Principal’s News

Matilda
The Matilda excursion proved to be a terrific cultural and educational experience for our students. It was pleasing to hear the excitement in the students’ voices as they recalled the ‘best’ part of the trip. I would like to thank Tania Burke for her organisation of the trip and all staff who attended.

Year 10 Ballarat Science Trip
Our Year 10 students attended a ‘Life under the Dome’ science forum in Ballarat last Wednesday. The students problem solving skills were put to the test and some well thought out theories were constructed. Thanks to Mr Halliday and Miss Fox for accompanying the students.
At a recent meeting I attended a number of Principal’s mentioned that they only run excursions during school hours because they cannot get staff to attend. We are very lucky that we do have an extremely dedicated staff who are willing to go beyond the required hours of duty to provide our students with such valuable learning experiences.

NCD Athletics
Yesterday we had our team of twenty students compete in the NCD Athletics at Charlton. The weather conditions were great and our students gave their personal best, achieving some outstanding success. Congratulations to all students who participated and thank you to Mr Muscatello, Mr Everett and Miss Fox for accompanying the students.

Calder Athletics
Our P-6 students will head to Charlton tomorrow, for the Calder Sports. It is crucial that all students are at school ready to leave at 8:45am sharp. The buses will leave at 8:45am and any students who arrive after this time will complete a modified program at school. It would be great if we could have all students with a red school top on and navy/black shorts. This is so that all students are easily identifiable and also creates a sense of belonging as they are a part of the ‘Pyramid Hill’ team. Students are reminded to bring lunch, snacks, drinks and appropriate footwear.

Father’s Day Breakfast & Assembly
Please come and join us for a ‘Father’s Day’ Breakfast on Friday, starting at 8:15am. Following breakfast we will be having our Term 3 Assembly at 9:00am and we would love to have family and friends come along to help us celebrate our Term 3 achievements.

Tasmanian Trip
Next week we have 29 students participating in the Tasmanian Camp. Students need to be at school at 8:45am with their bags packed and ready to go. If you have any queries please contact Leanne Talbot or Sean McCann. We look forward to hearing the tales of your adventure next Friday afternoon! For all students who are not attending the camp the expectation is that you are to attend school and we will have a modified timetable in place for the week. Please see next page.
**Year P-6 News**

**Student of the Week**

**Tyler Manton** - for trying really hard with spelling and listening for that first sound.

**Jack Gould** - for his great work in Literacy and writing and his mature attitude on Wednesday.

**Erin Farrar** - for her outstanding leadership

**Matthew Caspani** - for writing a fabulous book week entry.

**Mrs Pascoe** - for all her wonderful work on the book parade and literacy and numeracy day.

**Mrs Burke** - for organising the “Matilda” trip.

**Year 6 Leaders** - for excellent leadership skills and a great helpful attitude.

**Year 10 Science trip - Life Under the Dome**

The year 10 science class ventured down to Ballarat, where they explored the question: If we could no longer rely on Earth to provide us with a sustainable and safe place to live – could we lead humanity to live under a dome... or is there an alternative solution?

Student worked with students from other schools in teams engaging with this conundrum thinking critically and experimenting using: Wind turbine designing, Hydrogen fuel for cars, Climate Science, Water treatment & chemistry, and Community creation.

**Reminders**

**P-6 Sleepover** - Thursday, 15th of September. Forms need to be returned by Wednesday 14th September.

**“Matilda”**

What a big, but great day we had last Wednesday, as we journeyed to Melbourne. To see “Matilda”. The show was fantastic and the students enjoyed it, even though it wasn’t exactly the same as the book and the movie, as one of my students told me but he still enjoyed it. Lunch in the Museum Park amused some students with a lot of pigeons and seagulls turning up to try to steal our lunch as we ate.

Our students were well behaved and well-mannered, it is always a pleasure to take them on these trips. Thank you to the students and staff for a wonderful day.

**Thank you**

Thank you to the Year 6 Students who helped run the assembly and the maths games in the afternoon last Tuesday at the Book Parade day. You confidently stepped up to the task, well done.

**Budgies**

We have a pair of yellow pied budgies at school in our aviary. They are very happy for us to look at them but not bang on the cage. They like to eat milk thistle, which the students pick for them. The hen budgie has been going in the nest box, so we are hoping for eggs and babies in the near future.

