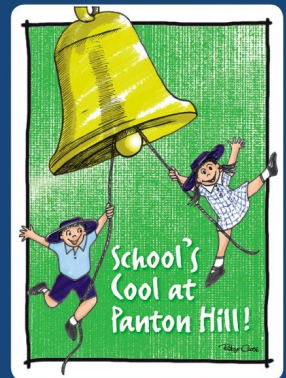




*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th September, 2026
Term 3: Week 8



DIARY DATES

2026

Friday 4th September

Father's Day Stall

Monday 7th September

School Camp (3 days)

Wednesday 9th Sept.

Kaboom Sports P—Grd2

Thursday 17th Sept.

Sports Day/Sausage Sizzle

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

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Principal's Report

It has been a busy couple of weeks at PHPS!

Thank you again to everyone for your efforts and participation in our Book Week parade on the 24th August. This is always a highlight of the year and a fantastic way for us all to celebrate our love of literature. Our students enjoyed participating in a number of special activities with our staff on the day and Book Week culminated with our final story time session of the year for kinder and pre-school children. We had a large number of children participating in the session held last Friday as both the Panton Hill Playhouse and Panton Hill Kinder both participated. It was a lot of fun teaching this session with Stephanie Brindley!

This week we have held a School Council meeting, had students from our chess club participate in a tournament at Kangaroo Ground PS on Tuesday, had our District Athletics day on Wednesday and everything else that happens in a normal week here at PHPS. I am always so very impressed with the way our students and staff represent our school during everything we participate in. Well done to everyone involved.

As you will be aware, Kylie Richards shared a message with our school community via Xuno today, explaining that she has decided to relinquish her position as Principal at PHPS. Kylie's amazing leadership and influence on our school over a very long time will most definitely have a lasting legacy and we are carefully considering the most appropriate ways for us to acknowledge Kylie's contribution to PHPS in communication with her.

A process to appoint a new substantive Principal at our school will be conducted over the coming weeks. As previously communicated, I will be continuing in the Acting Principal position until the end of the year.

We wish our Grade 3-6 students and staff a fantastic camp next week! We look forward to hearing all about the amazing things they do while at Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp. Our Prep- Grade 2 students also have their Kaboom Sports Day next Wednesday – very exciting!

Wishing all the dads and significant people in our community a Happy Father's Day!!

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PHPS SPORTS DAY 2026

We are very excited to be holding our annual Sports Day on Thursday 17 September. Students are invited to wear their favourite team colours or sports attire on the day. We will be holding a special parade at 9am on the multi-sport court so that everyone has the opportunity to share their team/sport allegiances with pride. Mr D says that black and white are fantastic colours to wear if you aren't sure.



Their Care will also be running a free special sausage sizzle and providing a zooper dooper for our students at lunch time on the day. There will be a vegan and vegetarian option for students as required. Please let your child's teacher know if they are not aware of your child's dietary requirements. Thank you to Their Care for everything they continue to do for our school!

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.

KABOOM SPORTS

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 September 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. No money is required for the day.

CANCELLATIONS OF THEIRCARE BOOKINGS

We have been contacted by TheirCare to ask if we could remind families the importance of contacting them as soon as possible when a cancellation is required. Each day, based on received student bookings, staffing and food decisions are made and often when they are not notified of cancellations, food can go to waste. Also, additional staff are required if numbers are over the ratio, therefore costing TheirCare unnecessary staffing costs. Please contact TheirCare as early as possible when a cancellation is needed.

FATHER / SPECIAL PERSON DAY STALL

Our Father / Special person day stall was a great success. It was so lovely to see all the excited faces while they were selecting a gift for that special person in their lives and very interesting to see the different shopping styles. Some students knew exactly what they wanted, while others liked to ponder for a bit, making sure they selected the best option. A huge thankyou to Bianca McGuirk who spent so much time making this event happen and to Amy Davey and all the other parents that helped purchase, wrap and supervise the stall.

HATS AT SCHOOL

As we enter Spring, it is important that we remember that the UV index will be increasing. PHPS is a Sun Smart school and students are encouraged to wear their hats while outside for the rest of the year. Students must have their hats for the last 3 weeks of Term 3 and in Term 4 while outdoors or they will need to play in a shady area of the yard. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PIE DRIVE

It's not too late to place a pie order. Orders will be open until midday Monday.



Value Award Winners

Congratulations to: *Willow C*

Kindness
Honour
Cooperation
Courage



\$12

APPLES FOR SALE

New Season Pink Lady Apples
Supplied by Apted Orchards



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CHESS TOURNAMENT AT KANGAROO GROUND PS



Once again a lucky group of students attended a Chess tournament at Kangaroo Ground PS organised by Bethany Anderson. These tournaments allow our students to put the skills they learn in Chess Club, into a competitive environment, competing against other schools. We were very impressed with the behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all. Well done!!

