



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May, 2026
Term 2: Week 2



DIARY DATES

2026

Friday 1st May

Interschool Sport PHvUPPS

Tuesday 5th May

Mother's Day Gift Wrapping

Friday 8th May

1st Storytime 11.40am

Mother's Day Stall

Interschool Sport IGSvPH

Monday 11th May

School Council 7pm

Tuesday 12th May

District Cross Country

Friday 15th May

Interschool Sport KGvPH

Friday 22nd May

Walk To School Day

Interschool Sport KWvPH

Friday 29th May

Interschool Sport PHvDPS

Thursday 4th June

Division Cross Country

Monday 8th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday — *Student Free Day*

Principal's Report

Thank you to everyone in our school community for their contributions to such a successful start to Term 2 at PHPS!

It has been great to see so many classroom helpers over the past few days. We greatly appreciate all of our school volunteers who help with learning activities and school events within our school.

SCHOOL HATS

As it is now May, students are now longer required to wear their hats when outside at school. Wearing school hats while outside over the coming months is a personal choice for students until we require students to wear their hat again from mid-August.

More information about our Sunsmart practices is available in our Sun Protection Policy on our website.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

PHPS will again be participating in the Premiers' Reading Challenge this year. The challenge runs throughout Terms 2 and 3 and finishes on 4th September 2026. The theme for this year's challenge is '**Stories to discover. Stories to tell.**'

A message from the Premier about the challenge for this year is available via this link: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-opening-message-2026>

Our staff will be supporting students in working towards the challenge. To complete the challenge the general guidance is:

- Prep to Year 2: Read a total of 30 books, with 20 or more of those books from the Challenge book list

Year 3 to Year 9: Read a total of 15 books, with 10 or more of those books from the Challenge book list

Our school will be sharing information and updates on our progress towards the challenge over the coming months.



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IDAHOBIT DAY

Our Pantan Hill Primary School Council has decided that there are some special days we would like our school community to acknowledge throughout the year. One of these days is IDAHOBIT Day which is held in mid-May.

IDAHOBIT Day links strongly to our school values of Respect and Kindness and our staff will teach students about the day in an age-appropriate way, reminding everyone in our school community to show respect to everyone, no matter who they are.

Our school will be acknowledging this day by holding a free dress day on Monday 18th May where we encourage everyone participating to wear clothing that is as colourful as possible.



ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Each year, students in Years 4-12 at government schools are invited to participate in the Attitudes to School Survey offered by the Department of Education. This survey provides schools with valuable information and helps schools plan programs and activities to improve engagement with school, wellbeing and learning for students.

The survey will be conducted at PPHS during the second half of May and in early June.

More information, including an information and consent letter for families, will be sent to families of students in Years 4-6 via Xuno before the survey commences this term.

MOTHER'S DAY / SPECIAL PERSON DAY STALL

Our wonderful fundraising team have once again organised a Mother's Day / Special Person Day stall for **Friday 8th May**. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a thoughtful and affordable gift for that special person in their life. All gifts will be **\$5 each**. Please provide a bag for your child to keep their purchase a secret.

To make the gifts look extra special, a gift wrapping morning is scheduled for **Tuesday 5th May** in the staffroom. So if you have a spare hour after drop off, please pop in and enjoy having a sneak peak of what will be available.

It is really special to see how excited the children get when selecting a gift on their own. Thank you to our amazing fundraising team and wrappers



Last Saturday our school captains contributed to the ANZAC Day Service held at Hurstbridge and they did an amazing job! Thank you to the RSL for the fantastic service. It was great to see so many



Why Should We Remember Anzac Day?

We should remember Anzac Day to realize that kids at the age of 14 became soldiers and some of them never came back. All the people got to eat in the war was a hard biscuit called an 'Anzac tile', an onion, some cheese and canned corn beef.

Anzac Day is a day where we remember the brave and courageous people who fought and sacrificed their lives for us to have the Australia we have today.

By Emma Bouwmans

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Why Should We Remember Anzac Day?

I think we should remember Anzac Day because not remembering is a disgrace. We cannot forget the soldiers who risked their own life so that we could have a better future. Can you imagine how scary that would have been? So that's why I think we should remember Anzac Day.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

During the school holiday Toby in Grade 3 and I represented Panton Hill Primary School at the Inter-School Championships at Boneo Park. We were both in a class with 23 kids. I came 2nd (Reserve Champion). Well done to Toby who came 11th in his class. Well done team Panton Hill.



