



*A Rich Past,
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th February, 2023
Term 1: Week 3



DIARY DATES

Friday 17th February

School captain and JSC elections

Monday 20th February

School Picnic

Friday 24th February

District Swimming

Thursday 2nd March

Music Therapy starts

Friday 3rd March

Clean up day for PHPS

Monday 6th March

School Council meeting

Thursday 9th March

Grd 6 Leadership Day



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Principal's Report

This last week has held some really proud moments for me. We had two stand out events where our students displayed outstanding behaviour, support for others and kindness.

Our Grade 3-6 campers headed for the goldfields last Wednesday and fully immersed themselves in the lifestyle of the 1850's. I will leave the detailed account to our students but I particularly wanted to point out the accounts of how supportive of each other our students were and how caring they were. Whether that was when they were supporting each child's efforts at the 'talent show' or simply recognising when one of their schoolmates were a little wobbly and putting a gentle arm around them with kind words.

We often get comments from staff at camps and excursions about how enjoyable it is to spend time with our students and this camp was no exception.

So, I would like to say a huge thankyou to our fabulous PHPS students. I would also really like to thank our parent helpers who were a fantastic support for our students and teachers. Thanks to Shai Spark, Matt Williams, Scott McAuliffe and Briony Kane—a great team!

Of course, to our teachers, Mr Hurst who was responsible for the bulk of the organisation of the camp, Mrs Puls-Welsh, Miss Payne and Mr O'Connor. It was impressive to see the degree of care that was bestowed upon our campers.

Unfortunately Mrs Puls-Welsh was so enthusiastic about her medical role that she thought she'd have a go at a decent injury herself, resulting in an early exit from the camp. We are pleased to let you know that she is taking good care of her leg and will hopefully be back with us towards the end of next week.

We arrived home with some very tired campers with plenty of tales to tell.



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The other event where our students displayed great behaviour was the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Ash Wednesday which of course is a very significant event for our community with the loss of five of our firefighters.

Our whole school attended the service yesterday with Ella James, Oliver James and Jasper Tregenza ringing the bell and laying wreaths.

We were all sheltering in the shade of the trees at the top of the hill which made it difficult to hear properly, but our students who were all aware of the importance, were respectful of the occasion and perfectly behaved.

We have requested the speech that was given that gave some background to our five firefighters which we will be sure to share with the students.



ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We are so excited to be offering a holiday program this year, starting in the next school holidays. The program will be delivered through Theircare with Ella co-ordinating it. We are pleased that our students will have a familiar face and environment to come to. This was locked in through a grant opportunity and is funded for two years. We are hoping that it will be well attended, enough that we will be able to continue the program. More information will be coming home in the next few weeks regarding what is being offered and registration arrangements.

FAREWELL TO MRS ZOBEL

Our fabulous Italian teacher, Mrs Zobel has chosen to reduce her working days (she also works at Doreen Primary School) and subsequently will be finishing up with us next week. We would like to thank Mrs Zobel so much for her time spent working with our PHPS students—the lessons have always been engaging and creative and very much enjoyed. Mrs Zobel has very kindly been seeing us through until we could appoint her replacement. We are really happy to welcome a new Italian teacher, Ms McLaughlin to PHPS in two weeks time.



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.

Monday 20th February 5:00 PM	SCHOOL OVAL BYO Picnic Rug and food
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THIS IS A GREAT EVENT TO GET TOGETHER WITH OUR PHPS COMMUNITY.
WE WILL HAVE SOME NOVELTY RACES AT APPROXIMATELY 6PM.
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Today our Grades 2-6 students participated in the selection process for Junior School Council positions.

Those students who were keen to put their hands up for JSC, put their thoughts down about how they could help to continue to improve PHPS.

Following a suggestion from our students in previous years, we had the teachers read the speeches out so that they were anonymous – allowing the students to vote on the content as opposed to the person.

