

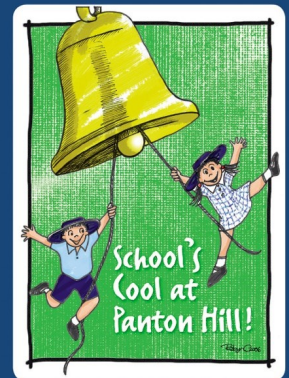


*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March, 2024

Term 1: Week 5



DIARY DATES

Friday 8th March

Curriculum day
(Student free day)

Monday 11th March

Labour Day
(Student free day)

Monday 18th March

School Council Meeting
Naplan testing

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term 1

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

Monday 15th April

1st day of Term 2

Tuesday 23rd April

School photos

Thursday 25th April

Anzac Day
(Student free day)

**XUNO
FAMILY**

Principal's Report

The highlight since our newsletter has got to be our annual school picnic. It was so great to have our PHPS community gather in the shade of the trees and enjoy a very casual picnic and of course everyone's favourite—the picnic races! It certainly is a very unique race track with the uneven, sloping ground but it all just adds to the fun. Thankyou to all of the families and staff who came along and joined in—and a shout to Allana Sharman who was the winner of the parent's race and now has a title to defend next year.

BUILDING WORKS

You may have noticed the building works happening at the moment in our main building. Unfortunately, we had a leak just before the resumption of the school year resulting in the removal of some carpet, plaster and floorboards. The works are currently at the stage where the area has needed to be sealed off. I am told that the works should be completed before the end of this term. Hopefully we will have access to the stairs within the next two weeks.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

You may have been aware of quite a few Casual Relief Teachers in the school recently. We are in the process of transitioning to a different reading system in our Grade P-2. This is an evidence based, systematic phonics system designed to best support all students. In order to implement this with the most effectiveness, we have committed to significant professional development for our staff, resulting in days spent out of the classroom. We are very excited about this and believe that it will further improve the teaching and learning at PHPS.

Alongside this, we have also had mandated early years literacy testing for our Grade 1's. This has required our Grade 1 teachers to have their grades covered while they administered the testing one on one to their students.

Value Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Gunner Preece, Zac Melbourne
and Jaxon Nicholls



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PUPIL FREE DAY

We will be having a pupil free day on **Friday the 8th March**, leading into the Labour Day long weekend. Staff will be spending the day with our small school colleagues from surrounding schools and working on a combination of legalities of teaching, managing conflict and the neuroscience of learning.

Thiercare will be operating for full day care. Be sure to register if you would like to take advantage of this.

BUSHFIRE DRILL

As communicated on Xuno this week, we have had to postpone our scheduled bushfire drill under advice from the Panton Hill CFA. We have rescheduled this drill for **Wednesday the 20th March**.

It is timely, given the recent Extreme Fire Danger days to remind our community that we encourage families to enact their personal fire plans. If you do decide to leave the area and choose not to have the students at school, please indicate this on Xuno in the morning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I am pleased to announce our 2024 School Council following the call for nominations. This year we had the same amount of nominations as positions.

The 2024 Council is as follows:

Megan King	Beth Borthwick	David Shaw	Bianca McGuirk	Amy Davey	Abbey Baines
Justine Puls-Welsh	Stephanie Brindley	Anne Howard	Kylie Richards	Marc Lemire	Deanne Cahir
Aaron Cody					

UNIFORM

Please note that for safety reasons, students are required to wear closed shoes. Crocs and sandals are not acceptable footwear for school.

Students should not be wearing dropped earrings as they are a safety risk when students are playing. Studs or small sleepers are recommended.

GREAT
EFFORT!

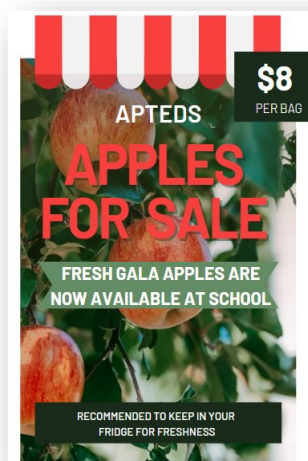
SWIMMING

Well done to all of our PHPS swimmers who competed in the District Swimming Competition at Diamond Creek Pool on Friday 23rd February and thank you to those parents who transported the students on the day. We are proud of all of our swimmers who participated. A very special congratulations to Elise Evans for winning the 50m backstroke and making it through to the District Swimming Competition on Wednesday where she placed fourth. Well done Elise!

