

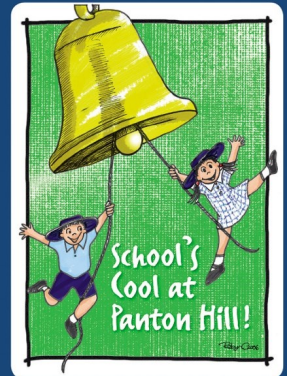


*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th October, 2024

Term 4: Week 3



DIARY DATES

Monday 28th October

School Council 7pm
Finance & Fundraising
Bike Education Grd 5-6

Tuesday 29th Oct.

Student camp meeting

Wednesday 30th Oct.

Grd 6 Leadership Day
Online Parent camp
meeting 6pm-6.30pm

Thursday 31st October

Bike Education Grd 5-6

Friday 1st November

1st Prep Transition
Interschool sport—BYE

Monday 4th November

Curriculum Day—Pupil
free day

Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup Day

Thursday 7th November

Italian Day

Friday 8th November

Interschool sport WGVPH

Monday 11th November

David Skinner dance

Wednesday 13th Nov.

Prep Transition

Principal's Report

Over the last two weeks, we have been reminded of the strength of our local community and the ties that contribute to making PHPS such a dynamic place to learn and play.

If you have wandered past Acorn Island this week, you will have noticed the adorable little acorn houses that have been added to this area. This was thanks to our friends at the St. Andrews Men's Shed who saw the plan that the students drew and have helped to make it come to life. It is great to see the students playing creatively with these new additions.

We have also had the CFA attend last Friday to demonstrate to the students what the firefighters look and sound like with their full Breathing Apparatus on which can be somewhat confronting. It was comforting for the students to see that it was their CFA friends underneath all of that gear.

Thanks to Miss Shae and her keen bird watching hobby, we had our 3/4s and 4/5s participate in the Great Aussie Bird Count. They wandered across to Bunjil Reserve with bird guides and binoculars and spent 20 minutes counting all the birds they could see and hear. In total they spotted 22 birds! We are so lucky to have access to Bunjil Reserve. Thanks to the students for helping out and contributing to an Australia wide citizen science project.



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CHESS STARS



Congratulations to two of our students, Archie and Ayvah for participating in the Chess finals this week. Congratulations to you both and thanks for being great representatives for Panton Hill Primary. Thanks also to Bethany who runs our Chess club every Tuesday and Friday at lunchtime. Below is a wrap up from Archie and Ayvah.

Hi everyone, Archie and Ayvah are here to tell you about the Open Primary semi-final's chess tournament. We went to Doncaster Gardens Primary School on the 23rd of October, 2024. Archie won 2.0 points and Ayvah won 1.5 points. It was really hard, but we enjoyed ourselves a lot and had a great day. We both each had a BYE for one round because there was an odd number of people. There was 103 people in the room and you needed to score 4.5 points to qualify for the grand finals. We had lots of fun and had a great day. That's all from us, bye!



PREP TRANSITION

Our first Prep transition for our 2025 Preps is fast approaching. We are really excited to meet all of our new Preps next Friday, the 1st of November from 9am—11am. This is the first of 4 transition sessions that we will be running in Term 4. So at Friday drop off, if you see a new family looking a little lost, make sure you say HI.



LIFE SAVING VICTORIA

On Monday of this week our grade 3-6 students had an incursion with Life Saving Victoria where they learnt about how to keep themselves and their friends and families safe at the beach. The students learnt how to spot a rip, the importance of staying between the flags and how to monitor the general condition of the beach and the surf; lots of very important safety information as we head into the warmer months.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Friday the **25th of October** is World Teachers' Day. On Thursday we had a special morning tea to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful teachers we have here at Panton Hill Primary School. The fourth Friday in October is also World Champagne Day—so "Cheers" to all of our amazing teachers!



PREP & GRADE 1 SWIMMING

During week 2, our Prep and Grade 1 students were off to Eltham Leisure Centre to participate in a 4 day swimming and water safety program. We had great feedback from the Leisure Centre staff about the behaviour of our students and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lessons. I'm sure you had some very tired children by Friday. Thanks to all of the many parents who came along to help out.



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our new instrumental music lesson providers, Whittlesea Music, have smoothly transitioned into our school, offering a range of instrumental lessons. If you are interested in enrolling in lessons, there is an enrolment form on their website—www.whittleseamusic.com.au/enrolment



CHOIR

On **Thursday the 17th of October**, the choir attended the Senior's Morning Tea at St Andrew's Wadambuk Hall. The choir, once again, did a fabulous job singing three songs. A huge amount of praise was given to the students. It didn't stop there though, the choir students then played games with the Seniors such as snap, dominos and UNO. The choir had a quick bite to eat of a brownie, made by the St Andrew's students and I was told it was.... "The best brownie I have ever tasted!" by several students. A great day indeed!

Thank you to Abbey, Ross and Tara for driving the choir students and to Kylie for helping with the music. It couldn't have happened without you all and well done to the choir too!



HOOPTIME

On Tuesday 22 October, the Grade 3/4 Hoop Time Future Stars team were lucky enough to draw a wild card into the Regional Competition. They did exceptionally well and progressed into the grand final held on the same day. Unfortunately, they lost by one goal! So close! Well done everyone. I have been informed that they played exceptionally well. A huge thank you to Alex Hayes and Tim Kane who took time off from work to coach and score for the team. Thank you to Anne Howard who was able to step in for us as the supervising/attending teacher. We greatly appreciate and value the parents' help.



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PHPS Artworks



4/5 Picture Story Front Cover

Students were asked to select a picture story book that appealed to them. Their focus was the front illustration and the illustrator's use of colour. It was then up to them to reproduce the front cover adding their own touches if they wished. Some wonderful interpretations were done!



Prep Turtles

These mixed media art pieces have taken a few weeks to complete. The preps looked at a variety of turtle habitats on the TV and then created their own background using crayons and food dye. Grasses were added using 'squiggly scissors' with two tones of green paper. Once the turtle shells were painted and the body completed, the shells were stuck on. Googly eyes were an option used by some. Great work Preps!



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Orders for this issue must be placed and paid for online by:

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Monday 4th November

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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 and Deanne Cahir	Monday morning prior to SC meeting at 8am
Finance & Fundraising	Kylie Richards, Megan King, David Shaw, Abbey Baines, Bianca McGuirk, Amy Ord, and Leanne Cleary	6:30pm prior to SC Meeting
Curriculum & Review	Anne Howard, Kylie Richards, Steph Brindley, Justine Puls-Welsh	As required

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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 after assembly)

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	School Concert	Tuesday 3rd December
Term Four	Graduation	Monday 16th December

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

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Go to our website:
www.whittleseamusic.com/enrolment/

Complete the online enrolment form, ensuring you choose the correct campus, preferred lesson duration and preference of instrument.

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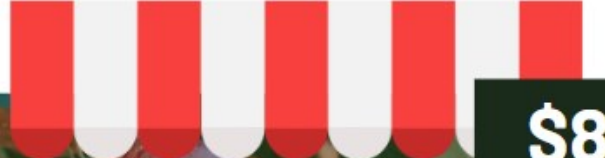
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