This year, we have a great group of student councillors:

Grade 2	Joshua Brown & Amelia Graham
Grade 3	Autumn Thompson & River Spark
Grade 4	Henry Brown & Neve Donald
Grade 5	Louis Brooks & Eswin Chapman
Grade 6	TBA

Our Grade 6's will be voting on both Junior School Council and School Captain and Vice Captain positions on Monday.

The students will be given their leadership badges on **Monday the 27th of February**.

VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS

The Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2023 are now appearing on Xuno for your consideration. 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 LUNCH ORDERS

The school lunch order menu purchased through the Smiths Gully store has recently been updated. Please note that they are no longer able to supply icy poles to the school due to health regulations and additional procedures. Also when placing an order, PLEASE make sure your child's name and grade (composite) is noted on the order. Fried food will only be delivered on the last Friday of the month.



Value Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Angus George

Three logos are displayed: Woolworths NetSetGo, the Panton Hill Football Netball Club crest, and the Nab Auskick logo.

CALLING ALL 5-12 YEAR OLDS

Registrations are now open for Auskick & NetSetGo at Panton Hill in 2023

Auskick
Dates: Saturdays April 22 – July 29
Time: 8.30 – 9.30am
Location: Panton Hill Oval

Go to play.afl/play/auskick to register

NetSetGo
Dates: Monday February 27
Time: 4.30-5.30
Location: Kangaroo Ground Primary School

For all netball queries email redbacksnetsballcommittee@gmail.com

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SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP RECOUNTS

All the morning sped by. Out of the house, car, bags, hi, yes. I can't say the bus ride had the same tempo. The bus was even louder than the drop off though. Everyone yelling songs at the top of their lungs. Looking out the window at the landscape, it was amazing how it went from flat suburbs to dramatic hills. The singing was like bad karaoke, I could already tell this would be an amazing trip, the journey however was already over.

Stepping off the bus I think we were all eager to see our cabins and take a look around... after we used the bathroom. We then took a look around the amazing recreation of what was 1854 Sovereign Hill. There were stores and interactive places to be, such as the river full of gold. We went on an amazing tour of an old gold mine. We saw the confectionery store, then it was time for dinner. Once we finished eating we went back to our cabins. We brushed our teeth and went to sleep.

The morning of the second day I woke up fully energised. I couldn't say the same for some of the other boys in our cabin. Django didn't sleep well, and he kept Jasper up all night. I had just the thing... Lollies! Such a great idea for breakfast, I know. Sour patch for you, party mix for you and more sour patch for you. Then I brushed my teeth, and I rushed out for breakfast. I don't know why I went so fast. They made minty toast, I wonder why they made minty toast. Then we went back to our cabins. I brushed my teeth again. Not sure why I did that, it kind of passed the time I guess. We were all really excited for our first day at the costumed school!

Ooooo, here we go^{1,2,3,4} Mr O'Connor counted us. I was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist School. We all lined up outside a building. There were three teachers standing in front of us. A tall man with a kind and two angry looking ladies all of them in old fashioned attire. We were lined up in height order, so I was at the back. "SILENCE" our teacher instructed. She was one of the angry looking ladies. She seemed even angrier now. "Follow me children", she blabbed on alot. I will be the first (of many) to admit I zoned out when she was talking. We eventually got to a changing room where we got changed into our outfits, they were really cool! When we left the room we all looked like 1850 students! As did almost everyone else, almost. Nash looked like a hippy. He wasn't in my group though. We headed toward school which was also a church. We were part of a living museum, our teacher told us. On the first school day we learnt our 12 times tables, some of us were given a job. After we did all our school we headed back to our cabins and had a quick Dinner. We could all tell some of us were getting homesick. I think most of us thought everything would be alright after the pantomime. Everyone was getting involved! Laughing, doing actions. It was so fun I can't even remember what it was about.

