

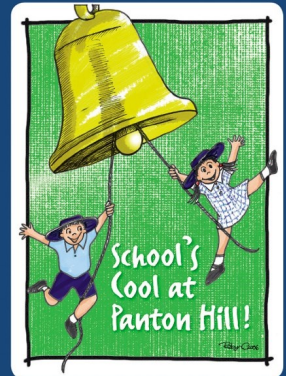


*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th August, 2024

Term 3: Week 7



DIARY DATES

Friday 30th August

Mad About Science Snr—
to be rescheduled

Wednesday 4th Sept

Lockdown Drill

Thursday 5th September

District Athletics

Friday 6th September

Storytime 11.30am

CFA visit

Monday 9th September

School Council meeting

Finance & Fundraising

Wednesday 11th Sept.

Kaboom Sports Prep—2

Thursday 19th Sept

Pupil Free Day

Friday 20th September

Parent Opinion Survey
closes

Last Day of Term 3

Assembly 2.15pm

Dismissal 2.30pm

Monday 7th October

First day of Term 4

XUNO



Principal's Report

The last two weeks have really highlighted how much our parent volunteers contribute and add to our rich community. We have had three fundraisers since our last newsletter, all of which relied heavily on not just volunteers but also support from our community.

Alongside this are the parents, grandparents, carers who we regularly see in our classrooms helping out in the mornings. This is a great help for our teachers and students and a good opportunity to see the classes in action.

We have been fortunate this term to have Bethany Anderson continue our lunchtime chess club for two sessions a week. When stepping into the Italian/chess room you are met with a real buzz of students of all ages playing against each other. Bethany sourced enough chess boards and pieces for multiple games and has made laminated visual aids to help the students understand the game. Thankyou so much Bethany for enriching our students week with chess. We have had an exciting week for some of our chess players which will be reported at assembly on Monday.

NAPLAN

The statewide NAPLAN results came out last week for our Grade 3 and 5 current students which is another cause for celebration for us. These figures below are pleasing results for us. *Cont.*

Percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding					
	Reading	Writing	Maths	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation
Yr 3 PHPS	90%	81%	90%	71%	76%
Similar Schools	74%	83%	74%	60%	60%
State	69%	78%	65%	61%	55%
Yr 5 PHPS	90%	85%	75%	60%	75%
Similar Schools	81%	75%	73%	66%	69%
State	73%	73%	67%	67%	64%

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Of course, as we always mention, NAPLAN is one snap shot of a students achievements amongst many other assessments but it is pleasing to see the teacher's work on continuously improving practice showing in the data which is also used to help us work out future focuses.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thankyou to our fabulous group of fundraising parents, led by Megan King, Amy Davey and Amanda Tesch for their great efforts in pulling together our movie themed Trivia Night held on Saturday night. The donations and silent auction were amazing with heaps of great chances to snag a bargain and contribute to the school all in one. Special mention to our parents for their impressive dressing up abilities—with awards going to Ray 'Dorothy' Baines, Matt 'Bond' Meredith Williams and Erin 'the good witch' Vaughan—we will never see you the same again! Once we have the final figures, we will let you know of the amount raised.



BUNNINGS BBQ

We had our Bunnings Barbecue on Saturday the 17th of August. These are always really good fundraisers for us and we thank our volunteers for giving up some of their time over the weekend to flip sausages. Thankyou to: Chris Haymes, Amanda Orkney, Marc Taranto, Matt Meredith Williams, Katy and David Shaw, Ross Graham, Lee Melbourne, Martin French, Mel Bates, Beth Borthwick and Marc Lemire. In particular we would like to thank Bianca McGuirk for organizing the barbecue and working all day on the stall.

We also had Kaye Meynell drop off a brownie slice and Kirsty Lynch drop off a lemon slice, both of which went very quickly! Thankyou so much.

We raised \$1634— that's a lot of sausages! This money (with some of the money from the Trivia Night) is going towards the purchase of small group focus tables and stools for the Grade 1/2 classes. These are used for conferencing with students and have been on the wish list for some time.

