



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



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Principal's News

NCD Athletics

On Wednesday 24 senior students represented the College at the NCD Athletics Carnival. All students demonstrated perseverance and tried their best in cold and windy conditions. We achieved some excellent results which are listed below and Harry Goodes won the 15 boys age group champion, congratulations Harry, we are very proud of you! The students provided great support for each other and demonstrated great spirit and commitment. Our thoughts go to Cecily, Sophie and Rylan who were unable to compete due to illness, we look forward to your involvement next year. Thank you to Joe for driving the bus and for her assistance at the carnival. Thank you to Bu Gould for being our team manager on the day and to Ellesha Fergusson, Riley Fergusson, Judd Chislett and Jaxon Peter for their assistance with triple jump.

Placings

- 15 Years Boys 100m A Toby Fernandez 3rd
- 15 Years Boys 100m B Harry Goodes 1st
- 14 Years Boys Long jump James Hercott 2nd
- 15 Years Boys High jump Harry Goodes 1st
- 15 Years Boys Long jump Harry Goodes 1st
- 15 Years Girls 100m B Kaitlin Broad 3rd




to all footballers and netballers playing in finals tomorrow, as well as Mr Morison. We will be cheering you all on from the sidelines.



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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Book Week

What a wonderful gathering we had for BOOKWEEK! Congratulations to all students who entered books in the competition and what a wonderful selection was gathered for the judges to consider. Well done to all students who were awarded prizes in their section. Thank you to all who got into the spirit and dressed up in their character costumes. Special mention to our Year 10 leaders who led the troops beautifully and for the effort they went to with their costumes. It was great to have St Patrick's and the Preschool students and staff join in with the festivities. Our parade was really well received as many gathered to watch and support us. We are really appreciating the opportunities to mix with others and be out and about within our community.



Book Week photos



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

**** Reminder—students need to finish reading their books for the Premiers' Reading Challenge by Thursday 1st September.**

Completed book lists should be sent in to the office or emailed to

Mrs McKinnon before this date.

nola.mckinnon@education.vic.gov.au

Student Free Day

On Friday 9th September there will be a student free day as teachers participate in a professional practice day. Professional practice days are designed for teaching staff to undertake professional development to improve their teaching practice such as teams of teachers planning curriculum or teams visiting other schools. The DET is recommending that schools hold one of the two further professional practice days on the same day for all staff, which then becomes a student free day. This supports effective and efficient use of the day and alleviates work force pressures.

Covid-19

Thank you to all families for your vigilance in monitoring for symptoms of covid and for keeping students at home when unwell. Over the last few weeks we have had rising numbers of students with Covid and thank you to families for informing us of this. Just a reminder that with current regulations, when a student tests positive for Covid-19 they are required to remain isolated at home for a week. On the seventh day following the test they may return to school. Close family contacts that are symptom free may continue to attend school but those aged 8 and over must wear a mask inside and on the bus.

2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

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 and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Last year we used the survey results when planning the curriculum, extra curricular activities and special programs. We also used the survey results when reflecting and improving our learning and teaching practices.

An invitation and instructions on how to participate will be distributed to all families on Compass. If any parents need assistance accessing Compass please phone the school to make an appointment. We are only too happy to assist you through this process.

Covid-19

Face masks

It is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

What does this mean in practice for schools?

It is the department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and staff will wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.

Wearing masks is a simple step we can all take this winter to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases and ensure our schools are as safe as possible.

Exemptions for testing and isolation

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.

This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks.

After the 4-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow the rules for household contacts, including reporting this to their school.

As part of this they must take 5 rapid antigen tests (RATs) over 7 days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over 8 years old) in indoor spaces.

Families and staff will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this 4-week period.

Maths at PHC

Games give students opportunities to explore fundamental number concepts, such as the counting sequence, one-to-one correspondence, and computation strategies. Engaging mathematical games can also encourage students to explore number combinations, place value, patterns, and other important mathematical concepts.

Nimm (take)

Ancient 2 player strategy game.

Equipment

15 counters (icy pole sticks, bottle cap lids, straws)

How to Play

Set up 3 rows of objects as shown below (rows of 3, 5, and 7).

Players take turns removing objects from any one of the rows.

