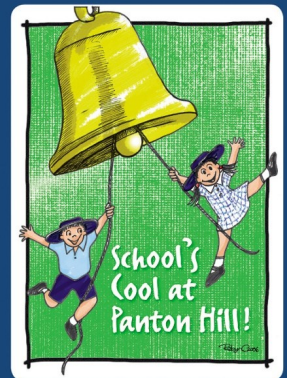




*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th August, 2025  
Term 3: Week 3



## DIARY DATES

### **Saturday 9th August**

2025 CFA Cup

### **Sunday 10th August**

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

### **Monday 11th August**

Planks Incursion

Family night 6pm-7pm

### **Monday 18th August**

Book Week parade 9am

### **Tuesday 26th August**

District Athletics Yrs 4-6

### **Friday 5th September**

Final Storytime 11.40am

### **Monday 8th September**

Division Athletics

### **Wednesday 10th Sept.**

Kaboom Sports—KGPS 10am

### **Friday 19th September**

Last day of Term 3

2.15pm assembly

### **Monday 6th October**

Curriculum Day

Student Fee Day

### **Tuesday 7th October**

First day of Term 4

Swimming Prep to Grd 1

### **Wednesday 8th October**

Swimming Prep to Grd 1

Bike Education Grd 5 to 6

## **Principal's Report**

During our school assemblies over the past two weeks I have mentioned the amazing way our students represent our school when participating in offsite events. Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Hooptime students are no exception. It fills us with pride to hear from other schools how well PHPS students display our school values when participating in special days like these. I would like to congratulate everyone involved, including the school staff, students and families, for the way they have represented our school!

PHPS is very excited to be holding our Planks incursion this **Monday 11th August**. During the day, all students will participate in an age-appropriate session that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning while supporting students to develop their interpersonal skills, team building skills and resilience.

We will be holding our Planks Family Night from **6-7pm on Monday evening**. Our families are welcome to attend to experience a range of activities. I'm sure our students will enjoy the opportunity to demonstrate some of the things they have learnt during the day to their family!

We are proud to represent Panton Hill Primary School together and our school uniform is one of the ways we demonstrate our belonging to our special school community. A friendly reminder that all students are expected to wear their school uniform every day. Uniform items are available to purchase from our onsite uniform shop when required.

## **BOOK WEEK 2025**

On **Monday 18th August**, PHPS will be celebrating Book Week with our annual dress up day and book week parade. We are looking forward to an amazing day of fun and learning where we celebrate our love of books and literature!

Our special parade will replace our normal school assembly in the morning and students will participate in a range of multi-age activities with school staff during the day. Families are welcome to attend the morning parade on our basketball court. We can't wait to see the costumes everyone has organised.



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## TISSUES PLEASE

We would greatly appreciate any boxes of tissues that could be donated. Please pass on a box or two to your child's grade if possible.



## HOOP TIME

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of July and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of August, students in grades three, four, five and six participated at Hoop Time again at Diamond Valley Stadium. The students were once again very well behaved. They showed respect to their own team players, the referees and the opposition. Students had an awesome day improving their basketball skills and catching up with friends.

We had mixed results of some wins and some losses. The 5/6 All Stars were finishing third but were unfortunately knocked out with a penalty shootout. Every team tried their absolute best. I'm so impressed with every student. It has been great to see more students playing basketball at recess and lunchtimes.

A **HUGE** thank you to Carly, Lee, Meaghan, Mrs Kane, Mrs A, Alex and Hayley for helping out. I honestly could not have done this event without you. You made the whole day run seamlessly. Thank you to the parents who were able to come and watch their child.

## APPLES ARE BACK



On Monday we will have 10 bags of new season Pink Lady apples delivered to the school. The apples are crispy and delicious at the moment, so get in quick.

## Value Award Winners

**Congratulations to:** Kindness  
Honesty Cooperation  
**Jimmy Woods**  
Courage



Dear Students and Parents,

On **Monday 11th August** we have invited Green Hat Workshop to come to our school with their collection of construction **PLANKS** for a few hours of open-ended play in support of our STEM program and Science Week. We will then welcome parents, that night, to a family night, hosted in the BER from **6-7pm**.

While we know this activity will be a great deal of creative fun and will develop the general capabilities of communication, co-operation, problem solving and resilience.

**PLANKS** are a precisely made technical building block with a specific ratio and can be stacked and balanced in a range of ways to encourage builders to problem solve and to utilise space, shape, symmetry and pattern, as well as to prompt the use of Mathematical language specifically involving measurement, comparison, probability, location and quantity.

If you would like to find out more about **PLANKS** and open-ended play, you can check Green Hat Workshop's website <https://greenhatworkshop.com.au/outcomes/>

From Green Mrs Jenes and Teachers.

## 2025 School Council Members

POSITION	
President	Abbey Baines
Vice President	Megan King
Secretary	Anne Howard
Treasurer	David Shaw

SUB COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	MEETING TIMES
Building & Grounds	Kylie Richards, Beth Borthwick, Deanne Cahir	As required
Finance & Fundraising	Kylie Richards, Bianca McGuirk, David Shaw, Mel Bates, Steph Ryan, Amy Ord and Leanne Cleary	7pm during SC Meeting
Curriculum & Review	Anne Howard, Kylie Richards, Amie Grisold, Justine Puls-Welsh	As required



### Book Club

SCHOLASTIC

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ORDER
ISSUE 3

Please order and pay for your books online at:

<http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au>

If you have any queries about registering or using the ordering system please contact Book Club Help on 1800 021 233 or the school office.

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

## Monday 11th August

*Orders cannot be made by cash through the office.*

**2025 CFA Cup**

**Calling Grade 4s, 5s & 6s**

**Panton Hill PS, St. Andrews PS, Kangaroo Ground PS & surrounds**

**Saturday 9 August 2.30pm for a 3pm game**

**At Panton Hill Football Oval**

**Remembering those lost in the 1983 Ash Wednesday Fires**

**Contact your school representative or [phjfc.president@gmail.com](mailto:phjfc.president@gmail.com) with any queries**

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## BRIGHT SPARKS THERAPIES

### PLAY AND CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY - PANTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Play and Creative Arts Therapy is an evidence-based therapeutic approach that provides children with the opportunity to express themselves through play and the creative arts. These are easy, natural forms of expression for children that allow them to work through challenging or traumatic experiences with the gentle support and guidance of the therapist. Children also learn to understand and accept themselves, developing a sense of inner strength, empowerment and resilience.

#### WHO CAN BENEFIT?

Sessions are beneficial for children who experience a wide range of social, emotional or behavioural difficulties, such as; low self-esteem, relational difficulties, anger and aggression, anxiety, depressive symptoms, parental separation, grief and loss, gender identity issues, ASD and ADHD.

***Please contact the front office for more information or if you'd like your child to be considered for the program***

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Naomi Williams (M. A. Arts Therapy, M. A. Social Work) is a therapist with over 18 years experience facilitating play and creative arts therapy sessions, creative workshops and resilience programs for children. Naomi currently offers sessions at Thornbury Primary School, Briar Hill Primary School, Panton Hill Primary School and at her private practice in Briar Hill.

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# 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.

2025	
Friday May 9th	11:40—12:30
Friday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:40—12:30
Friday August 1st	11:40—12:30
Friday September 5th	11:40—12:30
For more information please call 9719 7202	



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