

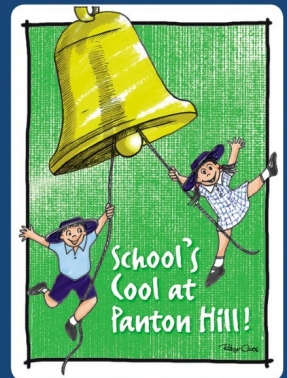


*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September, 2022

Term 3: Week 10



DIARY DATES

Term 3

Friday 16th September

Football dress up day
Gold coin donation
Assembly 2.10pm
Early dismissal 2.30pm

Term 4—Monday 3rd Oct.

Thursday 6th October

Bike Ed Grd 5 & 6

Friday 7th October

Interschool Sports

Tuesday 11th October

Interrelate Grd 5 & 6

Regional Hooptime

Wednesday 12th October

Regional Athletics

Wednesday 19th October

ACMI excursion Grd 3 & 4

Monday 14th November

David Skinner Dancing

Wednesday 16th November

Leadership Day

Principal's Report

This week I have had the privilege of being able to walk through our classrooms and see the students still fully engaged in really rich and stimulating learning. It occurred to me that we are so lucky here at PHPS to have such dedicated staff who have not taken their foot off the pedal at all throughout this term. I cannot overstate enough the importance of having our students attend absolutely every minute they are well enough to, so as not to miss out on anything.



We were really pleased to see this hard work being reflected in our NAPLAN results. Our focus over the last two years has been on teaching and learning of reading in particular. We were thrilled to see that 71% of our students in both grade 3 and 5 were in the top two bands, above similar schools.

We also have some sporting success to celebrate and some students to cheer on in early term 4. We were so excited to hear of Aussie Borthwick's success at the Division Athletics competition where he came a comfortable first in the 1500 metres. Aussie will now go on to represent PHPS and the Sugarloaf Division in the Regional Athletics competition on the 12th of October. Well done Aussie!!!

We are also very proud of our Future Stars basketball team who won the final at the recent Hooptime competition. They will now go on to compete on the 11th October at the next level. Well done and good luck to our team: Omar Elkhishin, Thomas Barrett, Xzavier Nicholls, Henry Brown, Neve Donald, Heidi George, Alexandra Bates, Jango Moynihan.

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And then there is Maddie Gyngell who will be competing in the Australian 10 Pin Bowling Championships these holidays in Toowoomba, Queensland. Maddi is in the U21 team with people from all over Victoria. The competition will run for five days. If her team is successful, they will head into the Masters. We wish her and her team, all the best and we are so impressed she has made it this far. We look forward to hearing how Maddi went. Good luck!

What a talented group of students we have. We are lucky enough here to be surrounded every day by the beautiful artwork that is produced in the artroom.

We have included a picture or two of some of the work from our Grade 2 & 3's who have been focusing on foregrounds and backgrounds, using food dye, watercolour pencils and collage, resulting in some gorgeous spring themed artworks.



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

All of the grades will have sent home their Term 4 classroom newsletters via Xuno earlier this week. These are a great overview of the term, including any costs or permissions required. The Xuno calendar is also a good spot to check upcoming dates and events.

DROP OFF TIME

We have been noticing that we are starting to have some students dropped at school quite early in the mornings. Our yard is not supervised by a teacher until 8:45am. Before this time students should either be at Before School Care or supervised in our yard by their parents/guardians until a teacher is on duty.



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

You may recall that during this term we sent out an expression of interest to parents to capture the amount of interest in PHPS providing a holiday program. We had significant enough interest to warrant applying for a grant and have just been informed that our application was successful! We will now go through a process of seeking expressions of interests for providers and are aiming to start with holiday programs in the break following first term next year.

EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN DRILL

Last week, as part of our Safety Week, we conducted our annual lockdown drill. It was pleasing to see how efficiently we went into lockdown. The drill lasted less than ten minutes and then it was back to work. The students were prepared for the lockdown and had it explained that the purpose could be anything from a kangaroo in the building (Russell Smith's experience at a previous school) or a stranger onsite. Students were also given the chance to discuss the procedure afterwards.

COVID-19 ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED

Any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID-19 must now isolate for a minimum of 5 days instead of 7. If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day 6. If they are symptomatic, they must remain in isolation until day 7. If they have symptoms after 7 days, they are strongly advised to stay home until their symptoms have resolved.

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As an additional risk mitigation, the Department of Health strongly recommends that those leaving isolation wear a face mask when away from home, both indoors and outdoors, and when they cannot physically distance. Those leaving isolation on day 6 should wear a mask for 5 days but particularly the first 2 days. Those leaving isolation on day 7 should wear a mask for 4 days but particularly the first 2 days.

Those leaving isolation should consider taking a rapid antigen test before attending school. Tests will be sent home with students today.

FOOTY/FUNDRAISING DAY

Today, we have had footy colours everywhere and have really enjoyed the opportunity to wander across the road to the oval and participate in footy activities, led by the Panton Hill Football Club. Thankyou to Ryan Borthwick and Chris Cahir for organising the activities for us.

