

A Rich Past, Present & Future

DIARY DATES

Friday 11th August School Trivia Night **Tuesday 15th August** Book week activity day, dress up and parade—am Wednesday 23rd August Mad About Science Incursion Friday 25th August Hooptime Grd 5/6 Monday 28th August School Council & Finance Thursday 31st August **District Athletics** Friday 1st September Hooptime Grd 3/4 Storytime Wednesday 6th September Kaboom Sports P, 1 & 2 Thursday 7th September **Division Athletics** Friday 15th September Last Day of Term 3 Assembly 2.15pm-2.30pm finish Monday 2nd October First day of Term 4



NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th August, 2023 Term 3: Week 4



Principal's Report

It has been an interesting two weeks of professional learning for our PHPS staff over the last fortnight with all staff attending a very interesting presentation from a paediatric physiotherapist who discussed the importance of physical activity, the correlation between the acquisition of physical skills and learning and what is developmentally appropriate for different age groups.

This week, as our focus is on numeracy, we have been fortunate to have a numeracy specialist, Eamon Light visit our classrooms and model numeracy lessons, then follow up on our curriculum day. Please see the attached summary for more information.

Of course, every bit of learning that we do is passed onto our PHPS students.

90'S TRIVIA NIGHT

By the time you are reading this our trivia night will only be a week away! Be sure to organise a table, book your tickets and get your 90's outfit out of the back of the cupboard and dusted off! It will be a fabulous night of trivia, games and a silent auction. We can't wait to see you there.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

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The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The adult listed as the primary contact of each family will receive an email with the individualised log in details. This will allow for one person from the family to complete the survey.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

PORTFOLIOS

Thankyou to those parents who have returned the portfolios with the parent comment page. If you haven't done so yet, the teachers would love to have the portfolios back so that they can keep adding great student work.

PRINCIPAL LEAVE

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, I will be heading off on leave at the end of next week. We will have Luke Franklin covering my position for the five weeks. Luke is the Assistant Principal at Rosanna Golf links and has a wealth of knowledge to bring to the role. Luke came yesterday and visited the grades and spent some time getting to know his way around and learning a little more about PHPS. It is great to know that PHPS is going to be in very competent hands and I am sure that Luke will enjoy his time with us.

BOOK WEEK—A FORTNIGHT AWAY

Not long now for our Book week activity day on **Tuesday the 15th August.** The staff have picked out the Childrens Book Award Books that they will focus on and are busy designing activities around those books. I have also heard whispers of costumes in the planning. We will celebrate everyone's costume efforts with a parade in the morning on the basketball court before the students move into their activity groups. Parents are welcome to watch our parade. As mentioned please don't feel that you need to go out and spend a fortune on a costume—we always love the home made, creative costumes put together from what you have lying around and the possible op shop addition.

CFA CUP

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Congratulations to our PHPS footy team who competed over the weekend in the annual CFA cup. They ran on and played at the half time mark of the seniors match. Traditionally this has been a match between Panton Hill Primary and St Andrews Primary. This year it was PHPS versus everyone else! A combination of St Andrews and Kangaroo Ground mainly. Our team did us proud, they played well and won by 4 Points. The score was 1.0.6 to 0.2.2 Of course, this event is played in the spirit of remembering our five local firefighters who lost their lives in the Ash Wednesday bushfires and is an important local community event.

CFA VISIT

On Friday the 21st July, our friends at the Panton Hill CFA came to spend time with the Grade 6's to discuss fire safety and behaviour. They discussed the fire triangle – the relationship between heat, fuel and oxygen. They also discussed the levels of fire warnings, how they have changed recently, what they mean and how it is communicated to our Panton Hill community (the warning sign out the front of our school). We always love having the truck and volunteers onsite. The students loved the opportunity to get on the end of the hoses and have 'fire truck races' with the force of the water. This is the first of a series of lessons that the PH CFA have put together for us – the next lesson will be later this term and will be around fire blankets. Thanks to our CFA colleagues. This is really valuable knowledge and experience for our students.



Statement of Commitment PHPS is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children, as well as staff and volunteers.



