



Pyramid Hill College

7th March, 2017

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End of Term One 2.30 finish

April

- 14-17 Easter
- 18 (Tuesday) school resumes

Labour Holiday this weekend
No school on Monday
Enjoy the break

School Assembly
Thursday, 16th
March - 2 pm
All Welcome

Health Care Card?
You can apply for the
Camps/Excursion money
 Applications open until end of term 2

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Principal's News

Assembly

Our term one assembly and induction of student leaders will be held next Thursday, 16th March at 2pm in the BER building. We are pleased that Cr Cheryl McKinnon will be in attendance for this presentation.

We would love to see as many parents and friends of the college come along to celebrate our students' wonderful achievements.

School Council Elections

Nominations for the vacant positions on School Council for 2017 closed last Friday, 3rd March. Congratulations and welcome are extended to Adam Caspani and to returning members Rowan Broad, Kellie Stewart, Travis Gilmore and Alison Farrar. Staff representative returning is Rebecca Nunn. Next Tuesday, will be the first meeting for the newly elected Councillors.

I would like to thank Colleen Hampson for her contribution to the College as a parent representative over the past two years and wish her well in her new position as Principal of St Patrick's Primary School. I look forward to working closely with Colleen and continuing to build the strong relationship our schools share.

Billy Tea Bush Band – Tuesday 28th March

On Tuesday, 28th March we will be hosting the Billy Tea Bush Band. The band will spend the day teaching groups of students the art of 'bush dancing' and this will be followed by a whole school bush dance in the evening. We would love for all our school families to come along and join us at 6pm for a roast dinner and we will then 'kick' off a fun evening of bush dancing. Please save the date!

Fiona Moon,

Principal

Foundation//Year One students with the letter "N"



SRC News

Hat Parade

The last day of term, 31st March, there will be an Easter Hat Parade at 1.30 pm. Prizes will be presented for the best hats - parents are most welcome to attend.

Rainbow Colours Day

It will also be Rainbow Colours Day where you can dress up as a single colour of the rainbow and when we are all put together we will make a rainbow. Gold coin donation please.



NCD Triathlon Thursday

19 students will represent the College at Boort on Thursday in the NCD Triathlon. Three students will take on the individual event and six teams of 2 and 3 competitors will compete in the individual event. Bikes for the event will be transported on the bus and by car.

The bus will depart the College at approximately 9.00 am with the first event commencing at 10.30am.

Details for students attending:

Please note that it is ***not*** a casual clothes day. While not racing, all students must wear either their red sports top or school shirt. While racing, students are permitted to wear the following:

Swimming – bathers (including sport shorts)

Riding – exercise or bike shorts. A riding top, red sport shirt or Pyramid Hill Football/Netball singlets/football jumpers.

- **MUST SUPPLY OWN HELMET**
- Please ensure correct shoes (riding cleats or runners)

Running – runners must be worn. Exercise shorts with a red sports shirt or Pyramid Hill Football/Netball singlet/football jumper.

Good luck to all competitors.



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS – La Trobe's main campus is located at Bundoora (Melbourne), and has campuses in Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Shepparton and Mildura. La Trobe turns 50 this year!

'EXPERIENCE LA TROBE' – How can you find out about studying at La Trobe University? Experience La Trobe provides an opportunity to attend workshops, lectures, and seminars whilst being exposed to areas of the university not usually available on Open Day. You'll be able to talk to current academics and students to find out what their dream career is really like. Parents can attend the parents' session if they wish covering topics like university costs, courses and admissions. When: Melbourne: 9.30am – 4.30pm, Fri 7 April & Thurs 6 July; country campuses have Experience Days later in the year. Registrations and information: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events>

ASPIRE – La Trobe has offered the ASPIRE program for three years now. ASPIRE students have shown a significant commitment to their community through volunteerism, service and leadership. As a result of this, ASPIRE students are able to access a place at La Trobe on a significantly lower ATAR than otherwise required. Many employers indicate that volunteer experience gives candidates an advantage, and ASPIRE students are leading the way in employability.

William Angliss Institute News

William Angliss Institute is a specialist centre for food, tourism, hospitality and events careers. Located in La Trobe Street Melbourne, it offers modern training facilities, a training restaurant, demonstration kitchens and a wide range of courses from certificates to degrees.

Applications are now open for CERT III in AVIATION (crew), starting in April. The course is for full-time study only and program runs from April to September. Apply direct to William Angliss at www.angliss.edu.au. NOTE: airlines provide their own training as well.

The William Angliss Skills and Jobs Centre will be holding an industry insight into the travel and tourism industry, designed for those interested in pursuing a tourism career who would like to gain knowledge of the industry. When: 4pm, Thurs 16 Mar; Where: William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne. Register on the William Angliss website.

The Institute is conducting School Holiday Programs in April, July and September. These will involve hands-on activities in one specialist area, a campus tour, catered lunch and course information session. The April session will be on Thurs 13 April. Book on-line.

