



*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th May, 2024

Term 2: Week 4



## DIARY DATES

### **Friday 17th May**

Walk To School Day

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### **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**

Life Ed Van

### **Monday 10th June**

Kings Birthday—Pupil  
Free Day

### **Friday 14th June**

Interschool Sport PHvAC  
2nd Storytime 11.30am

### **Monday 17th June**

Grd 4/5 MSAC excursion

### **Friday 28th June**

Last day of Term 2  
Assembly 2.15pm  
Early dismissal 2.30pm



## **Principal's Report**

Dear Panton Hill Primary School Community,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write to you today, returning for a short period of time as Acting Principal of Panton Hill Primary School. As some of you may know, I have had the privilege of working with this wonderful community in the past, and I am thrilled to be back. Returning to Panton Hill has been amazing. The warmth of this community and the enthusiasm of the students creates a very welcoming and energetic environment.

It is clear that Kylie Richards is doing an amazing job. It was wonderful seeing lots of familiar faces and spending some time with the new students in Foundation. I am excited to step in and continue the incredible work.

As I begin reestablishing myself into my role as acting principal, I am filled with optimism for the future of our school. I have begun working on a project with the student leaders and more details will be coming soon about this. I am committed to developing a nurturing environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. We will continue work together to grow a culture of inclusivity and academic excellence.

I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and getting to know our new students and families. Together, we will continue to build strong foundations, ensuring that Panton Hill Primary School continues to thrive as a center of community and learning.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received upon my return. Panton Hill Primary School is a special place, and I am honored to once again have the opportunity to work with you.

With warmest regards,

Luke Franklin

Acting Principal

Panton Hill PS

### **Value Award Winners**

**Congratulations to:**

Lulu Headberry & Elsie March



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## 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 25 and July 20, 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 today for 45 minutes of bush dancing fun!

If you are booking kids tickets, please remember to book tickets for the adults coming with them. Children will only be issued entry wristbands if they are accompanied by a responsible adult ticketholder.

Tickets for the **May 25th** dance are now available by clicking on the below link.

[https://events.humanitix.com/st-andrews-bush-dances?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR2N-3g1taopqlcoLX2mx7W8NDnYE7TAuxgpeSsRuZQ-2WULoQSjr2tymHA\\_aem\\_AZ8oEbE9UVd2ydQCIX5nv-qDS2Tq5S9UcIwOjaS-ziinU\\_AQ2p33tTdaQ5bFexIW0-CIFkTwY4gRx2fVbWJgw6xw](https://events.humanitix.com/st-andrews-bush-dances?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR2N-3g1taopqlcoLX2mx7W8NDnYE7TAuxgpeSsRuZQ-2WULoQSjr2tymHA_aem_AZ8oEbE9UVd2ydQCIX5nv-qDS2Tq5S9UcIwOjaS-ziinU_AQ2p33tTdaQ5bFexIW0-CIFkTwY4gRx2fVbWJgw6xw)

## CAR PARK SAFETY

It is vitally important to ensure that our students are safe around cars and traffic when coming to and leaving school. Please adhere to the see the parking guide sent out last term to help assist all children to remain safe in these areas.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

At Pantan 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>

## LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday the 1st of May, the grade 6's participated in Leadership Day. It was a great opportunity for the Grade 6 students to work on our teamwork and leadership skills, along with other kids from different schools. There were 155 grade 6's from around the local area. Some of the activities were: initiatives, public speaking and problem solving.

At lunch break we had pizza and ran around the oval. Andrew Swift came and spoke to us about his role in leadership and how he started his music career. He sang 2 songs and then we asked him questions about his career and got lots of interesting answers. As we were leaving, we got lots of photos with Andrew. Overall, the day was a great experience, and we are all looking forward to leadership day again in term 4.

By Brodie and Leah



## Pantan Hill Primary School Parking Guide



Vehicles to reverse park. Children to be accompanied to the basketball court by adult at drop-off and collected in the afternoon from the basketball court and accompanied to vehicle by an adult. **No children are to be unaccompanied in this carpark.**



Children to use appropriate footpaths to access school crossing, preferably accompanied by an adult.

