

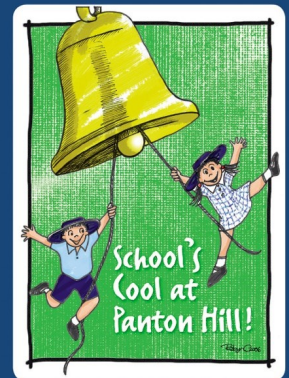


*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December, 2023

Term 4: Week 10



## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 11th December**

David Skinner dance lessons

### **Wednesday 13th Dec.**

Meet The Teacher

### **Thursday 14th December**

Christmas Activity Day

### **Monday 18th December**

Grade 6 Graduation

### **Tuesday 19th December**

Zoo excursion P-4

### **Wednesday 20th Dec.**

Last day of Term 4—1.30pm

Christmas raffle drawn

Dismissal after assembly and  
Grade 6 farewell



*holly jolly*  
**CHRISTMAS**



**XUNO**



## **Principal's Report**

2023 is drawing to a close and I can't quite believe how quickly it has flown by. With only one week and a half left, this will be the final full length newsletter. We will have one small edition in the last week focusing on the Grade Six graduation.

The highlight since the last newsletter edition has got to be our School Concert on Tuesday night. We were incredibly lucky with the weather which allowed us to fully enjoy the great performances of all of our students. A huge thankyou to Mrs Jenes for once again guiding our students to put on a great show. I know that she is probably already thinking of what the grades will be doing next year! No rest for a music teacher!! A huge thankyou also to Ian Mason from Jellis Craig Real Estate for once again making the time to come along to our event and run our Artwork auction as only he can! The auction made a very impressive \$1,780. The funds will be used to cover next year's sound for the 2024 concert and the remainder will go to our Junior School Council's future school improvement projects. The artworks have now found six new homes to be admired in. Thankyou to everyone for your strong bidding and of course to Mrs Howard for working with our student artists to produce artworks worthy of furious bidding.

The school definitely now has the feeling of winding down. We know that things are wrapping up when the displays start coming down in the classrooms and teachers start thinking of setting up for the next year. When the rooms start to get packed up, it always strikes me how inviting our classrooms are when in full swing, with all of the student work adorning them.

I would like to thank our fabulous community for their continued support in partnering with us to provide a rich education for our PHPS students. To all of the parents who have come along to our working bees, helped in the classrooms, on excursions, on School Council, helped with fundraising events and

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participated in our school events—thankyou! It is this strong participation which helps to make our little school the great learning environment that it is.

Thanks to our amazing staff for your dedication, care and commitment to our students. It is a relief to not have to farewell anyone this year and know that our great team will be back raring to go in 2024 with the addition of Miss Grisold and Mrs Kane.

Thanks to Kirsten Renouf who has supported our largeish grade of Preps this year. They have been very lucky preps to have her quiet support and guidance.

Thanks to our ever patient Business Manager, Leanne who is such a positive and friendly presence in the office.

Thanks to our School Council President, Megan for your counsel and constant support—and for running very efficient meetings!

Thanks to Glenys for keeping our grounds safe and well maintained.

Thanks to Joe the cleaning minstrel, for keeping our school spick and span.

Thanks to Ella for providing a fabulous home away from home before and after school and on the school holidays.

So many thankyou's!

## TRANSITION

We had our final prep transition session this week on Wednesday where we broke our 28 students into their two new classes. It was great to have Miss Grisold there on the day and have her get to know her newest PHPS students. We can't wait to see them all front up in their brand new uniforms on the first day of school in 2024.

## GRANT

I was so disappointed this week to receive the news that our grant application for the upgrade of the basketball court was unsuccessful. There was an enormous amount of effort put into this, many discussions at School Council, phone calls for support from local politicians and strategic meetings with involved parents. Never fear though, we are going through the process of now submitting an application to be considered for a Commonwealth School Upgrade Fund. Don't uncross those fingers and toes just yet!

## END OF YEAR EXCURSION

As we put this newsletter together, our Grade 5's and 6's are happily enjoying their end of year celebration excursion at the Latrobe Uni Sports Centre. As the wind is whipping around outside the window, we are so glad that our junior grades are not battling to stand up at the zoo. They will be heading off on their excursion on the last Tuesday of the school year, 19th December.

## FINAL DANCE SESSION

Our final dance lesson with David Skinner will be held on Monday the 18th of December (the last Monday of the school year). On this last day, we take the whole school over to the hall together and enjoy an 'all in' dance. We would like to extend the invitation to parents to put on their dancing shoes and come along as well. We will head across after assembly for this dance session.



Ho Ho  
Ho Ho

Ho Ho  
Ho Ho

## Christmas.

Glowing fairy lights hanging upon my christmas tree.

Sparkly tinsel everywhere.

Over here and over there, wherever I look.

When I leave my doorstep this is all I see.

Christmas is here.

Little kids are giggling, hoping for their presents.

Parents chatting, smiling and laughing.

I jumped in the small car with my family.

We see all the beautiful Christmas lights.

One by one, so bright and shiny.

The shimmering lights are up, up very high.

Up on big balconies, on the long roof tops.

As it got dark all the lights got brighter and much bigger.

Christmas is coming, it's so very close.

By Neve Donald.







Mosaic collage artwork produced by Grd 3/4's







PHPS  
CHRISTMAS

# RAFFLE

20TH DECEMBER

If possible, we ask each family to donate an item to our annual Christmas Raffle. Suggested items may be wrapping paper, food, chocolate or small gifts. We hope to have plenty of prizes to raffle at our final assembly.

Please leave donations in the box outside the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

CALLING ALL 8-14 YEAR OLDS

# PANTON HILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB FOOTY PRE-SEASON

STARTS 10AM SUNDAY 4 FEB 2024  
A.E. CRACKNELL RESERVE

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:  
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**ELTHAM**  
Netball Club.

## Want to play netball in 2024?

Eltham Netball Club registrations open soon!!  
All ages! NetSetGo to 17/19's

Training Tuesday nights St Helena Secondary College  
Games played on Saturday's at the Nillumbik Regional Netball Centre

Email Claire at [info@elthamnetballclub.com.au](mailto:info@elthamnetballclub.com.au)

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Panton Hill  
Dance Program  
for Prep - Grade 6

Prep - 2 Thursday 3:40 - 4:25  
Grade 3-6 Thursday 4:30 - 5:15

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Aerobic Fitness | Coordination  
Agility | Motor Skills | Art | Music  
Creativity | Team work | Social  
Skills | Confidence & Self Esteem

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