



DIARY DATES

Monday 13th November School Council

Friday 17th November
Interschool sport PHvKG
Monday 20th November
David Skinner dance
Tuesday 5th December
School Concert

Friday 8th December
LaTrobe pool excursion 5/6
Tuesday 19th December
Zoo excursion P-4
Wednesday 20th Dec.

Last day of Term 4



Principal's Report

2024 PLANNING

As it is now half way through Term Four, we are at the point of finalising decisions for 2024. We still have some tours coming through this week. Currently we are working towards locking in enrolment numbers, determining the 2024 class structure and finally, allocating teachers to their roles and responsibilities.

I wanted to let you know a little more about the process. We currently have a prep enrolment for 2024 of 28 students. With this number we will be running two classes.

You will understand that being a small school, our class structure is fluid and is determined by numbers and social groupings.

Our class structure for next year will be:

Prep x 2 classes

1/2 x 2 classes

Grade 3/4

Grade 4/5

Grade 5/6

Our next step will be to work on class compositions. There are many factors which are taken into account when making these decisions. One of those factors is parent input. It is time for me then to ask that you please request **in writing** to the school email: panton.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you would like to inform the school of any *special circumstances* around student combinations or any other concerns. There isn't a lot of flexibility in some year levels, however, we always try our best to accommodate your suggestions.

Please note that parents are unable to make suggestions about specific teach-

585 Main Rd. Panton Hill – Ph: 9719 7202 www.pantonhill.vic.edu.au ing staff. We have a deadline of one week for requests to be made by parents. Submissions made after **Sunday the 19th of November** will not be considered so please pop the date in your diary.

Please note that we will also give the students an opportunity to list up to five friends and we will ensure that they are with **at least one**, if not more so please only email if there are other special circumstances which apply to your child. Where a parent has asked for something which is conflicting to a student's request we will honour the parents' wishes. This may result in your child not getting any of their friend requests.

Once the parent input deadline has closed, I will update you on the next steps of organising classes and teachers.

Thankyou to everyone for your support and understanding as we complete this somewhat complex task. Please call if you have any questions.

COLOUR FUN RUN

What an amazing fundraiser we had with the Colour Fun Run on Friday 27th. The weather came good just in time for us and brought out our beautiful community to enjoy the colour run together. This exciting fundraiser made a very impressive amount of \$7,676.50. This is very timely as we are moving to 7 grades and need to set up the existing STEM room as a classroom which includes installing an Interactive whiteboard. We will also be purchasing a television for the artroom. A huge thankyou to Ellen Canning and Suzie Courts for taking on the main organization of the colour run. The course was amazing with so many different elements and to Andrew Sirianni for doing a great job on the microphone. Also a huge water drench thank you to the CFA for their enthusiastic hosing down of the competitors. We had such a great amount of other parent helpers it is impossible to name everyone but please take this as a collective huge thankyou!



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EMERGENCY DRILL

We will be conducting a extra emergency bushfire drill on Thursday with the intention of running a drill during playtime, something we have not done before. The alarms will go off at approximately 2.10pm, please do not be concerned if you hear them. We will students know that we are conducting this prior to the drill.

LOST PROPERTY

If you are missing a school hoodie, please come and check in lost property located in the first aid room as it is currently over following.

WHITTLESEA SHOW

We are very proud of our Grade 4-6 Panton Hill Primary writers who recently had the opportunity to showcase their writing skills at the Whittlesea Show. Our students submitted entries in the poetry category as that is an area they had been covering in class. Well done to all of our students who entered a piece and congratulations to the following students for their awards:

Huw Whitworth (Year 6- Poetry) 1st place

Lacey Marler-Smith (Year 6- Narrative Story) 2nd Place

Leah Cody (Year 5- Poetry) 2nd place

Bella Ferguson-Mclellan (Year 5- Poetry) 3rd place

Aspen Bryant (Year 6- Poetry) 4th place

Tash Habermehl (Year 5- Poetry) Highly Commended

Heidi George (Year 4- Poetry) Highly Commended









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Grade 2/3 'Under The Canopy' with Paradoxa Collective

On Tuesday the 31st of October, our Grade 2/3s went over to the Living and Learning Centre, along with the amazing help of their grandparents and family friends, to participate in making models of local animals and plants that are found in Bunjil Reserve. It was such a beautiful experience to have our students and their families creating such wonderful pieces of art.

Throughout 2023, our 2/3s have been working with a local group called Paradoxa Collective and the Nillumbik Council, to learning more about the local environment, to care and maintain Bunjil reserve and what native plants and animals we have in our community.

We would like to say a big thankyou to all the 2/3 family members and friends who came along to participate, to Susan Wirth and Anna Farago from Paradoxa Collective who put together the sessions and to Vanessa from the Living and Learning centre for allowing us to use their space to create.

The next step in our work with Paradoxa Collective, will be working with local artist Kate Adam, to create a performance/play with the pieces that have been created. This will be in late November and will be videoed and filtered out to parents for viewing.







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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** to ensure delivery is on time for December, 2023. The final ordering cut off date is **Friday 8th of December** for the week before beginning of term. This will be the final bulk delivery to the school.

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







FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

SCHOOL TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER







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