



DIARY DATES

Monday 5th December

David Skinner dancing Final School Council meeting

Tuesday 6th December

School concert 5.30pm

- Memorial Park

Wednesday 7th December

Meet your 2023 Teacher

Thursday 8th December

Camp Information Meeting

- Webex

Friday 9th December

Final Prep transition 9am—12.30pm

Monday 12th December

Gr 6 Graduation night

Tuesday 13th December

Year 7 Orientation

Reports out

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas class activities day Friday 16th December

Latrobe Uni & Zoo excursion

Monday 19th December

Clean up day

Tuesday 20th December

Xmas raffle drawn Assembly 1pm Farewell Grade 6's Early finish 1.30pm Grade 6 ring the bell



Principal's Report

So here we are in December! The school corridors and classrooms start feeling a little different over this month with mixed focuses—reflecting on the year and looking to the next year. A lot of the displays start coming down and Christmas decorations go up. Energy levels can be low, but we are full of excitement for the busy last few weeks and all of the fun things planned. Just in this next week we have our final School Council meeting, School Concert, Meet the Teacher afternoon, Camp Meeting and Final Prep Transition session. So, strap yourselves in for a busy end to the year—lots happening and lots of fun!

PUB GIG

One of the highlights of this week has been going along to the Panton Hill Hotel on Monday night and celebrating the Grade 3-6 students who have been learning instruments at school this year. We were entertained by quite a variety of performers from PHPS, Research Primary, Chum Creek and Healesville. It was fabulous to see all of the kids on stage and enjoying the experience of performing. Well done to all of our musicians and singers—you were amazing!!!!

A huge thankyou also to the Panton Hill Hotel. Not only did they provide a great venue but they also very generously donated \$250 which will be put back into our music program. How lucky are we to have such a great and supportive local pub!

SOLAR PANELS

One of the long time favourite primary school stories is There's a Hippopotamus on the Roof Eating Cake. Well over the last few days that is what it has sounded like in the Grade 5/6 building although instead of a hippopotamus,

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ELECTION BBQ

A huge thankyou to all of the parents who helped out on our Election Day BBQ over the weekend. Thank you to Melanie, Matthew and Elowyn Meredith-Williams, Kerry and Tom Barrett, Kathryn Hayes and Tracey Tregenza They sold out of all the sausages and made a profit of \$607. At one point they did run out of onions but our very resourceful team solved this problem by supplying hand picked onions from our very own school veggie garden. We would particularly like to thank Steph, Steven, Isla, Lachlan and Isobel Ryan for organising the BBQ and manning it all day. The Ryan family also very generously donated all of the bread, thankyou so much.





DIS THE DIS

Today we had a whole school dress up fundraiser to raise money for an initiative named Dis The Dis. Dis The Dis is a program that raises money for people with disabilities. It was created by a student at Kangaroo Ground Primary School named Anouska. Anouska is trying to promote respect and equality for people who have disabilities. She is spreading the message that a disability does not define someone. The total raised for the Dis The Dis organisation was \$202.00. Well done to the PHPS community.



WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT

Tuesday 6th December, is the concert - BE BRAVE WITH A HINT OF CHRISTMAS.

The students having been working hard to perform for you.

Here is a friendly reminder of all the information needed:

What: whole school concert - grade Prep through to grade Six.

When: Tuesday December 6th

Time: 5:30pm sharp

Where: Firefighters Memorial Park, Panton Hill (opposite the school, near the roundabout). You may like to bring a rug to sit on.

If there is a change of venue due to the weather, we will let you know via Xuno.

Wear: Students in grades Prep - Five, may wear anything 'Christmassy' such as red, green, gold/white colour clothes or clothes with Santa or reindeers on the etc. Please no big clothing such as Santa suits etc. as they need to dance. They might like to wear elf ears, reindeer antlers, tinsel, Santa hat etc. They may like to wear hair chalk or coloured hair spray but I leave this to be a parent decision. Runners.

Students in grade 6 - 'rock and roll' type clothes.

Please no mid-driff showing (insert image here, of me covering my eyes).

All students need to attend as this is part of the curriculum and their class peers need them.

Any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email:

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it has been people installing a new solar system!

We have had our previous system decommissioned and committed to a much larger system which should be much more effective in reducing our electricity bill and reducing our footprint.



CAMP MEETING

As our 2023 school camp is so early in the year (second week back in Term One) we will be holding our camp meeting for parents this year. During that meeting we will discuss the likely itinerary for camp, what to bring, the costume school, catering, wellbeing supports and anything else camp related that parents would like for us to chat about!

A lot of the content will be similar to the meeting that we held this year, but of course there will be details specific to Sovereign Hill which will be different.

The meeting will be online, via Webex at **6pm on Thursday the 8th December**. The Webex link has been sent our via a Xuno notification.



APPLES ARE BACK

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. They are \$7.00 per bag and can be paid by cash or card at the office.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Today students will be bringing home a book of 12 raffle tickets per family. The raffle tickets cost 50 cents per ticket or 3 for a \$1.00. Please write your name on the ticket and return to the office by Monday the 19th December. Additional books can be bought from the office.

TENNIS IN P.E.

This week during PE, we had Phil from Kidz Play come out and coach the kids with tennis. It was very challenging but the students had fun.

If your child is interested in lessons there is a coach at Kangaroo Ground and St Andrew's Tennis Clubs. Her name is Katie McGregor. She does private and group lessons and her contact details are as follows:

Email: katiemcgregortennis@gmail.com

Phone: 0407071599



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CALLING UNDER 13 & 14 BOYS AND GIRLS

PRE-SEASON FOOTY TRAINING SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 9.30am AE Cracknell Reserve, Panton Hill

WHY JOIN PHFNC?

- Expanding club in senior & junior footy and netball - Newly appointed junior coach with senior experience
- Nominated for the 2022 NFNL Junior Club of the Year
 Player, family and community focus

Online registrations now open - search "Panton Hill GameDay"

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