

# **DIARY DATES**

## Friday 4th April

Last Day of Term 1 2.30pm dismissal

## **Monday 21st April**

Easter—Pupil free day

## Tuesday 22nd April

First day of Term 2

# Friday 25th April

Anzac Day—Pupil free day

# Wednesday 30th April

School Photos

# Thursday 1st May

Life Education incursion

# Friday 2nd May

Life Education incursion

# **Monday 5th May**

School Council 7pm

Finance & Fundraising 6.30

### Wednesday 7th May

Leadership Day

# Friday 9th May

Interschool Sport PHvWGPS Mother's Day Stall TBC 1st Storytime 11.40am

Monday 12th May

Smile Squad Dental Van

# Principal's Report

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Here we are already at the end of Term One. Our students are well and truly settled into their 2025 routine, have been engaged in rich learning, but are ready for a well earned break.

Our Grade 3-6 students have certainly ended the term on a high with their very successful camp at Billabong Ranch, Echuca. They were kept very busy with many activities including horse riding, pedal boating, bush craft, bungee trampolining and orienteering.

A huge thankyou to Mr Hurst, Miss Payne, Mr Dunstone and Mrs Kane for working well beyond their regular hours and for caring for our students so well. A massive thankyou also to our fabulous parent helpers, Hayley James, David Shaw, Megan King and Mel Bates. We love having parents here at school and on our excursions and camps, sharing in the full range of PHPS life.

## **PANTON HILL'S GOT TALENT**

Following a recent suggestion from Charlotte in Grade 6, we have decided to work towards putting on a Panton Hill's Got Talent show. Charlotte wrote a very compelling letter to me explaining that it would be great for our musical students to be able to share and celebrate their talents with us. This suggestion was taken to our staff meeting where there was universal agreement with this idea.

We are very fortunate to have two very musical staff members, Natika Jenes and Amie Grisold who very quickly volunteered to organise a showcase event. You may have seen some flyers around the school. We have included one in this newsletter explaining the process.

I am sure this will be a great Term Two event which we are all looking forward to. Thankyou Charlotte for providing the suggestion.



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#### IMPORTANT SCHOOL CROSSING REMINDER

Deb, our crossing supervisor has asked us to remind our families about safe use of the crossing. Please ensure that when you are using the crossing that you wait at the side of the road until Deb has blown her whistle indicating that the traffic has stopped.



#### MR D CONTINUING WITH US

We are really pleased to be able to announce that Matt Dunstone will be continuing as our Assistant Principal for Term Two. Mr D has well and truly settled into our PHPS routine. On Fridays, Mr D will continue to be the Acting Principal in my absence.

### **PARENT HELPERS TERM THREE**

We held our Parent Helpers Presentation this week. It was great to have so many parents and grandparents attend. The teachers will be sending out expressions of interest for helpers shortly and will then pop any interested helpers on a roster ready for Term Two.

#### **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

An absolute highlight of this term was last week when we took a group of eight students, at the crack of dawn to Kryal Castle in Ballarat for a Primary School chess tournament. We were so proud of our Chess Champs who played seven matches through the day, sprinkled amongst time to explore the grounds. They

represented PHPS beautifully with great manners, kindness to their opponents and a growth when necessary.



#### **HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Another reminder to register if you are interested in using our School Holiday program over the upcoming break period. The theme for this holiday is MAD fun (music, arts and dance) Details at this link https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/panton-hill-ps-theircare/

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Student and staff photos are booked for **Wednesday 30th April.** The photos will start at the beginning of the day, so please have your child/children on time for an early start. If your child is absent on the day, MSP do offer a make up session at their studio. Please contact MSP directly for more details. Be sure to check your child's school bag as photo forms have been given to students today. Extra forms are available at the office if needed.

#### **SMILE SQUAD**

The Smile Squad team from Health Ability are coming to our school from the **12th May, 2025.** Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

# How to access free dental care

Smile Squad need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <a href="https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic">https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic</a>

#### **HATS IN TERM 2**

Hats will no longer be compulsory in Term 2. So this may be a great opportunity to give them a wash, all ready for Term 4.

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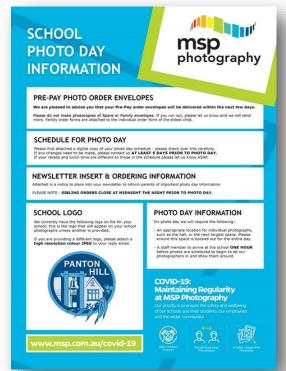
### **THANK YOU**

A very big thank you to our Easter wrappers on Thursday morning. They have done an incredible job making all the prizes look extra special. Thank you Bianca, Kate, Reyhaneh and Amy. We also appreciate all the generous Easter donations to be raffled off at assembly.