Numeracy Improvement at PHPS

Over the 1ST and 2nd of August, our staff welcomed Eamon Light to our school; an Educational Consultant who focuses on supporting the development of Numeracy and Mathematical skills. Eamon provided the staff with modelled teaching practice across 5 of our grades which involved our students participating in a range of explorative mathematical tasks.

Day Two involved Eamon working with our staff throughout the Curriculum Day to learn more about instructional models that support the Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning aspects of Maths; currently referred to as The Four Proficiencies.



Throughout the rest of 2023, our staff will be continuing this work through applying their learned knowledge into the classroom via explorative tasks, problem solving challenges, explicit teaching instruction and game based learning. There will be further investigation into teaching practices within Mathematics that support the needs of our students and provides our school with learning that is engaging, meaningful and purposeful.

Below are some resources that you and your family can utilise at home to support the skills and learning in the classrooms:



Please reach out to your classroom teacher for further advice on supporting your child's learning at home.

90'S TRIVIA NIGHT FAQ'S

Is it dress up?

Dust off those neon windbreakers, rock your flannel shirts, and don't forget your favorite slap bracelets! We encourage you to embrace your inner 90's fashion icon to get into the true spirit of the night. For inspiration, think of 90's hit movies, singers or bands, or just head down to your local op-shop and you're sure to find some fabulous options!

How do I make sure I am sitting with my friends?

Get yourself a group of 8-12 friends and note them down at the office/ on XUNO when booking. If you don't have a group we will allocate you a table where you can mingle and get to know other families!

Can I buy tickets on the night?

All tickets will need to be pre purchased via XUNO or at the office prior to the event.

Can I bring my kids?

While we're all about the 90's nostalgia, this shindig is strictly for those who can remember the glory days firsthand. 18+ please.

Can I invite friends/family?

Yes gather the whole crew! Tickets are available to PHPS families and the extended community! The more the merrier!

What do I need to bring?

Nibbles, snacks, platters to share on your table so get those chocolate crackles and Pop rocks together!

Rip open those Velcro wallets and gather those gold coins – we'll have a few competitions throughout the night, so be sure to bring your spare change along!

What to expect?

We've got an epic silent auction lined up, jam-packed with wicked goodies from our rad local businesses. It's gonna be all that and a bag of chips! There will be games, 90's trivia and various competitions throughout the night including prizes for best dressed!

Can I bring my own drinks?

Alrighty then, 90's pals, listen up! We're throwing a rad 90's bash, but we gotta lay down the law – no BYO, dude! That means leave those Bacardi Breezers and Passion Pop's at home, we will have a stocked bar with beer, wine and pre-mix drinks for purchase on the night. Card facilities available.

Times and tickets

Tickets \$25 each available at the office or on XUNO.

Doors open 6:45pm, trivia to commence at 7pm.

How can I can help?

Anyone available to help with set up and/or pack up would be greatly appreciated!

There's a LOT of buzz about this event already, and we only have a certain number of tickets available. Make sure you don't miss out - grab your ticket ASAP!

















TUESDAYS | 7AM **Pilates for strength**



WEDNESDAYS | 9.30AM **Pilates for strength*** *Bubs welcome



THURSDAYS | 7PM HIIT/Cardio



PANTON HILL HALL

580 Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Rd

levels welcome | B.Y.O yoga mat

hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill Facebook group "Panton Hill Fitness Classes"

Want to learn how to cook?

Do you already love cooking and want to get better?

20 places are available for students in Year 4 and 5 in Warrandyte High School's 6 Week Cookery Course!

Warrandyte

High School

WHEN: Each Wednesday, 4pm-5pm from 26 July - 6 September

WHERE: Warrandyte High School

WHO: Year 4 + 5 students can participate in this awesome experience.

COST: \$30 for the entire 6 Week Cookery Experience! Your child will bring home something every week!

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Afternoon tea provided for parents/carers in our staff room whilst your child is cooking up a storm in our kitchens!

To register, simply phone Warrandyte High School on 9844 2749. Your child's place will be secured once payment is made. Any food allergies? Simply tell us upon registration!