



# Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



**Newsletter**  
August 11th, 2023

## Diary 2023

### August

- 14 NCTTC Orientation - Yr 8
- 15 9/10 Camp
- 16 School Council meeting
- 17 PH Day
- 21 Coliban Water F-6
- 23 Year 9/10 TAFE Day

### September

- 11 Sandhurst Div Aths
- 12 School Council meeting
- 14 SRC Disco
- 15 Last day of Term 3  
- early dismissal 2.30pm

## Principal's News

### Assembly



September 14th, 2023

## 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.)



Today we farewelled our Indonesian visitors in fine style with an assembly that showcased our visitors talents in music and dance. We have certainly had a terrific two weeks with our visitors and shared so many experiences which have created lasting memories.

This week the visitors have shared cultural music and dance with our students, explored Bendigo, had a tour of Dee's robotic dairy and enjoyed a host family/buddy dinner and karaoke night.

Our relationship with the Celebes Global School has become well established and we look forward to further exchanges in the future. May I thank our Indonesian Teacher Bu Gould who has placed a lot of time and effort into scheduling this visit. Once again I thank the wonderful host families who have welcomed the visitors into their homes.

A sincere thank you to the Bartels, Apostle, Umali, Kerr and Gould family.

On Saturday morning there will be a few tears shed as our visitors head off on the 8am train where they will spend three days in Melbourne before flying back to Indonesia.

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**Fiona Moon, Principal.**

## Lions Club Public Speaking

Congratulations to Olivia Scott and Thomas Hercott who represented Pyramid Hill at the regional level of the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking competition last Sunday. Olivia and Thomas spoke very well and should be very proud of their efforts. I would like to thank their parents, teachers and the Pyramid Hill Lions Club for supporting the students with this event.



## WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

### All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. **How to complete the Parent/Carer/Guardian survey**

When parents/caregivers/guardians access the survey link, you will be prompted to select your school and will then be required to enter a PIN in order to start the survey. The survey link and PIN are below:

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

School PIN – 507963

## Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

### Year 9/10 Melbourne Camp

The year nine and ten camp will be next week from Tuesday to Friday. Thank you to Joy for her assistance with preparing notes and paying invoices. Students are reminded that they need to bring photo identification (student card etc) for go karting. They will also need to return their medical forms and permission forms if they haven't already. It promises to be an exciting week; thank you to Miss Fox and Mr McCann for attending the camp.

### Student of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Siri Harrison, Shamica Castro, Henry Deller and Cecily Farrar for being our students of the fortnight. Siri received her award for the support she has given to our Indonesian visitors, Shamica for her desire to seek extended work, Henry for making an excellent start at PHC and Cecily for her positive work ethic within class. Congratulations to our award winners.

### Indonesian Visitors



It has been excellent to have our Indonesian visitors over the last two weeks. We hope the group have enjoyed their stay and we have enjoyed learning more about Indonesian culture. Thank you to the host families and our students who have assisted our visitors. Well done and thank you to Bu Gould for organising the program and host families.

### Year 8 NCTTC

On Monday our year eight students will have a trial day at the North Central Trade Training Centre in Charlton. Thank you to Mr McCann for organising this for our students; year nine students will be at PHC on Monday with an alternate timetable.

## 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.

## Year F-6 News

### Junior Public Speaking

Congratulations to Olivia Scott and Thomas Hercott for representing Pyramid Hill College at the Lions Club Zone Two Public Speaking last week. Although they didn't win, they did our school proud and are better for the experience to go one better next time. Well done to you both.

### Father's Day Breakfast

Our Annual Father's Day breakfast is fast approaching on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. So please invite Dad, Grandad, or significant person. More information as the day comes closer.

### Indonesian Visitors

We would like to thank Bu Gould for all her organisation to have Celebes Global School at our school for the past two weeks. We have enjoyed interacting with the students and teachers, learning games and dances, and all about their culture, language and food. Thank you to the host families for allowing them into their homes and showing them around our community.

### Thank You SRC

Thank you to Mrs Cain and her band of SRC students for organising Taco Tuesday and Blue food Day this week. We do enjoy and appreciate all the things you do for our school. Thank you to everyone for supporting **Jeans for Genes** day

## SRC Update

and again today the Blue Food Bake sale. This was great fun for everyone. Thank you to our cooks for preparing our delicious treats and importantly our cleaner uppers.

**Taco Tuesday was huge!** Thank you for everyone's support. The tacos were delicious. They were so delicious and we were so busy eating we forgot to take photos. Thank you to our Year 10 helpers.



### **Head Lice**

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

### Students of the Week



**Libby Martin (Year 6 award):** helping people in the yard and thinking of lots of words that start with P.

**Kirkussel Ceballos:** enthusiasm towards his sea animal project.

**Tyler Manton:** being an active listener.

**Jett Mitchell:** being on fire with his reading.

**Kerenza Archbold:** excellent work in mate.

**Hayley Simmons:** excellent reading.

### Reading Awards



Congratulations to Zeb Gould, Kayde Roberts, Sophie Pickles, Xanthe Farrar and Hayley Simmons on their reading achievements this week.

### Classroom Cup



Congratulations on the Year 4/5/6 class on winning this week's Classroom Cup.