



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th April, 2021
Term 2: Week 2



DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd May

Finance and Fundraising
meeting 6:30pm

AGM & School Council
Meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday 5th May

Onsite emergency evacuation

Thursday 6th May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 7th May

Storytime for pre-schoolers
Sport vs St Andrews/
Strathewen—away

Monday 10th May

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 11th May

NAPLAN Language conventions and writing

Wednesday 12th May

NAPLAN Reading

Thursday 13th May

NAPLAN Numeracy

Monday 17th May

Planks Incursion and Open
Evening

Principal's Report

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Next Monday evening we will present and discussing the Annual Report during our Annual General Meeting. All parents are invited to attend. Following the AGM we will be having our May School Council Meeting. The AGM will start at 7:15pm and will be held in the Italian Room.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Sunday our school was represented by Meg Jacka, Sascha Griffith and Ayesha Elkhishin who came along to the morning ANZAC service in Hurstbridge. During the service they laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



COUNSELLING SERVICE

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have been working towards having a student counsellor onsite to provide counselling and guidance to students.

I met with Jessica Brown this week and everything is now in place for her to start with us next **Friday the 7th May**.

She has qualifications in both counselling and primary teaching. Jess can provide support for the following issues:

- Depression
- Interpersonal issues/social difficulties/friendship issues
- Anxiety/stress
- Trauma
- Emotional and behavioural issues
- School refusal
- Grief

Individual counselling/psychotherapy fees are \$120 for 50 minute sessions. Outlook Matters will charge families directly.

If you are interested in making use of this service, please call me (Kylie) for a chat and I will organise to put you in touch with Jess and give you further information.



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

OPEN EVENING

On **Monday the 17th May**, we will be having a return of the incredibly popular incursion that we had some years ago—planks. This is a construction incursion where students are given the opportunity to create structures with planks of wood. All grades will be engaging in the activity during the day. In the evening we will be inviting parents to join in the fun with their children. Please save the date and watch for further details. The school website has a video from our previous incursion which will give you an idea of the impending fun!

<http://www.pantonhill.vic.edu.au/classroom-news/>

MOTHERS DAY STALL



Our Mother's Day stall will be held next **Thursday the 6th May**. Thankyou to Naomi Friede from the Grade 5 fundraising group for organising the stall with lots of interesting goodies on offer. We have a \$7.00 per student limit. It would be helpful if students could bring along a carry bag to hide their goodies in.

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The ASSO is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general. Students from Year 4 to 6, at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file.

Value Award Winners



**Xzavier Nicholls, Tane Yalden, Hamish
Newton-Dinning & Seth Stein**

This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 26 April to Friday 11 June. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

NEW COMMUNICATION PLATFORM



The school has now committed to changing our communication tool from Skoolbag to Xuno. A welcome letter will be emailed to parents, welcoming you to our new platform, with instructions on how to use this new tool. Xuno has many features which were not provided for in Skoolbag including attendance marking, online payments etc. We will introduce each feature gradually and will start with messages. We will be sending all messages through Xuno and disabling the Skoolbag app as soon as the welcome email has been sent.

We believe that Xuno will be a vast improvement. Thankyou to School Council for guiding the decision, in particular Aaron Cody who spent time over the school holidays meeting with representatives from Xuno and Compass to check out the technical, back end side.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Please be aware that our school grounds are unsupervised until 8:45. We advise that you do not drop your children to school before this time.

UNWELL ADULTS

We are so pleased to have all of our parents and community members back onsite and it is great to walk into classrooms and have parents helpers involved in the classes.

We do ask that if you are unwell, that you please restrict time spent at school. State-wide it has been noted that student absences due to illness have increased in 2021 and we would like to do everything possible to keep our PHPS students healthy and well.

150TH CELEBRATION

We have a little booklet which was created for the school's 125th celebration which documents the school's history. Unfortunately it is quite a dry read and needs 25 years of updating!

We are fortunate enough to have one of our parents, Marg Bozik with a background in journalism and a skill for writing. She is keen to take on the large task of updating our booklet. Marg has already started in this process. She met with Hayley James this week to hear all about the James/Motschall generations' long association with PHPS.

Marg would love to work with a group of interested parents on this project. If you would like to contribute, please let us know at the office.

DISCO TIME

Arrangements are well and truly underway for our whole school disco, which will be held on **Friday the 4th June** across the road in the hall. This will be for Panton Hill students only – no friends or siblings. Our Prep fundraising team have engaged a company to run the disco. We will be having the disco in two parts – the Prep -2's from 4:45 – 6:15pm and the 3-6's from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for details. Tickets are available from the office.

Be sure to save the date and get the dancing shoes ready.

APPLES ARE BACK

On Monday we will have 10 bags of new season Gala apples delivered to the school. The apples are delicious at the moment so get in quick.

