



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July, 2019
Term 3: Week 1



DIARY DATES

Friday 26th July

African Drumming incursion
Buildings & Grounds meeting
8:30am

Monday 29th July

Grade 6 Market Day
OSHC meeting **6pm**
Finance & Fundraising meeting
6:30pm
School Council Meeting
7:15pm

Wednesday 31st July

Grade 6 Tunnel excursion

Friday 2nd August

3/4 Hooptime

Thursday 22nd August

Book week activity day

Friday 23rd August

Book week incursion

Friday 30th August

5/6 Hooptime

Friday 6th September

District Athletics

Thursday 12th September

Division Athletics

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope everyone had a fantastic two weeks, where you had the chance to break the school routine, maybe sleep in a little, reconnect and re-energise.

As you know from the 3 way conferences earlier in this week, the students have set fresh learning goals that they will be working towards achieving this term.

As a staff we have had a sustained focus over this year on writing. Our staff have had the opportunity to visit other schools, investigate different programs, then work together to develop a method of teaching writing which we feel works best for PHPS. We are encouraged to be noticing some of the quality writing the students across all grades have been producing and look forward to seeing this continue. So, please have a chat with your child/ren about what they are working on at the moment in writing.

WELCOME

We are really pleased to welcome three new families to Panton Hill Primary this term. Welcome to the Tregenza family with Jasper in Grade 2, the Bates family with Alexandra joining Mrs Thomson's preps and Mitchell in Grade 3 with Mrs Howard and the Arrowsmith Family with Amelia in Grade 1 with Mrs Lingard's grade.

5000 POPPIES

You may also notice when you are walking through the main corridor the beautiful 'mat' of hand crocheted poppies hanging on the wall.

This mat was produced as part of the tribute project called 5000 poppies, designed to remember those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, their families and communities. These mats have been crocheted by people all over the world and are displayed all over the world.

We have Angela Harridge (Elsie and Estella's grandmother) to thank for organising the donation of this mat to us. We have a smaller, portable cut off piece which we will use for appropriate ceremonies.

NUMERACY AT HOME

I would like to draw your attention to a website which is great for tips for parents to help their children at home with numeracy. It has information, advice and activities for families. It covers topics such as:

- Why numeracy is important
- Common myths in mathematics
- Helping with homework
- Numeracy activities to share at home

<https://numeracyguidedet.global2.vic.edu.au/numeracy-at-home/>



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PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of the school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Department suggests that approximately 30 per cent of parents should be invited to participate in this year's survey, however for maximum authenticity **all of the Panton Hill families will be invited** to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22 July to Sunday 11 August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**. It only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete. Each family have a unique PIN to log into the survey. This PIN is on the email which was sent to each family on Wednesday. Those families for whom we do not have an email address, would have received a letter in their child's bag on Thursday.

If you are having any issues with the survey, please contact us at the office and we will endeavor to fix it.

STAFF NEWS

As of next week, Mrs Csefalvay will be taking five weeks leave. During this time she will be replaced by Mrs Puls-Welsh who will be covering Italian, maths and support. We wish Mrs Csefalvay happy travels and hope she has a great time in China.

In other staff news, our Outside School Hours Care Co-ordinator, Zoe Herrett is very excited to have picked up a position as a nanny in Germany. As a result she has tendered her resignation. Zoe's last day is Wednesday the 14th of August. We would like to thank Zoe for the care she has given to our students and pre-schoolers before and after the school day. Best of luck for the next big adventure in Germany Zoe.

ICAS TESTS

We will be offering students from Grade 3-6 the opportunity to sit the ICAS NSW tests in English and Mathematics again this year. These tests have an emphasis on academic achievement and recognition. For over 35 years, schools worldwide have used these assessments to challenge students and reward excellence. Students efforts are recognized and rewarded through certificates and medal ceremonies for top performers. These are great tests for students who wish to really challenge themselves.

This year the format has changed. Whereas in the past they were paper tests, they have now been moved to an online platform. Those students who elect to sit the tests, will do so under the supervision of our staff in the comfort of our staffroom!

If you would like for your child/ren to participate, please refer to the letter that was sent home in your child's bag today or the skoolbag notification which has the letter attached. You will need to register online with our school's code and pay online.

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The library is in need of a general tidy up, so if there are any parents that would like to assist in some cataloguing and reshelving of the odd book please let the office know. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

KINDER REQUEST

Just a quick reminder to please **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:

Coby Grech and Angus Hay



Created by Kaeleigh in Grade 6. The mediums used are fine line pens, food dye and water colour pencils.



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



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the cart outside the office.

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\$6 per dozen on the cart
outside the
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.



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What's On Bringing up Great Kids

Would you like to:

- Have a more positive relationship with your child?
- Help develop your child's positive self-identity?
- Communicate more effectively with your child?

Bringing up Great Kids is a six session program for parents with children in pre or primary school that shows you how you can parent in a more reflective & mindful way. Bringing up Great Kids will help you:

- Learn about origins of your parenting style and how it can be more effective
- Identify the important messages you want to convey to your child and how to achieve this
- Discover how to overcome obstacles preventing you being the kind of parent you want to be.



When: Six consecutive weekly sessions commencing Wednesday 14 August

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Cost: \$120 (or \$180 per couple) (\$60 health care card holders)

Bookings: Essential via www.trybooking.com/BCWAF

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at Joan.Lauricella@healthability.org.au or Phone 9430 9100.



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What's On About Kids' Feelings

About Kids' Feelings: Developing Emotional Intelligence helps you understand your children's feelings so that you can help your child develop their emotional skills.

This practical seminar is suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who would like to learn ways to support their child's emotional development.

What is covered:

- Understand why feelings matter
- Help children identify and manage their feelings
- Learn ways to develop your child's emotional skills

What others have said:

"These seminars are proving to be a fantastic resource for me"

"I knew the basics but this expanded on them better"

"Very informative"



When: Monday 5 August 2019

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Road Eltham

Time: 7pm sharp (finish 8.45pm)

Cost: \$30 (or \$45 per couple) (\$15 for Health Care Card holders)

Bookings: Essential via www.trybooking.com/BCWJP

For more information

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