SPECIAL PERSON'S/FATHERS DAY

To round off the busy fundraising fortnight we had the Special Person's/Fathers Day stall yesterday. Thankyou to the organisers, Amy Davey and Abbey Baines, to Allana Sharman for helping Abbey with the wrapping and to Carly Butler, Katie Hayes, Kate Natoli, Ellen Canny and Anna Weeding for helping our discerning shoppers make their purchases. The stall raised \$634.

MANGO DRIVE



We are considering doing a mango drive in Term Four as an additional fundraiser. We would need to sell a minimum of 64 Boxes of 25 mangoes. These would be priced at \$30 a box and delivered late in Term 4. We are wondering if this is something that our community would be interested in and will send out a survey on Xuno next week. Please keep an eye on this and let us know if you are keen.

CHESS CLUB



As mentioned, PHPS is now the home of many enthusiastic chess players. This week we had a team of five players attend the Northern Star Chess Primary Open Zonal Competition held at Morang South Primary School. There were 50 students in the competition from six schools. All students played seven rounds. Being an open competition, the students were competing against students of all ages. We are so proud of our team who came back to school buzzing. The organiser of the tournament made mention of how impressed he was with the PHPS team given that it was the first time they were involved. Well done to Archie King, Ayvah Elkhishin, Otto Lockwood, Salem Anderson and Elowyn Meredith Williams. Archie won a bronze medal in the Grade 3/4 category and has qualified for the Primary Open Semi-Final in the Northern Star State Final Competition and Ayvah won silver and has qualified in both the State Primary Open Semi-Final and the Primary Girls State Final—amazing! Salem came away with a bronze medal in the Prep to Grade 2 category and Otto and Elowyn just missed out on a medal. Well done to our PHPS chess champs.



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LOCK DOWN DRILL

As part of our annual Emergency Management, we will be conducting a lockdown drill on Wednesday next week. This will consist of us setting off our lockdown notification and the teachers will guide the students into an area which is out of site from the windows and practice locking down the school. It will take no longer than ten minutes and then classes can resume as usual.

We will speak with the students about the process beforehand. Our lockdown notification sound has been updated. It is no longer the alarming "Lock down Lock down" message which had the potential to inflame a possible situation. Our button now plays Waltzing Matilda. All staff, including CRT's will be made aware of the significance of this playing over our system.

PARENT SURVEY

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

We sent you an invitation to complete the survey via email *If you have misplaced this, please reach out and we can resend this invitation to you.*

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will now remain open online until Friday 20 September 2024 (end of Term 3). Currently we have 11% participation.

Note that the survey has been extended from the original close date of Friday 23 August.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to **identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school**, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

The survey is being conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete. It can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.



2024 School Council Members

POSITION	
President	Abbey Baines
Vice President	Aaron Cody
Secretary	Anne Howard
Treasurer	David Shaw

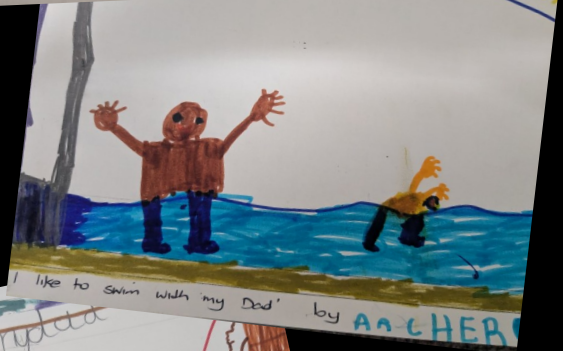
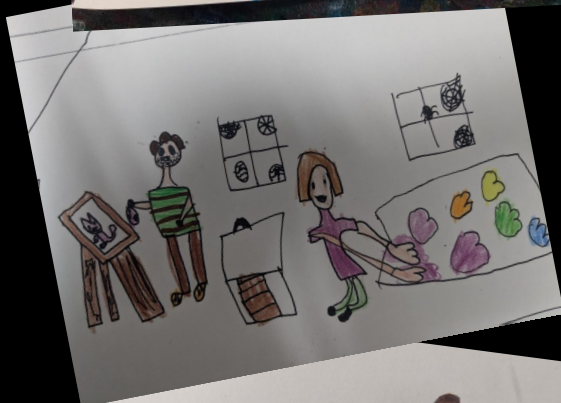
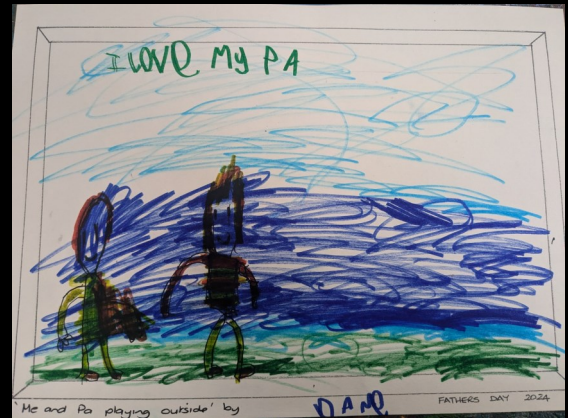
SUB COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	MEETING TIMES
Building & Grounds	Kylie Richards Marc Lemire Beth Borthwick	Monday morning prior to SC meeting 7:30am
Finance & Fundraising	Kylie Richards, Megan King, David Shaw, Abbey Baines, Megan King, Amy Ord	6:30pm prior to SC Meeting
Curriculum & Review	Anne Howard, Kylie Richards, Steph Brindley, Justine Puls-Welsh	As required

