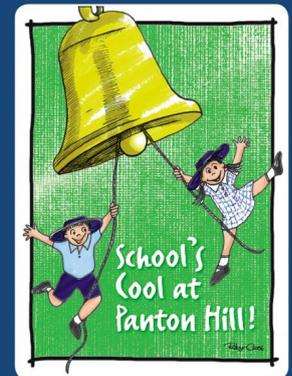




*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th February, 2026
Term 1: Week 2



DIARY DATES

2026

Tuesday 24th February

District Swimming

Wednesday 4th March

Parent Helper Session 9am

Monday 9th March

Labor Day

Tuesday 10th March

Curriculum Day—Pupil free

Monday 23rd March

School Council 7pm

Thursday 2nd April

Last day of Term 1, 2.30pm

Monday 20th April

First day of Term 2

Wednesday 22nd April

Life Education

Thursday 23rd April

Life Education

Wednesday 29th April

School Photos 9am MSP

Thursday 7th May

Mother's Day Gift Wrapping

Friday 8th May

1st Storytime 11.40am

Mother's Day Stall

XUNO



Principal's Report

It was fantastic to see so many families attend our Meet the Teacher appointments on Tuesday 10 February. We greatly value the partnership between our school and the families of our students. Please remember that our amazing staff are always ready to make time to discuss the learning needs of your child(ren) throughout the year.

The weather obviously led to our school picnic being cancelled on Tuesday afternoon this week. We are currently trying to identify an alternative date that is suitable for us to reschedule this event. If we are able to find a suitable date, we will communicate this to the school community.

We look forward to welcoming our newest staff member, Joanne Gibbs, who will commence with us on **Thursday 5th March**. Joanne will be sharing the teaching of 1/2T with Merron Thomson. Mrs Thompson will be teaching 1/2T Monday to Wednesday and Joanne will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Joanne has some pre-approved Long Service Leave for the last 4 weeks of Term 1. Merron will continue to teach the class during this time. We wish Joanne a safe trip to Canada and look forward to hearing about her travels when she returns in Term 2.

As you will have all noticed, our plumbing maintenance works continue at pace. There has unfortunately been a delay in the planned ramp replacement works that were originally scheduled to commence at the end of February. Our school is waiting on a new commencement date for the installation of a replacement ramp and staircase near the student toilets. Thank you to everyone in our school community for their flexibility with the disruptions these works have caused.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Each year our school runs a process to appoint our School Captains and Junior School Council (JSC) representatives. As we had last year, in 2026 we have appointed 4 School Captains and 2 JSC representatives from each year level from grade 2 to 6. We congratulate all of our students who applied for these positions. A very special mention goes to all of our grade 6 students who applied for senior leadership roles in the school. We were extremely impressed with the quality of applications!

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Congratulations to our PHPS School Captains for 2026:

Our Junior School Council representatives for 2026 are:



Otto
Elise
Oscar
April

**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

Grade 6 – River and Archie
Grade 5 – Amelia & Nola
Grade 4 – Lulu & Emma
Grade 3 – Willow and Grace
Grade 2 – Rue and Martin



We will be acknowledging these students at upcoming assemblies where their badges for these positions will be presented.

NAPLAN 2026

Information for families was sent home this week for all **Grade 3 and 5 students** who will be participating in the **NAPLAN** assessments from the **11th March**. We are providing our students in these year levels with opportunities to familiarise themselves with the way the assessments are delivered and the types of questions or tasks that are involved.

Our school will be working to the following timetable for our Grade 3 and 5 students during the NAPLAN assessment period:

- **Wednesday 11th March – Writing NAPLAN** between 9am and 11am
- **Thursday 12th March – Reading NAPLAN** between 9am and 11am
- **Thursday 12th March – Conventions of Language NAPLAN** between 11:30am and 1pm
- **Monday 16th March – Maths NAPLAN** between 9:30am and 11am

Our school will also hold make up assessments between the 17th and 23rd March where possible to cater for students who miss the scheduled assessments above.

