an ancient volcanic hill. Thanks to Mr Woods and the park staff for making it a great experience.



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.

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.

YEAR 12 MAJOR ART

Recently, Ms Rankmore and her Year 12 class have finished and finalised their Visual Arts major works. These works were put on display for staff and students to admire.

This is a huge achievement for our Year 12 Visual Arts students - well done!

Please have a look at some of the amazing masterpieces these students have made.



SPOTLIGHT ON COOKING

The Peel High kitchens have been full of activity this term. Mrs Hartley's students from Years 9 to 12 have been under the pump, busy cooking up an absolute storm.

A variety of sweet treats, savoury delights and even salads have been created by the students during this time.

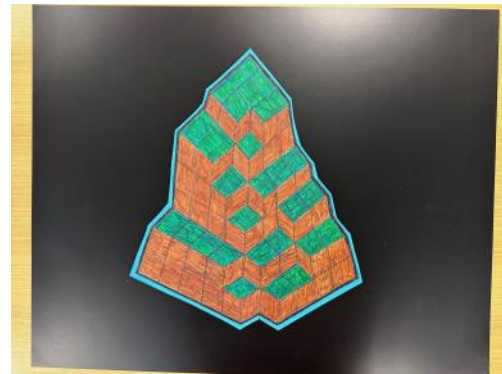
Please have a look at some of these mouth watering dishes these students have cooked up.



SUPPORT ART SHOWCASE

The talented students of the Support Unit have once again showcased their creativity, submitting 27 artworks to the Frost Over Barraba Art Show. Their enthusiasm and dedication shine through in each piece they carefully crafted. Below are some photos of their incredible work.





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

CAKE & CULTURE

Recently, our Year 8 students enjoyed the fantastic Term 3 Cultural Day at the Youthie! These days aim to promote well-being, celebrate language, and embrace cultural diversity.

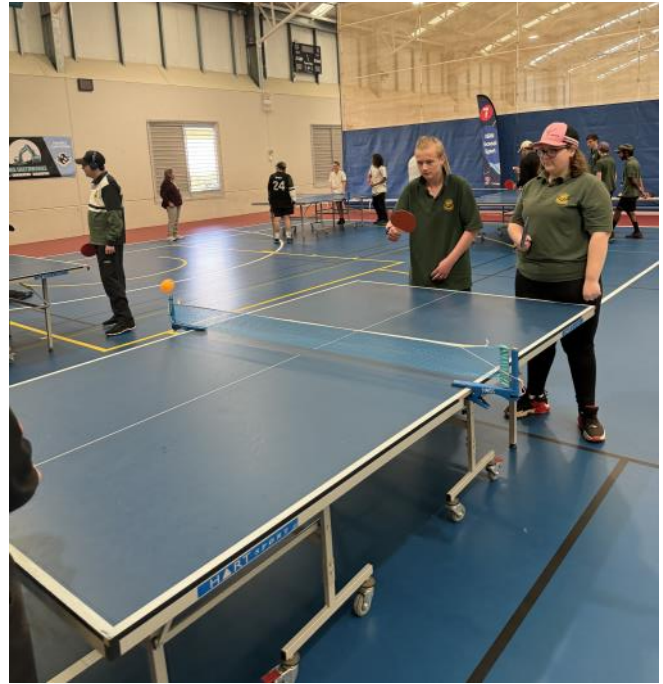
Students had a great day and engaged in a variety of fun activities, organised by some of our fabulous community providers. Check out the beautiful cakes!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for their unwavering support and contributions to the success of our Year 8 Cultural Program.



SPORTS FOR SUPPORT

In Week 7, students from the Support Unit were fortunate enough to attend a Multi Sports Day at the Tamworth Sports Dome. The day was fun and inclusive of all disabilities, with sports modified and adapted to suit the needs of students, K-12, from support, SSP and mainstream settings. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of the sports, experiencing a variety of skills, drills and modified games.





School Holiday Workshops

Centrepont Tamworth
2nd-3rd Oct 2024

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QUALIFY FOR
FREE HOME
INTERNET?**



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MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO
QUALIFY FOR FREE INTERNET
FOR YOUR SCHOOL CHILDREN**



What is the School Student Broadband Initiative?

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, the Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 eligible families with school age children with no internet at home access to free **nbn®** until 31 December 2025¹ under the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Access to the SSBI will become easier, with the announcement of a National Referral Centre that parents/carers with school students can contact directly to check their eligibility.

Who is eligible for the SSBI?

It is important to note the SSBI is primarily intended as an affordability measure to help those with school-age children.

To be eligible for SSBI, families working directly with an SSBI Nominating Organisation, or self-nominating through the National Referral Centre, must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including from Prep in Qld/Vic/Tas, Kindy in NSW, Reception in SA, Transition in NT/ACT and Pre-Primary in WA).
- Not have an active **nbn®** network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- Live in a premises that can access a standard² **nbn** service.
- Not have had an active **nbn** connection during the previous 14 days.
- Either be referred by a nominating organisation or have your suitability determined via an assessment conducted by the National Referral Centre.

How can I check my eligibility?

To check your eligibility, follow these simple steps.

1. Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT), or www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet. Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.³
2. Check your eligibility – the NRC team will assess your eligibility, by checking your residential address and asking you some questions to determine if you meet the Government's eligibility criteria.
3. If eligible, you will be issued a voucher which can be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The National Referral Centre will also be available to assist with contacting your SSBI internet service provider of choice or providing follow-up support.

¹ This is subject to continued involvement in SSBI of participating internet providers beyond the previously announced deadlines, and provided the cap of 30,000 SSBI services has not yet be reached.

² A standard nbn service refers to a standard installation of nbn supplied equipment. This includes connecting a fibre optic cable from your street to the nbn utility box outside your premises, then inside to the nbn connection. nbn does not charge end customers for a standard installation. Remember to ask your chosen SSBI participating internet provider if they have any other fees. A small number of premises located in Limited Access Areas (any area within the footprint of the Satellite Network that cannot reasonably be accessed by road and would require some element of air or water transportation) are ineligible to access the SSBI.

³ The National Referral Centre is operated by Anglicare Victoria and is open to eligible Australian parents/carers.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

November 15

Year 8 Language, Wellbeing
& Cultural Day -9:20am

October 15	HSC START!
October 15	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
October 21	Wellbeing Talk -9:00am
October 21	P&C Meeting -6:00pm
October 22	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
October 23	Year 5 Taster Day - 1:00pm
October 24	Stage Class Parent BBQ - 1:45pm
October 29	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
November 5	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
November 8	HSC FINISH!
November 8	Year 12 Formal
November 1	RIEP - Belmore Engineering Flash Starts Program -12:00am
November 12	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)

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School Planner 2024

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

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 **Scan me for practical school tips!**
 Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources.
education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers

 **Scan me for key dates**
education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

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