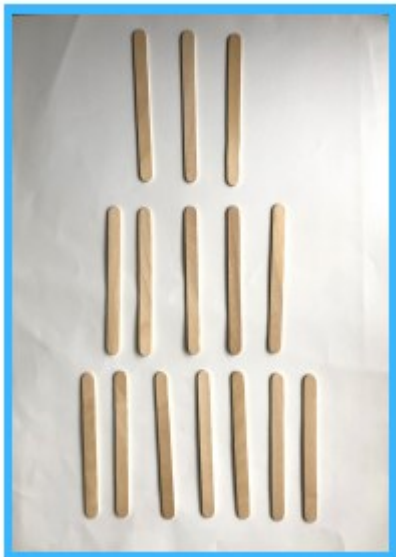
You can take however many objects you like from a row, but only from that row.

The loser is the person who is forced to take the last object.

Keep a tally of who wins. Discuss strategies after a few games

A simpler version is starting with 15 match sticks; you can pick up 1, 2 or 3 match sticks. The loser is the person that is forced to pick up the last match stick.

- What was the most challenging part of the game?
- What was something you (the family) learned or need to learn?



Book Week

F/I Fiction

Winners- Maddie Leerson "The Bad Owl" & Kirk Ceballos "The Bad Dingo"

Best Illustrations- Phoebe Bojo "Cinderella"

Year 2

Winner- Ivan Shapland "The Knight & the Dragon"

Highly Commended- Nick Van Eyk "Crazy Pyramid Hill" & Max Twigg "The Australian Outback"

Best Illustrations- Matilda Mowat "The Princess Butterfly"

Year 3

Winner- Ize Pantig "Ava & Lilly & the Boblen"

Highly Commended- Xanthe Farrar "The Day the Australian Animals came to life"

Best Illustrations- Tiffany Calamcam "Dog Danger"

Year 4

Winner- Sarah Van Eyk "The Princess & the Hunt for Berries"

Highly Commended- Elsie Poole "Penny's Dream"

Best Illustrations- Sasha Lobb "X Marks the Spot"

Year 5/6

Winner- Gillian Pacala "Snakes of Beauty"

Highly Commended- Matt Caspani "The Ice-cream Monster"

Best Illustrations-Ivee Rian Pantig "The Mysterious Gem"

Non-Fiction

Year F/I

Highly Commended- Lucy Scott "Wombats"

Winner- Kirk Ceballos "Wombats"

Year 2/3/4

Highly Commended- Xanthe Farrar & Alice Roberts "Autobiography"

Winner- Kayde Roberts "German Shepherd"

Year 5/6

Highly Commended- Tyler Manton "Japan"

Winner- Tristan Broad "Fox Terrier"

Poetry

Year F/I

Highly Commended- Kirk Ceballos "Colour Poem"

Winner- Jasper Mutugi "Colour Poem"

Year 2/3/4

Winner- Elsie Poole "The Wombat"

Year 5/6

Highly Commended- Tristan Broad "Peaceful Trees"

Winner- Thomas Hercott "The Ants Perspective"

Year 8 Poetry

Highly Commended- Eloise Walters "Pyramid Hill"

Winner- Oliver Quaife "Quick Now & Follow Me"

Year 9 Poetry

Highly Commended- Allarah Ceballos "2 Sonnets"

Winner- Ellesha Fergusson "What if?"



Year F-6 News

Workers of the Week

Kirk Ceballos: continuing to do well with his writing and reading. Always trying his best. Kirk also received the Year 6 award for working hard on his reading.

Harry Cain: being a respectful learner.

Toby Peter: thank you award for jumping in and helping out with breakfast club set up and serving.

Cooper Gould: thank you award for jumping in and helping out with breakfast club set up and serving.

Mitch Quaife: thank you award for jumping in and helping out with breakfast club set up and serving.

Tyler Manton: having a go at all tasks and being helpful and encouraging.

Ruby Roberts (Year 6): always using good manners

Ronnie Jessop: improving his handwriting and always trying his best.

