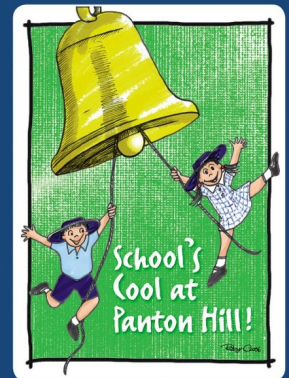




*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March, 2026
Term 1: Week 8



DIARY DATES

2026

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

Friday 1st May

Interschool Sport PHvUPPS

Thursday 7th May

Mother's Day Gift Wrapping

Friday 8th May

1st Storytime 11.40am

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 11th May

School Council 7pm

Tuesday 12th May

District Cross Country

Principal's Report

It was fantastic to have Cindy McLeish MP attend our school assembly this week to present our 2026 Junior School Councillors with their badges and to also acknowledge our 2026 School Captains. We again congratulate all of the students who have been appointed to these positions for the year.

As you are all aware, the Australian Education Union has called on its' leadership, teaching and educational support members to take strike action on **Tuesday 24 March 2026**. We appreciate that this may be difficult for families and sincerely thank you for your support. More information about this has been shared with families today on Xuno.

NESST LEADERSHIP DAY

On **Monday 23rd March** our Year 6 students will attend a Leadership Day held at the Panton Hill Hall and here at our school, where they will participate in a number of collaborative learning activities with other senior primary students from schools in the North Eastern Small Schools Team (NESST).

Students from Diamond Valley College will be running the leadership activities on the day, supported by teachers from the schools involved. We look forward to hosting everyone involved and supporting our Year 6 students in further strengthening their understanding of leadership.



XUNO



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NESST CURRICULUM DAY

As everyone is aware, our school staff participated in a NESST Curriculum Day on Tuesday 10th March. This day ran very successfully and enabled our staff to strengthen their understanding of the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model and how this applies to our current school priorities and goals.

Following this day, our staff are well positioned to continually build on this learning throughout the remainder of the year with a focus on continually strengthening our teaching and learning practices.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who have been completing NAPLAN assessments over the past two weeks! We are very proud of the way all of our students have demonstrated our values of Courage, Co-operation and Respect in making all of our assessment sessions so successful.

It has been fantastic to observe the students participating doing their best when completing these assessments. Thank you to our staff and students who have been so flexible with any timetable changes organised to support the delivery of NAPLAN assessments.

Most students at PHPS have now completed all scheduled 2026 NAPLAN assessments. Our school is currently completing make-up assessments for students who were absent on days where scheduled assessments were held. The NAPLAN testing period concludes on Monday 23rd March.

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.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

During lunch time, staff often volunteer their time to run a lunch time club. This term we have been able to offer chess, crochet, guided drawing and colouring, and down ball. Thank you to all the staff supporting these clubs. Below is information from chess club.

In crochet club student's have been learning how to do beading and finger knitting - important first steps in yarn craft! Crochet club is held on Tuesday's at lunchtime in the Prep G classroom. All students are welcome if they are interested in learning how to crochet.



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Value Award Winners



Congratulations to:

Archie K, Tate, Emmett & Parker

Respect Kindness
Honesty Co-operation
Courage

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

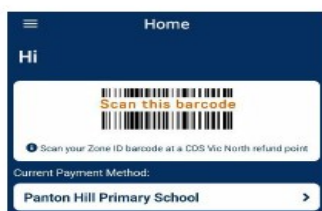


Donating to PHPS through the CDS

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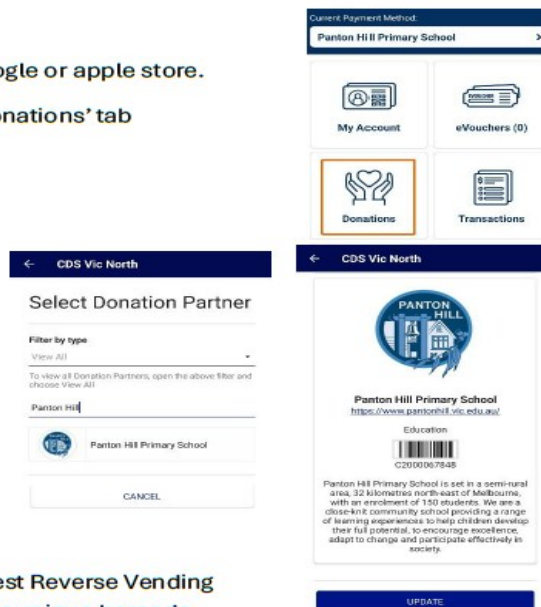
Step 2: In the main screen of the app select the 'Donations' tab

