



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October, 2023

Term 4: Week 2



DIARY DATES

Friday 13th October

Interschool Sport - Home

Tuesday 17th October

Grd 6 Metro PTV

Wednesday 18th Oct.

Bike Education

Monday 23rd October

Swimming P-1

Tuesday 24th October

Swimming P-1

Wednesday 25th Oct.

Bike Ed

Thursday 26th October

Leadership Day

Friday 27th October

Prep transition

Colour Fun Run

Monday 30th October

Swimming P-1

Tuesday 31st October

Swimming P-1

Wednesday 1st October

Bike Ed.

Monday 6th November

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 7th November

Melbourne Cup Day

(Both 6th & 7th are student free days)

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Four - a busy term full of a combination of celebratory events such as Graduation and our end of year excursions, transitions for both our newest PHPS students coming into Prep next year and our Grade 6's heading off to secondary school and of course, lots of learning!

After seven weeks of being on leave (the trip was incredible!) it has been great to be back this term. There's nothing like a break to see things with fresh eyes and it has struck me just how lucky we are to be educating our students in such a beautiful environment with a great, dedicated staff.

A big thankyou to Luke Franklin for steering the ship in my absence and particularly for keeping some of our major projects we had been working on through the year, moving forward, such as working with our student leaders on the review of our school values and the development of Acorn Island.

2024 PLANNING

Our planning for 2024 is well underway. We have some changes in 2024 with Anne Howard reducing her time here to two days. Don't worry—you will still be seeing the gorgeous art work. Anne will be taking art for all of our grades.

As we have a large Prep intake next year of 28 students, we will be moving to a seven grade structure, splitting our preps into two small groups—a great start for them!

As a result of these factors, this week we have appointed two new teachers to PHPS for next year—Briony Kane and Amie Grisold. Both Briony and Amie are very familiar with PHPS with Briony having Edward in Grade 4 this year and Eliza starting Prep with us next year. Briony is coming to us from Christmas Hills PS.

Amie is an ex student of PHPS. You may have met her in her previous role in past years as one of our Their Care staff. She comes to us from Mill Park PS where she taught Prep. Amie will be teaching one of our prep grades next year, alongside Steph Brindley.

We are really excited to be welcoming both Amie and Briony to our PHPS team.

The grade structure for the rest of the classes and staffing allocation is still being decided and will be communicated further into Term Four when we will invite parent input.

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ACORN ISLAND

We are so excited to see Acorn Island come to fruition after about a year of discussions with students and School Council and much planning. This project came from our Grade 2 and 3's last year who were collecting and playing with the acorns from our Oak trees in a great game that they had devised. Unfortunately the area was quite barren under the trees and not really up to scratch for their game. This prompted conversations with the grades where we discussed what they would like in this area. Mrs Howard dedicated an art session to the project where they drew designs.



We had our fingers crossed for a Metro Trains grant to cover the cost of the project which unfortunately didn't come through so our fabulous School Council stepped in and agreed that we should fund the project from past fundraisers. We contracted Joshua Tree Outdoor Constructions who were excited to work with our student led design and add their creativity and now here we are with the project being very close to completion and looking amazing. We are waiting on a small water tank which will feed the water for our water pump and a couple of small additions.

Part of the design was to include an 'acorn house' which we are hoping the Men's Shed may be able to help us out with. I have included a design which was drawn by Edward last year during Art and was supplied to Josh as part of our 'brief'.



COURT REVAMP

The other major project that we have been working towards is the revamp of the existing asphalt court. This is a significantly large project, beyond the capacity of the school to fund. As a result we have applied for a grant through a combination of the Inclusive Schools Fund and the Minor Capital Works Fund—both State grants. We have had the works scoped and designed, including re-surfacing, extending and levelling the court and covering it.

We have received letters of support from our community partners including the Panton Hill Netball and Football Club, Living and Learning Centre, TheirCare and Netball Victoria. We have also reached out to and received letters of support from Cindy McLeish MP, Minister Jaclyn Symes MP and Rob Mitchell MP. Cindy McLeish MP recently brought our project up in a parliamentary address. We are hoping that with all of this attention and a very strong application that we may be successful in receiving this grant. We will not be notified until December. Please keep fingers and toes crossed.

TREE REMOVAL

One of the things that I noticed on returning from leave was that one of the large sugar gum trees beside the asphalt court was looking quite dead. We called in an arborist who advised us that due to its poor state, it was a significant risk and would need to be removed promptly. We had the tree removed on Saturday and to offset the cost of the removal, decided to sell off the wood.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Our school yard is supervised by yard duty teachers from **8:45am**. Prior to this the staff will either be involved in staff meetings (on Wednesdays) or will be busy preparing for the day. If you need to drop your child at school prior to this they should be booked into Before School Care where they will be appropriately supervised.



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Once the bell has gone at 9:00am, students are to go straight to their classrooms where the roll will be marked. It is an expectation that all grades will have their rolls marked by 9:05am—students will be marked as ‘late’ after this time. This is consistent across all grade levels and is an important part of our emergency management process. If your child arrives after the bell, they are required to go to the office to collect a late pass and the roll will be updated from the office.

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

No doubt our school community are aware of and may be affected by the devastating events in the Middle East. All of us are upset and disturbed by the awful events depicted in media footage and images.

This time is particularly distressing for anyone who has family and friends in Israel and Gaza. We are also aware that students of all backgrounds, may be significantly affected by public events, mainstream media coverage and social media at this time.

Please be assured that all staff are aware of the extreme emotional toll on many at this time. But please also feel free to get in contact with any of the staff at our school if you would like to ensure we are aware of what your child is going through at this time.

