



*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd March, 2023

Term 1: Week 5



## DIARY DATES

### **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

### **Friday 10th March**

Pupil Free Day

Teachers PD

### **Monday 13th March**

Public Holiday—Labour Day

### **Wednesday 15th March**

NAPLAN Grd. 3 & 5

### **Thursday 16th March**

Dental Van—Fluoride Only

### **Monday 20th March**

NAPLAN Week 2, Grd. 3 & 5

### **Tuesday 21st March**

Harmony Day

### **Thursday 6th April**

Last Day of Term 1

### **Friday 7th April**

Public Holiday — Good Friday

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## **Principal's Report**

It has been great this week to welcome two new staff members to PHPS. We have been very fortunate to welcome Maree McLaughlin as our new Italian teacher. Maree has now had the opportunity to spend time with all of our grades in Italian lessons. It has been a great start for all classes.

We have also had Tanya Setyawan come along to PHPS yesterday to meet our students and staff and get a feel for PHPS. Tanya will be working with some of our students in music therapy sessions. This term we are planning for Tanya to spend time in all classrooms and build relationships. She will be offering some group musical opportunities during lunchtime for any students who wish to join. As the term goes on Tanya will work with small groups or individuals. A consent form will be sent home to families before any sessions begin. Tanya will be with us each Thursday through to the end of the year.

### **PICNIC**

How lovely it was to head down to the back of the school and see a sea of picnic rugs in the shade of the trees on a pretty hot day. Our picnic evening is always a great opportunity to get everyone together and enjoy some very casual, fun races. Thankyou to everyone who came along and joined in. We will be investing in a decent megaphone for next year so that we can announce races etc.

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

We have a very impressive group of school leaders who were elected recently to Junior School Council or Captain and Vice Captain positions. We would like to congratulate everyone who wrote a speech and put their hands up for position. We were so impressed with each and every one. Of course, you don't need to have a badge or an official position to be a leader. We encourage all of our students to step into leadership roles throughout the year.

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*I am really pleased to be able to announce our 2023 School Leaders as:*

	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
<b>Junior School Council</b>	Amelia Graham Joshua Brown	River Spark Autumn Thompson	Henry Brown Neve Donald	Eswin Chapman Louis Brooks	Aussie Borthwick Chloe Lemire
<b>Vice Captains</b>	Jasper Tregenza Esther Brown		<b>Captains</b>	Ayesha Elkhishin Huw Whitworth	



**STAFF LEAVE**

Exciting times for Mr Hurst next term when he hooks up his van, packs up his family and takes to the road on an all Aussie adventure! Mr Hurst will be taking Term Two as Long Service Leave. We are very fortunate to be able to have Merron Thomson covering our Grade 6 while Mr Hurst is away.

I will also be taking off—for a much shorter trip from Tuesday the 7th March to Wednesday the 15th March. While I am away, Rose Draffin will be stepping into the Principal position.

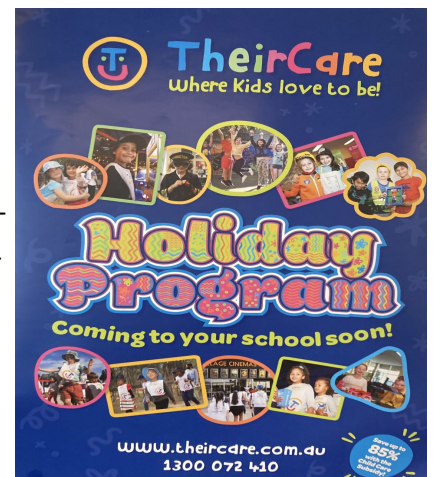


**BUSHFIRE DRILL**

Yesterday we held our bushfire drill. This included the Pre-Schoolers who came and joined us and the Playhouse kids who journeyed across the road to join us as well. We thank our friends at the Panton Hill CFA who came with the truck and gave our kids a chance to have a good look around the truck.

**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 coordinating 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.



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## HAPPY FAMILIES SUBSCRIPTION

Our school is now subscribed to the Happy Families School Membership! Owned and run by Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's leading parenting experts, the membership offers a wealth of parenting education and resources.

We will regularly share resources available through our membership with you, including Insight Articles and Live Webinars. You can also access your resources at any time using the below URL (unique to our school) and password.

### URL & PASSWORD

<https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/phps>

The password has been sent to families via a Xuno notification.

We recommend bookmarking this link. You should only need to put the password in once and the site will remember you.

### INSIGHTS ARTICLES

A new Insights article is released weekly during the term and we will include these with the school newsletter. Insights articles are written by Dr Justin Coulson and other leading experts and provide parenting education and support for a wide variety of traditional and contemporary parenting challenges. You can also access 300+ previous [Insights articles](#) on our school's URL.

### PARENT WEBINARS

You have access to 4 live webinars a year (one per term). We will announce upcoming webinar details in the Insights articles. You'll have access to the recording via our school's URL but as the webinars are live, we recommend you watch them in real time so that you can ask Dr Justin and / or the guest presenter any questions you may have.

We hope you enjoy the Insights and webinars!

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

We took a group of 17 Swimmers to the District Swimming Carnival on **Friday the 24th of Feb**. Well done to all of our PHPS participants for putting in their very best efforts in the pool and for encouraging each other on the day.

GREAT  
EFFORT!

