



# Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



**Newsletter**  
April 6th, 2023

## Diary 2023

### April

- 24 First day term two
- 25 Anzac Day — No School
- 25 Anzac Day Service 10 am
- 26 Parent/student/teacher Interviews

### May

- 3 Sandhurst Div. Cross Country
- 5 NCD Cross Country
- 10 MATES night
- 8-19 Book Fair
- 15 F-6 Bendigo Excursion
- 24-25 Curriculum Days - No School



## Principal's News

### 2023 Pyramid Hill College Fete

Our Fete yesterday was simply amazing and a perfect way to end the term.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cain and the SRC students who took the lead with this event and together with the entire school community made it into a terrific occasion.

Thank you to our students who were exceptional once again as they organised their class stalls, some individual stalls and assisted with meal preparation, setting up and cleaning up and a myriad of other roles.

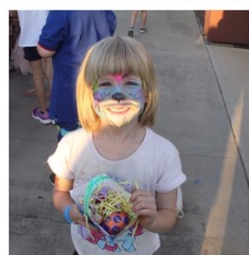
How lucky are we to have such a committed staff who placed so much time and effort into supporting and contributing to this event in so many ways. They certainly went well above what is required of them.

Thank you to our very active School Council members who took control of the BBQ and cooked the meat to perfection and cleaned up the van.

To our parents and families, thank you for so generously donating to our raffle, supporting our students in their stalls and pitching in on the day when you saw the need.

It was also very special to have St Patrick's School join with us for the Fete. We may be two schools but it is great that we can come together to be one community.

Finally thank you to all our community members who attended and supported our Fete in many different ways. We are incredibly grateful that we have such a terrific community that supports our school and our students at all times.



## Pyramid Hill College Values

### Respect:

We are respectful of self, others and the environment. (we are thoughtful of our words and actions.)

### Learn:

We are learners who strive for excellence. ( We challenge ourselves to do our best.)

### Community:

We are community minded and embrace diversity. (We foster a sense of community and belonging for all.)

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### Term One Finish

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and effort this term, it certainly has been a busy one! May you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday break and hopefully you get to spend some quality time with your family and friends.



## Year F-6 News

### Workers of the Week - Last Week

**Hayley Simmons:** trying hard with her writing.

**Jett Mitchell:** trying extremely hard with his writing and counting.

**Emily Watkins:** for her effort with Hot Shots Tennis.

**Charlotte Pickles:** for her effort with Hot Shots Tennis.



### Classroom Cup

Congratulations to Year 4/5/6 on winning the Classroom Cup



### Good Friday Appeal

Just a reminder if you are interested in collecting for the Good Friday appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital on Good Friday morning, (tomorrow) please contact Mrs Burke. We assemble at the Hotel at 9.00am.

### Diaries

It is extremely important and an expectation that all students in the primary section of the school bring their diary every day. They are needed to log in reading and to check if reading is being done at home each night. The diaries are for any communication a teacher may need to relay home or parents need to send to school. In some classes the students spelling words are put in to them for practise.

### **Good Readers Read Daily**

Research has shown that students who read daily do better at school. All primary students have a reader to read at home each night, so it is important to make sure this is occurring and logged in to their diaries and reader log books.



### Pie Warmer

Next term will see the pie warmer turned on for hot lunches again. Please make sure your food is wrapped in foil or in heat proof containers with your name clearly written on it.

### Bendigo Excursion "Are We There Yet?"

Thank you to those students who have returned their note and money for the Bendigo Excursion. A reminder that this note is due back next term by 1st May 2023.



Amelia is modelling a reversible bucket hat created by her talented sister Chloe in the Textiles Technology class.

### **Head Lice**

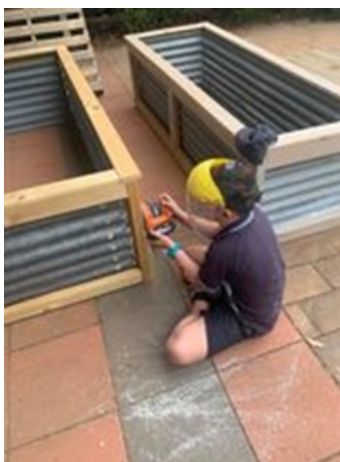
**Please keep checking your children's hair and make sure that long hair is tied back - especially when at school.**

# HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

In the first term of 2023, the Hands on Learning team (consisting of William H, William K, Jamison Walters, Cooper Gould, Cohan Lobb, Brady Gilmore, Kayde Roberts, Jacobi Mitchell, Ruby Mitchell, Mr Morison and Helen Garchitorena) have partaken in various projects around the school and for the community, including building garden beds for the Neighbourhood House, refurbishing the primary kids seats at the school near the playground, started a mud kitchen for the primary students to play in, started a chalk board for the primary students as well as making stationery trays for the teachers at the school. Whilst the HOL team have been working, they have also been cooking food for each other and mowing the lawn at the kindergarten as well as learning new skills in the program.

Written by William Hercott (Senior Member)



## Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

### Term one conclusion

Thank you to everyone for their efforts in term one. It has been an exciting term with many activities taking place. Use the holidays for some rest and relaxation to come back prepared for term two.

### Snow Camp (Year Nine and Year Ten students)

Notes for the Year 9 and 10 snow camp have been distributed. Thank you to Mrs McKinnon and Joy for their assistance in preparing the information and notes. If you have any questions about the camp, please contact Mr Roberts.

### Fete

Thank you to Mrs Cain and the SRC team for organising the fete. Furthermore, thank you to the PHC students, staff and family/community members who helped run and supported the event. It was an excellent way to conclude the term and we are very lucky to have events like this. We look forward to many other events coming up over the year.

### **Indonesian Student Exchange**

Pyramid Hill College are seeking host families for 10 Indonesian students on exchange again this year. Students will be aged between 15 and 17, years, with six girls and four boys keen to experience life as part of our community in Pyramid Hill.

Two staff members (one male, one female) will also be seeking hosts.

The exchange will take place from 29th July - 12th August 2023.

If your family are interested in hosting, please let Joy know in the office.

### Auskick (AFL for 5-12 year olds)

Auskick will be starting up during the first week of term two (Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>). We will be having a "Meet the Coaches" session on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> for those who would like to come and see what Auskick is all about or to just practise their skills. We were fortunate to have so many helpers last year, we hope to see many students and parents/family members attend the sessions to support the Auskickers. Participants will need to be registered by a parent/guardian on the link below.

Location: Mitchell Park

Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Start date: Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> (Weekly on Thursday during term two)

**SIGN-UP TODAY**

Sign up: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/d5f203>

Coaches: Luke Roberts and Bryden Morison



## SRC Update

From our SRC team, thank you! It was great to see so many members of our school community attending the PHC Easter Fete and joining in the fun and festivities. Many thanks to our families for their support towards the raffle, donations and contributions to our stalls. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

Thank you to our many PHC staff members who supported students in their stalls, prepared our delicious tea and ensured the day ran smoothly.

The Mega Basket Raffle was a great success and we congratulate the winners:

### **Year P/1 - Basket 1 - Easter Madness**

Winner: Nevaeh Golding

### **Year 2/3 - Basket 2 - Road Trip**

Winner: Hercott Family

### **Year 4/5/6 - Basket 3 Pantry Filler**

Winner: Julie Roberts

### **Year 7 and 8 - Basket 4 - 'T'**

Winner: Tyler Pollard

### **Year 9 and PHC Staff Basket 5 - Beach Bonanza**

Winner: Poole Family

### **Year 10 - Basket 6 - Mexican**

Winner: Charli Bon



A great big thank you to our PHC students! Such a big day and your efforts and behaviour were fantastic! A huge pat on the back to you all!

Rose collecting the winning Mexican basket on behalf of her sister Charli.



## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences**

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on Wednesday 26th April from 1.15pm-6pm.

Please mark this date on the calendar as it is important to take this opportunity to meet the teachers, celebrate student achievements and to share any concerns or areas for improvement. Receiving feedback is an important part of the learning cycle and promotes a growth mindset. We encourage all families to book in using the online booking system.

### **Booking Information**


<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/az3j5>

or go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and type in the code az3j5 (in the booking section)

If you are having difficulty in booking an interview, please contact the College on 54557377 or email [sean.mccann@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sean.mccann@education.vic.gov.au)



**BULOKE LODDON** 

### Need help getting your P's?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers (16-21) with limited access to supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.



