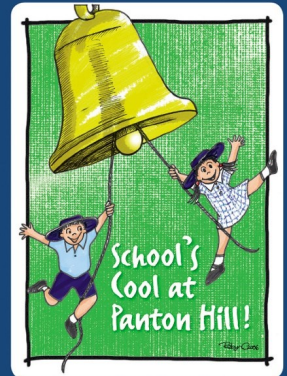




*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th September, 2025  
Term 3: Week 7



## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 8th September**

Division Athletics  
School Council 7pm

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

Kaboom Sports—KGPS 10am  
Grade Prep—2

### **Friday 12th September**

Chess Tournament

### **Thursday 18th September**

Fun Footy Day

### **Friday 19th September**

Last day of Term 3  
2.15pm assembly

### **Monday 6th October**

Curriculum Day  
Student Free 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

### **Thursday 9th October**

Swimming Prep to Grd 1

### **Friday 10th October**

Swimming Prep to Grd 1

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## **Principal's Report**

It was fantastic to see our District Athletics Squad in action last Tuesday at Wallinda Park. Well done to all of the students who trialled for the squad and to everyone who represented our school on the day. It consistently makes us very proud to see our students living our school values both at school and when participating in events offsite. We had a total of 14 students who have now qualified to represent in our District at the Nillumbik and Darebin Division Athletics on Monday. Good luck to everyone competing!

Our Prep—Year 2 students will be participating in the Kaboom Sports event at Kangaroo Ground next week. I have spoken to some very excited students (and teachers) who are looking forward to this event.

As you would have seen communicated via Xuno, our school will be holding two curriculum days during Term 4. These two student free days will be on Monday 6th October and Monday 3rd November. Their Care will be providing a service on these days for families who require it.

## **2025 PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY**

*We want our parents / caregivers / guardians to tell us what they think!*

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

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, and to target school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is now open until **Friday 19 September 2025**.

All PHPS families are invited to participate in the survey. Personalised pins have been emailed to Parent A of primary and secondary families. Please contact the office if you did not receive your email.

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## CAR PARK SAFETY

It is extremely important that all of our school community members remember to support the safety of everyone using our school car park, especially during school drop off and pick up times. Drivers are reminded to drive slowly and carefully in this space and to reverse vehicles into parking positions.

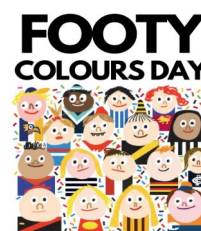
Please supervise children carefully when they are walking through the carpark area. It is safest for everyone to walk on the far sides of this area to keep everyone as safe as possible.

## HATS AT SCHOOL

As we enter Spring, it is important that we remember that the UV index will be increasing. PHPS is a Sun Smart school and students are encouraged to wear their hats while outside for the rest of the year. Students must have their hats in Term 4 while outdoors or they will need to play in a shady area of the yard. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## FOOTY/SPORTS DAY AT PHPS

On **Thursday 18 September**, PHPS will be holding a Footy/Sports Day. Students and staff are invited to wear their footy team or favourite sports team colours. Their Care will be providing a sausage sizzle for students on the day and the Panton Hill Football Club will be running a footy clinic at A.E. Cracknell Reserve for our Year 4-6 students. Prep to Year 3 students will be participating in some fun sport activities at school. We will be holding a special team parade in the morning on the day. Our families are welcome to attend this parade at 9am!



## SWIMMING PROGRAM

We will be running our water safety sessions for our Preps and Grade 1's in the first week of Term 4 beginning on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. The sessions will be held at Eltham Leisure Centre where experienced swimming instructors will be teaching the Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive program to our students. Please see the event on Xuno for more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO U11 PHJFC

A big congratulations to all our students who participated in the U11 Panton Hill Junior Football Club Grand Final last weekend. We were told it was a very exciting game and there were some very happy faces throughout this week. Well done!



## TERM 4 EVENTS

Term 4 is always a very busy term here at Panton Hill PS and there will be many events on Xuno that will need actioning. Please keep an eye out for these, as well as the Xuno calendar and newsletter. Some families may still have School Savings Bonus credit, which can be allocated to these upcoming events but permission is still required.



