



*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th May, 2026  
Term 2: Week 4



## DIARY DATES

**2026**

### **Friday 15th May**

Interschool Sport KGvPH

### **Friday 22nd May**

Walk To School Day

Interschool Sport KWPSvPH

### **Friday 29th May**

Interschool Sport PHvDPS

### **Thursday 4th June**

Division Cross Country

### **Monday 8th June**

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

### **Friday 12th June**

Interschool Sport PHvWG

Storytime 11.40—12.30am

### **Monday 15th June**

School Council 7pm

### **Friday 19th June**

Interschool Sport UPPSvPH

### **Tuesday 23rd June**

Panton Hill's Got Talent

11.30am @ the PH Hall

### **Friday 26th June**

Interschool Sport PHvKWPS

Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm

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## *Principal's Report*

Our school has been conducting a number of tours for prospective future Prep families this term and it is always very special to share everything that makes PHPS such a great learning environment. Showing our school in action to visitors is always a privilege and I am always impressed with the hard work of our staff and students when visiting their learning spaces. A very special shout out to our Preps who confidently explained that they were learning about the vowels to some visitors when we were in their classroom this week. Our school really is a very special place!

Well done to everyone involved in our first Storytime session for 2026! These sessions are scheduled during Term 2 and 3 to support kinder students in the area to begin familiarising themselves with primary school and have a lot of fun. Our next Storytime session is on the 12th June at 11:40am. We are hoping to be able to invite the kinder students next door to our Term 3 Storytime sessions.

Our long awaited ramp works are due to commence shortly. There will be some temporary fencing installed soon to ensure the construction area is safe for everyone at school. These works are scheduled to take 3 to 4 weeks once they commence. During the construction period, our students will be accessing the students toilet via the main building. Our last communication from the builders explained that they are aiming to commence in the last week of May or the first week of June.

### **EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY**

Education Support Staff Day is celebrated every year on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Today our staff acknowledged the amazing work our Education Support Staff do at PHPS. This includes our administration, classroom aides and maintenance staff.

Acknowledging this day highlights the essential role these staff members play in providing quality education and safe learning environments.

We are very lucky to have the Education Support team we have at PHPS and we greatly appreciate everything they do for our school on a daily basis!



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## IDAHOBIT FREE DRESS DAY—MONDAY 18th MAY

This coming Monday, Panton Hill Primary school will be holding a free dress day in acknowledgement of IDAHOBIT Day. We want to celebrate individuality and expression within our school community, so students are encouraged to come to school wearing clothes that represent them - be that a rainbow dress, a football jersey, a comfortable hoodie or a funky pair of socks. Our staff have reminded students not to wear inappropriate clothing e.g. singlet tops, violent video game shirts.

IDAHOBIT Day will be recognised and celebrated around Australia on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. It is a day of celebrating and supporting all Australians to feel safe and respected in their communities, schools and workplaces regardless of sexuality, family structure, gender presentation, neurodivergence, faith, culture or disability.

Creating a community of respect and inclusion grows from small acts, and PHPS is proud to have Respect as a core value of our school.

We can't wait to see everyone's outfits on Monday and celebrate what makes you YOU.



## ONSITE EVACUATION DRILL—NEXT FRIDAY

Our school has rescheduled our onsite evacuation drill for next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This drill provides an opportunity for all of our staff and students to practice what we all do in case we need to evacuate our school. You may wish to speak to your child (ren) about this before the drill takes place.

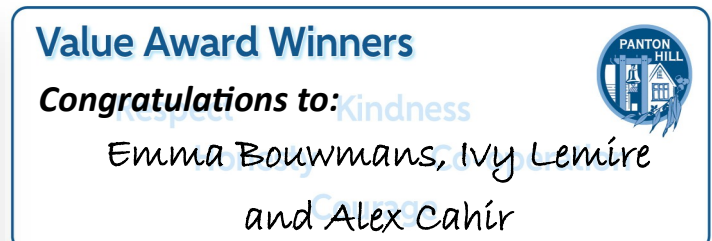
## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY 2026

PHPS will again be acknowledging 'Walk Safely to School Day' next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. All students and families interested in participating are invited to meet at the Panton Hill Hotel car park at 8:45. A number of our staff will support everyone in walking safely to school on the morning.

Now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, National Walk Safely to School Day encourages primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school.

Walking every day builds confidence, improves concentration and establishes healthy habits for life – while making our roads safer and our air cleaner for everyone.

Research shows that children who are active before school are more focused, more productive and perform better in the classroom.



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## 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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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 6:** 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.



## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to all our amazing students who participated in the District Cross Country event this week. Your determination, resilience, sportsmanship and school spirit made us incredibly proud. Whether you raced to the finish line or simply challenged yourself to give it a go, you should all feel very accomplished. Well done to everyone involved. Below are the results of students moving forward to the Division Cross Country.

