



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 10th May, 2019
Term 2: Week 3



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th May

NAPLAN language and writing

Wednesday 15th May

NAPLAN Reading

Thursday 16th May

NAPLAN Numeracy

Friday 17th May

Walk to School Day

Parent run Disco

Tuesday 21st May

Open Day and Evening

Open Morning 9-11am

Evening: Mad About Science

presentation 6pm—7pm

Mad About Science incursion—
whole school

Wednesday 22nd May

Cross Country at Yarrambat
Park

Friday 24th May

Sport vs Kangaroo Ground
(home)

Wednesday 29th May

Pupil Free Day

Principal's Report

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

To all of our fantastic school mothers, grandmothers, carers, we hope you have a great day on Sunday and feel the appreciation you deserve. It has been lovely this week, when visiting the classrooms, to see our students putting a lot of thought, care and love into cards and other Mothers Day crafts. We hope you enjoy your gifts and messages.

Of course, we need to thank our team of school mums who helped out with the stall. Thankyou to Katie Bassett and Kirsten Renouf for setting up, running (and having to cover their own eyes when their children attended) and packing up—the stall yesterday and thanks to Alison Tovey for ordering in and organising the Mothers Day presents.

If you are heading to the St Andrews Market tomorrow, be sure to visit our school store who will be selling off the remainder of the gifts.

5000 POPPIES

You may have heard of the spectacular tribute project called 5000 poppies, designed to remember those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, their families and their communities. This tribute is in the form of hand crocheted/knitted poppies which people from far and wide have made. They have been displayed all over the world for many different events.

We have been very fortunate to have been offered a mat of these poppies which is beautiful! It is a 10metre by 1metre mat. We are planning to display it in the main corridor and are currently working on a frame to support, it as it is very heavy! We hope to have it up this term. We will cut an amount off the main mat to be used for ceremonies such as ANZAC day and Remembrance Day and will also offer it to be used by our local RSL.

Thankyou so much to Elsie and Estella's grandmother— Angela Harridge for offering us this special mat. It will be well used and will no doubt spark much conversation and learning.



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just download the 'SkoolBag' app on your phone, open the app and add our school!



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SCHOOL DISCO

The school disco is now only a week away and the excitement is building. The students have all been involved this week in selecting some music they would like to dance to which Aki is compiling. A big box full of glow products has arrived, disco lighting is ready to go and tickets have been selling!

The disco will be held in the hall next **Friday 17th May**. We are still looking for helpers to come along in the afternoon to set the hall up. If you're able to help, please let Alison know: Alison.tovey@myob.com or 0401 147 546

We're encouraging parents to stay while the disco is on, and will have a separate "Parents Zone". It's a great chance to bring some nibbles, drinks and socialize with fellow parents.

Please note that all students will need to be signed in and out of the disco by a parent. Students will need to remain in the hall after the disco until a parent signs them out.

Be sure to buy your tickets (\$10) from the office.

OPEN DAY AND EVENING

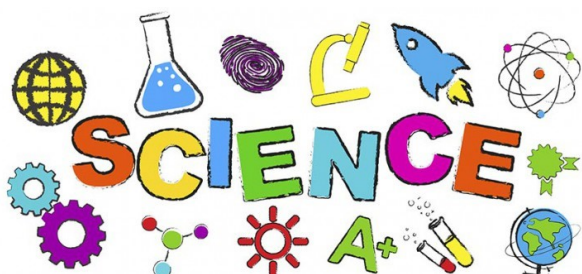
Our Open Day and evening is during Education Week on Tuesday the 21st of May.

All of the classrooms will be open from 9:00am – 11:20am for parents/visitors to wander through and watch the great learning that is taking place.

During the day, all classes will be participating in a science incursion where they will be involved in activities and learning about Electricity and energy.

We will be concluding our day with **The Big Science Show**. This will take place in the Senior building at 6pm. It is a one hour show involving giant smoke vortices, levitating beach balls, flying toilet paper, flour fireballs, hair-raising electricity, and lots of learning!

Every PHPS school child who comes along on the evening will receive a ticket and go into the draw to win a \$20.00 Australian Geographic voucher. Don't miss out!



WORKING BEE

Our first working bee for this year has been scheduled for Sunday the 19th of May. This is the weekend before our Open Day so it is a great opportunity to clean up the yard in preparation. Some of our tasks will include, general clean up, including the multitude of leaves, planting, de-cobwebbing, window cleaning, removal of the passionfruit vine, spraying weeds etc etc.

A note will be handed out today. Please indicate whether you intend to join us.



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

The Australian Girls Choir have contacted us this week and will be coming to school on Thursday the 23rd of May. They will spend about 30 minutes listening to our girls from Prep to Grade 4 sing. Any identified girls will be given the opportunity to join the choir. We have had students who have taken this opportunity and really enjoyed it.

