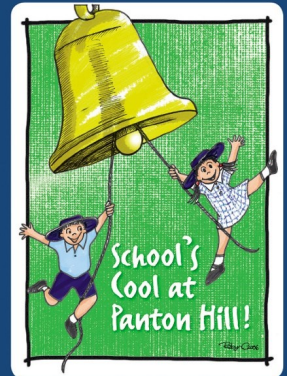




*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st August, 2026
Term 3: Week 6



DIARY DATES

2026

Monday 24th August

BookWeek parade/activities

Tuesday 25th August

District Athletics

Friday 28th August

Storytime 11.40am

Monday 31st August

School Council

Tuesday 1st September

KGPS Chess tournament

Friday 4th September

Father's Day Stall

Monday 7th September

School Camp (3 days)

Division Athletics

Wednesday 9th Sept.

Kaboom Sports P—Grd2

Friday 18th September

Last day of Term 3

2.10pm assembly

Monday 5th October

First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 6th October

Bike Education

XUNO



Principal's Report

Throughout this week our school has been acknowledging National Science Week. The theme for this week in 2026 is *Seeds of Science: nurturing science for all*.

Science Week is a fantastic time to explore the power of curiosity, inquiry and shared learning in growing scientific understanding. I noticed that our Grade 1/2 students were learning about shadows as part of their integrated studies earlier this week and all of our students have had the opportunity to participate in our Mad About Science Incursions over the past two days. It has been amazing to see the joy and excitement in our students while participating in these science activities. Thank you to Natika Jenes for her organisation of this incursion!

Next week our school will be celebrating Book Week for 2026. We have our Book Week Parade on our multi-sport court at **9am on Monday** morning and our students will participate in a number of special activities led by our staff throughout the day on Monday. Our families are invited to attend our Book Week parade. We can't wait to see everyone's costumes!

STAFFING UPDATE

You may have noticed a new face among our school staff over the past week and a half. Our school has employed an additional Integration Aide to support in classrooms throughout the week and we warmly welcome Anjie Grisold (a familiar surname) to our school as a member of our Education Support Team. Anjie will join Kirsten, Bethany and Chiara supporting our students and staff throughout the week and will be working every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Anjie brings a number of years experience in this role and we are very appreciative that her previous school was able to support her commencement at PHPS so quickly. We are very excited to have Anjie at our school!

Chiara Di Natale will also be absent for the remainder of the term while she completes a teaching placement as part of her studies. We look forward to welcoming Sim Kaur back to PHPS, who will be again replacing Chiara during this time as a temporary Integration Aide.



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2026 PARENT / CARER OPINION SURVEY

Over the remainder of this term, our families have the opportunity to participate in the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education. Detailed information was shared via Xuno and emailed directly to families this week. The survey is accessible until 18 September 2026.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information about this.



GRADE 5 LITTLE ANGLER KITS

Following the successful implementation of the Little Angler kits in 2023/24, the Victorian Government is running the program again in 2026, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, offering 82,500 Little Angler kits to Grade 5 children.

The FREE kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

Grade 5 students at PHPS received their kits today. The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. The tackle tray is wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. The kits will also have a safety label attached to the outside of the kit bag, recommending that students wait to open the kits until they are under the care and supervision of an adult.

For instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish, visit the [Little Angler hub](#).

WOOLWORTHS OOSHIES

A number of students have been bringing Ooshies to school recently. Our staff have noticed that some students, particular in our early years classes, are placing these in their mouth and this could be a potential safety hazard. Students are reminded by their teachers and school staff to keep Ooshies and other toys safely in their bag during learning time. You may wish to speak to your child(ren) about being safe with toys and not placing them in their mouth.



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Wear it Purple Day is an annual event that is held on the last Friday of August across Australia. Here at PHPS on this day we would like to celebrate diversity in our School community by promoting our safe and inclusive environment and opposing any form of bullying. Wear it Purple Day supports LGBTQIA+ people. Schools, workplaces and communities wear purple to show visibility, safety and inclusion.

Members of our school community are invited to wear a splash of purple on **Friday 28 August 2026** if they would like to acknowledge this event. This could be a purple ribbon, hair tie, scarf, or something similar. This day is a normal school uniform day other than a splash of purple.

PHPS will be operating a normal school day on this date with a continued focus on ensuring our school is a safe environment for every member of our school community. We are a school who treats everyone with respect, every single day, and our on-going focus on bullying prevention ensures everyone works together to create a safe environment. Our school has specific policies that support the safety of everyone, including our Bullying Prevention Policy, Inclusion and Diversity Policy and Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy. Our school policies are available on the school's website.

PHPS SPORTS DAY 2026

Our school will once again be holding our annual Sports Day on **Thursday 17 September**. On this day our school community is invited to wear their favourite sporting team colours or favourite sport clothing. We will be holding a special team/sports parade at 9am and Their Care will be providing a lunch time sausage sizzle for students on the day. Our families are welcome to attend this parade.



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PIE FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce information regarding our PIE DRIVE fundraiser that is currently showing as an event on Xuno. You will be able to stock up your freezer with some tasty pies; from classic favourites to tasty gourmet varieties, while helping raise valuable funds for our school and students.

You can order by actioning the event on Xuno, or if preferred, cash or card payments will be accepted at the office. A hard copy of the order form has been sent home with students or a PDF is attached to the event. Orders will close on the **Sunday 6th of September** and pies will be delivered on **Monday 14th September**. Pies are supplied by Brent's Patisserie in Eltham.



KABOOM SPORTS—CHANGE OF DATE.....AGAIN!!

Our annual Kaboom Sports event for Prep to Year 2 students has had a change of date....again!! This event will now be held back on the original date of **Wednesday 9th at Kangaroo Ground PS**. A number of schools in the area will be participating on the day and we look forward to this year's event! Kangaroo Ground PS will be offering a sausage sizzle on the day as part of the event.

