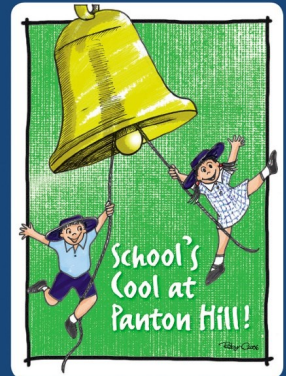




*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th September, 2025  
Term 3: Week 9



## DIARY DATES

### **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

### **Wednesday 15th October**

Bike Education Grd 5 to 6

### **Tuesday 21st October**

Italian Day

### **Wednesday 22nd October**

Bike Education Grd 5 to 6

### **Friday 24th October**

Soccer Spectacular Grd 5&6

### **Monday 27th October**

School Council

XUNO



## *Principal's Report*

Thank you to everyone in our school community for making Term 3 the very successful term it has been! The past 9 weeks have gone by very quickly and when we think about everything we have achieved together, it reaffirms how special our school is. I have been so impressed to observe the progress our students have made in their learning under the guidance of our fantastic staff.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing school holidays!

A very special thank you to Danielle Adcock for her dedication and efforts in teaching our Year 6 class this term while Stafford Hurst has been on long service leave. We appreciate everything you have done to support our students and have enjoyed having you as part of our team. We look forward to seeing you back at PHPS soon!

Well done to everyone for joining in with our footy and sports day yesterday. It was great to see so many different teams and sports represented and our parade in the morning was a highlight. We would also like to thank Their Care for organising a special sausage sizzle for our students. We greatly appreciate the way Their Care support our school community. Thank you also to Panton Hill Football Club for organising a special footy clinic for our Year 4-6 students during the day.

## **eSAFETY WEBSITE**

As we begin the school holidays, we wanted to remind parents and carers about the eSafety Commissioner website ([www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)). This website has a lot of valuable information about staying safe online for kids, young people and parents. You can also find information about the upcoming age restrictions on social media being implemented by the Australian Government.



A fantastic resource on this website is *The eSafety Guide* which can be found here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-topics/esafety-guide>. This guide includes a description of common social media, games, apps and sites, and how to protect personal information and report harmful content. It is a great resource that can help us support children when using technology.

585 Main Rd. Panton Hill – Ph: 9719 7202  
[www.pantonhill.vic.edu.au](http://www.pantonhill.vic.edu.au)

## CHILD SAFETY WEEK

In the second week of Term 4 PHPS will be running Child Safety Week. Some information about this has been shared with our Term 4 class newsletters.

At our school we have an ongoing commitment to ensuring our students are safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all students, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all students.

There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We meet our legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, the cultural safety of students from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, to providing a safe environment for vulnerable students and students with a disability.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information about this week.



## HATS AT SCHOOL

PHPS is a Sun Smart school and in Term 4 students are required to wear their school hats while outside. Please make sure hats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## SWIMMING PROGRAM

We will be running our water safety sessions for our Preps and Grade 1s 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.

## 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 has also offered 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.

## PANTON HILL PS CHESS CLUB



On Friday 12th September Indi, River, Archie, Oscar, Jasper, Owen, Salem, Gunner, Lachie, Lulu, Martin, Leo and Cedar represented Panton Hill Primary at the Open Chess tournament held at Kangaroo Ground Primary.

Our Chess Champs gave a marvellous effort playing seven games throughout the day. Indi won a bronze medal in her division and a place in both the Semi finals and Primary Girls state finals. Oscar and Salem also scored 4 points qualifying themselves for the semi finals in mid October.

We wish all of our Chess Champs all the best in their endless quest for a checkmate. Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work and practise!

Chess club is open to all every Monday and Friday at lunchtimes in the Italian Room. From *Bethany Anderson*.



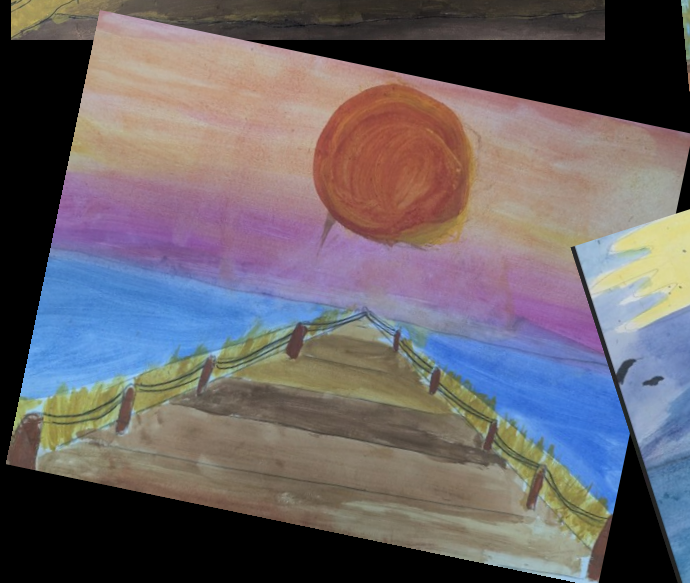
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# PHPS Artworks