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PHPS Artworks



Thoughtful artwork created by our Preps, Grade 1 and 2's for Father's Day / Special Person Day.



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Outside School Hours Care

Earlier this term, the children at Before School Care created a swap library for all of the community to use. They worked really hard carrying out that huge box, dusting and washing the shelves, categorising the books and creating the signage for it. Our lovely Glenys is in the process of creating a pitched roof for it. The next step will be to paint it to match the OSHC house.

We had a very busy science week this term as the children participated in lots of different experiments. I think, that it is safe to say, that the Lemon Volcano was by far the most popular! We were disappointed with the bouncy ball experiment though as it just wouldn't form that promised bouncy ball no matter what Leah tried!

Our Spring Holiday program is fast approaching! Don't forget to sign up and come and join us for lots of fun!

I can't wait for the excursion to the Chocolatier in Yarra Glen!

Take Care Everyone and stay warm, well and safe!

Ella from Panton Hill Their Care OSHC




Panton Hill PS TheirCare
 Times 7:00am - 6:00pm
 Location 585 Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Road, Panton Hill
 Call 0419 179 948



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

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

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

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23 SEP Bee's Knees Celebrate the season as Spring Has Sprung! Dive into creative crafts like Splatter Paint Trees and Paper Bee Spring Crafts. Get into groups as we join in on a tactical game of Save the Ants and enjoy making yummy 'Bee My Honey' Fruit Cups! Wrap up the day with DIY Garden Wish Flags! From as low as \$7.51 Full fee \$75.12**	24 SEP Pass the Popcorn! From DreamWorks Animation comes an adaptation of Peter Brown's beloved The Wild Robot. The adventure follows robot Roz, shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must learn to adapt to the harsh surroundings, gradually building relationships with the animals on the island and becoming an adopted parent of an orphaned gosling. From as low as \$11.89 Full fee \$118.94**	25 SEP Carnival Sports Get ready for a day of carnival themed fun and friendly competition! Dive into exciting sports and games with a carnival twist! Afterwards, we'll be diving into other exciting activities like crafting a Puffy Paint Fairy Floss masterpiece, building a Paper Bag Pinata, and enjoying the Musical Islands group game! From as low as \$9.44 Full fee \$94.37**	26 SEP Sideshow Showdown Step right up for some carnival themed fun! Enjoy a day packed with thrilling games like DIY Ring Toss, Bubblee Bean Bag Toss, and creating your own DIY Circus Tent Hats. Cap off the day with wonderful bubbles creating your very own Bubble Wand Station. From as low as \$7.51 Full fee \$75.12**	27 SEP Service closed!
30 SEP Weird Science Step into a world of whacky experiments with our Weird Science Day! Don't miss out on making your very own DIY Bounce Ball! Make your own take home Chia Seed Heart Planter, challenge your friends to a caterpillar race and enjoy the BZZZ Group Game. From as low as \$7.51 Full fee \$75.12**	1 OCT Chocolate Factory Hands on chocolate making fun awaits for all the Junior Chocolatiers! Tickle your senses as we get to taste the cocoa before getting hands on with a chocolate making session. The Spring fun continues back at service with paper straw tulips and all over group game. From as low as \$13.63 Full fee \$136.25**	2 OCT AFL Team Slime Calling all Slime enthusiasts! Get ready for a day of messy fun and let's get messy as today you will make your very own AFL themed, coloured slime. The fun continues with outdoor numbers AFL, recycled paper machine sports balls, then we will investigate workings of the lungs and our heart rates with some Sports Science activities. From as low as \$8.61 Full fee \$86.07**	3 OCT Silvers Spectacular! Prepare for a world of wonder with the Silvers Circus Spectacular! Watch performers take on the Wheels of Steel, marvel at the Wonder Dogs and be amazed at the circus' two Dinosaurs. Puffy and Spike in this two-hour action-packed show! After the show, we will make our very own Pinwheel Clowns, and play a group game of Blob Tag! From as low as \$11.89 Full fee \$118.94**	4 OCT Spring Fiesta Get ready for a fun Spring Fiesta! Create dazzling Brazilian Carnival Masks and join the fun with Recycled Fashion on the Field. Play exciting group games like Butterfly and Race to the Finish Line. Plus, we even get to make our very own Carnival Shakers for extra festive fun. It's a day of vibrant creativity! From as low as \$7.51 Full fee \$75.12**

