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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st October, 2025  
Term 4: Week 4



## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 3rd November**

Curriculum Day– Pupil Free

### **Tuesday 4th November**

Melbourne Cup Day

### **Wednesday 12th Nov.**

2026 Prep Transition Day

### **Friday 14th November**

School Colour Run

### **Monday 17th November**

David Skinner Dance

### **Monday 24th November**

David Skinner Dance

### **Friday 28th November**

2026 Prep Transition Day

### **Thursday 4th December**

School Concert

### **Friday 5th December**

Latrobe Uni Excursion

### **Wednesday 8th Dec.**

School Council Meeting

### **Tuesday 9th December**

Melbourne Zoo Excursion

### **Wednesday 10th Dec.**

Prep Transition

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## **Principal's Report**

Our school's Italian Day celebrations last week were a great way to celebrate our learning of a different language and culture. Thank you again to Mrs McLaughlan for her organisation of the day. Many of our students enjoyed the special movie, soccer activities, opera incursion and the Year 6 plays performed in the afternoon. The pizza and gelato lunch was also a big hit! Well done to everyone for their contributions and participation on the day.

### **STUDENT FREE DAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY NEXT WEEK**

A friendly reminder that Monday is a student free day and the Melbourne Cup public holiday this Tuesday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 5 November after the long weekend.

### **SCHOOL COLOUR RUN**

Well done to everyone in the school community for the amazing effort we are contributing to our colour run fundraising. The fact that the school has raised over \$5000 is an amazing achievement! Our 3/4 class again took out last week's award for raising the most money so far, with each student receiving a packet of scented high-lighters as a special prize.

On Monday we had some fun after school sliming Ms Brindley as a special reward for this. We thank her for bravely volunteering herself and we thank Mr Hurst for his expert sliming skills. If our school manages to raise over \$10 000 we will have another special sliming. A lot of students have been volunteering Mr D for the next sliming!

### **SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR UPDATE**

Our school has been informed that Deb, our amazing school crossing supervisor, is finishing in this role in November. Deb has been carrying out this role for 29 years!

We will be acknowledging Deb's amazing contribution to our school community over the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

**CHILDREN  
CROSSING**

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

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impacts this has on student outcomes and school improvement.

We are proud to share that Stephanie Brindley recently successfully completed the Inspire program at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

This program equips educators with the confidence and skills to build leadership capabilities that make a difference in their schools and networks.

Some of the key skills that Stephanie is bringing back to our school and classrooms include:

- identifying and applying leadership learnings
- building relationships and effectively engaging colleagues to achieve specific outcomes
- working collaboratively with a network of peers to support leadership development.

We look forward to working with Stephanie to implement the knowledge and skills from the program to continue to support student outcomes and wellbeing.

We also congratulate Amie Grisold for completing Health and Safety Representative training through RMIT University.

## ZOO EXCURSION PREP — GRADE 3

We are still requiring parent helpers for our Prep to Grade 3 Zoo excursion on **Tuesday 9th December**.

If you are available, please speak with your child's teacher or the office.



## THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

There is an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and thunderstorm asthma during seasons with increased grass pollen levels. In Victoria, this is typically from October to December.

[Thunderstorm asthma](#) is triggered by a combination of higher grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm. Our school has a detailed asthma policy to ensure everyone is prepared to support who has asthma. Please inform the school if your child's asthma action plan has changed recently. It is also important that students have up to date medication, including relievers (puffers) and Asthma Management plans. Please speak to the school office if you need any more information.

## 2026 BOOKPACK ORDERING

It is that time of term when we begin to prepare for the following year. One of the steps that needs to be actioned is the ordering of student book packs for 2026. As we have done in previous years, we invite you to order the book packs directly through Maxim Office Group by clicking on the [2026 Book Packs](#) link. The final order date for delivery prior to the end of this term is **14th November, 2025**. When placing your order, please make sure you select the year level your child will be in 2026. Once ordered, your child's book pack will be delivered directly to school and placed in their classroom ready for the first day of Term 1, 2026.



**\*Please note: Any remaining School Saving Bonus cannot be used to purchase stationary items / book packs.**

If you have any questions or require assistance in purchasing your book pack, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9719-7202 prior to the due date.