A note came home to all P-4 girls on Wednesday. If you wish for your child to participate in the 'audition' please return the note to the office. There is no payment required.

PARENTING IDEAS

This week, an article about the many roles, and the importance of mothers—enjoy!

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday the 17th of May is Walk Safely to School Day. This is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. It can be difficult for our students to walk safely to school given the nature of our roads, so we choose to participate by meeting any students who are keen, at the Panton Hill Hotel and wandering down to school. We will meet at the pub at **8:45am**. See you there!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Due to popular demand, this year's major fundraising event will see the return of the Trivia Night to be held in the hall on **Saturday 22nd June**.

Help is needed in planning the night, and sourcing auction items. A fundraising meeting will be held at St Andrews Hotel at 7pm on **Tuesday 7th May**. Our fundraising team needs your support. The few parents we have are a friendly bunch, but we need more and all are welcome!

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is underway and we already have 5 voracious readers who have completed the challenge. I wonder how many books they can read by the end of the challenge?

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier. For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/pr



EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has started once again! If you happen to be shopping at Woolworths, please keep an eye out for our box at the Eltham shop for the tokens. Alternatively, you can bring them along to school and pop them in the box outside the office. The tokens contribute to sporting equipment for the school at the end of the promotion.

SCHOOL DOCUMENTS

Please note that important school documents such as our child safe policies and annual report can be found on our website. Of course, if there are any other documents you would like to sight that are not on the website, please let us know at the office.

NAPLAN

Next week is NAPLAN week. All parents should have received an information note about the tests. Please feel free to chat with your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns.

At PHPS we attempt to make the sitting of these tests as low key as possible. These tests will give us a snapshot of your Grade 3 or 5 child on one day of their life. Our teachers are very confident in their understanding and assessments of where all students are in their learning, based on observations over a long period of time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

This week our Grade 6 captains and vice captains and myself had a meeting with Shakara Montalto and Katie Lovett who are both from the Koorie Education Team. Shakara and Katie spoke to our leadership team about their Aboriginal background and gave us an understanding of the significance to the Aboriginal community about the land on which we are living and learning. We learnt about the importance of the Acknowledgement of Country and as a result, we will be starting our assemblies with an acknowledgement from Monday.

Our leaders felt that it was important that all of the students learnt about, and had an understanding of the Wurundjeri people who were the first owners of the land and why we are introducing an acknowledgement at our assemblies. To achieve this, they went to all classes today and gave a short presentation.

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.

KINDER REQUEST

Please **do not** use the Pre-School car park as a drop off and pick up point. This is not fair to the kinder parents or our youngest Panton Hill kids.

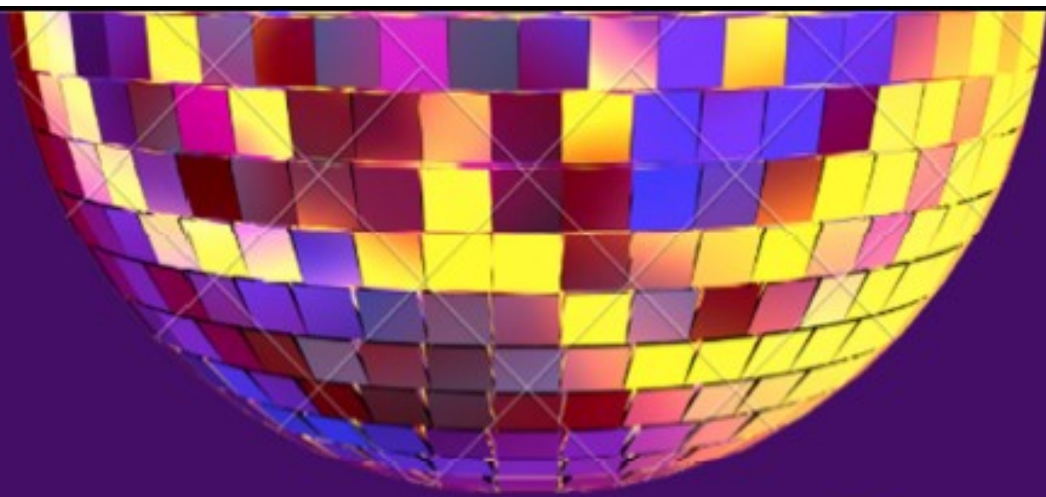
Value Award Winners

Congratulations to:

**Phoebe Whitworth
and
Ava Peterson**



If your child has achieved something significant outside of school which you would like acknowledged, please email the school with the details.



