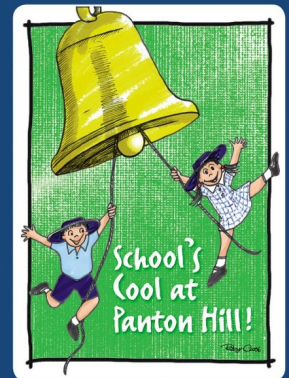




*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March, 2026  
Term 1: Week 6



## DIARY DATES

2026

### **Monday 9th March**

Labor Day

### **Tuesday 10th March**

Curriculum Day—Pupil free

### **Wednesday 11th March**

Naplan—Writing

### **Thursday 12th March**

Naplan—Reading

### **Friday 13th March**

Interrelate Incursion

### **Monday 16th March**

Naplan—Maths

### **Monday 23rd March**

School Council 7pm

Leadership Day—New date

### **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

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## *Principal's Report*

As we reach the end of week 6 of Term 1, it is very impressive to reflect on everything we have achieved together in such a short amount of time.

This week our plumbing repairs on the basketball court have concluded. We thank the plumbers for working with us to minimise the disruptions to our school as much as possible.

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** our school has a student free day. All of our staff will be participating in offsite professional learning related to the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model with a number of other schools from our network during the day. Curriculum days like this are very important in ensuring we are always working on continually improving our knowledge and skills as teachers, aides and school staff. Working with other schools also enables us to collaborate and share our practices to strengthen our teaching and learning programs here at PHPS. TheirCare are operating for the day, please be sure to register your children if you require this service.

We wish everyone a restful long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL 2026**

Nominations are now closed for our 2026 School Council. Thank you to all of our parents and staff who have nominated to join our School Council for 2026. We have had the same amount of nominations as positions available so will not require an election.

Our 2026 School Councillors are: Bianca McGuirk, Beth Borthwick, Megan King, Angela Paul, Stephanie Cross, Allana Sharman, Deanne Cahir, David Shaw, Sara Dodds, Justine Puls-Welsh, Amie Grisold and Anne Howard.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm**. This will also be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the 2025 Annual Report will be presented. School community members are invited to the AGM, please contact the school office if you are interested in attending.

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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT PHPS

We were very excited to present our 2026 School Captains with their badges and certificates at our school assembly this week. Well done to Oscar, April, Elise and Otto!

On Monday 16th March, Cindy McLeish MP will be attending our school assembly to help present our Junior School Council badges to the Year 2 to 6 students appointed to these roles for this year. Families of these students are welcome to attend this presentation. Cindy will also acknowledge our School Captains at this assembly.

## NAPLAN 2026

Next week our grade 3 and 5 students will commence their NAPLAN assessments for the year. Our teachers and students in these year levels have done some practice activities over the past few weeks to ensure everyone is familiar with the types of questions involved in these assessments.

Our school will be working to the following timetable for the NAPLAN assessments over the next 2 weeks:

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

Our school will also hold make up assessments between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 PICNIC

Our school has unfortunately not been able to identify a suitable date to reschedule our cancelled school picnic to for this term. It is very disappointing that we have been unable to run this valued school event. We will consider alternative options for a community event as the year progresses.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At PHPS we are working together as a staff to implement and embed whole school approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing within our school. Our goal is to support students to recognise their emotions, identify how they are feeling and regulate themselves to empower them to become happy and independent learners. When children are happy and feel safe, they are ready to learn and make connections with others.

As our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, Samantha Fitzgerald's responsibility is to support teachers to build their capacity on this journey, as we all work towards a common goal. As we learn together, all the staff at PHPS aim to continue building connections with all children across the school.

## 2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2027, please come to the office to collect an enrolment form or download one from our [website](#). We have had substantial interest from prospective new families this term, so submitting sibling enrolments early really helps us with planning classes and student numbers for the year ahead. We can't wait to see more familiar family names joining our Prep cohort in 2027!