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# PHPS Artworks

*By All Grades*



All students enthusiastically worked on a special piece for a special person over the last 2 weeks.

Activities covered the use of metallic paint with 'Mum and Me' portraits (preps); Finger print heart balloons (grade 1/2); collage and choices of media for heart trees (grade 3/4), painted vases and mixed media flower/hearts (grade 4/5) and finally monoprints with printing foam with grade 5/6.

I hope all Mums and special people have a fabulous day on Sunday and enjoy the artwork sent home which was completed with care and love!



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# BOOK Fair

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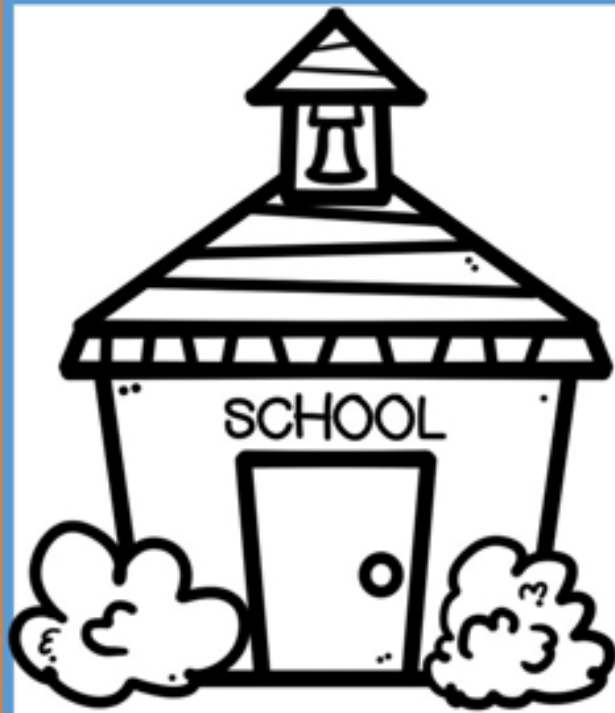
THURSDAY 23RD AND FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Get ready for a bookworm's paradise at  
our Pre-Loved Book Sale! 📚 🎉

Calling all book lovers! On Thursday 23rd,  
and Friday 24th May, we're hosting a  
second-hand book sale with funds going  
towards new Jelly Bean conference  
tables for teachers and students.

Got some great reads gathering dust?  
We'd be thrilled if you could donate them  
to our cause! Swing by the office and  
drop off your donations by Wednesday,  
May 22nd, and let's turn those forgotten  
books into treasures for someone else!

More information to come.



# Panton Hill Primary School

## Storytime

We would like to invite all three and four year olds to Storytime sessions at Panton Hill Primary School. This is a chance to come along, listen to a story and join in with some activities. All sessions will be held in the Prep classroom with our Prep teachers.

Parents are welcome to join in the fun with their children.

2024	
Friday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30—12:20
Friday June 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:30—12:20
Friday August 2nd	11:30—12:20
Friday September 6th	11:30—12:20
For more information please call 9719 7202	

# 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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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).

For any enquiries please contact **Maria Vallos**  
E: [coaching@nandm.com.au](mailto:coaching@nandm.com.au)  
M: 0407 851 979

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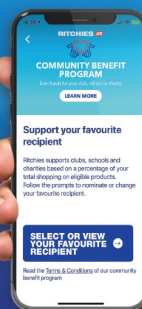
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**RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM**

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PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL  
POLICE & VOLUNTEERS

# DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

## 17TH MAY 2024

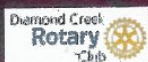
7-9.30PM | 8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS | \$8 ENTRY

DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE ROAD, DIAMOND CREEK

CONTACT: SNR SERGEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9438 8300  
PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE AN EMERGENCY NUMBER ON THEM.

Diamond Creek Blue Light Disco

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO



\$8

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FOR SALE

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NOW AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

RECOMMENDED TO KEEP IN YOUR  
FRIDGE FOR FRESHNESS

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Australian Early Development Census

## Building a national picture of child health

**From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).**

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

### FOUNDATION STUDENTS ONLY

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.







Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit:

**[www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au)**.

If you have any questions, you can contact the school