## CSEF

### Camps, Sport, Excursion Funding

*The final date for CSEF funding application forms is soon approaching. All Health Care Card holders and Pension Card holders are eligible for CSEF. If you have not already applied or your financial circumstances have changed, please contact the office and complete an application form.*

Value Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Esther Brown



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## NAPLAN

Our Grade 3's and 5's will be sitting the NAPLAN tests on the **15th, 16th and 17th March**. Our aim is to keep this as low key as possible to reduce any anxiety around these tests. Next week we will be giving the students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the format through practice tests. The focus of this is to allow the students to have a sense of how to navigate through the tests as they are online. It also gives us an opportunity to ensure that we are not going to have any technical hiccups on the day.

There is an article on NAPLAN "NAPLAN week is almost here" on our Happy Families site which has a very sensible approach. I would strongly encourage you to read it.

## DENTAL VAN

We will have the dental van returning on the **16th and 17th of March**. They will be contacting families whose children were identified as needing Fluoride Treatment. Of course, we will be ensuring that there will be no clash with NAPLAN testing for our Grade 3 and 5's.

## EXTRA LONG WEEKEND

We have a pupil free day scheduled for Friday the 10th of March where the staff will be involved in professional development with our neighbouring small schools. The focus for this day will be on maths and wellbeing in schools. This will be a pupil free day for our students, leading into the Labour Day long weekend—an even longer weekend for some!

Theircare will be providing full day care for any students requiring it—just be sure to register.

## 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.



### CALLING ALL 5-12 YEAR OLDS

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

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

Go to [play.afl/play/auskick](https://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 [redbacksnetballcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:redbacksnetballcommittee@gmail.com)

Want to try Junior footy?  
Connect with us on Facebook – Pantom Hill Junior Football Club or email  
[phjfc.president@gmail.com](mailto:phjfc.president@gmail.com).

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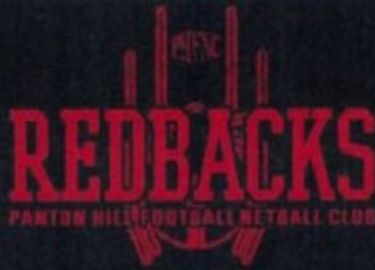
**Holiday Program**  
Coming to your school soon!

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# JOIN OUR NETBALL TEAM

Now seeking players aged 11&U and 13&U



**MAKE FRIENDS    HAVE FUN    DEVELOP SKILLS**

We are a small community club who welcome new players and families!

**New season starting in February 11**

**Junior Trainings:** Monday nights, Kangaroo Ground Primary School 4.30 -  
5.30 pm

**Junior Games:** Saturday Mornings, Diamond Creek outdoor netball courts



**LAUREN: 0419 899 555**



**REDBACKSNETBALLCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM**

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*Club Professional Coaches Nicole and Maria Vallos have successfully been coaching in their own coaching business at the Hurstbridge Tennis Club for over 20 years.*

*All ages and abilities are welcome.*

*Nicole and Maria have volunteered their time with Special Olympics Victoria for over 25 years and are now running tournaments for players with an Intellectual Disability or Autism.*

*Their program is for everyone and includes private and group sessions as well as squad training for beginners to advanced junior players and cardio sessions for adults.*

*Sessions are on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.*

*Come and learn the game of tennis in a fun and friendly environment!*

#### **MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE THROUGH:**

##### **HOT SHOTS TENNIS - Juniors**

Tennis for kids of all ages and abilities.

Progress through the stages.

Learn the skills of tennis as well as improve your agility, flexibility and speed.

Socialise and make new friends!

##### **CARDIO TENNIS - Adults**

Caters for all fitness levels.

A cardio workout doing tennis drills in a fun environment with high energy soundtracks.

Call to book in your **FREE Trial Lesson** this term!

Receive a **FREE T-shirt and Racket** when you enrol.  
(Hot Shots Tennis new students only).

For any enquiries please contact **Maria Vallos**

**E: [coaching@nandm.com.au](mailto:coaching@nandm.com.au)**

**M: 0407 851 979**







Dance in  
Pantoum Hill

Thursdays in the Hall  
(Next to the General Store)

4 Year Old Kinder = 3:00 - 3:30

Prep - Gr 2 = 3:40 - 4:10

Yr 3 - 6 = 4:15 - 5:00

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Aerobic Fitness | Coordination  
Flexibility | Artistic Expression  
Music Appreciation | Creativity  
Team work | Social Skills  
Confidence & Self Esteem

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[www.dancefitnessvictoria.com.au](http://www.dancefitnessvictoria.com.au)

for link to enrolment form

or contact

[info@dancefitnessvictoria.com.au](mailto:info@dancefitnessvictoria.com.au)

0420326237 for more information

# 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

FOOD STALLS, ART & CRAFT    Roving Entertainers    Clean Future Zone    Carnival Rides

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# OPEN FARM DAY

*Farming on the Fringe*

**Saturday**  
**18 March**  
**10am-4pm**  
**Edendale Farm**  
**30 Gastons Road Eltham**

Farms and businesses across the region will be on site showcasing their products and services.

**On the day you can:**




- Meet local farmers, sample and purchase produce
- Meet farm animals
- Enjoy entertainment on the day including face painting and live music.

For an overview of the day's workshops and activities and a list of businesses and organisations involved on the day visit:

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/open-farm-day](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/open-farm-day)

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# DISCOVERY

TUESDAY  
21 MARCH

# NIGHT



***Come meet the new Principal***

**Tours:  
5.30pm-8.00pm**

**Principal Address:  
7.00pm**

**WEEKLY TOURS  
Wednesdays 9.15  
Call: 9844 2749**

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