



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th June, 2023

Term 2: Week 8



DIARY DATES

Friday 16th June

Storytime

Friday 23rd June

Last day of Term 2

Early dismissal 2.30pm

Monday 10th July

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 19th July

Student Parent Teacher conferences

Monday 24th July

School Finance Meeting
6.30pm

School Council Meeting
7pm

Wednesday 2nd August

Curriculum Day

Friday 11th August

School Trivia Night

Wednesday 23rd August

Mad About Science Incur-
sion

XUNO FAMILY



Principal's Report

The last two weeks have presented some great opportunities for our students to really showcase their individual strengths and interests. We have had two of our students, Neve and Aussie compete in the Regional Cross Country event, our choir perform at the Shire Council Offices, River presented to the whole school about Reconciliation and our school leaders very competently run assemblies. We love seeing and supporting our students in their personal pursuits—it makes for a very rich PHPS community.

As our school logo states here at PHPS we pride ourselves on our rich past, present and future. Last week the school leaders and I had the opportunity to learn a little more about our rich past history. We were contacted by and met with four of our ex students (and one spouse) who attended PHPS 70 years ago!

As we toured with Wendy Butler, Richard Butler, Cheryl Burke, Carmel Morissey, Joyce Lacey, they reminisced about their time here all that time ago, their teachers, experiences, methods of learning and of course the environment. We found the bricks with their names on it in our path and they all went away with a commemorative 150 year PHPS wine glass. It was fantastic to see that the friendships that had been forged at PHPS were still strong after all that time and made me wonder which groups of our current students might be doing the same thing in 70 years?



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YARN CIRCLES

On **Friday the 9th of June**, we had Shakara Montalto, our Koorie Education Support Officer attend school to speak in the form of a 'yarn circle' with all of the grades about Reconciliation. This was a really engaging chance to talk and learn and understand the Aboriginal Culture a little more. River Spark, one of our Grade 3 Koorie students also presented a speech to all of the grades about what reconciliation means to her. This speech is well worth reading—we have a copy of the speech in this newsletter. Great effort River!



LONG JUMP PIT

A huge thankyou to Marc Lemire and Andrew Toniolo for coming up on the weekend and doing a magnificent job with re-covering our long jump pit runway. I am sure we will be getting a few 'personal bests' now that it doesn't involve jumping over puddles before jumping into the pit!

BUNNINGS BBQ

While we are on thankyou—we also owe a huge thankyou to our Bunnings Barbecue team who were flipping sausages on the Monday of our recent long weekend. Thankyou to Marc Taranto, Steph Ryan, Chris Donald (who also donated the ice), Anna and Phoebe Whitworth, Kate Young, Amber Graham and Pat Nicholls. A huge thankyou to Bianca McGuirk for organising the barbecue and attending all day.

The barbecue made a very handy profit of \$1,439.



WHITEBOARDS

There was a nice surprise waiting for our Grade 2/3's, 3/4's and 6's when they returned from their long weekend. All of these classrooms had new interactive whiteboards fitted on Tuesday during the curriculum day. It has been great to hear the excitement coming from the Grade 2/3's today as they tried out some of the tricky applications.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

We will be conducting our annual three way conferences next term on **Wednesday the 19th July**. The conferences are an opportunity for the students to share and celebrate the work that they have done in the first semester with their teachers and parents. The conferences will be held from midday to 8pm and will take approximately 10 minutes per student. A Xuno notification will come out shortly for parents to choose a suitable time. Normal classes will not be operating on this day—students are only required to attend for their scheduled meeting time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

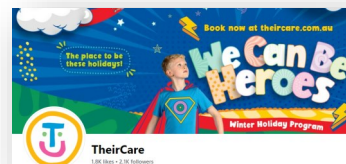
At our School Council meeting on **Monday the 5th June** our two main discussions were building and grounds related. We have had ongoing discussions about re-landscaping the area under the acorn trees, near the rotunda. Our students have enjoyed playing in this area for years, particularly when the acorns drop. They have great games built around the acorns. Last year, during an art session our Grade 2's drew designs for this area which we have used as a design brief for two companies to quote on implementing. School Council have agreed to commit funds towards this project which will hopefully be completed by the beginning of Term Four.

School Council also discussed the existing asphalt court and the inadequacies of it. We have now organised a working party to regularly meet with the aim of working towards attracting funding for the project and hopefully getting it off the ground.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

You will notice the new posters going up for our second holiday program running in the upcoming school holidays (now only one week away)! The theme for this program is We Can Be Heroes. We have already had some families register. If you are wishing to use the service, I would recommend registering early to avoid missing out on a place.



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge has once again started.

Our aim at PHPS every year is to have 100% of our students complete the challenge.

