



*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th August, 2023

Term 3: Week 6



## DIARY DATES

### **Wednesday 23rd August**

Mad About Science Incur-  
sion

### **Friday 25th August**

Hooptime Grd 5/6

### **Monday 28th August**

School Council & Finance

### **Wednesday 30th August**

Fathers Day /Special Person  
stall

### **Thursday 31st August**

District Athletics

### **Friday 1st September**

Hooptime Grd 3/4

Storytime

### **Wednesday 6th Septem- ber**

Kaboom Sports P,1,2 & 3

### **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

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## *Principal's Report*

Hello to all our students, parents and staff. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write this newsletter article. The past week has been an incredible experience as I stepped into the role of Acting Principal here at Panton Hill Primary School. The welcome and support I have received from this remarkable community has truly warmed my heart.

From the moment I set foot in the school grounds, I could sense the spirit of unity and dedication that makes your school culture unique.

It is a privilege to serve as Acting Principal during these next five weeks, working collaboratively with students, parents, and staff to continue the rich learning and excellence at Panton Hill Primary School.

The warmth of your welcome has been overwhelming. Our interactions in the classrooms, corridors and yard have reaffirmed my belief in the power of education and what a smaller community can achieve.

As I immerse myself in the daily life of the school, I am struck by the dedication of our teachers. Their commitment to nurturing a holistic learning environment that goes beyond just curriculum content is truly commendable.

Beyond the classroom, the strong partnership between the school and the parents has been evident in every conversation and interaction. Your enthusiasm to actively engage in your child's education is both inspiring and heartening. I believe this collaboration between home and school is a cornerstone in the school's success, and I am eager to be part of your journey over the coming weeks.

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Looking ahead, I am excited about getting to know the school community better, and am enthusiastic about the initiatives and projects currently being undertaken in the school.

Again, I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has welcomed me into this wonderful community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or are just looking for a chat!

*Luke Franklin*

Acting Principal Panton Hill Primary School

**Value Award Winners**

**Congratulations to:**

**Alex Bates, Lucy Banes & Elise Evans**



## 90'S TRIVIA NIGHT

What a fantastic night was had by all who attended the Trivia Night last Friday. The hard work by the Trivia team definitely paid off in this well organised event. There was a large variety of auction items to bid on and a wheelbarrow full of goodies to be won. Games were played, questions were answered and plenty of laughs to be heard throughout the night. A huge thank you to all involved in the organisation of the night but a special thank you to Megan King, Amy Davey, Amanda Tesch, Bianca McGuirk and Abbey Baines. A profit of \$3,782.92 was made on the night which will be put towards the construction of Accorn Island over the next school holidays.



## BREAD BAGS

While we are saying our thank you's, recently Megan King organised the collection of empty bread bags for Wonder Recycling Rewards. Our Panton Hill PS community heard the call and responded by filling the collection box twice! The points received allowed us to place an order for a variety of new sports equipment from RHSports. Thank you again Megan King.

## DENTAL VAN



The dental van has come and gone but during their visit they checked, cleaned and treated many little teeth. Having a dental visit in a van was impressive to many of our younger students and a first for our preps. Any further treatment required will be communicated to parents over the next couple of weeks by Smile Squad.

## THEIRCARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Holidays are only 4 weeks away and Theircare is currently taking bookings for their Term 3 Holiday Program. Like past holiday programs, Theircare will be offering a mixture of excursions and fun activity based incursions. Book online through Theircare directly or speak with Ella to make your booking.

## UNDER 11'S FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL

Congratulations to all the players of the Under 11's Panton Hill Football Club team. We wish you all the best for the game and hope you have had lots of fun throughout the season. Go Redbacks!!