For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email [l2p@ncllen.org.au](mailto:l2p@ncllen.org.au)

**North Central LLEN**

## **School Vision Statement**

The Pyramid Hill College community is committed to providing an inclusive, caring and rigorous learning environment that engages our students and challenges them to reach their full potential; academically, socially, emotionally, physically and creatively.

Students are empowered to demonstrate and value knowledge and skills that will support them, as life-long learners, to participate in and contribute to a wider community.

We promote a positive school culture that ensures staff, students and parents feel valued, have meaningful opportunities to contribute to the school and can effectively engage in the learning journey.



# HAPKIDO

## @ PYRAMID HILL

**TERM 2 Monday**  
24th April- 29th May

for 6 weeks  
4.30PM- 5.30PM

Pyramid Hill College Stadium

**YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12 PARTICIPATE FREE**

**BOOK HERE**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

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NOCH, FUTURE HEALTHY, VicHealth

PARENTAL CONSENT TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIRST SESSION. TO BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL OR COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL RECEPTION.



**FREE FAMILY FUN TO KICK OFF EASTER!**

# CJ'S PUPPETS

VENTRILOQUIST, SIGNING & PUPPETS OF COURSE!

**Good Friday Friday 7th April**

11.15AM - 12.30PM

James Boyle Hall  
Nolen's Park, Boort

The show is best enjoyed while sitting together on the floor. Minimal chairs at the back of the hall.

Something for all ages, children & adults.

**Guarantee entry by booking a ticket here**

Brought to you by Northern District Community Health & Boort District Health, your local health services supporting wellbeing and good health



# YOGA FOR KIDS

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## KERANG COHUNA KOONDROOK

9.30am-10.00am

Tuesday 11th April - NDCH Kerang  
Wednesday 12th April - NDCH Cohuna  
Friday 14th April - Koondrook Wharf

**EJ YOGA WITH GINDY**  
FREE EVENT FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12  
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN IN GANNAWARRA

6th April-23rd April

**Story Walks**  
Tue 4th April - Cohuna Library, 10.30am  
Wed 5th April - Sir John Gorton Library, 10.30am  
The Story Walk will remain up during the school holidays to be enjoyed by families at your own leisure. Pop into the Library to find out more.

**Kids Yoga with EJ Yoga**  
9.30am-10.00am  
Tuesday 11th April - NDCH Kerang  
Wednesday 12th April - NDCH Cohuna  
Friday 14th April - Koondrook TBC  
Bookings essential phone NDCH 5451 0200 or use the booking link found on NDCH Facebook.  
Free event for children aged 5-12  
Parents are welcome to join in

**Kerang Traders Easter Festival**  
Thurs 6th & Sat 8th April  
All Day | Free for all ages | Victoria Square  
On Thursday there will be live music by Elias Lanyon, CJ and his Puppet Show, Mini golf by NDCH, Children's Easter craft activities by Kerang Neighbourhood House, Children's Easter Bunny Hunt, Roaming Easter Bunny & Face painting  
On Saturday there will be live music by the "Known Official, the roaming Easter Bunny, Children's Easter Bunny activities.

**School Holiday Craft Afternoon**  
Wed 19th April, 1.30pm-4.00pm  
\$5 for 10-15 year olds  
Kerang Neighbourhood House

**Bus trip to Echuca plus shopping & movies**  
Tue 11th & 18th April  
Bus departing Cohuna Neighbourhood House at 10.30am - returning 4.30pm  
Cost is \$10 for high school students  
Booking essential phone 5456 4666

**Dungeons & Dragons Game Session**  
Thursday 20th April, 2.00pm-4.00pm  
Gold coin donation for 12-17 years  
Kerang Neighbourhood House

Brought to you by: NOCH, Cohuna Neighbourhood House, Kerang Neighbourhood House, KERANG TRADERS INC., LIBRARY



**Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge**

**WILD ABOUT READING**

VICTORIA  
State Government  
Department of Education

## Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge is now open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development.

- Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers.
- Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

It is not a competition; but personal challenge for children to read a set number of books **by 8 September 2023**.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

**Students, please see Mrs McKinnon to register you and to get a reading record sheet to log all the books you have read.**



# Year 9 and 10 **MATES**

*Welcome to Year 9s  
& their new Mentors*

*Games Night and Careers  
Q&A on the Couch*

*BBQ tea provided*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**6pm – 8.30pm**

Pyramid Hill College  
RSVP to: 0477242485  
By Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