The Challenge ends on **September 8th** so we have plenty of time to meet these targets:

Prep – Year 2 students Read 30 books – including 20 or more from the Challenge Book List

Year 3-6 students Read 15 books – including 10 or more from the Challenge Book List

All students who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate from the Victorian Premier, The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP.

Currently we have 29 (20%) of our students who have completed the challenge.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday we had two of our students, Neve Donald and Aussie Borthwick compete in the Regional Cross Country event at Kilmore. The competition gets tougher and tougher as the students progress through the levels and meet other students who are increasingly competitive.

We are incredibly proud of both Neve and Aussie. Neve gave her absolute best and came somewhere in the middle. Well done Neve, that is a fantastic effort. Aussie did an exceptional job running and came third. He received a bronze medal. He will now go on to the State Championships.



CHOIR PERFORMANCE

On Thursday the choir was invited by the Nillumbik Council to perform for 150 senior citizens at Eltham. The choir did a spectacular performance with a huge round of applause followed by each song. The choir sang five songs in total. They were awesome at being professional performers, waiting silently in the wings and performing the actions to an excellent standard. Well done choir, you were amazing!



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Changing Shape with Playdough

On Thursday 15th June, we explored what we could do with play dough and cloud dough. How it would change shape when we applied different forces to it. We made it into a ball and then pushed, pulled, squished and squeezed it to make it change shape.

At the end we all got some time to make some wonderful creations. We had lots of fun exploring and playing with it!

By Prep



Push



Pull



Squeeze

Play like a

VIXEN



Excursion

On Tuesday the 6th of June, our grade 2-4s travelled into the State Netball and Hockey centre for a day of Netball! The students learnt about passing, shooting and defending skills and then had a chance to apply those skills to play a match. A big Thankyou to Bianca McGuirk and Emma Jane Newton-Dinning for helping with the excursion, and to our students who behaved and represented our school beautifully.



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RECONCILIATION SPEECH

By River Spark



My name is River and I'm here today to talk about something that's really important to me and to my people. It's called reconciliation.

Reconciliation might sound like a big word but it's not that complicated. It's about coming together, understanding each other and making things right.

I am Aboriginal, and I'm proud. My ancestors were the first people to live on this land, they took care of it, respected it, and learned from it. Through colonisation my people's traditions, stories, and knowledge have been lost to my family, but our way of being and love for each other is stronger than ever and we are finding our way home.

Sometimes, people are surprised when I tell them I am Aboriginal because I don't look like what they expect an Aboriginal person to look like. But being Aboriginal isn't just about how we look, for my community it's who we are, our unique stories, our connection to each other and country. My Grandma says, "no matter how much milk you put in, it's still tea."

Reconciliation is about acknowledging and respecting these differences in all of us. It's about understanding that each of us has a unique story to tell, and that our stories are a part of who we are even if people feel uncomfortable hearing them.

Reconciliation doesn't just mean saying sorry, it means making things right for past mistakes. In the past, many wrong things were done to my people. We remember these wrongs, not to stay angry, but to learn from them and make sure they never happen again.

And remember, it doesn't matter what we look like on the outside, what matters is that we treat each other with kindness and respect. Because reconciliation isn't just a one-time thing, it's an everyday thing. It's about all of us living together, learning from each other, and making sure everyone gets what they need to do the best they can.

Thankyou for listening to me today but it's important you listen to elders, they are the ones who know what we need and how it must happen. I hope that we can all do our part to make reconciliation happen.





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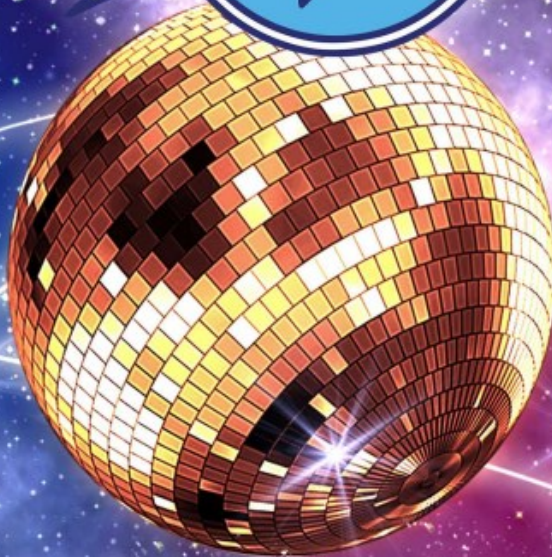
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Winter School Holiday Activities

PANTON HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

The Story of Me Workshop

In this creative writing workshop your child will create their own book and be the star.

Suitable for 8-13 yr olds.

Thurs 29 June 10am-11am \$10

Polymer Clay earrings

Learn to make your own earrings and take a pair home!

10-16 yrs

Wed 5 July 10am-12pm \$25

Bush Magic craft workshop

This magical activity is open to children aged 6 to 10 years

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