Thanks to everyone for bringing along their gold coin donation. Our School Vice Captain—Harrison Cahir put the suggestion forward to the Junior School Council that we raise money for Chromosome 15q Duplication Syndrome (Dup15q) which is a rare genetic condition which results from duplications of chromosome 15q 11.2-13.1. Diagnosis is only by Genetic testing. In most cases, testing reveals a 47th chromosome made up of one or two "extra bits" of chromosome 15q. The syndrome may be hereditary or de novo (new or spontaneous). Estimates of population affected by the syndrome range from 1 in 20,000 to as high as 1 in 5,000. Dup15q is one of the leading genetic causes of Autism Syndrome Disorder (ASD) with up to 3% of ASD sufferers diagnosed with the condition. Today we raised \$162.80.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

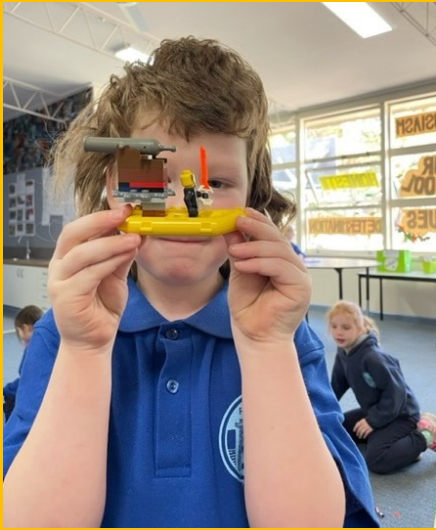
We hope that everyone has a great Term 3 break. Fingers crossed for some sunny weather. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday the 3rd October, ready for a term full of adventures and learning. Thanks to our fabulous PHPS community for the amazing ongoing support you provide our learners.

APPLES ARE BACK

Apples will be back in Term 4. Each week we will have 10 bags of new season apples delivered to the school. The apples are wax free and delicious so get in quick. \$7.00 per bag.



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Emergency Planning Drop-in Session

Pop in for a cuppa and chat to CFA and Council about planning for emergencies such as storms, bushfires and heatwaves.

When: Monday 19 September, 2pm – 5pm

Where: Hurstbridge Community Hub, 50 Graysharps Road Hurstbridge

These sessions are a great opportunity for people with disability, older people or paid or unpaid carers to plan for their individual circumstances.

No booking required, just drop in for a free cuppa and chat with us about your emergency plan.

For more information, to discuss access needs or to request resources in an alternative format, call our Emergency Management team on 9433 3160 or email emergency.management@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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FIRST** Preparing for
bushfire together


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The Green Wedge Shire

**4PM WEDNESDAY
14TH SEPTEMBER
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GIRL
CAN**

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SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS
PROGRAM**

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9433 3744
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Eltham

Pottery for kids

21 Sep 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm
\$35

LEGO building

19 Sep 10.30am - 12.00pm &
12.30pm - 2pm \$35

Panton Hill

Drama for Kids

27 Sep 9.30am - 12pm \$25

Diamond Creek

Nature Journaling

21 Sep 11am - 12.30pm \$25
28 Sep 11am - 12.30pm \$25



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**2022/23
SEASON
LAUNCH**



COME CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF SENIOR & JUNIOR CRICKET
AT PANTON HILL!
SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022
12PM - AE CRACKNELL RESERVE

A BBQ WILL BE PROVIDED & BAR OPEN!

THIS WILL BE A FUN DAY FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
WITH FAMILIES OF ALL AGES WELCOME!

**UNVEILING OF OUR
SENIOR CAPTAINS,
JUNIOR COACHES & A
TALK WITH OUR
SEASON SPONSORS.**

**Panton Hill
Primary
School
Playgroup**

Painting
Arts & Crafts
Sensory Activities
Games
Toys
Pretend Play
Messy Play
Library
Outdoor play



Bring your little one
along to socialise,
explore, experiment &
play at our relaxed
community playgroup.
Spend some quality
time with your mini
while you fill your cup
chatting with other
grown ups. All welcome!

**Wednesdays
9:30-11:00**
Panton Hill Primary
School
in the music room

For more information contact Megan King on 0413 174 415



Hello Everyone!

Next week at OSHC we will be looking at the season of Winter and what it means to us on the hill. We will be making igloos with marshmallows, making crystal snowflakes, lots of Winter themed art and of course, drinking hot chocolates to keep ourselves warm or even some lovely hot soup.

Even though it is really cold outside, we will still be running our outdoor games.

The following week, two of our older children have put in a request to "do" The Magic Faraway Tree, by Enid Blyton. I suggested building a Magic Faraway Tree for the OSHC room and they became very excited at the prospect of building a Magic Faraway Tree. This will be interesting~! 😊

(Phone): 1300 072 410

Take Care and stay warm and safe!

Register and make bookings at: www.theircare.com.au

Kind Regards, Ella

(Email): info@theircare.com.au

Our weekly menu follows Nutrition Australia's guidelines and is created with the children and parents. All cultural needs are considered and any dietary requirements are to be discussed with program coordinator.

Before school care meals include a selection of cereals, whole-meal bread, fruit and milk. We offer special days such as pancakes and toasties. We also offer take away coffee or tea for all our parents.



About the program

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Pantom Hill Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees-	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	6:45am – 8:45am	\$18.00	\$2.70 - \$18.00	\$5.04
After School Care	3:20pm - 6:00pm	\$26.00	\$3.90 - \$26.00	\$7.28
Pupil Free Day	6:45am – 6:00pm	\$60.00	\$9.00 - \$60.00	\$16.80
Late Booking	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0419 179 948 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs
^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located



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