Please speak to your child's Grade 3 or 5 teacher if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

2026 School Council nominations are now open. Thank you to our parents who have submitted a nomination form. If the school receives more nominations than the 6 available parent positions, we will hold a ballot as part of our process. The 2026 School Council will meet for the first time on **Monday the 23rd March**.

Nomination forms are available at the school office and are **due by Friday 27th February**. Please speak to the office if you have any questions about this.

CURRICULUM DAY TUESDAY 10 MARCH

Our school will be joining a number of other schools in our network for a Curriculum Day on **Tuesday 10th March**. This day will be a student free day at PHPS and Their Care will be operating for families who require this service. This day supports our staff in continuing to strengthen their teaching practice by participating in a number of professional learning activities with their colleagues.

FAMILY DETAILS

Today we will be emailing out a copy to parents/guardians of the Student Enrolment Information Form for each student. This document contains all of the contact details and important information we require for our students and it is important that each year it has been thoroughly checked and updated if necessary.

One of the important parts of this document is the emergency contact list. This is a list of people, other than the primary/alternate family (already listed on the form) who you would like the school to contact should there be a situation where there is an emergency and we cannot get in contact with either of the primary/alternate adults.

We will always attempt to contact the primary/alternate adults first in an emergency before calling the emergency contacts. Please note that these emergency contacts are the only people who are authorised (other than parents) to pick up students from school. If you have alternate arrangements for pick up, it is important that you please contact us and notify us of who will be picking your child/ren up.

If there are any alterations required to your form please let us know by either calling us at the office, amending them in Xuno or emailing us on panton.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au and we will make the amendments.

Statement of Commitment PHPS is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children, as well as staff and volunteers.

CSEF (Camps, sports & excursions funding)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

From the 1st January, 2026 the annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$400 for Primary and Secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any financial support throughout the year.

IMPORTANT FORMS

Just a reminder that we have some important documents which require parent/guardian permission. These forms are all on Xuno. Thanks to those families who have already completed them.

- Local excursions—eg: Bunjil Reserve, Library Bus, Hall etc.
- Head lice forms
- Permission to administer Stingos
- Photo permission
- Permission to watch a PG movie

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS

If your child has a current medical diagnosis, please ensure we have current information including a Medical Action plan and that in date medication has been provided/updated.

All Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergy and other medical action plans need to be in date and completed by a General Practitioner or Paediatrician.

If you're child has a Asthma Action Plan, in date asthma medication needs to be provided to the office or classroom teacher. Students with an Anaphylaxis diagnosis, need to provided an in date EpiPen to their classroom teacher. Having accurate information and medication available helps us care for your child safely while they are at school. If you have already provided this, thank you very much. Please see Leanne in the office if you are unsure if your child's plan or medication is current.

If you child has sensitivity to band aids, please provide the office with suitable band aids for future use if needed. All other medication to be administered will require a Medical Authority form to be completed which can be collected from the office.

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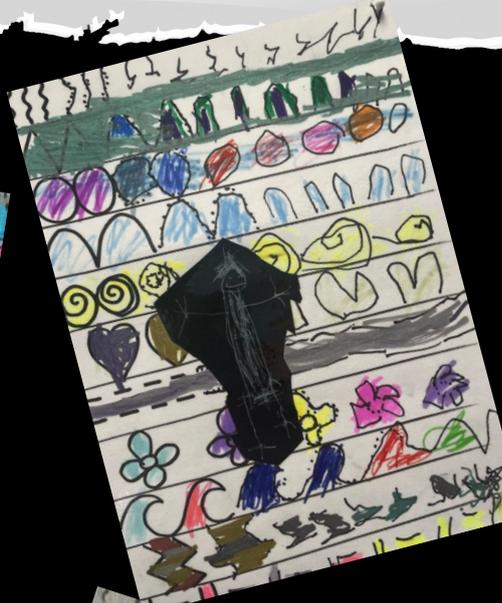
PHPS Artworks



Lines + Patterns

PREP

B E G



Our Junior School Grades have been focusing on line work and patterns resulting in some beautiful pieces of art. Well done :)



TheirCare
where kids love to be!