On the morning of the third day I woke up, all of us were looking forward to going home. I brushed my teeth and enjoyed my minty toast. We headed to the changing room, the teacher yelling the whole way. When we got to school we nailed our times tables and we were told that a very special a figure was coming, the Vicor. We were told if we sang well and got all our and got all our times tables right he might make a donation. So when he came we were all on our best behaviour. He made a big donation of 30 shillings or two pounds. So Archie, our bell monitor, could get a real bell! Our teacher gave us a tour of the town. She showed us an average dwelling on the gold fields, the butcher and the river with gold in it. We had a tour of a new mine then returned to school. Omar was given the Wesleyan medallion and we were dismissed for the last time. We changed into our normal clothes, loaded our bags onto the bus and got on.

Bye Sovereign Hill. It was quite sad leaving, but I couldn't wait to see my parents again. I really enjoyed Sovereign Hill, I couldn't have asked for anything better for my last camp. I am grateful to all the teachers and parents for making camp so much fun. I will remember Sovereign Hill fondly for a long time to come.
By Huw

Sovereign Hill Ballarat, 2023
Wednesday 8th Feb, By lacey.

At nine fifteen, the bus left. We arrived at Sovereign Hill at eleven thirty and collected our bags from the bus. We got sorted into our groups for the schools shortly after. All of our things were sorted into the downstairs cabins.

Our first activity was a mine tour. We used a tram to access the mine! It was pitch black for 90 seconds. In the mine there were a lot of wooden beams that they used to hold the mine up in 1854.

At around lunch time we began walking around the main street and we spent some of our money. I bought raspberry drops for eight dollars and 50 cents, and I also made a candle for 5 dollars. We also went bowling but Aspen, Elsie and I just sat on the bench because it was hot that day. After bowling we went to the rotunda and ate lunch. When everyone had finished eating, we went gold panning. I was doing it with Ayesha but I didn't find any gold. She found a lot though.

Just before dinner we had some cabin time, to set up all of our stuff. We put our sheets on the bed we wanted, and headed to dinner. For dinner, we had rice with a slice for dessert. Once everyone finished eating we went to the trivia/ talent night. Our table wasn't very good at trivia but the talent show was fun. The best part was Mavid Datenbra obviously. After the talent show we all got biscuits on our way back up to the cabins. Once we were set up we got into bed and some people had showers.

In the morning, we had the costume schools, so we went into the changing rooms to put on our clothes. I got a grey dress and a blue hat that was way too small but I wore it anyway. In the classroom, we were assigned desks with shelves underneath, and we wrote s's on a blackboard with chalk. At morning tea we sat in the shade and ate because it was hot that day.

After school we had dinner. It was pasta and for dessert we had a slice. Once we finished eating we went to a pantomime. We sat on the side of the room and I sat next to Lilly. It was called Blackbeard the pirate.

Day 3 the last day.

I had to quickly plait Aspen's hair again because we had school. Once everyone in our group had got changed, we walked over to the classroom and started the day. We had a doctor come, it was really funny. At morning tea, we had bread rolls again. After lunch we used ink to write in cursive. We had to write 12 pennies make one shilling. But after that we could write whatever we wanted. After school we had lunch in the cafeteria again. We had salad rolls. Just after the school day, we got on the bus and headed back to school. On the bus trip back, we drew on sticky notes and stuck them on our face. Once we were back at school we took a lot of photos and videos before we went home.

Overall, Sovereign Hill camp was really fun and I would go again. My favourite part was writing with ink and fountain pens and the mine tour!



Camp

"Mum!!! Where are my shoes," I screamed. Today was the day of camp, but I had a bit of a problem. I couldn't find my shoes anywhere. I looked up and down, I looked everywhere. Finally, I found my shoes, my brother hid them from me. I put on my shoes and walked out the door.

When I got to school, I chucked my bag over the fence, then went to go find my friends. After I found Eddy and Cody, I started to look for the other boys. I eventually found Django, Jake and Jasper. Then I found Angus, Nash and Huw. About ten to fifteen minutes later, we had to line up.