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

MSP Photography are scheduled to take our school photos on **Wednesday 29th April** in Term 2. They begin promptly at **9am** so please have your child/children arrive on time. Forms will be sent home shortly for completion with online ordering instructions. These forms are to be handed to the classroom teacher or directly to the photographer on the day. If you would like sibling photos, please ensure a separate sibling form is completed which will also be handed directly to the photographer prior to their photo being taken.

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## PARENT HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

It was fantastic to see such a large number of parents and family members attend our Term 1 Parent Helpers and Volunteers Training this week. We greatly value the support we receive at PHPS from our families. Having helpers and volunteers for different activities in our school enables us to provide additional support to our students and teachers.

Our volunteer training sessions share everything you need to know to volunteer at PHPS and it is a requirement that you have attended a session to volunteer. We will be running additional training sessions throughout the year for other volunteers who may be interested in helping at our school.

Our class teachers will be looking for parent/volunteer helpers from Term 2 and will soon be sharing details about this so they can organise helper rosters for their class.




## Book Club

ORDER **ISSUE 2**

Please order and pay for your books online at:  
<http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au>

If you have any queries about registering or using the ordering system please contact Book Club Help on 1800 021 233 or the school office.

Orders for this issue must be placed and paid for online by:



**Orders cannot be made by cash through the office.**

### Friday 17th March

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

On the 26th of February some students from Pantan Hill Primary School went to District Swimming to represent the school. April, Esther, Elise, Jimmy, Riv, Xavier, Lawson, River, Alex, Annabelle, Clifford and Willow.C attended and unfortunately Emma was sick. It was very fun, everyone represented the school amazingly and we all look forward to doing it again next year. We swam against all the local schools in the district. We would like to thank Mr Hurst, Caz and Suzie for helping out. Esther, Elise, River, Alex, Willow and the 12 year old freestyle relay (Elise, Esther, Riv, Xavier) progressed through to the division which took place on the **4th of March**. Esther came first in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Elise came first in everything, Alex and Willow picked up two firsts and Xavier won butterfly. There were plenty of seconds and thirds too.



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# PHPS Artworks



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Grade 5/6

# Our recycling achievements since beginning in October 2025



**\$57.90** donated by families through the Reverse Vending Machines

That's **579** cartons & bottles from school lunches that have been recycled

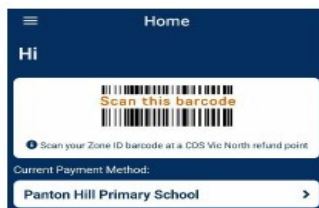


## Donating to PHPS through the CDS

**Step 1:** Download the CDS NORTH app via your google or apple store.

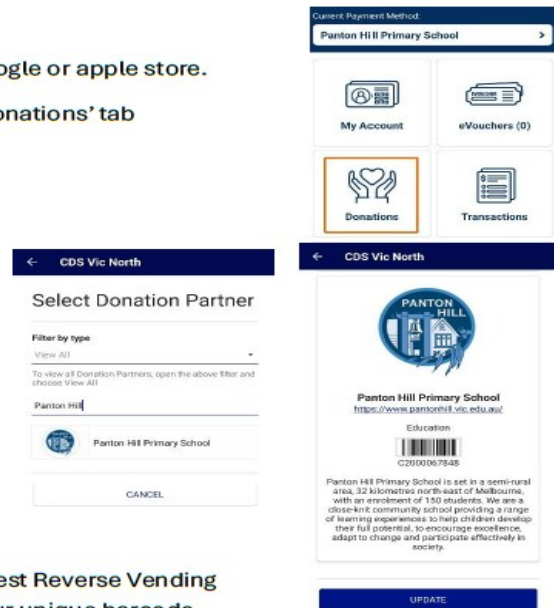
**Step 2:** In the main screen of the app select the 'Donations' tab

**Step 3:** Search for Pantan Hill Primary School and select 'Update' for donations to be allocated to the school.



**Step 4:** Visit your closest Reverse Vending Machine and scan your unique barcode.

**Step 5:** Start earning 10c an item for your school!



## Closest Reverse Vending Machines to PHPS

Open (7:00am - 8:00pm)