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time in helping with our Father's / Special Person Day stall. Without helpers it would be difficult to offer students these extra curriculum activities, that they know and love. A special thank you to Amy Davey, who shopped until she dropped, providing a huge range of gifts for students to choose from.



CFA

The Panton Hill Fire Brigade is holding an Open Day on **Saturday 4th October** from **11am to 3pm**. The fire station doors will be open, and everyone is invited to come along! There will be loads of fun activities for children plus information for adults on how to prepare their properties for the fire season. A free sausage sizzle and refreshments will also be available. The CFA will also be offering a colouring competition for the Panton Hill Primary School students. There will be prizes for different age groups, and all entries will be displayed at the fire station during the Open Day. Colouring sheets will be completed in their grades or sent home with students next week and can be returned and placed in a CFA bin located outside the office.

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## Value Award Winners

**Congratulations to:**

*Percy, Hugo, Jai,  
Josie, Thea and Tayla*

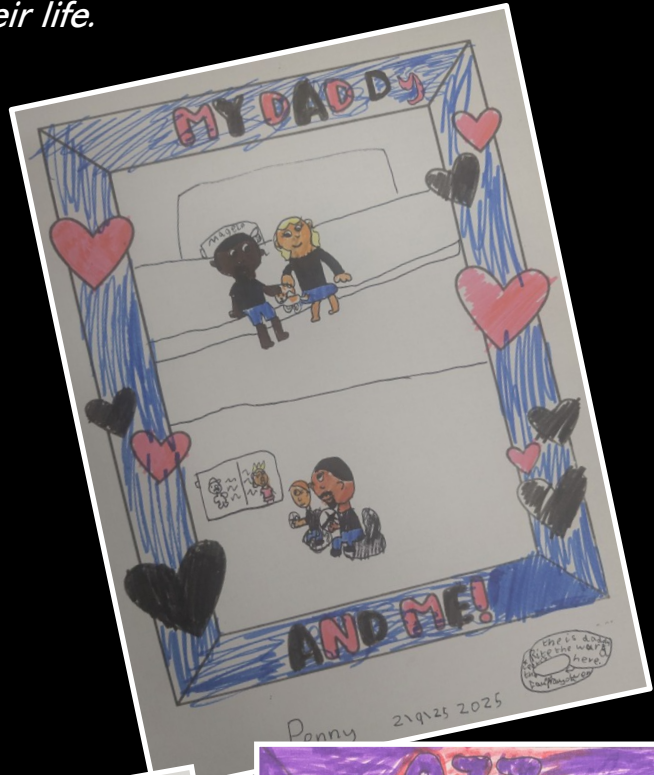




# PHPS Artworks



*Some very heart felt artwork produced by our students in art this week for the Special Person in their life.*







# FUN FREE FOOTY CLINIC

**AE Cracknell Reserve, Panton Hill**  
**Thursday 18 September @ 12:15-1:15pm**



a fun, non-contact clinic for grade 4, 5 and 6 students keen to try footy - run by Panton Hill Junior Football Club coaches

Meet new friends from Panton Hill, Kangaroo Ground, Wattle Glen and St Andrews Primary Schools.

Register your child/children via the QR code

Students will walk to and from AE Cracknell Reserve with a teacher



Kid's Activities, Face Painting & more

Sausage Sizzle, Ice Cream & more!

Come in we're **OPEN**

**PANTON HILL RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

# Open Day

**Saturday 4 October**  
**11am to 3pm**

Meet your local firefighters, tour the station and gain useful information and advice on how to prepare for the fire season.

**FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE!**

# Grow Together.

## Join the **GNARLY90s**

Show up for young Aussies & their mental health

Get your school involved in the Gnarly90 Challenge

- Organise 90 acts of kindness across the school (compliments, helping hands, peer support)
- Complete 90 laps on the oval as a class, year group, or whole school challenge
- Run 90-minute team challenges (relay, dance, debate, trivia)
- Create a group artwork or mural with 90 student contributions
- Collect 90 donation items (books, clothes, food) to give to community groups
- Or create your own 90-themed challenge or group activity. Sign up yourself or grab your mates to set up a team to support our young Aussies & their mental health.

SCAN IT & JOIN US

**GET INVOLVED**

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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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