**PHPS Congratulates and wishes all the best of luck to all our students who will be representing**

**Panton Hill Junior Football Club  
in the NFNL Under 11s Grand Final,  
this Sunday, 10am @ Waterview  
Recreation Reserve, Mernda.**

**Good Luck Guys.  
GO REDBACKS!**

## ATHLETICS – 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST – WALINDA PARK



Since returning the students and I have hit the ground running (sports pun intended). During PE lessons, students who turn 10, 11 and 12 this year, have been competing in trials for the District Athletics. Yesterday I informed the students in grade five who were successful, the grade sixes have worked it out themselves and I am yet to get to the fours in the grade 3/4. I hope to see those students on Monday (sorry for not being able to see them yesterday). If your child/children were successful, you would have received an events notification through Xuno (even the 10 year olds). This is a paid event and if you are able to pay as soon as possible, would be greatly appreciated. The best two students were selected for each event. Unfortunately students cannot change events, as this will impact someone else's position in the team. If your child/children are upset for not being selected or for any other concerns related to athletics, please don't hesitate to contact me via my email and I will endeavour to reply as soon as I can.

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### HOOPTIME – GRADE 5/6 – 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – DIAMOND VALLEY STADIUM

### HOOPTIME – GRADE 3/4 – 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER – DIAMOND VALLEY STADIUM

During and continuing in PE, for some grades, the students have been working on basketball skills. We have been able to have a coach from Eltham Wild Cats in, to teach the students skills such as dribbling with alternate hands, catching the ball, stopping with both feet, pivoting, blocking (posting), being on your player and how to shoot properly. For the senior students, they have been focusing on 'match practise' ready for Hooptime. Mr Hurst and myself have been practising some groups for Hooptime, when we have been able to, during our lunchtimes.

### U11s FOOTY GAME

I wish the U11s all the best for their footy game on the weekend. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend, as I have a family commitment. To the players - play your best game, respect the umpires decision and win/celebrate in a humble manner (the way you do at school). Like the Matildas – you win some, you lose some but if you have played your best, that is all you can do.

Once again, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via my email and I will endeavour to respond as soon as I can. [natika.jenes@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:natika.jenes@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you, Natika Jenes

## TRIVIA TEAM THANK YOU

The trivia night was a great success, we were able to raise a massive \$3787!

Thank you to every one who bought tickets and came along. It was a fantastic night with lots of laughter, head scratching trivia and fun had by all.

A massive shout out and thank you to our wonderful sponsors, Bendigo Bank Hurstbridge, Ryan Excavation, Inner City Excavation, She Earth and Hurstbridge News Agency 🙌🙌🙌

Thank you to all of the people and business that donated items and vouchers for our silent auction and raffle. I am blown away with the generosity in our little community!

Funds raised from the trivia night together with funds raised earlier this year will be going towards refurbishing acorn island which will be happening over the next school holidays.

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# BOOK WEEK

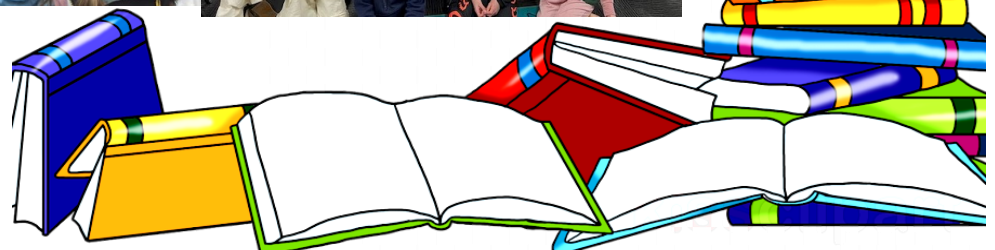
On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 it was Book Day, the day when we all get to dress up as characters from our favourite books.

We started the day with the parade on the basketball court and we listened to music. Then we were sorted into our groups and we went into the classrooms to do all the fun activities.

We did chatterboxes and we made friendship bracelets. We read a book about penguins and we made penguins with funny hats. We went over to the last classroom and read a book about two dogs called Maverick and Lionel. We all drew our dogs or dogs we know.

After all that it was lunchtime. It was an incredible day and it was great to see everyone dressed up in their costumes and bothering to make an effort.

