

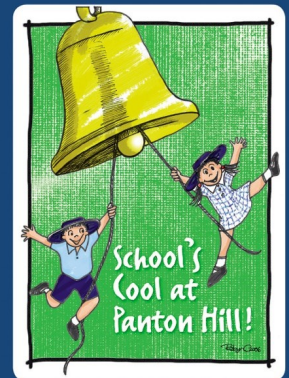


*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th April, 2024

Term 2: Week 2



## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 1st May**

Grade 6 Leadership Day

**Friday 3rd May**

Interschool Sport ACvPH

**Friday 10th May**

Interschool Sport PHvSTA

1st Storytime 11.30am

**Friday 17th May**

Walk To School Day

**Wednesday 22nd May**

District Cross Country

Yarrambat 9.30—11.30

**Friday 24th May**

Interschool Sport PHvKG

**Wednesday 29th May**

Life Ed Van

**Thursday 30th May**

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**Monday 10th June**

Kings Birthday—Pupil

Free Day

**Friday 14th June**

2nd Storytime 11.30am



## *Principal's Report*

Welcome to Term Two. I hope that everyone had a great Easter break and have come back refreshed and ready to go. We have a busy term so be sure to keep an eye on the Xuno Calendar. One of the important events on our calendar this term is our School Review where we do a deep dive into the past four years and review how we have performed against our school goals. It is important during this process to hear from all sectors of our PHPS community. We will be reaching out later this term to invite parents to contribute to the review. Watch this space.

### **PLAYGROUP CO-ORDINATOR**

PHPS has had a long history of running a playgroup for pre-school families in the area. For this to be available we need a co-ordinator. Most recently we have been fortunate to have Mel Toniolo running our playgroup. Unfortunately she is no longer able to be co-ordinating this but she is more than happy to help transition a new co-ordinator to the role. If you think this is something that you have time for and would be happy to co-ordinate, please reach out to us at the office and we will put you in contact with Mel.

### **BUSHDANCE**

We have had a local St Andrews resident reach out to us in regard to two bush dances which she is running for the St Andrews and surrounds community on **May 20 and July 25, 2024**. The dances will be in the St Andrews Hall from **5:00-8:00pm** to accommodate families with children.

The dances are supported by a Nillumbik Council community grant. Part of the budget allows for a member from the dance band Bushwahzee to visit both PHPS and St Andrews Primary to run a short bush dance 'taster' for the children beforehand so they know what to expect and will be able to join in readily at the dances. We will be taking the whole school across to the hall on **Friday the 3rd April** (next Friday) for 45 minutes of bush dancing fun!



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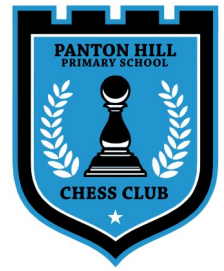
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We have a School Council meeting at **7pm on Monday the 29th of April**. At the beginning of the meeting we will hold the AGM where we will present the 2023 Annual Report—all welcome!

## CHESS CLUB

We are very excited to be offering a new lunch time club—Chess Club. This is something that Bethany Anderson has been working towards. We would love any donations of chess boards if you or someone you know has one lying around. Chess club times will be confirmed.



## POLITICIAN VISIT

Last week we hosted the Federal Minister of Education, Jason Clare along with our local MP Rob Mitchell and principals from our surrounding schools. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the unique situation of small schools (particularly those like ours which are close to larger schools). It was a great opportunity to impress on our politicians the unique challenges around funding. Rest assured that the basketball court redevelopment was well and truly covered.

## ANZAC DAY

All of our students have covered the significance of ANZAC Day in the classrooms this week. It was great to see quite a few of our families at the Hurstbridge Memorial Service yesterday. I was particularly proud of Leah Cody, Oliver Banes and Tash Harbermehl who did a magnificent job of reading a poem and laying a wreath on behalf of the PHPS community at the service.

In art, our grades have been working on various representations of the Anzac poppy.

## VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Panton Hill Primary School is excited to have our **Grade 4-6 classes** participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review



At Panton Hill Primary the Challenge is open to all students in Grades 4-6. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024.

Children from Year 4 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Show and Tell in 1/2 P

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Priya in Grade 1/2P brought her snake Ziggy to school for Show and Tell.