I also want to assure you that the department is monitoring the situation from a school security perspective, and have advised there is no further action we need to take at this stage.

It is possible that extremely distressing scenes from the conflict may be posted online in coming days. We highly recommend that you monitor what your child/ren are accessing and consider restricting access to social media apps where there may be some distressing videos/content posted.

Please ensure your children are aware of where they can find support in the event they come across such images. At our school, this includes speaking with any of our staff.

You may find some aspects of this resource helpful:

[Helping my children after trauma: A guide for parents.](#)

Support is also available through external services including:

[headspace](#): 1800 650 890

[Kids Helpline](#): 1800 551 800

[Lifeline](#): 13 11 14

[Beyond Blue](#): 1300 224 636.

My door is always open and I am sure we will all look to support one another at this difficult time.

WELL DONE NEVE AND AUSSIE

This week both Neve Donald and Aussie Borthwick represented PHPS and they competed in the Regional Athletics Event. We are so proud of both of their efforts. Neve competed in the 800m and came seventh. Aussie competed in both the 800m and the 1500m and finished fourth in both events. Well done Aussie and Neve!

FUN RUN

We are two weeks out from our *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day!* We hope students are working hard towards their fundraising goals! Currently we have raised **\$5,970** of our **\$10,000** goal amount so there is a little way to go and I hope you'll keep supporting us! Remember, the money raised will be going towards **Acorn Island and additional classroom devices.**

Did you know that you can WIN a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Package by setting up your student profile online and raising \$1 online? Just head over to schoolfunrun.com.au. Once you've created your page there are some great things you can do. You can sign up for online fundraising, pick your target prize and even become a fundraising superstar! If you're having any trouble setting up your student profile or fundraising online, please get in touch with the Fun Run team on 1800 FUN RUN. Also please contact the office if you can help with setting up/ packing up the course on the **27th October.**

Thanks for supporting us with your fundraising efforts, we look forward to celebrating with an amazing day!

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2024 Student Bookpacks



It is again that time of term when we begin to prepare for the following year. One of the steps that needs to be addressed is the ordering of student bookpacks for 2024. As we have done in previous years, bookpacks are ordered directly by parents through Maxim Office Group by clicking on this link [Maxim Office Group booklist](#). Orders placed by **3rd November** will arrive prior to the end of this year. When placing your order, please make sure you select the year level they will be in **2024**. Please see the below steps explaining the ordering process.

Once ordered, your child's bookpack will be delivered directly to school and placed in their classroom ready for the first day of **Term 1, 2024**. If you have any questions or require assistance in purchasing your bookpack, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9719-7202

HOW TO ONLINE ORDER WITH MAXIM OFFICE GROUP PTY LTD

Panton Hill Primary School

Dear Parents,

many thanks for supporting Panton Hill PS with the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd to ensure a seamless school start for 2024. Packs will be delivered to the school for collection. If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35.

Please note: Orders must be placed by **Friday 3rd of November, 2023** to ensure delivery is on time for December, 2023.

To order your Bookpack:

1. Please follow this link: <http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au>
2. Your access code is: PANTONHILL *Please note this is capital sensitive. Please enter code as displayed in screen.
3. Select the year level required for order
4. Please ensure that the students' name, your name and contact details are given and correct
5. Select 'Place order'
6. If purchasing more than one booklist, please select 'Add another booklist' and follow the same procedure from step 3
7. Select 'Proceed to payment options'
8. Your total payment amount required will display on screen
9. Select 'Pay Now'
10. Please choose your check-out option – Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered
11. You will receive a payment receipt and an order confirmation to the email address you provided
12. Your child's pack/s will be delivered to the school for collection Thank you, Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd



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Sunday 22 October, 10am – 4pm
Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek

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- A range of pet competitions, sponsored by Petstock Eltham
- The Snake Hunter
- Cat Protection Society
- Leading the Hounds dog trainer
- MC: Craig Huggins from Gold 104.3
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Community Centre's**

FREE FAMILY FUN

HALLOWEEN

SCARY SKELE-BRATION PARTY

Sunday 29th October

3pm to 5pm

Haunted House

Wear your best spooky costume

Prizes for costumes

Games

Disco

Face Painter

Snacks & Drinks



Suitable for toddlers and primary school ages

Bookings:

<https://events.humanitix.com/st-andrews-scary-skele-bration-party>

or call the Community Centre on 9710 1223

for catering purposes

Walk ins welcome on the day

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Sheep
Cattle
Education
Poultry
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Art
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SAT 4TH & SUN 5TH
NOVEMBER 2023

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Hobby Farm



Woodchop



Eroni's Circus



Heritage



Family Fun



NEW

class timetable



MONDAY | 7PM
Pilates for strength



WEDNESDAY | 9.30AM
Pilates for strength
*family friendly



THURSDAY | 7PM
Pilates cardio

All levels.
Relaxed.
Local.

Bookings



essential



PANTON HILL HALL

580 Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Rd

hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill

Facebook group "Panton Hill Fitness Classes"



School Crossing Supervisor

- Become a School Crossing Supervisor in Nillumbik and be a friendly face for the school community!
- 📌 Our School Crossing Supervisors play an essential role in the Shire by assisting our community to cross safely at various locations throughout the Shire.
- If you or someone you know is interested in a permanent or casual role, visit [the ad link](#) or [Nillumbik Shire Council - Recruitment Hub - Current vacancies](#)



ARTHURS CREEK ANNUAL
GARDEN WALK
SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023



Visit five stunning broadacre gardens in our district

Tickets and map available on the day at Arthurs Creek Hall

- Local art
- Plant stalls
- Snacks and lunch available

www.arthurscreekhall.com.au

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