CSEF

Camps, Sport, Excursion Funding

All Health Care Card holders and Pension Card holders are eligible for CSEF. If you have not already applied or your financial circumstances have changed, please contact the office and complete an application form.



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.

Important Dates

Term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term One	Mon 29th Jan—teachers Tuesday 30th Jan—Students	Thur 28th March (2:30pm)
Term Two	Monday 15th April	Friday 28th June (2:30pm)
Term Three	Monday 15th July	Friday 20th Sep (2:30pm)
Term Four	Monday 7th Oct	Friday 20th Dec—(1:30pm)

Public Holidays

Term One	Labour Day	Monday 11th March
Term One	Good Friday	Friday 29th March
Term Two	ANZAC Day	Thursday 25th April
Term Two	King's Birthday	Monday 10th June
Term Four	Melbourne Cup	Tuesday 5th November

Pupil Free Days

Term One	Curriculum Day	Monday 29th January
Term One	Curriculum Day	Friday 8th March
Term Two	Curriculum Day	Friday 26th April
Term Three	Professional Practice Day	Friday 16th August
Term Four	Curriculum Day	Monday 4th November

Other

Term Four	Grade 3-6 Camp	Monday 25th November—Wednesday 27th November
Term Four	Graduation	Monday 16th December
Term Four	School Concert	TBC

TheirCare

Where Kids love to be!



Hello everyone!

We have had a very busy time at Before and After Care this week with all the ship building, experimenting and just plain fun! Last Friday the boys decided to use the recycling materials and build boats and even an iceberg or two. To make sure that the boats floated and were water tight, they wrapped some of them in double sided tape and then, placing them in the big sink, timed the floating or sinking of their vessels. That led to this week being called "What Floats Your Boat?" We had lots of interesting conversations about how and why boats and ships can float, the different types of ships, and of course, famous ships throughout history!



Can you guess which ship was mentioned the most? Yes! "The Titanic"!

One question came up that required investigating: How does a submarine work??? Toby, from grade one, actually gave a favourable explanation about that! We watched a brilliant video called "Big, Bigger, Biggest Submarines" yesterday and learnt how they make oxygen to keep the submariners alive. The children loved it!

Next week, we will continue our water adventures with "Under the Seal"



This Sunday, March 3rd is "Grandmother's Day". If you are lucky enough to have your grandmother, give her lots of love and kisses! 😊

Coming up on March 8th we have a Pupil Free Day with the theme of "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party!" I can't wait to see the costumes that you come up with!

Take Care,

Ella from Their Care @ Panton Hill 😊



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these holidays!

ART ATTACK

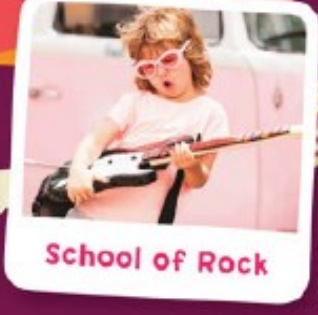
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PROGRAM



Kung Fu Panda 4



Art Experience



School of Rock



Colour Run

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Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles



Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.



Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via myGov

Up to **90%** of child care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!



For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 440

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.