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## 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. Also please ensure your child has a water bottle while at school especially as the weather warms up.



## ZOOPER DOOPER DAY

Students were very excited to celebrate the first real warm Spring day with Zooper Doopers. **\$122.00** was fundraised for this event.

## APPLES BAGS FOR SALE \$10

We still have 5 bags of new season Pink Lady apples available to purchase at the school. The apples are delicious at the moment so get in quick.



Our popular Mini Hurricanes program is catered for children from age 5 to 10 (age is calculated as at 01/12/2025).

These sessions will offer an introductory experience to the game and prepare players, new to basketball, for the upcoming season.

**DATES:** MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER & MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2025.

**TIME:** 4:30-5:30PM

**WHERE:** HURSTBRIDGE BASKETBALL STADIUM, GRAYSHARPS RD, HURSTBRIDGE

**COST:** \$25 FOR THREE SESSIONS

**REGISTER HERE:**

[WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/BASKETBALL-VICTORIA/REGISTER/7F24B4](http://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/BASKETBALL-VICTORIA/REGISTER/7F24B4)





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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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## Soccer Day

On the third Friday of the term (the 24th) we had our soccer day! Our grade 5s and 6s went to Kangaroo Ground Primary and played a bunch of mini matches against schools in the district. We had 3 teams, Girls A, Girls B and Boys A. Girls A ended up in the grand final. The match was very intense, however we won 4-1 against KGPS.



## Tuning in to Teens®

Emotionally intelligent parenting - Six week group program

Join us for this six week program to learn how to:

- Understand and communicate better with your teen
- Guide your teen in managing emotions
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict
- Help prevent behaviour problems

Our Tuning in to Teens® program is designed for parents of adolescents aged 10-18 years.

The program teaches parents how to help their teen develop emotional intelligence.

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- Are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- Have greater success making friends and are able to better manage conflict
- Are able to cope better when feeling upset or angry
- Have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties



Please scan to book:



Booking link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/tuning-in-to-teens-r>

For more information:

Email: [joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au](mailto:joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au)

🕒 9.30am - 11.30am

📅 Wednesdays 29 October, 5 November, 12 November, 19 November, 26 November, 3 December

💰 \$90 per adult, \$140 per couple, \$60 concession

📍 healthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham Vic 3095

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## Positive Parenting Group

A free online five-session supported parenting group for parents of children aged 5-10 years.  
Open to parents living in the Cities of Darebin, Yarra, Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea.

The positive parenting group supports parents to learn strategies they can put in place to support their child to:

- Manage their emotions,
- Build emotional resilience,
- Build self-esteem and independence,
- Develop problem solving skills,
- Develop life and communication skills, and
- Build healthy relationships.

The group will address common parenting challenges and provide strategies to put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. Each family attending will receive a free resources pack.

Dates: weekly for 5 weeks, commencing 10/11/25\*

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Online via Zoom

\*Please note availability for all sessions is required

How to make an enquiry:

Contact Georgia from the Triple P Team by emailing us at [triplep@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:triplep@berrystreet.org.au) with your full name and contact number. Enquiries must be made by 5pm on 27/10/25.

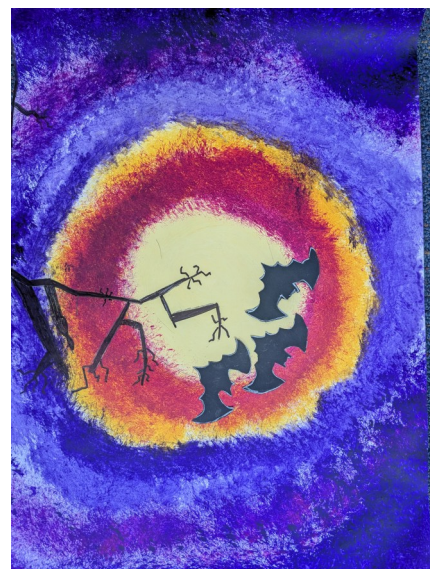
Please note that enquiries do not guarantee an enrolment in the group and that capacity for the group may be reached prior to this date. As such, we encourage you to reach out ASAP to avoid disappointment.

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## Happy Halloween from our budding artists at PHPS



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