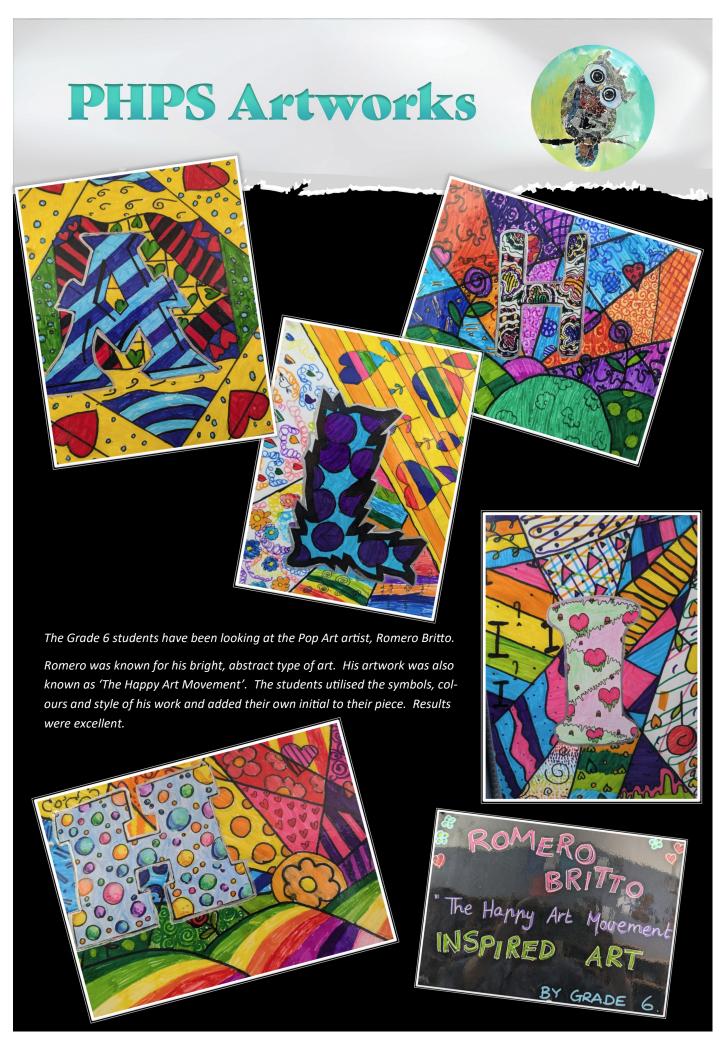
#### LIFE EDUCATION

All grades have been booked in to participate in Life Education sessions in the second week of Term two. Different grades will be learning about different topics as below:

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Prep	My Body Matters	What your body needs to be healthy
		The importance of personal hygiene
		Choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet
		Benefits of physical activity and sleep
Grade 1	Harold's Online World	Being safe and respectful online and offline
		Identifying safe and unsafe situations online
		Discussing what different technologies are used, their purposes and how they enhance or lives
		Strategies that promote healthy and safe use of technology
Grade 1/2	Growing Good Friends	Define who the "special people" are in our lives
		Identify ways to make new friends and maintain healthy friendships
		The importance of kindness and showing care to others
		Explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing
Grade 2/3	Friends and Feelings	Having tricky conversations with friends
Grade 3/4		Feelings associated with big changes
		Identifying and practising assertive communication skills
Grade 4/5		Practising emotional regulation skills such as mindful breathing
		Broadening and developing emotional literacy
Grade 6	B Cyberwise	Keeping personal information safe online
	·	Responsible and respectful behaviour when using technology
		How to report inappropriate behaviour and how to get support
		Safe/unsafe people to engage with online
		Ways to manage bullying and cyberbullying
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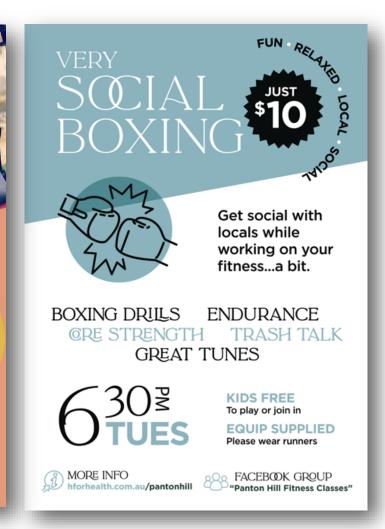
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