

Peterborough School Newsletter

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Important Dates

**Monday February 17 to
Friday February 28**
Primary Swim School
Various times

Tuesday February 25
Community work
experience placements
start for senior students

Tuesday March 3
SRC Induction Assembly.
9:10am – School Hall
All welcome.

Tuesday March 3
Midazolam training for
nominated school staff
3:20 – 6:20pm.

Thursday March 5
iDo Expo
with NDIS info session
Fraternity Club
Fairy Meadow

Wednesday March 11
Sydney Zoo Variety
Fun Day for selected
students

Thursday March 19
High School Swim Fun
Day at Kiama Leisure
Centre

Principal's Report

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year.

What a busy and exciting first few weeks we have had.

Some beautiful new students joined our school. All of them have settled in well. All have made new friends.

We also welcomed new staff to Peterborough. Anthea, Sharon, Tamara, and Tammy have all been wonderful additions to the team.

The most exciting change this year has been the addition of a non-teaching Deputy Principal. Jennie Warren is currently filling the Deputy Principal role.

Over the next few weeks teachers will be conducting plan meetings. I hope that as many of you as possible are able to make it up to school to meet with your child's teacher.

Last week Primary classes started participation in swim school and continue this week. We have had quotes to have the pool refurbished. If everything goes according to plan, we should have a sparkling new pool with new surfacing and tiles before the end of the year.

From last Friday I have taken leave until the end of term and possibly into term 2. I have been putting off surgery on a foot injury (too much hockey in my younger years) but I have finally succumbed and had my surgery last Friday. Tim Palk is relieving in my role until my return with Tamara Moore replacing Tim on HS9.

I hope to be able to pop into school on Friday mornings to continue with my barista training.

Have a wonderful Term 1 and see you next term.

- Sue Corkery



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Featured high school classroom HS2

Welcome to team HS2!

This year Jacinta and Blake are happy to welcome 4 new students to Peterborough School. Baylen, Kai, Cody and Jae-Jae are working hard to learn all about life at our wonderful school.

Our classroom is in Tasmania, and last week we were lucky enough to receive a brand new Prowise Interactive Panel which we use for our morning meetings, English and maths groups. On Thursday of last week, we joined forces with HS1 and visited Kiama blowhole, harbour and rock pools with the team from the Illawarra Environmental Education Centre. It was a fantastic day full of hands on learning experiences that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to a fun and busy year ahead!

-Jacinta Pinkster



Website

The February newsletter and future newsletters will be published on the school's website. Why not take a look at our Peterborough School's website as it is updated for 2020. The address is:

<https://peterboro-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

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Primary swim school

Peterborough primary students are participating enthusiastically in our annual two-week intensive swim school. Students are participating in daily sessions with four AUSTSWIM qualified Department of Education Swimming and Water Safety Program teachers in the school pool. Individual programs have included; standing independently in the pool, developing water confidence, moving through the water using floatation aides, back floating, swimming using correct strokes and having fun. Thank you to Amy for all her organisation of this important program. Great swimming Peterborough.



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Featured teachers

In 2020 Peterborough have new staff members. Let's meet two of our new teachers.

High school featured teacher

"Hello families and friends. My name is Sharon Ursell and I am delighted to be a part of the Peterborough School community. For 2020 I have been gifted with the wonderful HS1 and I am very grateful to have Student Learning Support Officer, Sophie working along-side me.

I have 12 years of teaching experience in the field of special education. I have spent the last 8 years at Para Meadows School which helped me develop skills to understand complex behaviour and how to adjust my teaching to cater to individual needs of students. I believe that everyone can learn and it is my job as a teacher to find that way to help students thrive at school and beyond.

In my non-school life, I am a married mother of 2. In my spare time I enjoy hanging out with friends and family. I love music and enjoy going to gigs. On weekends you will probably run into me at Inflatable World, Flip Out and other kid friendly places. I like keeping fit, going to markets and eating cake!

