



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th July, 2019
Term 3: Week 2



DIARY DATES

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

This week, on Wednesday we were lucky enough to have Matthew Meredith-Williams (Elowyn's father) spend the morning visiting the classrooms and speaking to all our students about his work as an archaeologist. Armed with skulls, skeletons and all sorts of ancient stone tools, he kept our students fascinated with a history of early humans.

These talks also had links to the students' current unit of study on Geography. I was fascinated to sit in on the session with the Preps—grade 2's and was very proud of the level of curiosity that our students showed and the great questions and discussion that came afterwards.

We have heard that many of the kids went home and passed on their new knowledge to their parents! Thankyou so much Matt for the time spent in both the preparation and the delivery of the talks. It seems we may now have a few budding archaeologists on our hands!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

We would be really grateful if you could please spend some time filling in the parent opinion survey. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22 July to Sunday 11 August**.

It only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete and is important feedback to us which allows us to continue to improve.

Each family should have received an email or hard copy notice with your unique PIN. Responses to the survey are anonymous. If you are having any issues with the survey, please contact us at the office and we will endeavor to fix it.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS POSITION

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our Outside School Hours Care Supervisor, Zoe had resigned and will finish up in a couple of weeks. As a result we are looking to appoint someone else to this position.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this position, please let us know. We would love to chat with any interested persons. Qualifications do apply to this position.

ICAS TESTS

We will be providing the opportunity again this year for students from Grade 3-6 to participate in the English and Mathematics online ICAS NSW tests.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English and Mathematics.

Please note a correction to the letter which was sent home last week regarding these tests. It was stated that the cost was \$14.50. This is actually the ex GST cost. On registration you will be required to pay \$15.95 per test.

585 Main Rd. Panton Hill – Ph: 9719 7202
www.pantonhill.vic.edu.au

ICAS TESTS cont.

To register for the tests:

- Follow this link: <https://pay.unswglobal.com.au/>
- Type in the school ID number: **88b9d63944**
- Fill in your child/ren's details. It will ask for an ID number which is not compulsory.
- Once registered, parents can pay for ICAS directly to UNSW Global until **14th August**.

When you have registered, the school will be notified and in September the tests will be released to the school and we will organise for the students to sit the tests under our supervision.

Registrations for these tests close on Wednesday the 31st of July.

STAMP CLUB WITH MR ALLISON RETURNS!



Mr Allison has lots of free stamps for interested students. Australian and overseas / soaked and unsoaked.

Stamp club will be happening on Tuesday lunchtimes in the school library - **August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th**. All students welcome.

Bring a stamp album and stamp tweezers if possible.

UPCOMING PARENTING WEBINAR — CREATING 21ST CENTURY RITES OF PASSAGE

In this webinar you'll develop clear guidelines and learn impactful strategies to support you to build strong healthy relationships with your children, bolster their independence and support them in their use of technology in these rapidly changing times.

WHEN: Wednesday 28 August 2019 8:00pm

PRICE: Free! Through our school's membership to Parenting Ideas

HOW TO REGISTER:

Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-creating-21st-century-rites-of-passage>

1. Click 'Add to cart'
2. Click 'View cart'
3. Enter the voucher code **rites** and click 'Apply Coupon'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 28 September 2019.
4. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
5. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material
6. Click 'Place Order'

HANDS OFF POLICY

A reminder for our students that we have a strict 'hands off' policy at school. As one of our school values is *Respect*, it is important that we understand that we need to respect each other's personal space and the right to feel safe whilst at school. We would appreciate parents reiterating the importance of this policy at home as well.

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:

Joel Wellings



Beautiful fine line artwork produced by Phoebe Whitworth and Jed Bardon.



