

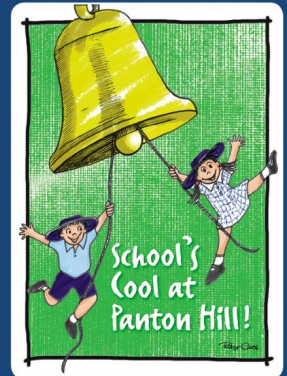


*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th December, 2022

Term 4: Week 11



## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 19th December**

Clean up day, camp meeting

### **Tuesday 20th December**

Xmas raffle drawn

Assembly 1pm

Farewell Grade 6's

Early finish 1.30pm

Grade 6 ring the bell

### **Friday 27th January**

Teachers start back

### **Monday 30th January**

Students start 2023 school year



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## **Principal's Report**

### **THANKYOU**

Graduation's done, it's very quiet in the school today as all of the grades are on their excursions, concert is done, the Christmas raffle prizes are being wrapped and the reports have been sent home. We are really wrapping up the 2022 school year! A year that has stood out from previous ones because it was uninterrupted by lockdowns! I must say that it has taken everyone a while to get back into the swing of full school terms, but the return to school routine, consistency and predictability has been just what we needed.

I would like to thank our fabulous PHPS community for the continuous support of our students in their learning journeys. To all of our parents who have helped out in a myriad of ways from fundraising, to parent helpers, to getting on the end of a shovel during our working bee, but most importantly for the strong partnership with the staff and for the supportive conversations with the students firmly at the centre. I would also like to thank our School Council for the great support, guidance and important conversations. They truly are a great representation of the parent body. A special thankyou to Megan King, our wonderfully committed and capable School Council president. We have a lot to thank Megan for, not just her leadership of the Council, but also for turning up every Wednesday morning as the Playgroup organiser, welcoming new young families to the area with warmth – and great activities. She would then be back at lunchtime with Charlie every Wednesday with huge containers of Lego and run Lego Club for our keen Lego builders.

Thanks to the backbone of our school – the teachers. We are so lucky to have such a cohesive staff of great educators who walk the talk of being lifelong learners themselves, are always open to investigating and improving practice and underpin every decision and interaction with caring and kindness. To the office staff, Deb and Leanne who have a huge job, incorporating so many factors – they really keep the school ticking over and do so with a smile and good grace. To Ella and Theircare for caring beautifully for our students before and after school and being their little home away from home. And of course, thankyou to Glenys for keeping our buildings and grounds looking neat and well maintained and Jo for keeping it spotlessly clean -and singing while he goes!

And what would our school be without our amazing PHPS students. Well done on completing the 2022 year. For working hard, trying your best and being kind and displaying our school values every day.

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## FAREWELL DEB

Sadly, we have a few farewells this year. Firstly, to Deb Anderson who has had a very long association with us here at PHPS which started when Deb and Ross chose PHPS as the school for their three daughters, Courtney, Lucinda and Bethany. It was during this time, in February 2000, when Deb was tapped on the shoulder to help out in an Education Support role as an Integration Aide in the classroom. Once this role was no longer needed, she was then asked to move into the office and work to support the Business Manager, initially helping out with newsletters etc. It wasn't long before this role grew into the full Business Manager role involving all aspects from answering phones to payments, fundraising, invoicing, budgets, looking after sick children in sick bay, teacher & principal support etc. etc. This is a really complex role which has people pulled in many directions. To complicate things even more, there was a time where Deb was working across both our school and Wattle Glen Primary as Business Manager—a huge undertaking!

We thank Deb for being the front face of PHPS for so many years, for the dedication that she has shown to our PHPS community, for her impressive ability to continually learn new aspects of an ever changing role and for the care, friendship and support that she has given families, students and staff over the years.

We wish Deb the happiest of a very well earned retirement. We know that she will be kept very busy with her four grandchildren and with her exciting plans for a seachange. We are rapt that we will still be seeing her regularly (no doubt looking refreshed and happy) as she occasionally does the school pick up and drop off for Salem.

## FAREWELL ALI

We are also farewelling our fabulous Integration Aide, Ali Sharma. Ali has worked as an Integration Aide over the past 3 years and has been an amazing support to all of our current Grade 6's. Some of our families will have got to know Ali during the lockdown periods when she was the constant support to those students who were here at school. Ali has been such an asset with a great skill set that we have all benefited from. She is responsible for many of the beautiful photos that you may have seen, the lockdown videos which are on our website and displays in the classrooms. An illustrator, published author, photographer and trained in education support—we really hit the jackpot and will be sad to see Ali go. Ali has moved onto a full time job at Donvale Christian College and will be completing her teacher training over the coming years.

We wish Ali all the best of luck.

## FAREWELL MRS DARWELL

And farewell to Jaimi Darwell who came to us this year from North Melbourne Primary School where she still holds a position. Jaimi has fitted into the PHPS culture beautifully and has provided a great year for our Grade Four students. Of course, Jaimi and her partner Sev have an incredibly exciting year coming up as they welcome their baby early in 2023. We have loved having you here at PHPS Jaimi and we wish you all the best.