Hello Everyone,

Here is a look at last week's program "The Winter Olympics".

Week 3 – Winter Olympics Theme

What an exciting and action-packed week we've had at Panton Hill TheirCare.

Our **Winter Olympics Theme** brought energy, teamwork, and lots of cheering as children participated in their very own mini-Olympic Games.

What We Got Up To

Mini Winter Games & Relay Races

Children took part in fun obstacle courses and team relay challenges that encouraged cooperation, balance, coordination, and resilience. It was wonderful to see children cheering each other on and celebrating everyone's efforts.

Build a Bobsled (STEM Challenge)

Using recycled materials and loose parts, children designed and constructed their own "bobsleds" to test down a ramp. They explored ideas around speed, stability, and design improvements — showing fantastic problem-solving and teamwork skills!

Medal Making & Team Flags

Each team created their own country name, flag, and medals. The creativity on display was incredible! Children proudly wore their medals and participated in our Opening Ceremony role-play, building a strong sense of belonging and community.

Team Spirit & Sportsmanship

Throughout the week, we focused on positive sportsmanship, encouragement, and celebrating personal bests. It was beautiful to see children supporting one another and working together towards shared goals.

The excitement and sense of unity across the program truly reflected the Olympic spirit!

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

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





Would you like to help with learning activities
or events in our school?

You are invited to attend our Term 1
Helpers Training Session.

PANTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL HELPERS TRAINING



Find out how you
can volunteer at
PHPS



Get your questions
answered

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026

9:00AM – 10:00AM

SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Use the QR Code to register
your attendance




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www.whittleseamusic.com/enrolment/

Complete the online enrolment form, ensuring you choose the correct campus, preferred lesson duration and preference of instrument.

We will then be in touch between 12-5 Monday to Friday with enrolment confirmation and to chat about your child/children's needs.

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Contact on 0439 913 302




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TERM 1 CLASSES START MON 2 FEB

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TUE	6.30PM	Very Social Boxing
THU	7PM	Pilates Plus

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FOOD CHATS
STARTS 11th FEBRUARY
8 X 1 hr online. Join 1 or join all

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PANTON HILL COMMUNITY HALL
580 Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Rd

BOOKINGS & INFO
hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill



PANTON HILL COMMUNITY EVENT

It's not really bingo...
and that's the point.

WELCOME TO Bogan BINGO

IT'S NOT REALLY BINGO...
AND THAT'S THE POINT.

**NUMBERS GET CALLED.
80s & 90s SONGS GET BLASTED -
THAT RHYME WITH THOSE NUMBERS.**

ADD JOKES, TRIBUTES, DANCING AND RANDOM AIR-GUITAR SHOWDOWNS, AND SUDDENLY BINGO HAS GONE COMPLETELY OFF THE RAILS. THAT'S BOGAN BINGO. AND IT'S RIDICULOUSLY FUN.

DRESS THE PART

Rock your best bogan threads (flanno, denim, band tees, mullets encouraged)

- Prizes & giveaways for:
- Best dressed
- Best air guitar

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026

6.30pm PANTON HILL HALL \$20 ENTRY

♥ **SERVICED BAR**
♥ Cocktails + standard bar
♥ **RAMBLERS** American BBQ food on site

SCAN TO BOOK



HAVE A CRACKING NIGHT OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY (Presented by Panton Hill Football Netball Club)



MyTime Warrandyte

Free support for parents and carers

A FREE peer-support group for parents and carers of children with a disability, chronic health condition, or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Relax and unwind with others who understand
Play leader present - preschool age children welcome
Guest speakers and activities to support you in your caring journey
Welcoming atmosphere with **MORNING TEA PROVIDED**

FRIDAYS, FORTNIGHTLY DURING SCHOOL TERMS
9.45 - 11.45AM

WARRANTYTE COMMUNITY CHURCH
57 YARRA ST, WARRANTYTE

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Register your attendance to:
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Ph: 0413 655 659
Email: sarahl@mytimevic.com.au



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