



*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December, 2019  
Term 4: Week 9



## DIARY DATES

### **Tuesday 10th December**

Parent forum evening 6.30pm

### **Thursday 12th December**

Prep—4 Swimming at Water-Marc

### **Friday 13th December**

Grade 4-6 Latrobe Pool Excursion

### **Monday 16th December**

Final David Skinner Dance  
9.30am (Parents welcome)

Grade 6 Graduation

### **Wednesday 18th December**

Melbourne Zoo P-3

### **Thursday 19th December**

Christmas Raffle Wrapping  
9am—Help needed

### **Friday 20th December**

Last Day of Term 4

No Lunch Orders

Christmas Raffle Drawn

1.30pm Assembly Dismissal

## **Principal's Report**

Well, the highlight for this week has got to have been our school concert. I don't know if I have ever seen the hall quite so packed as it was on Tuesday night! We were a little unfortunate with the weather, which caused us to change the venue from the park but some last minute arrangements in the hall certainly made for the best scenario we could have hoped for.

It is always an absolute joy to watch our students hit the stage and perform, looking so well prepared and with such enjoyment. Of course, our concert was a result of much practise and planning. This concert has been a long time in the making with much planning by Mrs Jenes and the students. We are very fortunate to have such a passionate music teacher here at PHPS and we thank Mrs Jenes greatly.

Many people contributed to the evening. Thanks go to:

- Jason Ditcham for rigging up the screen at the last minute and helping with the sound on the night.
- Gary Hayes who is the grandparent of Van in Prep. Gary mixed the sound for us and gave up much of his time throughout the day.
- Steve at TheirCare who sponsored the barbecue and cooked the sausages.

- Tysha and Charlie, our very competent Grade 6 Captains for introducing our acts.
- Ian Mason from Mason White McDougall for auctioning off our gorgeous artwork pieces.
- Mrs Howard for working tirelessly with the students on their beautiful collaborative artwork pieces.
- Alison Tovey for providing the colourful backdrop to the stage.

## **PARENT FORUM**

We would really appreciate your feedback/thoughts about the direction that our school is heading in. Jason Ditcham (School Council President) and myself have organised a parent forum for this purpose. The forum will be on Tuesday the 10th of December at 6:30pm. It should only take about an hour out of your evening and will hopefully give us some valuable insights into the parents' experiences of PHPS. Please either contact the office with a reply or reply via the Skoolbag App. Thankyou.

## **CHRISTMAS STALL**

Don't forget our Christmas Stall which will be held on Tuesday the 17th of December. We will be offering a wide variety of gifts for the students to purchase for their parents. Gifts will range in price from approximately \$2:00 to \$8:00.



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## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In keeping with tradition, we will be running a PHPS Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at our final assembly on **Friday the 20th of December**. This raffle is made up of donations from parents. If you would like to contribute, there is a box near the office for donations.

Also we require some parent helpers to wrap the donated raffle gifts on the **19th December** after drop off. Please let the office know if you can assist. Thankyou.

## BUSHFIRE DRILL

Yesterday we conducted an extra bushfire drill. This drill went very smoothly with all students gathering in the fire refuge quickly. This was purposefully conducted on a day when I was away from the school at a meeting in order for the staff to experience the different roles which would need to be adopted.

## COME BOOGIE WITH US

We will be having our final David Skinner dance lesson on **Monday the 16th of December at 9:30** in the hall. On this day, we will be combining the whole school rather than splitting them into junior and senior grades. We would like to invite any parents who would like to join in with us or watch to come along. This is always a good fun event—part of our final week celebrations.

## PARENT MORNING TEA

Following the dance session, we would like to invite the parents to join us in the staffroom for a morning tea. This is our opportunity to thank you for your support and contributions to the school throughout the year.

## 2020 STAFFING

This week we have finalised some of our preparations for 2020—in particular our staffing. As you will be aware, Angie Csefalvay is retiring at the end of this year. Mrs Csefalvay has worn many hats over the past few years including teaching Italian, teaching maths to release Mrs Howard and taking reading intervention. We are really pleased to be continuing with Italian as our language next year. This was a decision made by School Council and was a point of some discussion at the last meeting. We are pleased to have Di Zobel starting with us in 2020 as our Italian teacher. Di has been teaching Italian at Doreen Primary School and has some great ideas to bring across to PHPS. We are also very pleased to have Justine Puls-Welsh on staff next year. Mrs Puls-Welsh will be taking Maths for Mrs Howard class and will be working in support/intervention.