## FAREWELL MR SMITH

It's also farewell to Russell Smith who came to us this year from Andersons Creek Primary School, where he will be resuming next year. Russell has guided our Grade 2's this year with a huge amount of experience, enthusiasm and energy. Thankyou for putting absolutely everything into your grade this year Russell. We loved being able to share the journey of Russell becoming a father for the second time as he, his wife Desiree and son Henry welcomed baby Amelie earlier this year. We know that we will be in touch Russell. Best of luck for 2023.

## FAREWELL MRS ZOBEL

And finally, unfortunately we are farewelling Diane Zobel. Di has been teaching Italian here at PHPS for the past 2 years. During this time she has been working between here and Doreen Primary School where she has had a long association. Di has chosen to cut her days down and will be working at Doreen for three days. Di has been a really creative and engaging Italian teacher. It has been fabulous seeing the great work that the students have produced under her instruction and lovely to enter the classroom and hear the students being immersed in the Italian language (although a little intimidating when I wasn't quite sure how to respond)! There is a chance that this is a bit of a premature farewell as Di has offered to tide us over in 2023 if we are still working on a replacement. Grazie e arriverderci Di.

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## *School Council President's Report*

What a year it has been! I have had the pleasure of being school council president, representing our school and getting to know the inner workings and I'm truly honoured.

I never thought after the last few years of lock downs I would ever get sick of making school lunch's again, just as long as the kids were out of the house but here we are at the end of our first full year of school in 3 years and I'm DONE with lunch box's.

It has been great getting to see all the kids happy, learning, playing and getting their social lives back, although for many children and adults alike it has been hard to say the least.

Which is why I would like to take a moment to say congratulations and thank you to each and every one of you reading this;

Thank you to the kids for coming to school every day, for their willingness to learn, for their kindness to one another and their amazing attitudes.

Thank you to parents who got their kids out the door every morning, for listening to readers and helping with home work, for supporting your kids to readjust to life outside of lock downs and through the end of year tiredness.

Thank you to the all the amazing parent helpers who helped with fundraising, excursions, camp, volunteering to wrap presents, helping in the class rooms, working bees and all the other odd jobs our school needs to run. You are amazing and we couldn't do it with out you!

Thank you to our wonderful teachers for educating our children, for loving them and supporting them through every thing. For listening to and answering the many concerns and questions us parents have and always reassuring us. For understanding that each one of your students learns differently and making your class fun and engaging for them. For never clocking off, I know you probably never leave on time and when you do you are still having thoughts and planning for your class and it really shows. You are all so appreciated and the difference you make in our children's lives is immeasurable.

Thank you to Leanne and Deb in the office, I didn't realise until becoming school council president that you 2 are doing the job of 20 and our little school wouldn't run with out you.

To Kylie, thank you for everything you do from individually knowing and loving every child in our school to finding grants, supporting our teachers and parents and putting together our amazing curriculum. You are truly an amazing person and I don't know how you do it all!

And finally congratulations to us all for finishing off 2022.....We did it!

I hope you all enjoy your break, see you next year for a fun filled 2023!

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## WELCOME MR. O'CONNOR

Callum O'Connor is an RMIT Master of Primary School Teaching graduate who returns to Panton Hill Primary School after graduating in 2007. Callum has stayed connected to our community as a junior cricket coach at the Panton Hill Cricket Club. Callum is looking forward to engaging with students to make them excited about doing their best.

## 2023 PARENT HELPER ROLES

In Term 1, 2023 we would like to invite any parents/guardians to consider taking on a role to help support the school. We will be looking for people to become our Uniform Shop co-ordinator, Scholastic co-ordinator and to take on the role of organising the Apple Stand. If you have a spare couple of hours per week, please contact the office to discuss any of these roles.



**PHPS**  
*Annual Christmas Raffle*  
*Drawn*  
**Tuesday 20th December**

We ask that each family donate an item to our annual Christmas Raffle.  
We hope to have lots of prizes to raffle at final assembly.

*Suggested items...*

Christmas goodies, wrapping, tinned food, soft drink, nuts, books, chocolates, decorations, small gifts or any other items would be appreciated.

*Please leave donations in the box outside the office.*

*Raffle tickets will be sent home soon!*

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To our Grade 6's—farewell. We loved sharing your graduation with you this week— Please come back and visit us and remember, you are always part of the PHPS family.

It is our tradition here at PHPS for the principal to write a poem for the Grade 6 Graduation. Here is a copy of this year's poem for and about our 2022 Grade 6's.