Breakfast Club

**Mondays,
Wednesdays, Fridays**
8.30 in the BER
All welcome

Head Lice

Please keep a check on your children's hair and tie long hair back for school



Year 7-10 News



Berwick Visit

As part of the Year 9 Community Connections class, students hosted a visit by 20 Berwick Secondary College students and their teachers. The stay kicked off with a visit to Leanne and Robert Pickles farm where the students tried their hand at milking. Our students: Olivia, Amy, Kassidy and Gad also got up close and personal with the cows, and experienced another local farming enterprise. Thanks to Leanne and Fonterra, all students were presented with a Fonterra pack including, bag, hat and cheese. Students then all enjoyed the Pyramid Pool followed by a Café-Bakery tea. Thursday saw an introduction to Terrick Terrick National Park where our Outdoor Ed. Class got to put their compass and map-reading skills to the test over a short course through the bush. Our students did a marvellous job, despite working with some reluctant participants with very little bush-sense. At the conclusion of the bush walk it was lolly pops all round to stop the tears of those who were totally out of their comfort zone. I think the Berwick teachers would have had a bit of a job getting some of their students back to the forest for their night sleeping in the bush!!!

NGV Pasifika Art

Year 5-9 students will be taking part in a workshop being run by the National Gallery of Victoria, and partially subsidised by regional Arts Victoria, on Friday morning. Pasifika Art explores the themes of Pacific art, and was inspired by several monumental ngatu (painted tapa) bark cloth wall hangings created by contemporary artists Robin White and Ruha Fifita, in collaboration with the women of Haveluloto, Tonga. Students will view a selection of artworks, view the production process of ngatu, explore the Pacific cultures, patterns and symbols and finally they will learn about the power of song to unite people to work towards a common goal. A printmaking workshop will be undertaken to create a large group banner. This workshop is part of the schools cultural awareness and extension program.

Triathlon

Congratulations to all of the 7-10 students who have put their names down to compete in either the individual or the group events. It is great to see so many people putting their hand up to represent their school and town. Good luck for Thursday! It looks like it will be a nice day at this stage.

Harmony Day

Year 9 students are planning two performances for presentation on Tuesday March 21st in Bendigo's Hargreaves Mall as part of their Community Connections class. This year only the Community bus will be going down with the performers. The rest of the class will be involved in some Harmony Day activities with the primary students at school.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Please remember to return notes if you intend to undertake this prestigious award, so that enrolments can be made promptly.

The Award is a leading structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering all young Australians between age 14 to 25 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations.

Each young person who takes part in the Award learns a skill, improves their physical wellbeing, volunteers in their community and experiences a team adventure in a new environment. All Participants are supported by a network of adult Award Leaders, Assessors, Supervisors, and mentors.

The key elements of our program are:

- Open to all between the ages of 14 to 25.
- Three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold, each progressively more challenging.
- Four Sections: Physical Recreation, Skill, Service, Adventurous Journey plus Residential Project (Gold Level only).
- Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement.

For more in depth information go to

www.dukeofed.com.au

Dates for your Diary

March 10 'Pasifika' NGV arts workshop 5-9
March 21 Harmony Day in Bendigo
March 28

Mrs L Talbot Senior Neighbourhood Leader

Year F-6 News

Foundation Students

From next Wednesday, 15th March, Foundation students will attend school every day.

Friday, 17th March

Anti-Bullying –No Way Day

We will be participating in a number of activities as a whole school based on the theme “Bullying –No Way” in the morning.

St. Patrick’s Day

We have been kindly invited to St Patrick’s School for lunch and the “Mister Mike the Magician” show, to celebrate their schools special Day.

We will be walking to St Pats School at 11.45 and returning by approximately 2.00pm. Students will be wearing their school uniform on this day.

Aladdin the Musical

An excursion to Melbourne to see “Aladdin the Musical” has been organised for Wednesday 30th August, for all interested F-10 students. A note will be sent home soon, and as seats are limited, a prompt response is needed to secure one.

Swimming Certificates - Assembly

At the whole school assembly on Thursday, 16th March, the F-6 students will be receiving their Certificates for participating in swimming. We welcome all parents to come along.

School Hats

We have run out of spare hats at school - so if anyone has an old school hat at home, please send it along to be used as a spare. Students who have “lost” their hats, either temporarily or permanently, will have to stay in the shade until we have some spare hats, or buy a new one. (\$10)

As a Sun Smart school, students are required to wear hats when outside until the end of April, which will be two weeks into next term.

Homework Night

Every Monday
3.30—4.30

(Healthy Snack included)

Teacher assistance available
All students from Years 5-10
welcome



Family Bush Dance

Tuesday, 28th March
6.00 pm for Roast Dinner
Then the dancing begins
Everyone welcome