If any students would like to share their out of school achievements, please send a photo and writeup to panton.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au so we can include them in our next newsletter.

KRYAL CASTLE CHESS SHIELD TOURNAMENT

We played at the Chess tournament at Kryal Castle. I played 7 games, won 3 games, there is a big maze and a park and a lolly store. The drive was an hour and 45mins, it felt long but was worth it. I finished the maze 5 times. Written by Lachy Ryan.



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PANTON HILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



RAFFLE \$5000 KCM TRAVEL VOUCHER

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TICKETS:

1 FOR \$25
3 FOR \$60

Drawn:
August 9 2026 From 5:00 p.m.
At the Pleasant Sunday/Family day at Panton Hill Hotel

pantonhillfc.juniors@gmail.com
Prize not redeemable for cash



PANTON HILL AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



GOOD CLEAN FUN



Start your footy journey with Auskick at Panton Hill Football Club!

Starts Thursday 7 May, 4:30-5:30pm @ AE Cracknell Reserve.

Our weekly program is designed to help kids develop fundamental skills while having fun and building confidence.

- Skill-based games and activities
- Supportive, welcoming environment
- A great introduction to footy

Register via the QR code.



Mother's Day Stall
Friday 8th May

Gifts will be priced at \$5.00

A gift wrapping morning is scheduled for Tuesday 5th in the staffroom after drop off.



Hello Everyone,

We had an absolute ball during our Autumn Holiday Program! I think that the children really loved making disguises using the pipe cleaners the most. The excursion that we had to Rush HQ was an eye opener with so many other services there. It was great to be a part of a big production like that. Our movie that we saw was "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie" where we were treated to a huge bag of popcorn and water to enjoy. Training to be ninjas with real ninja moves was so popular that there are children who are still playing it at our service.

Making spy kits using invisible ink and torches to see the hidden messages and dusting the place, as well as each other, for fingerprints. I'm sure that some of the children will end up as forensic scientists. I think that the most important thing, for the children, was just having the chance to have fun and play with each other in the lovely environment of Panton Hill.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Last week, we discussed the meaning behind our ANZAC DAY celebrations and what that all meant for the families of those who never returned from Gallipoli. The meaning behind the poppies, the ode, what the acronym ANZAC stands for and some of the historical facts behind it all. Our artwork consisted of making poppies and creating paintings of soldiers in silhouettes against a dawn background. Two little prep girls, Mia and Grace, made our ANZAC biscuits that everyone enjoyed on Friday. We ate them, along with healthy fruit, for afternoon tea. A question from one of the boys was "Does it have to be ANZAC DAY to make ANZAC biscuits?" Looks as though they are now our favourite treat.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

This week we have been busy creating experiments. The first experiment involved creating the children's favourite substance, SLIME! It was a lovely shade of green! The children flipped through a science book and chose the next experiment that they wanted to run which was called Saving the animals. The toy animals had been frozen in a blue lake and the object was to "rescue" them using spoons. When that proved hard, it was suggested that they use water! Bingo! Tiny Bubbles, Big Bubbles, Wind Chimes, Balloon Rockets and playdough are some of our other experiments that we have enjoyed or are about to enjoy.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Next week's program will be an interesting one! The boys have created chickens using lego and a whole little fort or town. So, it will be all things chicken including designing and creating a chicken run, painting and drawing chickens and sewing chickens using felt. The boys called it a chicken invasion so let's invade! There will be the chicken dance to learn and a few little chicken songs as well.

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-8:4!

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



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Ember Psychology
63 Smiths Road, Templestowe, 3106



Immediate Availability

Monday - Wednesday - Friday



Matilda works with clients across the lifespan and her interests include:

- Neurodevelopmental conditions
- Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD)
- General mental health management
- Grief and life transitions



Pricing

- Comprehensive Assessments: **\$180ph**
(plus report fee)
- Counselling and Intervention: **\$150ph**

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SUN 3rd MAY
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Opposite Hurstbridge Primary School

All-inclusive **WEEKEND PASS \$60**
Pass admits 1 adult & 2 kids to everything on offer
HURSTY DANCE CLUB ONLY \$30 (Pop-up nightclub 18+)
INDIVIDUAL SESSION ONLY \$15
SUNDAY FAMILY DISCO ONLY \$10 per person age 3 and up

CHOOSE FROM

10 adult classes
4 kids classes
Pop-up nightclub
Family Disco



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CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE PRESENTS

SIX
TEEN EDITION

14 - 16 MAY **BOOK NOW!** **CLC HALL**



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