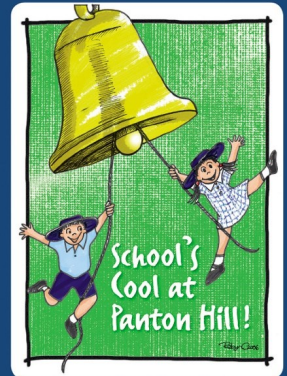




*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November, 2025  
Term 4: Week 6



## DIARY DATES

**Friday 14th November**

School Colour Run

**Monday 17th November**

David Skinner Dance

**Monday 24th November**

David Skinner Dance

**Wednesday 26th Nov.**

Smile Squad Visit

**Friday 28th November**

2026 Prep Transition Day

**Monday 1st December**

David Skinner Dance

**Thursday 4th December**

School Concert 6pm

**Friday 5th December**

Latrobe Uni Excursion

**Monday 8th Dec.**

School Council Meeting

David Skinner Dance

**Tuesday 9th December**

Melbourne Zoo Excursion

**Wednesday 10th Dec.**

Prep Transition

Prep Information Session

Meet Your 2026 Teacher



## *Principal's Report*

### 2026 PLANNING

As we progress through Term 4, our school is in the process of finalising decisions for 2026. Currently we are working towards confirming enrolment numbers, determining our school 2026 class structure, recruiting required staff and allocating teachers to their roles and responsibilities.

You will understand that being a small school, our class structure is fluid and is determined by numbers, staff consultation and social groupings.

Our class structure for next year will be:

- 2 Prep classes
- 2 Grade 1/2 classes
- 1 Grade 3 class
- 1 Grade 4/5 class
- 1 Grade 5/6 class

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on class compositions. There are many factors which are taken into account when making these decisions. One of those factors is parent input. If you would like to inform the school of any *special circumstances* around student combinations or any other concerns, please inform the school in writing to the school email: [panton.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:panton.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au). There isn't a lot of flexibility in some year levels, however, we always consider your suggestions.

Please note that parents are unable to make suggestions about specific teaching staff. We have a deadline of one week for requests to be made by parents. Submissions made after **Sunday the 23rd of November** will not be considered.

Students will have the opportunity to list up to five friends to support our organisation of 2026 class composition.

Our school will ensure that students are with **at least one** friend from their list, if not more. Where a parent has communicated a consideration that is conflicting to a student's request, we will consider the parent request to the best of our ability. Please be mindful that this may result in your child not getting any of their friend requests.

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

Our school will share more information about our organisation for 2026 over the coming weeks.

Thankyou to everyone for your support and understanding as we complete this somewhat complex task. Please call if you have any questions.

### SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR UPDATE

As previously communicated, Deb, our crossing supervisor, will be finishing in her role this month after 29 years supporting our school community. Deb's last day in this role will be next Friday 21 November.

We will be acknowledging Deb's amazing contribution to Panton Hill during our school assembly on Monday. We look forward to celebrating everything she has done to keep our community safe and welcoming.

CHILDREN  
CROSSING

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November, our school leaders and Mr Dunstone attended the Hurstbridge RSL Remembrance Day Commemorative Service. Our leaders were invited to contribute to the service by presenting a reading about the origin of Remembrance Day and laying a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Well done to Becky, Maddie, Sophie and Alex for the way they represented our school during this service. Their level of respect and responsibility definitely stood out!

We would also like to congratulate everyone who was at school for acknowledging this important day by holding a minute silence at 11am. What an amazing way to demonstrate our values of Respect, Kindness and Co-operation.



### SCHOOL COLOUR RUN



Hopefully everyone is recovering after our School Colour Run held today. Well done to everyone for the way they have contributed and participated in this event!

Amazingly, our school community has raised **\$13,236.00** during this fundraiser. This is an astounding achievement and the support our students and school community has received is fantastic. The money our school has raised will be contributing to additional laptops to support student learning. It was great to see so many smiles during the colour run! Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped with the event including the CFA for their time and effort in attending our event.

### 2026 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Panton Hill Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Panton Hill Primary School's Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support will allow us to:

- Offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- Purchase of new library books to encourage student borrowing and reading
- Continue to stock our classroom libraries for all year levels
- Investment in new Numeracy and Literacy resources
- Offer effective First Aid for all students
- Ongoing grounds and building maintenance as required and further new grounds improvements.

An event on Xuno can be viewed for your consideration. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see the overview attached on the event or contact the office.

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## SMILE SQUAD SIX MONTH FLUORIDE VARNISH VISIT

The Health Ability Smile Squad team are heading back to our school to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad are coming back.

Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact Health Ability directly to let them know. Please contact the Smile Squad team via: 0405 990 729 [SmileSquad@healthAbility.org.au](mailto:SmileSquad@healthAbility.org.au)

## 2026 BOOKPACK ORDERING

The Maxim Office book pack portal will close tonight, **Friday 14th November** for January 2026 book pack deliveries (1st day of school). All orders received after this date will not be delivered until the middle of February.

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, using the code **PANTONHILL**.

A friendly reminder that unfortunately any left over **Schools Saving Bonus**, unfortunately cannot be allocated to stationary/book packs. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions regarding our ordering process.

## THANKYOU!

Elowyn and Sennen have been fund raising for the school by collecting drink cans and bottles from their mum's work and pumping them into the container deposit scheme for points. Last weekend they donated just under \$120 and the time before was \$76. We would like to say a big thankyou to you both for your generous support and amazing efforts.