Grade 4/5 has spent several weeks learning about One Point Perspective. This is a method showing a vanishing point on the horizon. Students learnt that things appear smaller, the further they are away. Although this activity was challenging to some, all students persevered and completed the task. Well done 4/5!







# TheiCare

where kids love to be!

Hello Everyone,

The term has really flown again! We are now looking forward to our upcoming holiday program here at Panton Hill OSHC. We have such a fun packed program which will include excursions to the movies to see Bad Guys 2, Healesville (my favourite) and Bounce, or Latitude as it used to be called in Heidelberg Heights!

SunSmart

The weather will most certainly be warming up for our holiday program so please make sure that the children have their hats and sunscreen. We have plenty of sunscreen here for the children, but, if you feel that they may have a reaction to our sunscreen, then by all means, please send along their own personal supply.

Holiday Program

With Holiday Program around the corner, please make sure to book in early to not miss out on any of the excursions/incursions. <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/>

Please provide a packed morning tea, lunch and a refillable water bottle for each day. Warm clothing and appropriate footwear are recommended for these holidays. No CROCS. TheiCare always will provide breakfast and afternoon tea.

Our theme for the holiday program is **Secret Garden**. Love the book and the film of The Secret Garden!

OSHC Program

Our theme for last week and this week has been Spring Has Sprung which has provided us with lots of brilliant art activities that the children have really enjoyed. We worked together to create a Spring mural for our OSHC wall and it looks beautiful! We looked at the works of Monet and VanGogh and the children's interpretations of their famous works has left me breathless!

TC Titans

Beginning in week 2 next term, we will be running clinics for the children at ASC on a Friday afternoon. It hasn't been decided yet which sport we will run but the options are football, soccer, art and dance. We will put it to the vote with the children in the first week, but I can already guess the outcome! Feel free to enrol for the clinic exactly the same way that you enrol your child for ASC or BSC.

### Cancellations –

If you know that your child will not be attending ASC and you have already booked them in, please give us a call . let us know especially if you yourself have collected them from their classroom.

Can we also please ask that for BSC, you book your children in as early as possible on the evening before care is needed. It would help us greatly with our staffing and ratio.

Panton Hill OSHC hours of operation: BSC 6:45am-8:45am

ASC: 3:20-6:00pm

Pupil Free Day: 7:00am-6pm.

Holiday program: 7:00am-6:00pm

Ella and the Panton Hill Their Care team!

Contact: 0419 179 948

Email: [pantonhills@theircare.com.au](mailto:pantonhills@theircare.com.au)



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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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**Little Rockets Book Club**




Little Rockets Book Club is a school holiday program for preschool aged children that is facilitated by an Occupational Therapist. The program focuses on supporting children to develop their fine motor skills, social interactions and group participation through re-enacting much loved children's story books.


**Option 1 - The Snail and the Whale**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept (4 days)  
10 - 11:30am

**Option 2 - Room on the Broom**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct (4 days)  
10 - 11:30am


**Option 3 - Both programs**



**Register online**



**Program Location:**  
Conisotn St Family Centre  
28 Conisoton St, Diamond Creek





**Wednesdays @ 9:30am**  
over the school term

**Conniston St Family Centre**  
Diamond Creek  
\$40 term fee



This playgroup runs the Mother Goose program, which focuses on connection and regulation through song and rhyme. The sessions are facilitated by an OT and Early Childhood Educator. They are designed for children aged 0 - 3 yrs.

**Register online**




[www.littlerocketschildrensclinic.au](http://www.littlerocketschildrensclinic.au)

 This playgroup is part of Little Rockets' Social Enterprise Program - we are passionate about providing easy access to developmental support for local families



**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!**



**AFL PLAY**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED**

**NILLUMBIK**  
**ELTHAM CENTRAL PARK**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 9AM - 3PM**  
**\$55 FOR THE FULL DAY PROGRAM INCLUDING A FOOTBALL GIVEAWAY**

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**4-7 Year Olds Register:**



**8-12 Year Olds Register:**



**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER | Contact - [billy.lovett@afl.com.au](mailto:billy.lovett@afl.com.au)**

**PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS**

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