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Important Dates

Term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term One	Monday 29th Jan—Teachers Tuesday 30th Jan—Students	Thursday 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 October	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	Pupil Free Day (3 way conf.)	Wednesday 24th July
Term Three	Professional Practice/Planning Day	Thursday 19th September
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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- FIRE TRUCKS
- KIDS COLOURING COMPETITION

21 August 2024

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Free Hearing and Vision Screening

On Saturday October 12, the Lions Club of Nillumbik and the Departments of Audiology and Speech Pathology, Optometry and Vision Sciences (Melbourne University) are pleased to offer free hearing and vision screenings for children aged from 4 to 6 years of age. Screenings will be at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Eltham.

The screenings are conducted by audiology and optometry students who will screen your child's hearing and vision. Results and advice will be provided. Students are supervised by qualified health professionals.

Bookings are essential as only 54 slots available at 15-minute intervals from 9.15am to 12pm and 1.15pm to 2.45pm. We request only one adult accompany each child to their appointment and allow up to 40 minutes to complete all activities. The event is organised by Nillumbik Lions and bookings will be available online, more details to follow.

As October 12 is in the week following September School Holidays, we are seeking to inform all interested parties of this opportunity in a timely manner so that bookings can be confirmed before the end of term.

To this end, please advise your preferred communication method either newsletter or we can deliver letter/notice to your school for direct distribution to Prep and Grade 1 students.

I am available at any time to discuss either on 0425827777 or at peter.falla@outlook.com

Kind regards


 Peter Falla

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MEMBERSHIP	Mike West	0407 400 743

NEW!

Art and craft club for kids


Starting 8 October 2024
Tuesdays 3:45-4:45pm
7-12 yrs
Panton Hill Living & Learning Hub

This fun class will allow your child to be creative, express themselves and learn art and craft techniques. For more info see our website below.



livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au

Planting Event



Brush-tailed Phascogale habitat enhancement
Planting at Wimbi Reserve, Panton Hill

Join families from Panton Hill Primary School and Landcare to provide some essential revegetation for the threatened Brush-tailed Phascogale. This planting event will enhance the already significant bushland at Wimbi Reserve and be a fun day for the family and community.

Morning Tea provided


Tasks at this activity will include:

- Planting
- Staking and guarding plants


When: Sunday 1 Sept 2024
Time: 10am – 1pm
Where: Wimbi Reserve, end of Howards Road & Blue House Road, Panton Hill.


Park at Long Gully Rd Bridge and walk 1km along the spectacular Wimbi Bushland Trail to the planting site.

What to bring: You will need to bring a hat, sunscreen, sturdy boots, wet weather gear, gardening gloves and drinking water.



Enquires: Brad Tadday - Phone: 9433 3202, Mobile: 0400 585 579







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 th	11:30—12:20
Friday June 14 th	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	

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