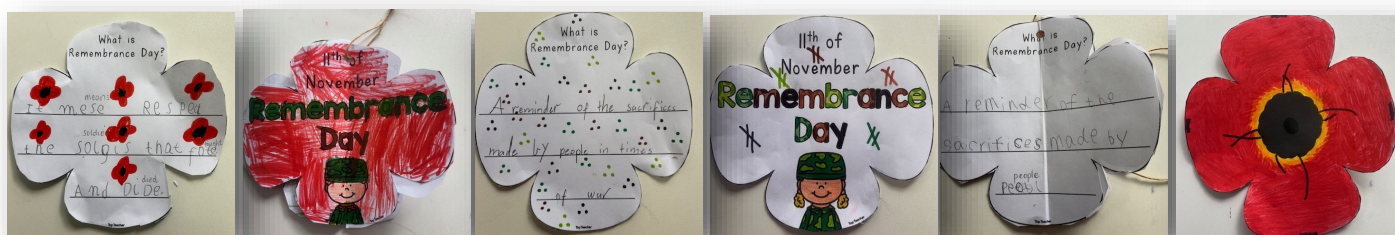
**Panton Hill 'Night On the Hill Festival' is on this Saturday 15th November. Hope you are planning to go!**

Going forward the festival organiser has advised they won't be continuing with the festival. This means a decision has to be made about what do with a festival in Panton Hill. We need to make a decision quickly around what we as a community wish to happen.

To facilitate this, we are calling a community meeting on **MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7PM** in the Primary School Staff room. The outcome from this meeting will be to determine whether we wish to proceed with a festival in 2026, what format we wish this to take AND who is willing to be part of the event.

Please turn up and share your ideas. If you can't make it you can message me, email me on [jenkinson20@bigpond.com](mailto:jenkinson20@bigpond.com) or call me on 0409191613 with your thoughts.

## Grade 1/2 reflection on Remembrance Day



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## STUDENT SUCCESSES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We love to hear about and celebrate students activities outside of school. In this newsletter we congratulate Indi and Toby on their event successes.

Indi participated in the Girl's State Chess Final held at Kingswood College in Box Hill and managed to win 3 stalemates, resulting in a score of 1.5- an amazing effort for a state final! Indi also had the Open Semi-Finals remaining on October 31st along with Salem and Oscar. Well done Indi, such a fantastic result!



Toby participated in Interschools Dressage Day. Below is Toby's recollection of the day:

*On Saturday, we went to my local Pony Club, Kangaroo Ground Pony Club to compete at CLC Interschools Dressage Day. There were lots of people in my class from lots of different schools and I had to do two tests. Dressage is not my favourite but Rudy was very good and I came fourth in both tests for fifth place overall.*

*Then me and my mum drove to Boneo which is near the beach. We camped at Boneo Park and I slept in the float with my friend Nala. The next day we had combined training competition, which is dressage and show jumping. Boneo Park was really big and they had lots and lots of competition rings. There was a lot of people and different schools there. Rudy was very good. He did not like one jump in the showjumping but still went over it for me. We actually won which I was very excited about! Then we went to the beach for a swim but we forgot towels and I was really cold. Then we went home. I was really proud to represent Panton Hill Primary School and I am looking forward to representing the school at State Championships next year.*



### Value Award Winners

**Congratulations to:**

Salam Anderson, Toby Young and Clifford Blake



## 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           |

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Hello Everyone,

We have had an absolute ball at OSHC this week, and last week!! The whole group have been busily creating a fairy garden for the playground by the OSHC house. The cooperative project has been tremendously heart warming to watch as the older students support younger ones. These children are amazingly creative!



## SunSmart

The weather will most certainly be warming up for term 4, 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.

The Holiday Program theme for our Summer Holiday Program is Galactic Circus. Make sure to book online so you don't miss out on the amazing amount of fun that we will have!

## TC Titans And TC Tucker

The children have been thoroughly enjoying making different recipes with help of Jayde, our educator and eating them as well. TC Titans is going really well with all of the children enjoying the warm ups and the footy skills.

## Cancellations

If you know that your child will not be attending ASC and you have already booked them in, please give us a call to 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 ratios.

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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# REGISTER *Now*

**Be a Panton Hill Redback in 2026!**

Inviting boys and girls from U9s to U13s to join our welcoming, inclusive, community club.

- Where footy is about fun, friends & improving skills
- All skill levels & abilities are welcome

**Small Club, Big Heart!**

Register Here



**Earlybird -**  
\$250 if you register  
before 30 Nov  
(incl. playing  
uniform)



# PRE-SEASON *Training*

Join us at AE Cracknell Reserve,  
Panton Hill

- Fun open training
- All ages welcome, Auskickers too

Tuesday 11 November, 3:45 - 5pm

Tuesday 18 November, 3:45 - 5pm

Tuesday 25 November, 3:45 - 5pm

Never played footy? Play at another club? Not sure if footy is for you? We don't mind - come for a kick and have some fun!  
**Runners only (no boots)**



## Panton Hill *Tennis Club*



**Panton Hill Tennis and Pickleball Club invites you to play on the club's new courts**

**Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
("On the Hill Festival" afternoon)

**Time:** Between 3 pm – 5pm

**Venue:** Panton Hill Tennis and Pickleball Club

**Address:** Bishop Road, Panton Hill (or from Rodger Road Panton Hill)

**Cost:** Free

**Shoes:** Please wear runners

**Equipment:** We can supply racquets/bats if you do not have your own.

**Level of Ability:** Open to anyone, novice to competent (Ages 3 to 100+)

Wendy O'Connor, a professional coach, and member of the Club will assist with Pickleball and Tennis

**Please send a reply text to the number below if you would like to play on our new courts.**

**Phone:** 0400 292 264 **Paul Kitchell (President)** or email [paul.kitchell@live.com.au](mailto:paul.kitchell@live.com.au)

**Please include in your text the number of people attending.**

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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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