"2, 4, 6, 8", Mr Hurst counted us onto the bus in two's. Oli and I went straight to the back of the bus. The bus ride was ok but I had a bit of a problem. I needed to go to the toilet. We got off the bus, and said our goodbyes and thankyous to our bus driver.

Mr Hurst said to everybody that this was their chance to go to the toilet. After I went to the toilet, Mr Hurst told us the groups. I was in a group with some of my friends and Mr Hurst. Mr Hurst said we needed to get a move on, because we had to get to a mine tour.

Five minutes later, we were ready to go down into the mines. The mine tour lady showed us where to go. It was really great. Next we were going to walk down the road to see the horses. We kept walking UNTIL, we came across the LOLLY SHOP. I walked in and I knew what I wanted. I came out of the shop with a jar of raspberry drops and a giant lollipop. Mr Hurst told us that we were allowed to go to our cabins.

Mr Hurst opened the door for us and I was amazed. Our cabin was really awesome. We walked in and the first thing I said was "I love this cabin," It had a mini fridge, two single beds, a bunk bed, a porch, a shower and a toilet and the last thing, a TV. But the TV didn't work. Mr Hurst said that dinner was in ten minutes.

Dinner wasn't the best but it was ok. We had butter chicken. We had a hedgehog slice for dessert. We walked up to our cabins, got Mr Hurst to unlock the door with the keycard. Mr Hurst said that we had about an hour till it was time for Mr O'connor's trivia and the talent show. We were going to do wheelbarrow racing.

We went down to a building and got ourselves ready to do the trivia. We each got a piece of paper and we had to write down our team name which was the cornflakes. (That was Esther's idea not mine). We came fourth in a tie. Then we had to do the talent show. It was really funny. After all that, we got to have a cookie. It was delicious, it was also choc chip. We started to walk up to the cabins.

Once we got up there, it was the usual, Mr Hurst would open the door for us and we would relax until nine o'clock. I ate a few of my raspberry drops and then tried to get to sleep but it wouldn't work. But eventually, I did.

The next day, we had to go meet our Ragged school teacher. There were two important rules. Number one was we had to call our teacher sir all the time, and number two was that we could not speak unless spoken to. The school day was nice, we did handwriting. We were just about to go to the change room. After we got undressed, we headed back up to the cabins.

Once we got up to the cabins, I just sat down for a little bit. Next thing you know, Miss Payne walks in telling us it's time for dinner. Once we got to the cafe, we sat down and waited for dinner. We got pasta, it was very good.

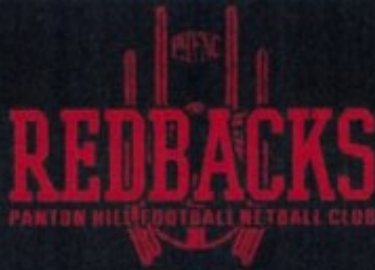
It was time for the Pantomime. When we got to the stage bit of the theatre, we all sat down and waited for the show. At one point there was a guy cleaning and showing us everything. The next thing you know Blackbeard the pirate came and took a lady hostage. Then there was another really funny pirate. It was the best.

We were just about to go back up to the cabins with our cookies. I was really tired, and I just wanted to get to sleep. It was kind of hard to get to sleep, because I was a little bit homesick. But I finally got to sleep after a while.

Today was the last day of camp. It was so good. I wanted to stay in the cabin all day, but of course I had to go to school. It was pretty much the same day as yesterday except we got to use ink pens.

We were heading back up with our bags to put them in the bus to put them on the bus. We started to line up, like last time we got in pairs and yet again I got the back of the bus. The bus ride home was ok. When we got back, all the parents were waiting for their kids. The bad thing was that the power was out because a car ran into a power pole. Overall it was a pretty good camp.

By Aussie Borthwick



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If you live in or around St Andrews, come along to a **free community picnic** and talk through this scenario with Jamie Mackenzie from Red Flag Leadership:

- Test your thinking and reactions in an emergency scenario
- Understand your role and the role of emergency service agencies
- Learn tips for making decisions under stress
- Connect with your local community
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