

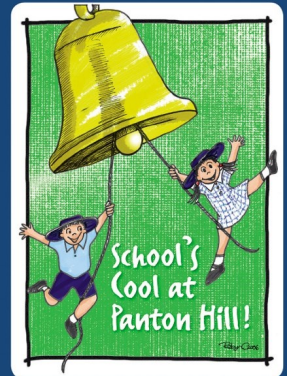


*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October, 2022

Term 4: Week 3



## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 24th October**

Gr 5 online museum excursion

### **Wednesday 26th October**

Gr 5 online Deadly Science master-class excursion

Prep Information Evening for 2023 preps - 7pm

### **Friday 28th October**

2023 Prep Transition

### **Monday 31st October**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

### **Tuesday 1st November**

**MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY**

### **Wednesday 2nd November**

PGL Adventure Camp

### **Saturday 5th November**

Panton Hill Night on the Hill Community Event

### **Thursday 10th November**

Bike ride Grd 5 & 6

### **Friday 11th November**

Working Bee—2:30-4:30

### **Monday 14th November**

David Skinner Dancing

### **Wednesday 16th November**

Leadership Day

### **Tuesday 6th December**

School Concert

### **Monday 12th December**

Gr 6 Graduation night

### **Friday 16th December**

Latrobe Uni excursion

### **Tuesday 20th December**

Last day of term 4

Early finish 1.30pm

## **Principal's Report**

Whilst we have a very busy schedule for this term, we are also well into the process of planning for 2023. One of the exciting additions to what we are offering our community next year is the provision of a holiday program to run in school holidays, starting after Term 1 2023. We are able to offer this after having been successful in obtaining a government grant to establish the service. Our hope is that at the conclusion of the two year subsidised program, it will have built to the point where we can continue to provide it independently of the grant.

On Monday we had our second last School Council meeting for the year. We had Steve Baldock from Theircare join our meeting to discuss their Expression Of Interest to manage the holiday program. Following his presentation, School Council approved Theircare as the provider. We will be sure to let everyone know when we are up and running and what you need to do to register.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

After having discussed and voted on the holiday program provider we went on to discuss our other agenda items which included:

- 2023 planning—details in this newsletter
- Parent Opinion Survey results: We have received preliminary results which were shared at our meeting. We only had 19 responses to the survey so we discussed the caution required with such a small data set. The results were generally very positive. Of course, we welcome parents feedback at any time.
- Buildings and Grounds: We discussed the plans that we are working towards for various areas in the yard. Of main focus was the area under the oak trees, outside the art room which some of our students have



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named Acorn Island. Our buildings and grounds sub committee are in the initial stages of planning to redevelop this area. Our Grade 2 students in particular have been involved in the discussions about what their vision is for the area ... and believe me, they have a very clear and detailed vision! We are working with their plans and hope to include many members of the community to contribute to this project. This will be a 2023 project.

## WORKING BEE



Speaking of all things buildings and grounds, we are organising our first working bee for three years! We have plenty of maintenance, weeding, general clean up around the school and would love to see as many volunteers as possible helping us out. Our working bee will be held on **Friday the 11th November from 2:30-4:30pm**. Please put the date aside—we will have some sausages on the BBQ for all hungry working bee participants to enjoy while admiring the hard work, before heading home.

## SPORTING SUCCESS



We have quite a bit to be proud of in sport lately. Congratulations to Aussie Borthwick who competed in the Region Athletics on a very rainy Wednesday morning. Aussie was competing in the 1500 metres and finished a very close fourth—well done Aussie, amazing effort!

Our Grade 3 Hooptime team also put in a huge effort when competing in the Regional Hooptime competition. They came home exhausted after playing 7 games throughout the day. They made it to the semi finals where their journey ended. What a team!