Reading Nights:

50 Nights: Hayley Simmons

200 Nights: Tobias Wiltshire, Cooper Gould, Sophie Twigg, Elsie Poole, Ruby Mitchell.



The Powerful Role of Men in Young Lives

Many men are, or can be, father-figures. Not every child in Australia has a father around but they all have potentially helpful father-figures. Effective father-figures might be found outside the family, in the community.

A Father-figure is any man who has significant contact with young people. Many people describe having had a father-figure; such as a stepfather, grandfather, uncle, older brother, father-in-law, school teacher, youth leader, sports coach, and pastor or family friend; who made a big difference in their lives.

When these father-figures show an interest, they help young people to feel special, and can give safe, authentic love and respect to kids; A father-figure can become a vital confidant, confidence builder and affirming influence, that can inspire children that lasts for the rest of their lives.

Thank you to the Dads, Granddads and other men who acknowledge and encourage young people in our community by modeling relationships, problem solving, work attitudes and being an important & vital influencer in children's life.

Happy Father's Day for 2022
www.dads4kids.org.au
mensline.org.au: 1300 789978

We look forward to welcoming, fathers, grandfathers & special friends to Father's Day Breakfast at Pyramid Hill College on Friday 2 September.



What's on next week.

*Tuesday 30/8- Year F/I attend the Pre-school (9.30am-10.30am)

*Thursday 1/9-Calder Sports Charlton

*Father's Day Breakfast (8.15am-9.00am) and Father's Day Stall

Visit to the Pre-school

As part of the transition program, the Year F/I students will be visiting the Pre-school on Tuesday morning the 30th August. They will be walking to the Preschool, leaving at 9.30am and returning at 10.30am.

Classroom Cup

Congratulations to the Year 4/5 on winning the cup this week.



Father's Day



**Friday 2nd September
Father's Day breakfast**

8:15am. Dad's and special friends welcome. Gold coin donation to Beyond Blue, please wear a little blue on the day. Lucky door prizes 😊

Friday 2nd September

Father's Day Stall

Students can bring along \$10 to purchase a gift for dad or their special person.

Wednesday 7th September

Sports Colour Day

Wear your favourite sporting colours. Lunch order forms to go home next week.

Check out the

HOLLYWOOD disco

September 15th

The event of the year! Please look at the attached information, this will tell you all about it! DJ, dancing, Oscars and more! Fun for all! Thank you to [North District Community Health](#), [NCLLEN Victorian Youth Fest \(Vic Government\)](#) for their funding assistance.

Welcome to
HOLLYWOOD

DHC 2022

Disco!

Hosted by your SRC

Thursday 15th September

Dress to impress on the red carpet
or as your favourite movie star!

Primary: 5-7pm Secondary 7-9pm

\$5 entry (includes pizza)

Snacks and drinks available to purchase.

Tickets at the office.

Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

Students of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Mia Farrar, Rose Bone and Wes Gibson who were our students of the fortnight. Mia received her award for her positive and consistent approach to learning. Rose received her award for using her class time effectively and asking questions to confirm her understanding. Wes received his award for demonstrating kindness to his peers and teachers. Well done on your efforts Mia, Rose and Wes.



Work Experience

Work experience for our Year 9 and 10 students will be December 5th – 9th. Thank you to Barb Bear for her efforts in organising this and to the students and their families who have been busy organising a placement.

Sports Finals

Good luck to all of the students participating in various sporting finals over the weekend and into the future.

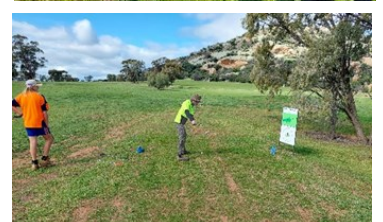
Late Students

If your child/children arrive late to school, please have them come to the office and sign in. This will avoid a phone call home to check on their absence.

Hands on Learning (HoL)

Last week progress continued on the bike track, long jump pits, Ga Ga pit, SRC project and on the chess boards. This week saw the team visit the Pyramid Hill Golf Club to sand and paint some existing seats and erect a new seat. Jamison and her family prepared curried sausages and placed them in a slow cooker for us to have at the golf club for lunch. Thank you Jamison (and your family) for your excellent organisation and yummy food.