BOOK WEEK

PHPS will once again be acknowledging Book Week in 2026. This **Monday 24th August**, we will be holding our annual Book Week dress up day and parade. This is a fun day where students can celebrate a favourite book character and reflect on the importance of reading and the joy received from a good book.

Our dress-up parade will replace our normal school assembly in the morning and students will participate in a range of multi-age activities with school staff during the day. Families are welcome to attend the morning parade on our basketball court. We can't wait to see the costumes everyone has organised.



XUNO EVENT REMINDER

Xuno is our main form of school communication for news, events and attendance notifications. It has been communicated that some families are not aware of upcoming events, as notifications are not made when an event requiring permission or payment is created. Unfortunately Xuno only sends an email or notification for news feeds but at this stage not for events. It has been discussed with Xuno that this would be a beneficial feature for future upgrades. In the meantime, please visit Xuno on a weekly basis to check if any additional events have been created. As we progress throughout the year, it becomes very busy and many events will be added, so it will be even more important to actively log in to Xuno frequently to keep up with school activities. If you have any Xuno issues, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

2026 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

At the beginning of the year a hard copy of our 2026 Voluntary Contributions was sent home to families and these also appear on Xuno as an event. We would like to express our appreciation to the families that have contributed to these voluntary contributions and also explain where the contributions get allocated to. Government schools generally run on a very tight budget and every contribution helps. Your Voluntary Contributions assist us in providing necessities such as new library books, first aid supplies (you would be surprised at the amount of band aids we go through), upkeep of school devices, additional art supplies and various learning materials. We understand all family situations are unique and would like to emphasize they are voluntary contributions but also make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Thank you for your support.

FREE hearing and vision screenings for children!

One day only - Saturday, 29th August 2026

Diamond Valley Lions Club and the Departments of Audiology and Speech Pathology, Optometry and Vision Sciences of **Melbourne University** are pleased to offer free hearing and vision screenings for children aged from 3.5 to 6 years of age.

Bookings are essential and we request only one adult accompany each child to their appointment. If you have more than one child to test, and only one guardian, choose following appointment times with the same tester (eg 10am & 10:30am with Amy)

On the day, audiology and optometry students will screen your child's hearing and vision. Results and advice will be provided. Students are supervised by qualified health professionals.

Please allow up to 40 minutes to complete all activities.

Screenings will be held at:

**Wattle Glen Primary School
16 Reynolds Rd
Wattle Glen 3096**

To book - please follow the link



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Diamond Valley Lions Club

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information or assistance with booking an appointment



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PHPS Artworks



The Grade 1/2's have been learning about Wassily Kandinsky, an abstract artist who often used circles in his art-work. The students were inspired to create overlapping colour to create their own 'Kandinsky Tree' masterpieces. A fabulous result which spanned three sessions.



MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

Mad About Science quotes from 4/5K



"It was really really good. We all learnt a lot about astronomy and had lots of fun!" Cooper

"We learnt about planet sizes and their distance from the Sun. We talked about rockets and did an experiment where we put water and an acid tablet into a test tube with a cork. The carbon dioxide made the cork pop out, just like a rocket." Salem

"I liked how we learnt how far away the planets were from the sun and their different gravitational pull. The experiments were super fun, especially when we had to spin models of the planets in a giant funnel to show their orbit." Emmett



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Pie

FUNDRAISER

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Soon!*





2026 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Prep - Year 6

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	per STUDENT
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - English — book boxes, whiteboard and markers etc - Mathematics — numeracy blocks, dice, money counters etc - Art — paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc - STEM — paddle pop sticks, straws, toothpicks, pipe cleaners etc - Sports — equipment - Publications & library resources	\$100
Online subscriptions - Reading eggs - Mathletics - Soundwaves - PAT maths and reading - Firefly Education - Inquisitive	\$100
ICT devices - provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$30
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$250
Other Contributions	per FAMILY
First aid equipment and hygiene costs	\$25
Student & parent communication tool - XUNO	\$25
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$100

Example of Curriculum Contributions Scenario	Number of students in your family	Amount \$
Curriculum Contributions (<i>per student</i>)	2	\$500
Other Contributions (<i>per family</i>)	1 per family	\$100
Opt-In Extra –Curricular Items and Activities (<i>excursions/camps/activities to be scheduled</i>)		TBA on Xuno
TOTAL FAMILY CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION		\$600

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RECRUITING NOW JUNIOR PLAYERS 2027

WE NEED YOU!

Are you looking for a junior football club where your child can feel part of a team, make new friends and be known by name?

We're a small, welcoming and family focused club and we'd love your family to be part of ours!

Maybe your child:

- Feels a little overwhelmed at a large club
- Is looking for a fresh start or a change
- Wants to meet new friends
- Is completely new to football
- Simply wants to be part of a friendly, inclusive team

Being part of a smaller club means everyone matters. Our players, families and volunteers become part of a close-knit community where friendships extend beyond the football field.

Whatever the reason, there's a place for you at the **REDBACKS!!**

 **HELP KEEP OUR LITTLE CLUB GOING!**

The Panton Hill Junior Football Club are looking for new players for our 2027 Under 9's, Under 10's, and Under 13's teams.

We are inclusive, welcoming and passionate about giving kids a great football experience.

 **INTERESTED IN 2027?**

We'd love to hear from you no later than November 2026 so we can secure the junior redbacks future - Lets keep the dream alive!

Simply send an email to pantonhillfcjuniors@gmail.com with your contact details or scan the QR code



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 then only \$40
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 collaboration
 & technique
 Work with local
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 afternoons
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