Many of you will be familiar with her as she has worked here for years as a CRT—often filling in for long term leave.

Of course, Liz Mehmet will only be with us for a short time next year before she leaves to have baby number two. Zoe Payne has been placed in this (full time) position which we are all very pleased about. The other change is that we will be lucky enough to have Miss Brindley with us full time. So next year the grades will be:

Prep—Merron Thompson

Grade 1—Maya Lingard

Grade 2/3— Anne Howard

Grade 3/4—Stephanie Brindley

Grade 4/5—Zoe Payne

Grade 5/6—Stafford Hurst

Art—Anne Howard

Music—Natika Jenes

Italian—Diane Zobel

P.E—To be announced

The process of allocating students to grades is well underway by staff. This is a process which we are vigilant with and spend much time agonising over. Our primary aim is of course to place each student in the grade that best suits their learning needs. In making this decision we take many factors into account. We ask for you to trust in our professional judgement in this process—as teachers we are acutely aware of the dynamics in our classrooms which impact on our students—dynamics which may differ from time outside the classroom. I would also like to point out the misconception that many people have about the placement in the lower grade in a composite rather than the upper grade. There seems to be a thought that those students in the upper of a composite are being ‘kept down’ and the students in the lower grade are being ‘extended’. This is entirely untrue. All of our staff are very skilled at teaching to the point of need of each student regardless of the grade they are in. This is a message that we have been communicating now for quite a few years however we continue to hear that belief.

## LIBRARY

We are now collecting all borrowed books from the library and have stopped further borrowing for our end of year stocktake. If you are half way through a novel, of course you can read it until it's finished. This will be noted on the list.

Value Award Winners

Congratulations to:

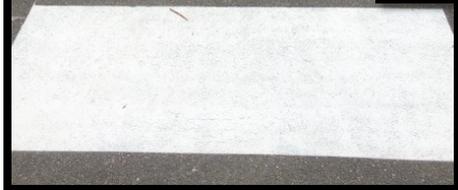
**Sophie Hennuyer-Williams**



# WALK TO SCHOOL GRANT

Today all students got to enjoy our new activity course which magically appeared this morning. Work was done at the school overnight to create a track around the yard where students can navigate themselves around. It was great to see the concentration on their faces (many tongues were out) as they completed various movements and activities.

We would like to say a big thankyou to Liz Mehmet for successfully applying for 'The Walk To School Grant' that made this possible. Not only was Liz successful in receiving the grant but she also managed to receive additional funding. Thankyou Liz.



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**PHPS**

**Annual Christmas Raffle**

**Drawn**

**Friday, 20th December**



We ask that each family donate an item to our annual Christmas Raffle.

We hope to have lots of prizes to raffle at final assembly.

*Suggested items...*

Christmas goodies, wrapping, tinned food, soft drink, nuts, books, chocolates, decorations, small gifts or any other items would be appreciated.

*Please leave donations in the box outside the office.*



**FRESH EGGS**

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



**Apted Unwaxed Apples  
\$7 per 2kg bag on the  
cart outside the office**



**SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019**

POSITION	NOMINATION
President	Jason Ditcham
Vice President	Carolyn Spratling
Secretary	Anne Howard
Treasurer	Cathryn Baldwin

SUB COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	MEETING TIMES
Buildings and Grounds	Kylie Richards, Carolyn Spratling, Colin Smith, Tanya White	Friday 8.30am prior to School Council
Finance and Fundraising & Uniform Shop	Kylie Richards, Jason Ditcham, Alison Tovey, Margaret Bozik	Monday 6.30pm prior to School Council
OSHC	Alison Tovey, Cathryn Baldwin, Kylie Richards, Jason Ditcham	Monday 6.00pm prior to School Council
Curriculum and Review	Anne Howard, Kylie Richards, Maya Lingard, Zoe Payne, Margaret Bozik	As required

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