By Maddie G and Yael



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# GRADE 5 VISIT TO PANTON HILL PRE-SCHOOL



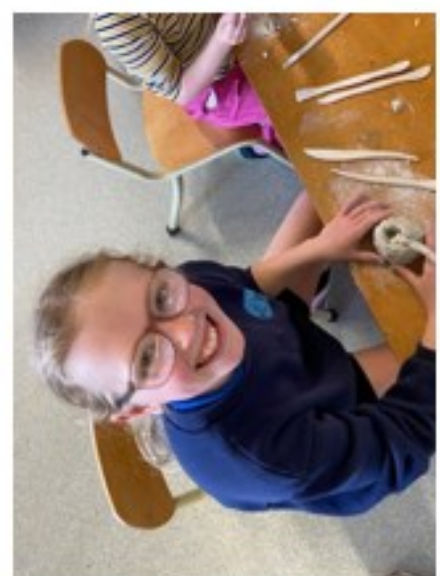
## The Kinder Visit

By Joel, Gabby and Bella

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August the grade fives visited the kinder kids. The grade 5's and the kinder kids were very excited to see one another, and when we walked to the gate, we could see them jumping with joy.

As we walked through the gates, we all spread out to find someone to play with. All of the grade 5's found an activity to do with our buddies. We played lots of games and had an awesome time. The kinder visit was amazing and a fun experience.

At the end when we were leaving, all the kinder kids were happy and waving at us. As we left, we all talked about them and how we can't wait until next visit.





In Craft Club this term we have been knitting. Thanks to the JSC for raising money to enable us to purchase knitting needles and bright colourful wool.

Some of us are learning how to knit, and some are practicing and refining their skills. Our sessions are full of giggles, great chats and lots of new learning. All students from Grade 4-6 are welcome to come along on Wednesdays at lunchtime to join in.

Mrs Puls-Welsh and Mrs Draffin.



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# Blue Light



1ST  
SEPT

# DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

@DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK

7-9.30PM | 8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS  
\$8 ENTRY CASH ONLY NO EFTPOS

**CONTACT** SNR SERGEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9438 8300  
ATTENTION PARENTS! PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS AN EMERGENCY NUMBER ON THEM



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# PANTON HILL

# weekly timetable



TUESDAYS | 7AM

**Pilates for strength**



WEDNESDAYS | 9.30AM

**Pilates for strength\***

\*Bubs welcome



THURSDAYS | 7PM

**HIIT/Cardio**

BOOK  
HERE



**PANTON HILL HALL**

580 Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Rd

All levels welcome | B.Y.O yoga mat



[hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill](https://hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill)

Facebook group "Panton Hill Fitness Classes"





## Come Play Cricket At Panton Hill!!

If you're keen to learn to play cricket at a fun and exciting club, come along to Panton Hill and become a Redback!

Competitive cricket for boys and girls from Under 10s to Under 18s with Junior Blast (4-7 year olds) and Master Blast (7-10 year olds) skill and game awareness programs for younger cricketers.

Pre-season training will begin in October.  
Contact Paul Whitworth 0449 217 773



# Hurstbridge Wattle Festival

**Sunday 27th August  
10am - 4pm, Hurstbridge**

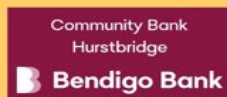
Live music  
Vintage cars  
Kids rides

100 market stalls  
Face painting  
Camel rides

**FREE SHUTTLE BUSES FROM DIAMOND CREEK AND MERNDA**

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# Spring School Holidays



## Diamond Creek

### Lego Fun - 5-10yrs

20 Sep, 10:00am-11:30am - \$35

### Art for Kids - 6-10yrs

26 Sep, 10:00am-11:00am - \$18

## Panton Hill

### Bush magic 5-12 yrs

20 Sep, 10am-11am - \$10

### Drama for Kids - 7-12 yrs

25 Sep 9:30am-12:30pm - \$20

Scan the QR  
Code or visit our  
website to book  
Ph: 9433 3744



## Eltham

### Pottery for Kids - 8-12yrs

20 Sep 10:30am-12:00pm and  
12:30pm-2:00pm - \$35

### Kindy Kids Yoga 3-5yrs

22 Sep, 9:30am-10am - \$7

### Primary Kids Yoga 6-12yrs

22 Sep, 10:15am-11am - \$10



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