

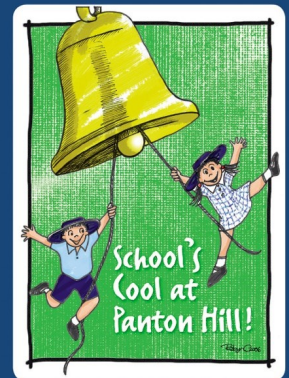


*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd February, 2023

Term 1: Week 1



DIARY DATES

Monday 6th February

Notice of School Council Election

Wednesday 8th February

Grade 3-6 leave for Sovereign Hill Camp

Prep testing

Friday 10th February

Campers return

Monday 13th February

Closing date for School Council nominations

Tuesday 14th February

Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 15th February

Prep testing

Thursday 16th February

Ash Wednesday Memorial

Friday 17th February

School captain and JSC elections

Monday 20th February

School Picnic

Friday 24th February

District Swimming

XUNO



Principal's Report

WELCOME TO THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to our new and existing students and families. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas, New Year and Summer break. We've been hearing lots of holiday stories from the students. Our staff at Panton Hill are excited about the year ahead which is already looking busy with lots of great learning opportunities planned. The staff had a very productive day last Friday and spent the day preparing for our 2023 students and their learning programs.

This week I have really enjoyed the opportunity to visit all of the classrooms, catch up on everyone's holiday news and see the students involved in settling into new classroom routines.

We are very happy to have two new staff members on board this year—both of whom have made an excellent start. Welcome to Callum O'Connor who is teaching the Grade 3/4's and to Kirsten Renouf who has been appointed as our teacher aide, helping in our prep class.

We are also very excited to welcome our newest and youngest Panton Hill Primary students, our Preps. They look the part in their crisp new uniforms and have made such a great start, under the expert guidance of Miss Brindley. Of course, we also welcome their families - we are very pleased to be sharing this amazing learning journey with you.

We welcome our Preps: Isla, Emmy, Grace, Willow C, Jack, Jeremy, Marigold, Patrick, Bonnie, Amelia, Paige, Willow H, Luca, Jacob, Annabelle, Jaxon. Gunner, Florence, Jasper, Daisy, Cedric, Monty, Toby and Bobby

We are also really pleased to welcome some new students and their families who have moved to PHPS this year. We welcome: William who has started in Grade 1 with Mrs Howard and Mrs Lingard and Mitchell who is in Grade 5 with Mrs Puls-Welsh.

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BOOK EXCHANGE

How great it was to have the time to find a quiet spot to get stuck into a good book. If you've been lucky enough to have done this and have a great book that you think other adults would enjoy, please remember our book borrowing boat, outside the sick bay. You're sure to find your next book here as well.



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

At the start of each year we schedule Parent Teacher meetings for parents to discuss and exchange information with the teachers. We will be having these interviews on **Tuesday 14th February** after school - starting at 3:30pm. They will be of ten minutes duration and are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Keep an eye out for a Xuno notification. Bookings will be made through Xuno.

IMPORTANT FORMS

Busy week for Xuno next week! We will also be sending home forms to be filled in to give permission for the following:

- Local excursions—eg: Bunjil Reserve, Library Bus., Hall etc.
- Head lice forms
- Permission to administer Stingose
- Photo permission



VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS

We will also be sending out our Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2023 on Xuno. We would normally send this out at the end of the previous year, but in recognition of the financial load on families at the end of last year, particularly our Grade 3-6 families with camp payments, we decided to hold off until the beginning of the year.

These voluntary payments are really vital for our school. They are used for:

- The purchase of library books
- Upgrading our IT equipment
- Building and grounds maintenance and improvements
- Offering a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences
- Adding to classroom libraries
- Replacing maths classroom resources—in line with our 2023 numeracy focus

A full explanation will be sent home with the payment request.

SCHOOL PICNIC—SAVE THE DATE

Every year, we love to organise a get together for our whole school community while the weather is still (hopefully) warm. This is a great opportunity for our school families to pull up a picnic rug, get together, share some food and join in with a few fun races etc. More details will follow, but for now, please put the **20th February** in your diaries.



DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our collective PHPS hearts and deepest sympathies go out to Toby Young and his family for the very sad passing of Toby's father Dean over the holidays. We know that this loss will be felt deeply.

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UNIFORMS

It seems that many of our kids have had big growth spurts and have busted out of their 2022 school uniform, resulting on a rush on the uniform shop. We are expecting our next order to arrive at the end of next week. Keep an eye out for a Xuno announcement when it arrives.

In the past we have opened the uniform shop at certain times and have had a parent run the uniform shop. We are finding that this doesn't always suit so if you need uniform, feel free to pop into the office when it suits and we will help you out.

BOOK ORDERS

For those families who have ordered their books this year, the final order is due to arrive early next week. We will pass the books onto the students as soon as they have arrived.

HAND DRYERS

Over the holidays we have had hand dryers installed in both the boys and girls toilets. This is to replace the hand towel. During the day we were finding that large amounts of paper were being left all over the floor and some students had difficulty using the dispensers. This was creating a hazard and wasting a large amount of paper. Currently the students will have the option for both paper and dryers. This will be phased out to just the hand dryers. Teachers will continue to discuss the importance of good hygiene in relation to this.

ART SMOCKS

A special request from Mrs Howard in the art room. If you haven't already supplied an art smock—or if the existing one is too small, could you please send one along for those delightfully messy art lessons!

There is no need for a commercial art smock, an old shirt with the sleeves rolled up or cut to size are absolutely fine.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Today your child will come home with a Scholastic Book Club order form. All orders need to be placed online at <http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/> by Friday 17th February and will be delivered to school the following week.



The Whittlesea Show was postponed from 2022 due to flooding and was held in January 2023. A number of Grade 4 and Grade 5 students (in 2022) entered pieces of writing in the show in the Education section of the show.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who entered. It can be a scary thing to put your writing on show for the public, but all the students who entered did a wonderful job.

Special congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes and/or certificates. Prize monies will be forwarded to the school by the end of February.

Esther Brown- second prize

Chloe Lemire- Very Highly Commended

Oliver Baner- third prize

Edward Barrett- Highly Commended

Leah Cody- fourth prize

Jasper Tregenza- Commended

Justine Puls-Welsh

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If you have any queries about registering or using their ordering system please contact Book Club Help on 1800 021 233 or the school office.

Orders for this issue must be placed and paid for online by:

Friday 17th January

Please note that books will be available for pick up from the school approx. 1 week later

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ROTARY eltham FESTIVAL

Gold coin donation
appreciated at entry

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5
March 2023
Alistair Knox Park

Celebrating Community – Supporting Local

Rock Wall Animal Farm Main Stage Fireworks Busker's Tent

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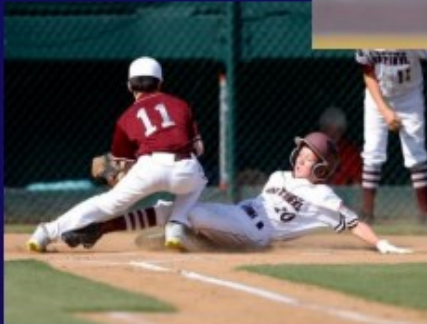


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Diamond Creek Baseball Club

JUNIOR CLINIC



Free!!!
Includes a
Devils Cap

3 Week Program
Saturdays - March 4th, 11th, & 18th
10am – 11am
@ Campbell Street Reserve

**Boys &
Girls
Ages 5-16**

**All skill levels welcomed,
no experience required.**

All equipment provided

Register @ dcbc.com.au
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