Me and Jeremy went to the chess tournament. We visited Kangaroo Ground Primary with a lot of other schools. PHPS came fourth, next time we aim for third. I got 2.52 wins and a stale mate. My personal record is 2.5. I'm so excited for the next tournament. I'm going to practise so I can get a new record. Keep practising!! I also recommend to people who are bad, go to chess club every day when it is on and you will be as good as you can be. Thanks to Ms Anderson aka Bethany for helping me throw the ruff times and for teaching me to never give up at chess. By Gunner

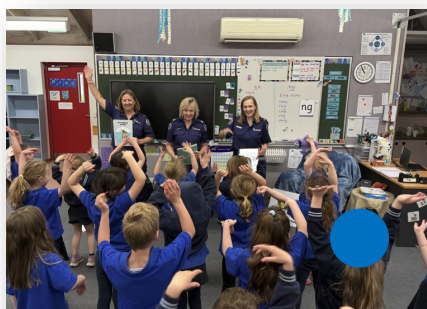
Me and Gunner can both agree that the Chess tournament was really fun. I got a 1.5 score, the .5 was from a stalemate and 1 point was from a checkmate. I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO DO IT AGAIN!! I recommend for starters (who can't really play chess) to keep on practising! I also recommend to people who don't know how to play chess at all, come to Chess Club and Ms Anderson (or Bethany) will teach you all the moves and you'll be as good as can be. Then soon you'll be in a Chess tournament yourself. CHESS IS THE BEST!! Written by Jeremy Deering, ps. first tournament.



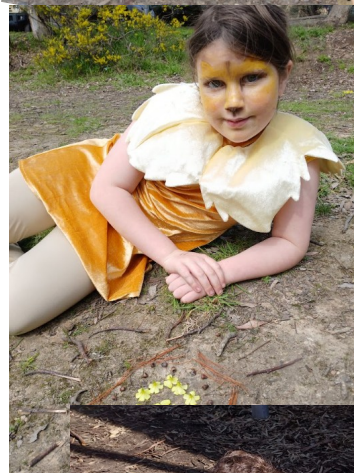
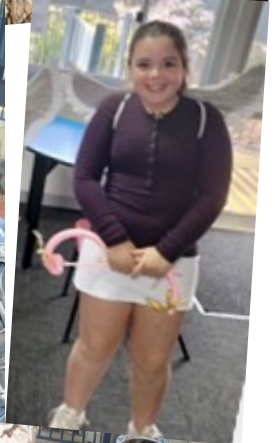
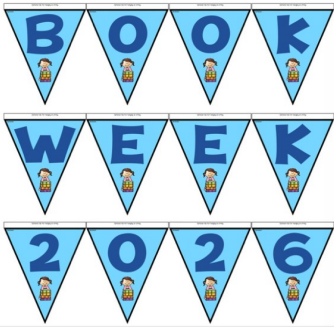
CFA VISIT

On Thursday the Prep students had a special visit from three members of the local CFA. Firefighter Andrea, Firefighter Sue and Firefighter Kristen spent the morning with us teaching us how to be 'fire wise kids'.

As well as being a lot of fun, the visit reminded us how important it is that kids of all ages know how to respond to an emergency. The firefighters suggest that every family show their children how to dial triple zero (000) and practice reciting their name and address regularly. Our Grade 1-4 students will also be participating in a special CFA visits over the next two Thursdays. Thanks CFA! Amie Grisold, Classroom Teacher



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DISTRICT ATHLETICS

What a great day we had at District Athletics. All the students participating did so with such great enthusiasm and did their absolute best. Many students left with green, red and even one or two blue ribbons. The behaviour while waiting for their events was exceptional and everyone was so supportive of other students. We were very lucky with the weather this year which always makes the day even more enjoyable. Well done to all competitors!!

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PANTON HILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

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



❤️ COME JOIN THE REDBACKS! ❤️

Family • Fun • Community



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

PANTON HILL TENNIS CLUB

GAMES • FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT

22ND & 23RD SEPTEMBER

RED BALLERS



9:00AM - 11:00AM

FUN DRILLS, GAMES & MATCH PLAY!

ORANGE BALLERS



9:00AM - 12:00PM

SKILLS, MATCHES & CHALLENGES!

YELLOW BALL
ROUND ROBIN
TOURNAMENT



12:30PM - 3:30PM

ROUND ROBIN FORMAT & PRIZES TO BE WON!

PRIZES FOR OUR YELLOW BALL CHAMPIONS!

4-16 YEARS OLD ALL ABILITIES

DEVELOP SKILLS & HAVE FUN

GREAT GAMES & ACTIVITIES

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WELCOME!



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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ST ANDREWS FILM SOCIETY

The first ever...

ST ANDREWS FILM FESTIVAL is being held at St Andrews Hall
On SUNDAY 13 September 10 am – 5 pm

You're invited to join a relaxed and entertaining community day!
We have two acclaimed international movies and a locally made documentary

The three films all have a musical theme, but with very different and often gripping storylines. As an added bonus, local documentary-maker Andrew Garton will share his thoughts briefly about the filmmaking process.

The films

My Brother's Band is a French movie about a professional orchestra conductor who finds a brother he'd never known of before. We see how music unites them, but society pulls them apart.

The Choral is set in the UK prior to the First World War. A community society attempts to boost the spirits of the townsfolk in unsettled times. This funny and moving film stars Ralph Fiennes

This Choir Sings Carols Andrew Garton's documentary, set in Whittlesea and Epping, is a joyful celebration of our local and diverse community.

Thanks to Bendigo Bank for supporting this community initiative.

Tickets available at
<https://events.humanitix.com/st-andrews-film-festival>