*Your primary years are done  
You've played, you've grown and you've learnt.  
It's been tricky, it's been busy and fun  
Achievements have been well earned.*

*We've watched you stick together  
Through the best times and the worst  
There's nothing that you can't weather  
If you've weathered the bad jokes of Mr Hurst*

*So let's celebrate this impressive group  
This group of twenty three  
Who'll spread their wings and fly the coup  
And discover what they can be.*

*We'll start with Mitchell Bates  
Who loves chickens and ants and lyrics  
And playing baseball with his mates  
Has an interest in theoretical physics!*

*Next on the roll is of course Hannah  
Loves her friends, is funny and smart  
Has a direct and open manner  
And produces beautiful Art.*

*Our vice captain Harrison Cahir  
Loves footy, outdoors and sport  
Riding his scooter is his favourite by far  
For the future – the ball's in your court.*

*James is a curly haired ball of fun  
Who is polite – very easy to like  
If there's chores to do, he'll get it done  
Unless he's riding his mountain bike.*

*Charlotte sticks up for what is fair  
Her future is full of wonders  
Our mini governor – she's showed a flare  
For speaking in front of hundreds.*

*And it's goodbye to San Glas Hall  
Who loves cricket and quad bikes and fishing  
He's capable and fair to all  
And his future is whatever he's wishing.*

*Alice – the world is her wonderland.  
Loving nature walks of any lengths  
Organised, neat and planned  
A girl with multiple strengths.*

*Arriverderci caro Sienna, we call  
We love that you're free with your smiles  
For Sienna, it's all about netball  
Her friends, travel and Harry Styles.*

*Violet, our captain with a great big heart  
Has led with style and grace.  
Conscientious, hard worker at art  
Has made Panton Hill a better place.*

*Summer, by name and her favourite season  
Loves to be out riding on her horse.  
Is good with logic and rhyme and reason  
And listening to music of course.*

*Prideaux number one – that'd be Rory  
Loves blue tongues and all things Star Wars  
Constantly talking and telling a story  
Keep smiling, the future is yours.*

*Prideaux number two – Alana it's your call  
She'll talk till your ears are numb  
Loves bunnies and art and playing football  
Wants a living playing the drums.*

*Farewell to well mannered Edward  
Who'd like to work as an earthmover  
He's honest and helpful and all around good  
Would love some chooks and a Landcruiser.*

*Seth Stein – a late addition  
To join the Panton Hill troops  
He is confident, with sporting ambitions  
Loves footy and shooting hoops.*

*Next on the roll is Austin Stoneman  
The boy who loves Japanese Anime  
Would like to be a fisherman  
Or a photographer, or watch ants all day.*

*Vasco, with the spark in his eye  
Loves sport and music and fun  
We love that he gives everything a try  
And is a great friend to everyone.*

*Farewell to fine Captain Joel  
Who's kind and helps everyone thrive  
Achieving his best is his goal  
Loves to camp, fish and four wheel drive.*

*And Riley, it's goodbye to you  
As you head off to Assumption College  
Our tennis player who's respected and true  
Good luck in your quest for knowledge.*

*And Lola, a girl who knows her own mind  
Who will no doubt decide her own course.  
A more friendly and direct girl you wont find  
Wants to work with dogs in the force.*

*Bailey, we're sad to see you go  
You go at life at full throttle  
We'll miss dodging the basketballs you throw  
Goodbye to the boy who loves axolotyls.*

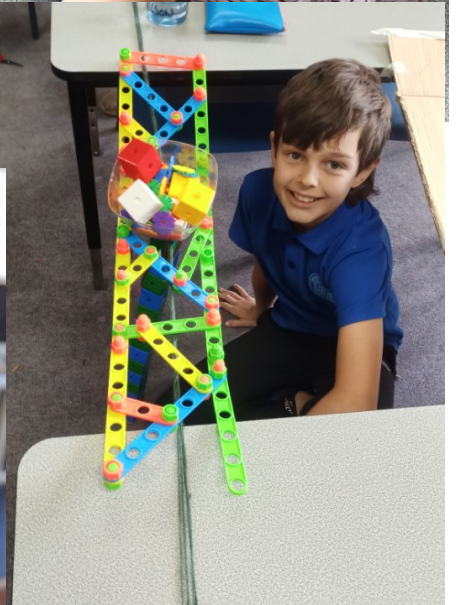
*Tane – quiet, polite – the last on our list  
The basketballer who loves Star Wars  
You and your family will certainly be missed  
We're sure your future has great things in store.*

*And now we're done – that's them, that's all  
A greater group you wouldn't find  
And it all comes back to our weekly call  
Try your best, work hard and be kind.*

## **FAREWELL TO OUR GRADE 6 FAMILIES**

One of the sad elements of farewelling our Grade 6's is that we have some families who are moving on from us also. This year of the 22 Grade 6 families, we are saying goodbye to 13! We say a huge thankyou and sad goodbye to: To the Bozik family, Danson Family, Forsyth Grant Family, Friede family, Glas-Hall family, James family, Kowalewski Family, Prideaux family, Renouf family, Stein family, Tomming family, Willins family and the Yalden family.

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