KIDS' HELPLINE

Today the grade 2/3's participated in their second Webex session with Kids' Helpline. The topics we have covered have been Friendship and Resilience.

Today we learnt when faced with a problem to:

- 1 Firstly, Identify the problem
2. Then think of options that we could use
3. Finally, and the most important step,keep trying until something works.

If of course all these things fail, then you turn to a trusted adult.

It was wonderful to see most of the information presented, is already being supported at school with our Bounce Back and our Respectful Relationship Programs. Our class Circle Time, which is a valuable brainstorming activity to resolve issues, also allows the opportunity for students to anonymously have any problems addressed, with suggested solutions from the rest of the grade. All students participated enthusiastically, especially with the games!

By Anne Howard

THE CIRCUS INCURSION

On Tuesday 27th April, the whole school went to a marvelous incursion in the hall run by Mr. Marvel. He showed us all kinds of amazing tricks, like juggling and unicycling. There were also magic tricks. One crazy magic trick he did was where he picked up a table by its cloth, and made it levitate as if it was as light as air. People also got picked to come up on stage and help with his performance.

Each grade got a spectacular opportunity to try magic tricks with Mr. Marvel himself. From plate spinning and juggling sticks to diabolo spinning and hula-hooping; everything was fantastic.

Overall, everyone had an amazing time doing this experience, and we would like to thank Dave (Mr. Marvel) for the opportunity to see his amazing show. We all loved taking part.

By Archie and Edward (Grade 5)





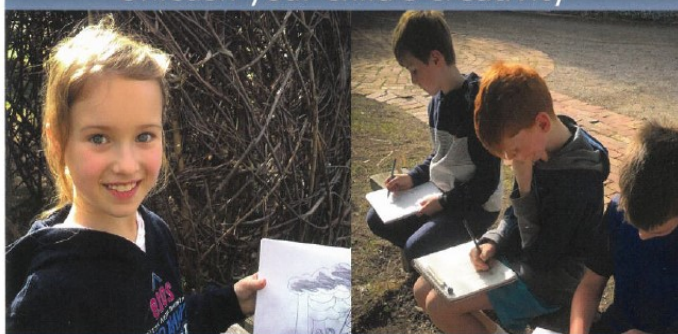
Community Notices

MayArt
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Art for Kids



Unleash your child's creativity



Book now:

Phone: 0407 708 759

Email: lisamayartist@gmail.com

Lisa May is a Hurstbridge based artist and teacher. She is passionate about art and working with children. Lisa guides kids through the process of creating a piece of art in a supportive, relaxed environment.

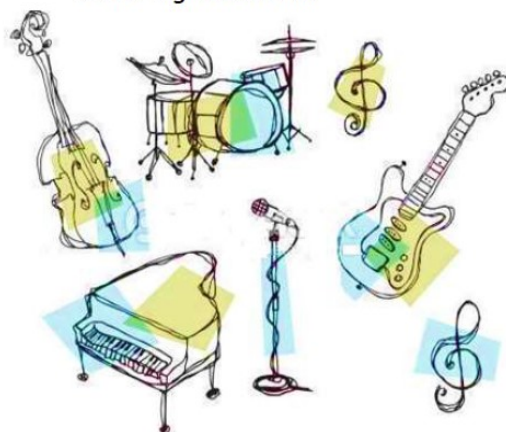
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- Lessons at school during school hours.
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- Band program.

To see which instruments are available at your school contact Ewan at lpcmusicaustralia@gmail.com or on 0408 197 884.

To enrol go to www.lpcmusicaustralia.com.au

PANTON HILL TENNIS CLUB IS BACK IN ACTION

A SMASH HIT FOR LITTLE LEGENDS

Our ANZ HOT SHOTS is Tennis for Kids, our entry level program is designed with smaller racquets, softer tennis balls and lower nets

to make learning easy & fun AGES: 4-12 years



TEENS TENNIS

All abilities great chance to let off some steam, get active, socialize with friends AGES: 12-17 years

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL



SIGN UP NOW

Wendy 0418 539 740





PHPS CIRCUS INCURSION

Statement of Commitment PHPS is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support



Panton Hill Primary School

DISCO

Run by children's entertainers 'Bop Till You Drop'

Friday 4th of June

Panton Hill Hall

4:45-6:15 Preps - grades 2

6:30-8:00 grades 3 - 6

Tickets \$10 each

Includes refreshments, games and glow sticks

Bring along a gold coin if you would like your face painted

Parents are invited to stay in a separate parent zone during
the disco

(byo snacks and nibbles)

Children to remain inside the hall until an adult arrives to
collect them.



please return to office to collect ticket

students names & grades _____

number of tickets _____

Payment options: Cash to office

Direct deposit: Acc name: Panton Hill Primary School Council Account

BSB: 063 222 Acc Number: 00901713

Credit Card: Card holders name _____

Card number: _____ Expiry: _____ CCV: _____