In the afternoon, students were able to have a hit of golf or go for a wander around the hill with Helen. Thank you to the golf club for allowing us to use the clubroom facilities and to have a hit of golf this afternoon, we hope you like the updated seats! Thank you also to Vaughan for driving the bus. If there are other community organisations that would like some work or maintenance done, please contact the HoL team at the College.



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.

LASER TAG & LIVE MUSIC

FOR STUDENTS GRADES 5 - YEAR 12

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
(LAST DAY OF TERM)

6-10PM

6-7PM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS ONLY

THORNLEY HALL, 48 MURRAY ST KERANG, -
KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY
MUSIC BY 'THE KNOWN'

BBQ & SNACKS AVAILABLE- GOLD COIN DONATION
(FUNDS SUPPORTING ROTARY CLUB OF KERANG)

TO REGISTER:

MATT ALLAN - NDCH MATTHEW.ALLAN@NDCH.ORG.AU PH: 5451 0200	HANNAH GARDINER- KTHS HRGAR7@SCHOOLS.VIC.EDU.AU	LACHLAN GILES - MSA LACHLAN@MALLESSPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU PH: 0477 960 219
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FREE SWIM TEACHER COURSES

Enrol now

Course details

www.lsv.com.au/training
Life Saving Victoria Ltd
(RTO ID: 21799)

Free swim teacher courses

Life Saving Victoria

CONTACTUS@LIFE-SAVING.VIC.GOV.AU

Contact us to learn more

On Friday 12th August, Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) launched the new **Youth Aquatic Accreditation Program**, as part of Victoria's Youth Strategy 2022-27. As a result of this great initiative, Life Saving Victoria (RTO ID 21799) is able to offer a range of fully funded accredited Swim Teacher training.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT

ON WEDNESDAY THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER
LUNCH ODEURS FOR THE DAY

SPEECH PATHOLOGY WEEK

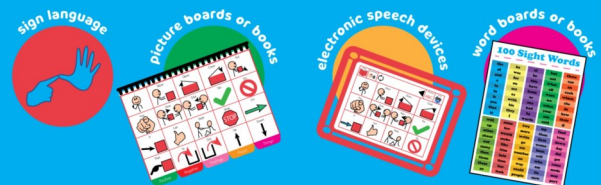
Good Communication, Better Communities

Brought to you by NDCH

Speech pathologists can work together with children to:

- build their communication and keep them developing
- create communication-supporting learning spaces
- help children with a range of communication needs.
- help children with understanding and using pictures, symbols, signs, gestures, speech sounds, words and sentences
- help children with turn taking and social skills
- help children with building skills for later reading and spelling
- help children with stuttering, voice and feeding difficulties

People communicate in a variety of ways, including...



Speech Pathology Australia

2022 Speech Pathology Week
Good Communication Better Communities

You don't need a referral to see Jacqui our speech pathologist.

Jacqui is a speech pathologist with experience working in primary schools, kindergartens, private practice, and community health settings. Jacqui is enthusiastic about working with children and the adults in their lives to develop strong communication skills. She moved back to the Gannawarra region in 2016 after several years in Gippsland and is excited to be providing support to local communities.



If you're unsure about your child's progress, check with a speech pathologist. Speech Pathology is available at Kerang, Cohuna and Boort NDCH offices. You can contact NDCH on 5451 0200.

A NIGHT OUT FOR SMALL BUSINESS & THEIR STAFF

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS +
DELICIOUS FINGER FOOD



\$50, \$100 & \$200 VOUCHERS FROM
LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO BE WON

STEPHEN COLOMBO-SMALL BUSINESS ENTHUSIAST

Passionate about creating simple,
seamless, and positive experiences that
highlight the importance of advertising
businesses, products, and services.



PAIGE DAVIES- FRANKIE AND CO CLOTHING

From kindergarten teacher to retail
entrepreneur. Hear the story of Paige's
successful retail boutique, how she
created a huge online following and
how she won Bendigo Business of the
Year Award.



DEAKEN FAWCETT- LOCAL MUSICIAN

"Positive, motivated and talented"



**2 SEP,
2022**



**7PM-
9PM**

**KERANG
MEMORIAL HALL**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL- \$5 PER PERSON FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Small Business MATTERS in
Gannawarra is supported by the
Victorian State Government.