**Breakfast Club**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

8.30 in the BER

All welcome
**Book Week Winners**

**PRE-SCHOOL**
3rd Place: Charlotte Pickles
2nd Place: Archer Lee
1st Place: Tristan Broad

**PICTURE STORY P/2**
3rd Place: Gillian Pacala
2nd Place: Matthew Caspani
1st Place: Charlie Bone

**DREAMTIME STORIES P/2**
3rd Place: Dempsey Lee
2nd Place: Charli Moon
1st Place: Eloise Walters

**POETRY P/2**
3rd Place: Chloe Stevens
2nd Place: Charli Moon
1st Place: Jaxon Peter

**OLYMPIC POSTERS**
3rd Place: Jaxon Peter
2nd Place: Charli Moon
1st Place: Eloise Walters

**IMFORMATIVE TEXT**
3rd Place: Maxine Maromion
2nd Place: Gillian Pacala
1st Place: Matilda Matthews

**PICTURE STORY 3/4**
3rd Place: James Hercott
2nd Place: Kaitlin Broad
1st Place: Kevin Coronacion

**FICTION**
3rd Place: James Hercott
2nd Place: Jacob Clough-Fidler
1st Place: Lilly Fitzallen

**NON-FICTION**

**INFORMATION BOOKLET**
3rd Place: Riley O'Toole
2nd Place: James Bojo
1st Place: Kevin Coronacion

**NON-FICTION POSTER**
3rd Place: Adam Douglass
2nd Place: Nell Fitzallen
1st Place: Charli Bone

**PICTURE STORY 5/6**
3rd Place: Isabelle Caspani
2nd Place: Sammi Moon
1st Place: Imogen Broad

**FICTION**
3rd Place: Lizzie Newell
2nd Place: Raphael Umali
1st Place: Aleeza Pacala

**NON FICTION**
3rd Place: Aleeza Pacala
2nd Place: Lizzie Newell
1st Place: Keziah Pacala

*Special prize to St Patricks School for their Class book of Autobiographies “all about me”.*

**FICTION 7/8**
3rd Place: Ethan Ellis
2nd Place: Katey Cooper
1st Place: Olivia Hampson

**NON FICTION**
3rd Place: Briana Stevens
2nd Place: James Douglass
1st Place: Maryjoy Estrella

**FICTION**
3rd Place: Teagan Stewart
2nd Place: Feliz Garchitorena
1st Place: Jessica Gunther

**NON-FICTION**
3rd Place: Kevan Coronacion
2nd Place: Colby Petrowsky
1st Place: Zac Dingwall
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**NCD Athletics Carnival**

The NCD Athletics Carnival was held yesterday at the Charlton Show grounds. Pyramid Hill College took a strong team of 20 athletes who competed in an array of events including javelin, discus, shot put, high jump, long jump triple jump and the running events. The students are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship, enthusiasm, encouragement and determination whilst participating. As a small school we had students competing up an age level in some cases and they acquitted themselves brilliantly.

Notable results were Brad Moon coming second in the 14yr Girls Discus, Emma Murfitt with an equal 3rd in the 16yr Girls High Jump and the Female 17yrs Open relay team coming third in what was a super effort with younger students competing.

I am still waiting on results from the day as we may have placings in other age groups and to see who may go on to represent the region at the next level of competition.

**Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood**

Term 3 is almost done!!

As this is my last newsletter of the term, due to the Tasmania Camp, I would like to congratulate and thank our student leaders for another great terms work. Congratulations also, to all year 7-10 students who have put in their best efforts this term. We have many students who have achieved their best and tried their hardest to attend school every day. There are still a couple who need to make a big effort in Term 4 and get back up to speed. It won’t be long and we will be singing Christmas Carols!!!

**Only 6 More Sleeps!!**

Tasmania here we come!!! Just a reminder that medical forms must be in tomorrow so that we can collate and copy them in readiness for our camp. Don’t forget also to pack lunch and snacks for Monday at the zoo, and a small overnight pack for our night on the ship. Just a reminder also that next week Hobart and surrounds looks like having maximum temperatures of about 14 degrees with cold winds and with lows of just 3 degrees!!! Will need those coats!!

Bus leaves at 9am on Monday Morning and should be back at the college about 4pm on Friday.

**Fiesta Catering Meeting**

Thank you to those parents and friends of the college who came to the catering meeting. If you are able to attend and help with cooking or working on the day of the Fiesta there will be a register at the Newsagency which details times and jobs in the days preceding and on the day of the Fiesta. Please take the time and get yourself and a friend to check it out and place your names alongside a job or two.

**Dates for your diary**

12th September Tasmania Trip!