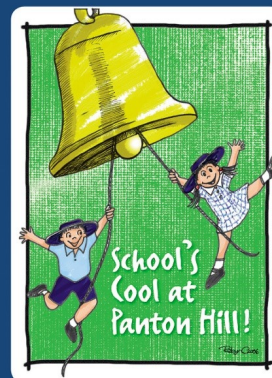




*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 1st February, 2019
Term 1: Week 1



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5th February

Safer internet day

Wednesday 6th February

Prep Testing

Wednesday 13th February

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 14th February

Bushfire Drill

Friday 15th February

Buildings & Grounds 8.30am
District Swimming Carnival

Monday 18th February

Finance & Fundraising 6.30pm
School Council 7.15pm

Wednesday 20th February

Prep Testing

Thursday 21st February

School Picnic

Monday 11th March

Labour Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 12th March

Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL

Principal's Report

WELCOME TO 2019

Welcome back to all of our Panton Hill families and a special welcome to our newest families who have started with us this year.

The school was abuzz on Wednesday with families catching up and sharing holiday stories. It is great to have everyone back again and have the friendly sounds in the corridors in the mornings.

It has been a very smooth start in the classrooms with a great sense of calm and happy anticipation for the year.

Over the last week of the holidays our teachers spent much time preparing their classrooms for the new year and we had a very productive day on Tuesday, as a whole staff, setting goals and expectations for 2019.

We are very happy to welcome Stephanie Brindley to PHPS. We feel very fortunate to have such a passionate and competent new teacher on staff and of course we are really pleased to have Liz Mehmet back with us as well. Steph and Liz are teaching the Grade 2/3 class and Steph will also be taking Physical Education.

Of course, it's a particularly special time for our newest and youngest Panton Hill Primary Students, our Preps. They look the part in their crisp new uniforms and have

made such a great start, under the expert guidance of Mrs Thomson. We also welcome our new Prep families and we are very pleased to be sharing this amazing learning journey with you.

We welcome our Preps: Kal— El, Hugo, Isaac, Josh, Omar, Van, Neve, Heidi, Lily, Estella, Sophie, Elowyn, Yael and Bec.

We are also really pleased to welcome some new students and their families who have moved to PHPS this year. We welcome: Sienna and Hannah who have started in Grade 2/3 with Miss Brindley and Mrs Mehmet and Alexandra who is in Grade 3/4 with Mrs Howard.

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - CASEA

The CASEA (CAMHS and Schools Early Action) program is part of Austin Health and is partnering with our school this year. CASEA has been developed to help children understand and express emotions, and to be better at problem solving and getting along with others. Development of these skills has been shown to enhance student capacity to achieve academically. The CASEA team will be working at the school and classroom levels, as well as at the small group level.

The program is free for your family and also for the school.

The small group part of the program has been designed for children in Grade 1 to



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Grade 3. Parents from these year levels will be asked to complete a short questionnaire that will help us identify families who might benefit from the program. Invitations to participate in the group programs will follow.

We are looking forward to our partnership with CASEA commencing.

If you would like more information please contact:

Name: Rosalin Shafik-Eid

Contact telephone: 9496 3620

Website: www.austin.org.au/casea

THANKYOU

Towards the end of the school holidays, I sent out a request on the Skoolbag app for some help in cleaning up the yard, in preparation for the start of the school year. It was not long after that a few fabulous families came up and worked hard (in some pretty hot weather) to clear leaves and do a general tidy up.

Thankyou so much to the Spratling family, the Fitton family, the McLaughlin family and the Ditchams for clearing the yard and making the school look very welcoming for staff and students. There may have been others who helped out without being noticed. If this is you, then thankyou very much as well.

We are very lucky to have such generous and thoughtful families.

ABSENCES

It is now Department of Education Policy that schools are required to contact parents if students are not at school when the roll is taken, unless the absence has been explained in writing through a note or a Skoolbag notification.

We have included some absence notes in this newsletter. This is primarily to ensure student safety. Please make sure that you notify us of any absences before the day, or on the morning of the absence. We understand that sometimes you won't know the day before, this is where the Skoolbag is ideal. Simply click on the eForms tab in the home page/

absentee form, fill out the details and hit submit. A notification then gets sent to the school email.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event which will be held on **Tuesday 5 February 2019** to help encourage a better internet, this year's theme—'Together for a better internet' encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four, critical skills. these skills are the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience.

