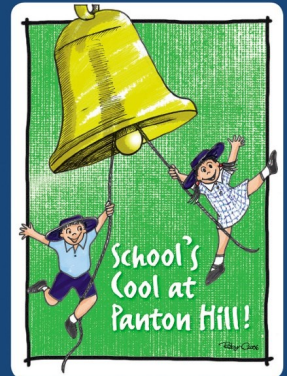




*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September, 2026
Term 3: Week 10



DIARY DATES

2026

Friday 18th September

Last day of Term 3

2.10pm assembly

Monday 5th October

First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 6th October

Bike Education

Prep— Grd 2 Swimming

(for the rest of the week)

Thursday 8th October

Choir—Eltham Comm. Ctr.

Monday 12th October

Responsible Pet Ownership

Tuesday 13th October

Bike Education

Tuesday 20th October

Bike Education

Friday 23rd October

Soccer Spectacular Grd 5&6

Monday 26th October

School Council

Wednesday 28th October

Bike Ride

Friday 30th October

First Prep Transition Day

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Principal's Report

As we come to the end of Term 3 for the year, I want to again thank everyone in our school community for making our term so successful!

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending our Grade 4/5 'Museum of Natural Disasters'. The students created a display of their learning including dioramas, computer presentations, posters, physical demonstrations and verbal explanations. The other students in the school had the opportunity to visit this exhibition. It was very impressive to see the effort that had obviously gone into their learning and preparation for this museum. In the future we will consider how to best invite other members of our community to displays of learning our students are holding.

Well done to all of our campers last week! We saw a lot of tired faces returning from Campaspe Downs last Wednesday afternoon but there has been unanimous feedback about how successful and fun the camp was. Thank you to Stafford Hurst for his sensational organisation of this camp and to Briony Kane, Danah McMillan and Stephanie Brindley for their work in making this camp so well run.

We also wouldn't be able to run our camps without our amazing parent volunteers and a very special thank you goes to Marc Taranto, Ryan Borthwick, Kate Natoli and Ross Graham for helping over the three days. We are very lucky to have staff and community members willing to give up their time away from their families to facilitate such a positive learning experience for our students.



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It was a lot of fun to celebrate the sports and teams we all love yesterday during our PHPS Sports Day. As always, a lot of AFL teams were represented in our morning parade, but it was also fantastic to see a number of other sports acknowledged, including a number of our local sporting clubs. Thank you again to Ella and Deb from TheirCare for contributing their complementary sausage sizzle and Zooper Dooper lunch on the day!

Today we farewell Karen, our current school crossing supervisor. Karen has been our supervisor this year and we have greatly appreciated her efforts in supporting the safety of everyone in our community. Her friendly and cheerful interactions will most definitely be missed. We wish Karen all the best for the future!

MRS HOWARD IS RETIRING!

In some bitter-sweet news, Mrs Howard has shared that she will be retiring at the end of 2026. While we feel a bit sad that Anne will be leaving our staff and school, we are also very proud and excited to celebrate her amazing career in education!

Anne has been a staff member at PHPS for a long time and contributed to our school in a number of roles, most recently as our sensational art teacher. Throughout Term 4 our school will identify some appropriate ways for us to acknowledge Mrs Howard.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2026 has now completed and we are very proud to announce that 146 of our students completed the challenge this year. What an amazing effort! That means that over 90% of our students achieved the challenge. Our school will distribute student certificates for the challenge when they are received.

Well done to everyone for our collective efforts during the challenge over the past few months. Next year our school will aim to have 100% of our students achieve the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Well done PHPS!



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CFA FIREWISE VISIT

Today, Simon, Sue and Andrea from Panton Hill CFA taught us about being Firewise. They taught us to put up the back of our hands to the door if there is a fire and if the door is hot on our hand we should find another exit.

They said people shouldn't hide under beds or in cupboards so that the firefighters can find us. We should yell out "I'm here" if we hear firefighters coming to help us. We learnt to "Get down low and go, go, go!" when there is a fire because the air is cleaner down low.

We are going to do a plan at home with our grown ups to work out the ways out of our own houses. They also taught what to do if our clothing is on fire. You must cover your face, stop, drop and roll to put the fire out.

If we see smoke and a fire, we should call 000. We should practice at home. We should plan and have a safe spot to gather.

Thank you for visiting us, Andrea, Sue and Simon. We loved it. By Grade 1/2P

KABOOM SPORTS

Kaboom sports was a huge success and all the students involved got to enjoy the many activities provided by the Kaboom organisers. The weather was kind to us and by the end of the morning, there were plenty of tired bodies, making the bus trip home a lot quieter.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

I would like to thank Bendigo Bank Hurstbridge for their sponsorship of the school concert this year. It means that the concert can have quality sound, so the school and wider community, can hear the students clearly. It means our small school and our students don't miss out on an opportunity and I am incredibly thankful to the Bendigo Bank Hurstbridge for their support, Mrs Natika Jenes

GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Thanks to Bunnings and their generous donation of paint, the Grade 5/6's will be painting an indigenous landscape to help soften the new look toilet ramp. I have enlisted the help of google AI and the talented Megan King who will help us achieve the desired result. I would also like to thank Richard Carroll who will be making us some metal bird silhouettes to attach to the rails.



Value Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Thea L, Matilda D & Flynn D



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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.

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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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9:00AM - 12:00PM

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NILLUMBİK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH | 9AM-3PM
COVENTRY OVAL, DIAMOND CREEK
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12
\$55 PER PERSON



School holidays

at Living & Learning Nillumbik



Polymer clay earrings
(12 to 17 years)
Tuesday 22 September, 10am-12.30pm
Panton Hill Living & Learning Hub
\$35



Garden hearts painting
(12 to 17 years)
Tuesday 22 September, 10am-12.30pm
Diamond Creek Living & Learning Hub
\$30



Pottery for kids - make a name plate
(8 to 12 years)
Monday 28 September, 10-11.30am
Eltham Living & Learning Hub
\$35



Make a funny comic strip
(7 to 13 years)
Tuesday 29 September, 10-11.30am
Panton Hill Living & Learning Hub
\$15

Book now!



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NILLUMBİK TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS WORKS PRESENTS
SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

28 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER

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DATES	Monday 28 September - Thursday 1 October
TIME	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
VENUE	Nillumbik Tennis Club

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