And congratulations also go to Maddie Gygell who is a skilled ten pin bowler. Over the holidays she travelled to Queensland where she competed in a National Ten Pin Bowling competition. Over 8 days, Maddie bowled in 31 games. She was very successful, coming away with three 1st places, two second places and a fourth! During the competition Maddie and her team mate beat a 13 year record in the doubles by a very impressive 114 pins. Well done Maddie.

## 2023 PLANNING

As mentioned, planning is well underway for 2023. Our enrolments continue to be strong with a current enrolment of 24 Preps for next year. We are still receiving enquiries for enrolments throughout other grade levels which makes it difficult to settle on a confirmed grade structure yet.

As our rural funding is reduced to 50% next year (it was at 75% this year) we will be running with six grades. This gives us the capacity to employ a teacher aide to help out part time in the junior years, which will be an enormous help. This will also allow us to employ our tutor for extra days other than what we have been allocated by DET. Again this is a priority for us given the effectiveness of the tutor program with Rose this year.

Unfortunately we will be farewelling both Jaimi Darwell and Russell Smith next year who will be returning to their base schools. Although we are very excited for Jaimi whose focus next year will be firmly on welcoming her first baby.

We have advertised and appointed a new teacher who will be joining us in 2023. We will be welcoming Callum O'Connor to our staff who some of you may know in his capacity as a Panton Hill Junior Cricket Coach. Callum has previously undertaken a teaching placement with us in Prep and also happens to be one of our past students.

When we have the information we need to decide on the grade structure we will let parents know and we will go through the grade placement process where the students will be asked by their teachers to nominate children they would like to be with in 2023.

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Conversations will be had regarding what makes a good learning friend and the students will be able to nominate those friends who support their learning and reduce distractions. During the process the teachers will ensure that every child is with at least one of these.

Parent considerations are also collected via email and considered during this process. Often parents have specific insights into student needs and this additional knowledge plays a significant part in how we structure our classes. These insights often include but are not limited to health, emotional or learning matters, peer or sibling relationships or changes in the home situation. Selecting a particular teacher does not fit within the realm of special circumstances. If parents want to provide extra personal information to be considered in the process we will be asking parents to please email the school office. Letters should be addressed to "The Principal" and a deadline will be provided.

Classroom teachers will consider where students will be best suited based on learning, behavioural and social needs and any relevant information they have gathered throughout the year. All of this information will then be used to develop the 2023 classes.



## SCHOOL CONCERT

Our school concert this year will be held on **Tuesday December 6th**, starting at **5:30pm**. We are really hoping that the weather will be kind to us and that we can hold it at the Panton Hill Memorial Park. Our back up plan is that we move to the hall if we need. We have been very fortunate to have ex parent and School Council President, Jason Ditcham give us a substantial community discount on the sound and equipment hire for our concert.

## 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.



*Here is a sneak peak of the Grade 6 graduation masks in the making. It will be exciting to see these masks come to life over the coming weeks.*



## REGIONAL HOOPTIME FINALS



Regional Hoop time Finals were on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October in Mill Park Stadium. The 8 grade 3/4s went and played 7 games against schools such as Marymede, Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Pines Pioneers. Unfortunately we didn't get past the semi-finals, but we had a really fun time. Thank you to the parents who came to support and drive us to the venue. Also a big thankyou to Mrs Jenes for helping train us before the finals.

*By Omar Elkhishin and Heidi George*



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## Value Award Winners

### Congratulations to:

*Maddy Gyngell,*

*Frank & Josie Weeding*







**NIGHT ON THE  
HILL**

**LIVE MUSIC • ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD TRUCKS**

**SATURDAY**

**November 5th**

**2.30 - 10 pm**

**free / all age / outdoor event**

**MUSIC LINE UP**

Nicky Bomba & Bustamento  
Jacob Fitzgerald & band  
Alamein Train  
Emily Hatton

**The Boogaloos & the Highway 41 Horns**  
**Community Spotlight**

Community Bank  
Hurstbridge

**Bendigo Bank**

Panton Hill Firefighters Memorial Park,  
Bishops Rd, Panton Hill.

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