As an eSmart accredited school, we take cybersafety very seriously and have it embedded throughout our curriculum.

All classes will be marking Safer Internet Day with different activities on Tuesday.

SKOOLBAG

If you haven't already downloaded our Skoolbag app, please do so as it is a great way to communicate with the community. It is also part of our Emergency Management Plan that we let parents know immediately through the app should we be required to enact the plan.

The new grades have been set up in the Skoolbag app now. Please make sure that you have registered for your child/ren's correct grade.



CURRICULUM DAY

Our first curriculum day is on Tuesday the 12th of March. This will be a pupil free day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

At the start of each year we schedule Year 1 to 6 Parent Teacher Interviews for

parents to discuss and exchange information with the teachers. We will be having these interviews on **Wednesday 13th February** after school —starting at 3:30pm. They will be of ten minutes duration and are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher. A note with information will be distributed next Monday.

Prep students are not involved as their interview/information exchange will happen over the next three Wednesdays with Mrs Thomson.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS/VIC CAPTAINS AND JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Shortly we will be holding year level elections to pick a boy and a girl Junior School Councillor for grades 2 to 6. Year six students will also be trying for the student leadership positions of School Captains and Vice Captains which are selected by staff.

SCHOOL PICNIC—SAVE THE DATE

The start of year Family School Picnic is scheduled for **Thursday 21st of February**, starting at 5pm. This is a great opportunity for our school families to pull up a picnic rug, get together, share some food and join in with a few fun races etc. More details will follow, but for now, please put the date in your diaries.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos are booked in for **Wednesday the 13th March**. Make sure you have those haircuts booked and maybe practise saying "cheese" a bit over the next few weeks.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Many of you will have now been into the OSHC building and seen the fantastic job that Zoe has done in cleaning out the rooms and creating a homely, welcoming environment for the students with lots more space for activities. This required much of Zoe's time over the school holidays.

Thankyou Zoe for the effort you have been putting in.

In the process of cleaning up, there are some items which are up for grabs for anyone who is interested. These include:

- Study desk on wheels
- Couch with under seat storage
- Dining table with wooden top
- Kid's kitchen
- There are also three sets of blocks, a large toy truck, car and aeroplane and a plastic car track.

If you would like any of these items, please see Zoe before or after school, or contact the office.

NITS / HEADLICE

The office has been informed of a few cases of head lice in the **lower and middle school**. It is that time of year, so please check your child's head weekly and treat them if necessary before returning them to school.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Unfortunately there are still some outstanding library books from 2018. Please check your shelves at home and return any school books as soon as possible.

BOOK BORROWING BOAT

How great it was to have the time to find a quiet spot to get stuck into a good book. If you've been lucky enough to have done this and have a great book that you think other adults would enjoy, please remember our book borrowing boat. You're sure to find your next book here as well.

KINDER CAR PARK

We have been contacted by the Pre-School next door with a request that school parents please refrain from parking in their carpark. They are finding that Pre-School parents are unable to find a park in the morning and having to walk their young children across the road in the morning which is not ideal. Thankyou.

PRIVACY

At this time of year, the school gathers much information about our students. We are very sensitive to the confidentiality that is required. I have included in this newsletter a handout with some information about Privacy. More detailed information can be found on our website: <http://www.pantonhill.vic.edu.au/>

Kylie Richards



Outside School Hours News

Please contact the school office or myself if you wish to use the OSHC service and you have not previously registered with Xplor.

All bookings are to be made via the [Xplor mobile app](#).

Please download the app to your devices.

Cancellations to be made via the office - 9719 7329 or OSHC - 9719 7329

Please know your PIN to sign your child out of care.

AFTERNOON sessions need to be cancelled by 10am that day or full session rate applies.

MORNING sessions need to be cancelled by 6pm the day before or full session rate applies.

Non-Attendance of BOOKINGS - MORNING or AFTERNOON sessions will be charged at the full session rate.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM - TERM 1

TUESDAYS: Volleyball 12th February - 19th March 3.30 – 4.30pm

THURSDAYS: Cricket 14th February - 21st March 3.30 – 4.30pm

Coach: Phil Crawford - Kidzplay



All children booked for OSHC on these days will be participating in the program.

There are limited places available. Please see the list at the office.

Please collect your child at 4.30pm if not booked into OSHC.

Zoe Herrett - OSHC Co-ordinator