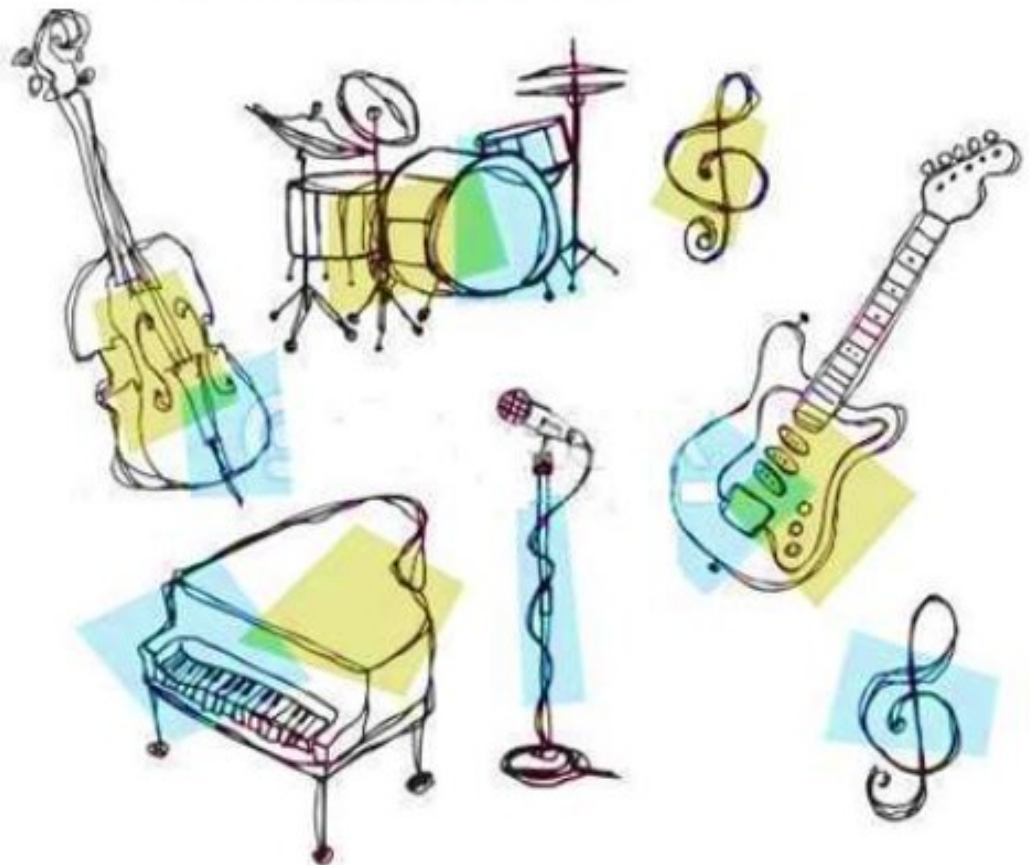
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 APR Public Holiday! <small>NO SERVICE</small>	2 APR Make it Messy! Enhance your messy and creative side! Anything goes with the Anything but a Paintbrush challenge as you create works of art, but no paintbrushes allowed! Unleash your creativity and create amazing Day Neurons Prints, Spraymilk Printing, Snowflake Printing and take part in a Fruit Basket Group Dance!	3 APR Spotlight Spectacular Step into the spotlight with this showcase spectacle! Get your groove on with a Dance Party inspired by TikTok dances! But the fun keeps going... Play the Pass the Sound group game, create your own unique theatre puppets, and then take on the Count to 10 Challenge and the Spaces Jump Improv game!	4 APR FizzTastic Adventure Get ready for a busy adventure with the DT Lemonaid Stand! Little builders will create their own Lemonade Stand and even design their own cup for yummy drinks. Then, they dive into nature with an Autumn Flower Wreath craft and make a Fruit Scented Print. It's sweet blend of crafting and outdoor exploration for endless fun!	5 APR Playground Wonderland Get ready for the best indoor playground adventure ever! Scale the heights of the multi-level playground, brave the slides, and conquer adventure obstacles and draw into a multi-level ball pit. Keep the fun going with Rock 'n Roll Musical Stanzas, the Wavy Boundaries group game, and craft Popcicle Stick Puppets.
8 APR Putt-Tastic Adventure Get ready to tee off for a mini-golf adventure like no other! Journey through the wets and turns of the mini-golf course, test your skills with the Lego Mini Golf Course Challenge. Then, let's take on the Paper Chain Challenge, explore sensory fun with Drawing Colours, and express artistic flair with Button Tree Art!	9 APR Marbled Pencil Case Get hyped for a day of colorful creations and fun! Create stunning DIY marbled pencil cases with a touch of artistic flair that you get to take home! Add a dash of colour to the streets with Sidewalk chalk art Friday, challenge yourself with Outdoor Spongy Toss game and Pass the Water Challenge.	10 APR Movie Magic This autumn, for the first time in almost a decade, comedy icon Jack Black returns to his role as Po, the world's most unlikely hero to master, with a hilarious, fast-paced new chapter in DreamWorks Animation's beloved action-comedy franchise: Kung Fu Panda 4.	11 APR ArtistBlast Galaxy We are ready for 8th-craft! Launch your creativity into the stars and create unique patterns with Paint Rocks, dive into cosmos with Galaxy necktie, and tackle 'Mars to Win' Art Challenge. Engage workers with LEGO STEAM Construction, Todd Lutz into every corner with Origami Lacy Stars.	12 APR Culinary Canvases Bon Appetite! Join us for a food fantasia delight as we craft and create unique food art, starting with Pizza Piranhas, play S'ms Bubbles Group Game, and create delightful edible art with Eat the Rainbow Fruit Salad. Then join in for Messy Finger Printing and modeling Clay Spineboard People!
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