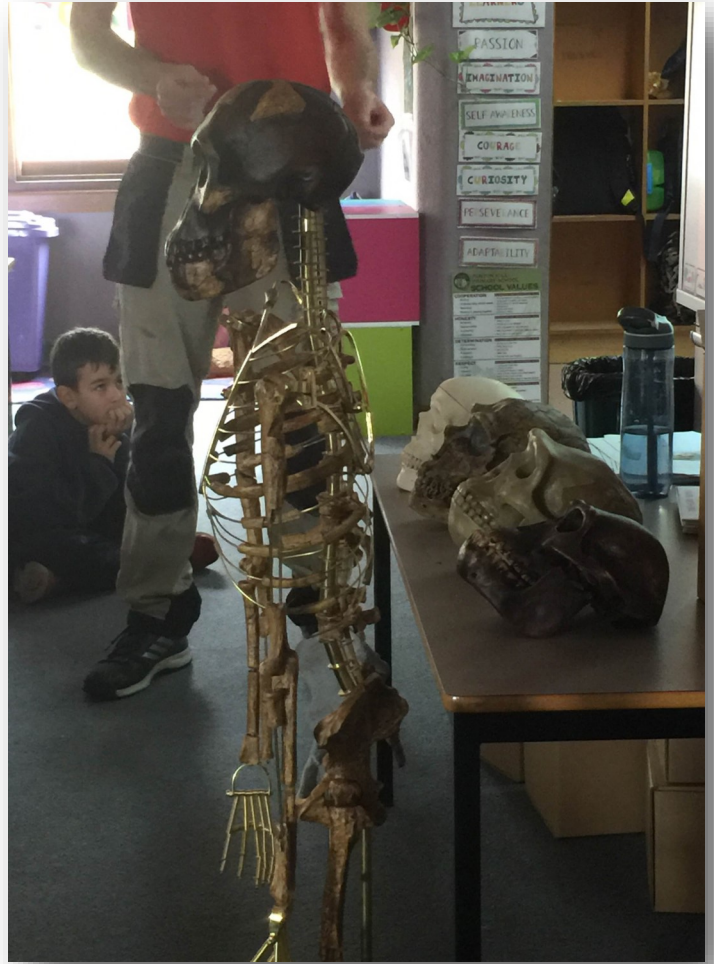
If your child has achieved something significant outside of school which you would like acknowledged, please email the school with the details.

ARCHAEOLOGY LESSON

On Wednesday the 24th, we were lucky enough to have Elowyn's dad Matt who is an Archaeologist come in and show our students some of the amazing work he does. He taught us a lot of interesting things. He started off by telling us about the really early humans and how we evolved.

Apparently, humans had mostly evolved from Africa. The early human originally had a small head, but over millions of years, their heads became bigger so they could hold more information about making tools, communicating and overall knowledge of the world. One species of early humans, Homo Erectus, was the first known species to leave Africa. It was such an awesome session. Thankyou Matt for teaching us all about Archaeology. I think I speak for everyone when I say we all thoroughly enjoyed it!

By Jaxon McLaughlin Grd 4/5

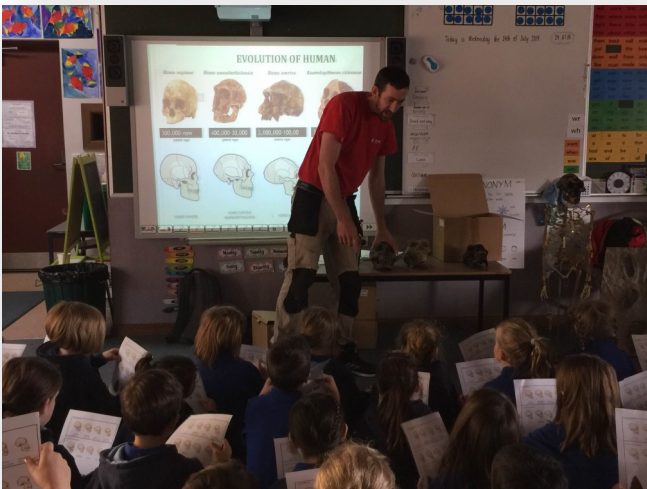


THE ARCHAEOLOGIST

You won't believe what happen at school yesterday (Wednesday 24th, 2019), we had a special visitor. It was Matthew who is Elowyn's dad. He is an Archaeologist. An Archaeologist is someone who digs up very old human bones. "It was bonetastic!". We learnt all about Archaeology while we were in our classroom after snack. It all was so interesting, cool and creepy. "I cant wait to tell you all about it."

Matthew brought some fascinating skulls, Lucy's structure and special rocks to cut and dig with. He also gave us a piece of paper that had some skull selections. (I'll tell you them, there were four). There was a skull of a Homo Sapiens, Neanderthalensis, Homo Erectus and an Australopithecus. It was a big surprise to have Mathew come and share his stuff.

By Lauren Brophy Grd 1/2



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7-10PM | 8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS | \$8 ENTRY
DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK

CONTACT SNR SERGEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9438 8300
ATTENTION PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE AN EMERGENCY NUMBER ON THEM.

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AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO
native plant fair Eltham

14 - 15 SEPTEMBER 10am - 4pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham

Adults \$5, Concessions \$4
Children free

A 'Spring Outdoors' event

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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
Please contact Joan Lauricella
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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/BCXAF

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