Ziggy is a Woma Python, and he is approximately 2 years old. The Grade 1/2P students enjoyed being able to pat Ziggy and learnt more about keeping a pet snake.

Thanks to Priya's Mum Ruth for bringing him in to school!



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# PHPS Artworks

*Anzac Day Poppies by all grades.*



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# 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 2	School Photos	Tuesday 23rd April
Term Four	Grade 3-6 Camp	Monday 25th November—Wednesday 27th November
Term Four	Graduation	Monday 16th December
Term Four	School Concert	TBD

*Please refer to our Xuno calendar for additional school event dates throughout the terms.*

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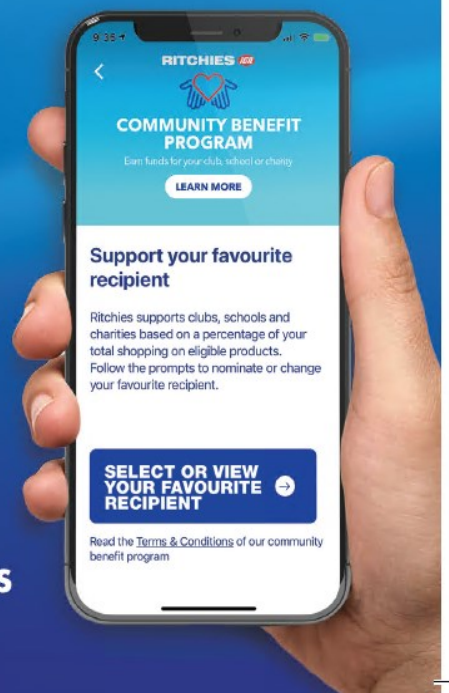


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Club Professional Coaches Nicole and Maria Vallos have successfully been coaching in their own coaching business at the Hurstbridge Tennis Club for over 20 years.

All ages and abilities are welcome.

Nicole and Maria have volunteered their time with Special Olympics Victoria for over 25 years and are now running tournaments for players with an Intellectual Disability or Autism.

Their program is for everyone and includes private and group sessions as well as squad training for beginners to advanced junior players and cardio sessions for adults.

Sessions are on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Come and learn the game of tennis in a fun and friendly environment!



MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE THROUGH:

**HOT SHOTS TENNIS - Juniors**  
Tennis for kids of all ages and abilities.  
Progress through the stages.

Learn the skills of tennis as well as improve your agility, flexibility and speed.  
Socialise and make new friends!

**CARDIO TENNIS - Adults**  
Caters for all fitness levels.

A cardio workout doing tennis drills in a fun environment with high energy soundtracks.

Call to book in your **FREE Trial Lesson** this term!

Receive a **FREE T-shirt and Racket** when you enrol.  
(Hot Shots Tennis new students only).

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## Great opportunity to work with timber and tools! Design and create a fun project!

18 places available for students in Year 4 and 5 in  
Warrandyte High School's 6 week **WOODWORK** Course

**WHEN:** Each Wednesday, 4pm-5pm from 8 May (Week 4 of Term 2) – 12 June

**WHERE:** Warrandyte High School – in our BRAND NEW ART AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

**WHO:** Year 4 + 5 students can participate in this awesome experience

**COST:** \$35 for the entire 6-week Woodwork Experience!

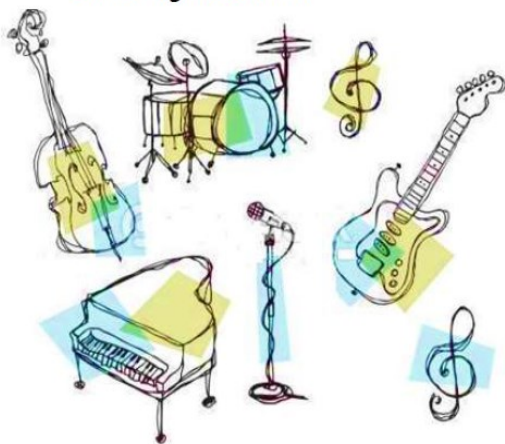
To register, simply phone Warrandyte High School on 9844 2749.

Your child's place will be secured once payment is made.



Offering lessons in

- Guitar
- Ukulele
- Violin
- Piano
- Drums
- Singing



- Lessons at school during school hours.
- Teaching modern songs and traditional music theory.
- Private or group lessons.
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