In a very short time, I have been made to feel very welcome at Peterborough. I am excited to be working with such a special team of educators and inspiring students. I look forward to getting to know you!



Primary featured teacher

"Hey, I am Anthea McGarrigle and I have the wonderful Echidnas this year. I have taught in mainstream for one year and special education for three years. I enjoy playing sport on the weekends. I play Rugby League for the Helensburgh Tiger Lilies in the front row. This will be my fourth year in the team. You might also see me at the local 5km Park Run on Saturdays. I enjoy going to the beach, being with family and friends and playing with my bullterrier puppy named Rocky and my cockatiel named Archie. I am so excited for this year and hope to meet many of you soon."



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Featured primary classroom

Joeys

This year we have welcomed five new students into the Joeys and one returning student. We have spent the last five weeks settling in and exploring our new environment. It has been amazing to see the progress we have made in adjusting to the routines and expectations of school. We are learning to stay with the group and staff have been amazed at how well we transition to and from the playgrounds each day. Our favourite sessions of the week have proven to be swimming and visiting the sensory play space on Tuesday afternoon.

– Mia Menzies



Featured School Learning Support Officer

Hi I'm Rach!

I started as a volunteer at Peterborough in 2013 and was very fortunate to become a permanent part of the team last year. This year I am lucky to be working with the Turtles again and also HS8. I love working alongside my students and watching them reach their goals.

You may often see two of me working around the school but don't worry you're not seeing double, it's my twin sister Bec who is also an SLSO along with my brother Blake. When I'm not at Peterborough I enjoy reading, going to concerts or planning my next trip overseas with Bec.



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Featured school program

Technology

In 2020 Peterborough's technology coordinator Ben Swanenberg is delivering specialist weekly lessons to both a high school and a primary group.

The groups are developing robotic language skills, learning basic coding and developing building blocks for programming. This will lead to the creation of moving robots made from Lego kits further into the program. Ben has been consulting with Lauren Purcell from Robolink Education to grow the tech program.

Currently the students are using the Scratch Jr program on iPads to create story boards with movement, sound, captions and special events. What a fabulous and exciting elective for high school students and a great start to technology for primary students.

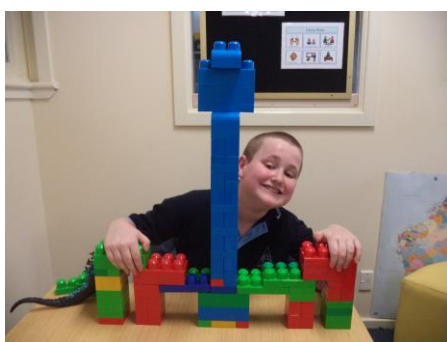


Library news

We have exciting news from the Library this month. We are in the process of creating a digital classroom adjoining the Library. Ben and I have been working hard on a proposal to purchase technology for students' use and furniture for the room. We already have a Prowise Interactive panel ready to go. We are also organising independent Wi-Fi in the room for a better learning experience. The digital classroom will not only be used for robotics lesson, it will also be used during learning in literacy, mathematics, science and HSIE.

The main library area continues to be a popular learning space in our school whether that be during class time, library time or at recess.

- Sharon Murphy



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Community messages



Disabled Surfers South Coast
Sunday 22nd March 2020
Gerroa 'SMILES ON DIALS DAY'



Meet at Emery Park, Gerroa

Check-in no later than 9.00am

Group-care facility- participants limit 6 per facility

A fun day surfing for any person with a disability.

Registration for participants is \$10

**Last year over 150 people had a great day
check out the video on Face Book!**



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IDO Expo 2020

2020 Illawarra Disability Options Expo
Thursday • 5th March • 11am to 4pm
The Fraternity Club • Fairy Meadow

Exhibiting Product & Service Providers
NDIS Info Session 10.30 to 11.30am

Connecting people with disability and their families and carers in building networks and exploring opportunities. Come along and explore the supports available in the Illawarra.

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