Elsie 1<sup>st</sup> and Esther 2nd. Nola, Xavier H and Emmett made top 8 and will also proceed to the Division event on the **4<sup>th</sup> of June** at Bundoora. Elise, Edward and Emmy are emergencies.



## 2026 School Council Members

| POSITION       |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| President      | David Shaw   |
| Vice President | Megan King   |
| Secretary      | Amie Grisold |
| Treasurer      | Deanne Cahir |

| SUB COMMITTEE         | MEMBERS   | MEETING TIMES     |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Building & Grounds    | Matthew Dunstone, Beth Borthwick, Allana Sharman and Deanne Cahir                                   | During SC Meeting |
| Finance & Fundraising | Matthew Dunstone, Bianca McGuirk, David Shaw, Megan King, Angela Paul, Sara Dodds and Leanne Cleary | During SC Meeting |
| Curriculum & Review   | Matthew Dunstone, Anne Howard, Justine Puls-Welsh, Stephanie Cross and Amie Grisold                 | As required       |

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## 2026 PANTON HILL'S GOT TALENT

Miss G and Mrs Jenes are so excited to see our talented PHPS students at auditions in week 7. Selected acts will then rehearse before performing at the hall for the whole school on **Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June**.

The audition sign-up will be put up outside the music room on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May**. Students who wish to audition need to write their name/s, grade level and act on the sign-up sheet. Students of all grade levels are welcome to sign up for an audition!

### SNACK ATTACK

This week we are rolling out a new snack program across grades to support focus, wellbeing and learning. Students will now have access to additional nutritious snacks during the school day such as, apples, baby carrots, bananas, oranges and popcorn. Fruit bowls have been placed in the grades for easy access by students and will be replenished as required. We will still provide 'the old favourite' toast to students during lunch time if circumstances are necessary but with the additional option of fruit cups, tuna and rice. We hope to be able to continue this throughout the year.

### NEED SCHOOL UNIFORMS? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Our school uniform shop is currently full of all our winter items such as hoodies, jackets, long sleeved polos and a variety of long pants. Also, don't forget to visit our second-hand uniform cupboard for affordable, quality uniform options. All items are \$3.

If your child has outgrown their current uniform, please wash and hand them into the office to be added to the 2nd hand uniform cupboard.

# PANTON HILL'S GOT TALENT

Selected acts to perform at the hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June for the whole school!

## AUDITION

Sign up outside the music room.  
Auditions will take place in week 7.  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Singers
- Dancers
- Musicians
- Gymnasts
- Magicians
- Circus Performers

No stand-up comedy or drama performances unless discussed with Miss G or Mrs Jenes before auditions.

### CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS OUR LIBRARY IS A MESS

Help us tame the library shelves before the books start organising themselves!!

AUTHOR PANTON HILL LIBRARY  
TITLE WHY DOES OUR LIBRARY GET SO MESSY?

RETURNED DATE DUE

**LIBRARY**  
**HELPERS**  
**WANTED**

Please see the office if you are available

## BRAIN FUEL ON THE GO

# SNACK ATTACK

## IN CLASSROOMS NOW

# PHPS Artworks



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**Ember Psychology**  
63 Smiths Road, Templestowe, 3106

*ember psychology*

# 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**

**Meet Matilda!**

**Enquire now:**  
emberpsychology@gmail.com  
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*Blue Light*

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE & VOLUNTEERS

# Diamond Creek Blue Light Disco

**15 MAY 2026**

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

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# You're not lazy.

*You're just... last.*

You get everyone else sorted.  
**Work.**  
**Kids.**  
**Dinner.**  
**Life.**

And by the time you sit down...

- you're exhausted
- you grab whatever's easy
- you tell yourself you'll "do better tomorrow"

And then tomorrow looks the same.

**IN-PERSON NUTRITION SUPPORT IN PANTON HILL**

Real-life support for women who are tired, stuck or unsure what their body needs anymore.

It's not a motivation problem. Your life is full — your nutrition needs to fit into that.

*Let's make it simpler.*

SCAN TO BOOK A SESSION



OR MESSAGE "NUTRITION" I'd love to help.

**WE DON'T DO STRICT PLANS.**  
No quick fixes.  
No pressure.  
Just support that actually fits your life.

**AREAS I CAN HELP WITH:**

- Fat loss (without extremes)
- Peri & menopause support
- Low energy & brain fog
- Sports nutrition
- Practical support implementing prescribed diets

Personalised support | Real-life focused | Practical & realistic | Supportive (not overwhelming)

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HForHealthCoaching

**YOU deserve TO FEEL GOOD AGAIN.**

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**APTED'S** **\$12 PER BAG**

# APPLES FOR SALE

**NEW SEASON PINK LADY**

**RECOMMENDED TO KEEP IN YOUR FRIDGE FOR FRESHNESS**

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