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

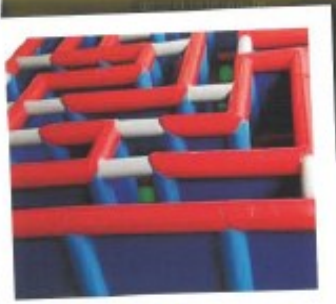
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Pass the popcorn!



Secret Agent Kit



Maze Runner




The Great Escape!

Book now at TheirCare.com.au

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

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
 6 APR  Service closed!	 7 APR  Mission Possible! 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. From as low as \$7.84* Full fee \$78.43**	 8 APR  Kids Comedy Club 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! From as low as \$12.42* Full fee \$124.17**	 9 APR  Secret Agent Kit 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! From as low as \$8.99* Full fee \$89.86**	 10 APR  Apple-icious Autumn 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! From as low as \$7.84* Full fee \$78.43**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 13 APR  The Great Escape 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. From as low as \$7.84* Full fee \$78.43**	 14 APR  Super Mario Galaxy 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. From as low as \$12.42* Full fee \$124.17**	 15 APR  Commando Kids 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. From as low as \$7.84* Full fee \$78.43**	 16 APR  Super Rush 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, Mi 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! From as low as \$14.23* Full fee \$142.29**	 17 APR  Who Done It? 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! From as low as \$9.85* Full fee \$98.52**

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PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE & VOLUNTEERS



DIAMOND CREEK Blue Light DISCO

27TH MARCH

7 - 9.30PM | 8-13 YEAR OLDS | \$8 ENTRY

Diamond Creek Community Centre
28 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek
Contact: Diamond Creek Police 9438 8300

Please ensure children have an emergency number on them.

NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO | Diamond Creek Blue Light Disco

TERM 1 2026 FUN • RELAXED • LOCAL • SOCIAL

FITNESS IN Panton Hill

TERM 1 CLASSES START MON 2 FEB

MON	7PM	Pilates
TUE	6.30PM	Very Social Boxing
THU	7PM	Pilates Plus

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



PANTON HILL COMMUNITY EVENT

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

WELCOME TO Bogal 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 on site

SCAN TO BOOK

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




TENNIS WINK COACHING

★ SPECIAL TENNIS ★
COACHING AFTERNOON

Tuesday 24th March

Panton Hill Tennis Club

\$10 per child per lesson!

- SPECIAL ONE DAY PRICE
- FUN TENNIS COACHING
- BEGINNERS WELCOME
- ALL AGES

30 MIN LESSONS STARTING FROM 3.30PM

BOOK NOW | Wendy
0418 539 740

MUST BOOK DON'T MISS OUT!



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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.

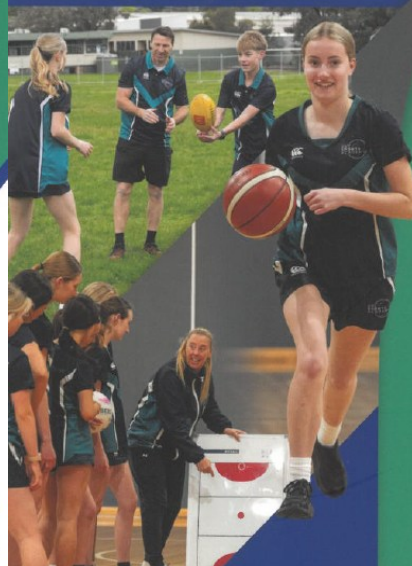


Bookings essential,
please scan the
QR code to
book a session.

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

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
www.trybooking.com/DJKPK



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