**St Helena Marketplace**  
214 Aqueduct Road, St Helena, 3088

**Greensborough Plaza Lower Carpark**

The Cct, Greensborough, 3088

**Laurimar Town Centre Doreen**  
101 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen, 3754

**855 Plenty Road South Morang**  
855 Plenty Road, South Morang, 3752

**Greensborough Plaza Upper Carpark**  
86 Church Street, Greensborough, 3088

### Eligible ✔

- ✔ Aluminium cans
- ✔ Plastic bottles
- ✔ Glass bottles
- ✔ Paperboard cartons (under 1L)
- ✔ Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150mL and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

### Ineligible ✘

- ✘ Wine and spirit bottles
- ✘ Milk containers
- ✘ Paperboard cartons (over 1L)
- ✘ Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

The place to be these holidays!

TheirCare

# iSpyKIDS

\*Autumn 2026  HOLIDAY PROGRAM

check footage from Mon-Fri

Ninja Training @1500 hours

Secret Agent:  
- Junior Spy  
- Agent Academy  
Tues April 7th

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Pass the popcorn!

Secret Agent Kit

Maze Runner


The Great Escape!

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Scan to find your nearest holiday program location



8:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear runners & socks. 

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <h2>6 APR</h2> <p><b>Service closed!</b></p> 	 <h2>7 APR</h2>  <h3>Mission: Possible!</h3> <p>Become a secret agent for the day with highly classified fun! Decode and discover secret messages, test your knowledge in a trivia Pacman group game, sharpen your observation skills in wink detective, create clever pipe cleaner disguises, and explore sound and communication with a hands-on cup phone STEM challenge.</p> <p><b>From as low as \$7.84*</b> <b>Full fee \$78.43**</b></p>	 <h2>8 APR</h2>  <h3>Kids Comedy Club</h3> <p>Get ready for a giggling good time at the Melbourne Comedy Festival! Experience an electrifying live show filled with witty jokes, side-splitting antics, and non-stop laughter as talented comedians take the stage! Afterwards, take part in a series of crafts and challenges, with a Double Doodle Challenge and Hoop Gliders!</p> <p><b>From as low as \$12.42*</b> <b>Full fee \$124.17**</b></p>	 <h2>9 APR</h2>  <h3>Secret Agent Kit</h3> <p>Step into the life of a secret agent! Use the blue light secret pen to reveal hidden messages, see the world in reverse with your spy glasses and unlock the detective within! Then keep the mystery going as you collect DIY detective fingerprints and put your skills to the test in an exciting detective group game!</p> <p><b>From as low as \$8.99*</b> <b>Full fee \$89.86**</b></p>	 <h2>10 APR</h2>  <h3>Apple-icious Autumn</h3> <p>An apple a day brings autumn play our way! We will get to create vibrant and colourful autumn wreaths, explore all sorts of textures and designs with leaf printing, and we will then head outdoors for a rainbow scavenger hunt filled with movement, creativity and lots of fresh Autumn air!</p> <p><b>From as low as \$7.84*</b> <b>Full fee \$78.43**</b></p>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <h2>13 APR</h2>  <h3>The Great Escape</h3> <p>Step into stealth mode and put your skills to the test in The Greatest Escape ever! Take part in a series of challenges. Tackle the Ninja Training Group Game, navigate the tricky Construction Tape Maze Challenge, craft your own secret code, design a daring DIY Wanted Poster, and race to freedom in the ultimate Ninja Escape Room.</p> <p><b>From as low as \$7.84*</b> <b>Full fee \$78.43**</b></p>	 <h2>14 APR</h2>  <h3>Super Mario Galaxy</h3> <p>The Super Mario Galaxy Movie is an animated film based on the world of Super Mario Bros., and follows The Super Mario Bros. Movie, which was released in 2023. Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom.</p> <p><b>From as low as \$12.42*</b> <b>Full fee \$124.17**</b></p>	 <h2>15 APR</h2>  <h3>Commando Kids</h3> <p>Attention recruits! It's time to gear up for Commando Kids! Put your memory to the test with a fast paced Memory Game on the Move, take the challenge of untangling yourself in The Human Knot Challenge, craft sneaky Pipe Cleaner Ninjas, decode secret messages with Invisible Clues, and race through a playground obstacle course.</p> <p><b>From as low as \$7.84*</b> <b>Full fee \$78.43**</b></p>	 <h2>16 APR</h2>  <h3>Super Rush</h3> <p>Adventure time! Explore the entire Rush HQ venue exclusive to us! You will have access to all areas of the arena, including Jump Factory, The Gauntlet, Mt Madness and Ninja HQ! Afterwards, the fun continues back at service with a fast-paced game of cops and robbers, and crafting STEM Autumn Leaf Boats!</p> <p><b>From as low as \$14.23*</b> <b>Full fee \$142.29**</b></p>	 <h2>17 APR</h2>  <h3>Who Done It?</h3> <p>Step into a world of mystery as you take on a series of exciting escape room challenges. Crack codes, solve puzzles, and race the clock while working together to unlock clues and finish the mission. Afterwards, the fun continues with an over and under relay race. We will also get hands on as we craft our ninja stress ball!</p> <p><b>From as low as \$9.85*</b> <b>Full fee \$98.52**</b></p>