PHPS School Disco

PANTON HILL HALL

6PM - 8PM

FRIDAY 17 MAY

TICKETS \$10 EACH

ALL GRADES PHPS KIDS INVITED

**TICKET INCLUDES DRINKS, SNACKS AND
GLOW GIFT**

PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO STAY &
MINGLE IN SEPARATE PARENTS ZONE.
(BYO NIBBLES, DRINKS)

KIDS WILL REMAIN IN THE HALL AT THE
END OF THE DISCO UNTIL AN ADULT
ARRIVES TO COLLECT THEM



I'M READY TO PARTY!

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

\$____ ENCLOSED OR PAY & COLLECT TICKETS FROM OFFICE



Outside School Hours Care News

****Important Information for OSHC parents****

Instructions to receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

1. See either Deb or Zoe to enrol for OSHC. You will require the primary carer's CRN and the child's CRN. Once enrolled you will receive an email welcoming you to Xplor. You will be required to download the Xplor app to your phone. The app is used **only to make bookings** for care.
2. You will need to access web.myxplor.com on your computer to approve your child's enrolment at Panton Hill Primary OSHC service. Click on 'CCS Agreements' to **sign** your child's **Complying Written Agreement** (CWA). This step is necessary for the enrolment to migrate to Mygov.
3. Then access your Mygov account, select Panton Hill OSHC to approve your child's enrolment to the service. On Mygov select Centrelink—Claims—Claims Family—CCS (first option).
4. You will also need to do the **required activity test**. The activity test calculates the percentage of your entitlement to the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) which is applied to your account.

You will NOT receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) until you have completed all of the required steps above.



Community Notices

COMIC CON AT YARRA PLENTY REGIONAL LIBRARY!!

WORKSHOPS
COSPLAY!
VIDEO GAMES AND TECHNOLOGY
COMIC AND ART STALLS

THOMASTOWN LIBRARY 18 MAY
DIAMOND VALLEY LIBRARY 25 MAY
WATSONIA LIBRARY 1 JUNE

YARRA PLENTY REGIONAL LIBRARY
Banyule
City of Whittlesea
NALLAPRA

Skincare and/or
cosmetic ranges
complimentary
consults
(15 mins)

with Shannon Carlin Naturopath
at The Naturopathic Balance



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\$7 per 2kg bag on
the cart outside the

FRESH EGGS

\$6 per dozen on the cart
outside the
office.



Mum's the work

by Michael Grose



Watching my own children become parents is an unexpected parenting joy.

Not in the light-hearted 'your-turn-has-come' way where older generations delight in watching their own children endure the same sleepless nights, naughty toddler behaviour and teenage rebelliousness that they experienced as parents.

The joy for me lies in watching my adult kids protect, teach, nurture and support their children, in the time-honored way that parents have done for generations. This work, also known as generative parenting, was outlined by American psychologists and researchers Dollahite, Hawkins and Brotherson in the 1990's.

Also known as mother work (and father work), generative parenting refers to the instinctive activities of parents that enable the next generation to survive and thrive. These activities range from providing kids with food and shelter and other basic needs through to developing more complex skills in their kids such as working with others, adapting to change and developing the resourcefulness needed for full independence.

Like most parents my daughters want to be the best parents they can be so they both devour parenting books, attend courses when they can and join online chat groups for support and ideas.

But it's their mother work, their instinctive work, that's their most potent parenting force. Here's why.

Mother work is protective

When my eldest daughter visits our house she does a quick reconnaissance trip through each room, lifting errant blind cords and removing heavy objects, to make our house safe for her two boys to move around. The protective side is strong.

Mother work is educative

When my youngest daughter patiently explains to her exuberant young three year old that she needs to allow other children to share her toys, she is doing important teaching work. That requires super patience.

Mother work is nurturant

The safety my daughters provide when they wrap their arms around their children when they've fallen and hurt themselves comes naturally to them.

Mother work is supportive

The emotional support these young women provide to their children when they've been upset by the thoughtless or rough behaviours of siblings and friends is often hard work. But they are up to the task.

My daughters' mother work will continue well into their children's teen years and beyond. The nature of the work will change with each developmental stage but the intent of the work – to nurture, protect, teach and support – will stay the same.

Men can do this work too, but they do it differently. When a mother instinctively protects she generally draws her child closer before searching out the source of fear. There'll be lots of cuddles before she puts a nightlight on to ease a child's fear of the dark.

When a father instinctively protects he's more likely to eliminate the source of fear, and skill his child up to fend for themselves. He'll prove there's nothing to be scared of when the light goes out, and show his child how to turn on the light when needed. Both are valid approaches, and are indicative of the gender differences in child-rearing.

This Mother's Day, it's my daughters' instinctive mother work that I'll celebrate, as that is real magic of parenting.

Happy Mother's Day.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.