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## SEMESTER 1 SPORTS ACADEMY TOURS



Scan QR code  
for more details



Tuesday,  
31 March - 4:00pm  
28 April - 9:15am

Auditorium, Diamond Valley College

*Experience the Diamond Valley College Sports Academy program in action. These tours offers families a first-hand look at our facilities, coaching, student learning and opportunities.*



Bookings essential,  
please scan the  
QR code to  
book a session.

The Diamond Valley Sports Academy provides prospective students with access to a high-performance athlete training system, integrated alongside a challenging and comprehensive academic curriculum.

The program currently offers specialised training in:

- AFL/AFLW
- Basketball
- Netball
- Tennis



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## Interactive Open Afternoon

Thursday 26 March 2026

Auditorium, Diamond Valley College

Information Sessions 4:00 & 6:00pm  
(school will be open from 4:00 - 7:30pm)

*Grade 5 & 6 students and their families are warmly invited to join our school community and enjoy a sausage sizzle and light refreshments while learning about Diamond Valley College.*

### Semester 1 School Tours

9:15am 27 Feb | 4 Mar | 18 Mar | 24 Apr | 4 May  
3:30pm 15 Mar (Twilight Tour)



*Tours are open to students and families considering secondary school commencing 2027. Bookings essential, scan QR code to book a session.*

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## Eltham High School

# OPEN EVENING

Monday 30 March, 2026

### School Tour - 5.30pm

- Interactive student activities
- Meet teachers from key learning areas
- VET Hospitality catering

### Information Session - 7.00pm

- Symphonic Band performance
- Hear from the Principal
- Student presentations
- Enrolment processes

FURTHER INFORMATION  
[www.elthamhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.elthamhs.vic.gov.au)

BOOKINGS REQUIRED  
[www.trybooking.com/DJKPK](http://www.trybooking.com/DJKPK)



Withers Way, Eltham | [eltham.hs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:eltham.hs@education.vic.gov.au) | T 9430 5111 | [www.elthamhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.elthamhs.vic.gov.au)

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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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# FITNESS IN Panton Hill

TERM 1 CLASSES START MON 2 FEB

<b>MON</b>	7PM	<b>Pilates</b>
<b>TUE</b>	6.30PM	<b>Very Social Boxing</b>
<b>THU</b>	7PM	<b>Pilates Plus</b>

Your fave class not here? Tell me and I'll get it happening!

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

INTERESTED? LEARN MORE

**PANTON HILL COMMUNITY HALL**  
 580 Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Rd

**BOOKINGS & INFO**  
[hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill](http://hforhealth.com.au/pantonhill)



## PANTON HILL COMMUNITY EVENT

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

WELCOME TO **Bogan & Bigo**

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 CO. on site

**SCAN TO BOOK**



HAVE A CRACKING NIGHT OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY  
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**SATURDAY 21 MARCH**  
 2PM - 5PM  
 19 DIAMOND ST ELTHAM  
 GOLD COIN DONATION



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Come together and enjoy live student performances, local makers and a great afternoon with the CLC community.

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