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Principal's News

Commonwealth Games



Students in F/1 have been learning about the Commonwealth Games. They made gold medals with Mrs Mann in Art.

Afternoon Tea Invitation - Tuesday 9th August 2:15pm

As I have mentioned on numerous occasions it is School Review time and we have really appreciated your feedback so far. We are now in the process of setting the strategic direction of the College for the next four years and it is important that as key stakeholders you have a voice. On Tuesday 9th August, the Review Panel will host a series of student, staff and parent forums and we would love to hear from you. The parent forum will take place in the music room at 2:15pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. The types of questions that the parent discussion will be centred around may include:

- Why did you choose to send your child to Pyramid Hill College?
- What opportunities does the school give you to participate in your child's learning?
- How do you see your role in the learning partnership with the school?
- Is your child being challenged?
- To what extent do you feel that the school values parent's contributions?
- How comfortable do you feel approaching the school with any concerns you might have?
- Do you feel the school takes parent's concerns seriously?
- How effective are the school's regular communication channels?
- To what extent do you feel teachers encourage students to take responsibility for their learning and give opportunities to make decisions and solve problems?
- Highlights, what is working well? What are the improvements you have seen at Pyramid Hill College over your time at the school?
- What do you think your child would say is a highlight of being at Pyramid Hill College?
- Challenges, what would you like to see improved?

Thanks so much for considering this invitation.

Regards Fiona Moon

Reminder



Term 3

Music Lessons

Payments are now due and payable to the office or by direct deposit.

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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Lions Club Public Speaking

We wish Elsie Poole and Thomas Hercott the best of luck at the Lions Club Public Speaking to be held at Cohuna on Sunday. They will be competing with students from other schools in the district.

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.

Kind July Award Winner Alina Gould

Alina Gould: Alina was nominated for showing great kindness and compassion towards the junior students of the school. Alina regularly assists sad or injured students by cheering them up and giving them the support they require. Alina is always one to greet her peers and teachers with a cheery morning greeting.

Well done Alina.



Kind July is an annual event where you do a simple act of kindness every day in July.



Imagine being that person who makes the world a kinder place. You can be that person. That's why the Stay Kind movement is encouraging you to join us in July to do something kind each day.

Your kind actions matter. They could change and save lives.

Kind July is a legacy of two young men who unnecessarily lost their lives through unkind actions. Thomas Kelly and his younger brother Stuart both lost their lives in July, 4 years apart, when they were 18 years old.

Be part of creating a kinder world.

We encourage all students at PHC to be part of 'Kind July' by performing acts of kindness. We also have our Kind July nomination box and we will have weekly prizes.

Book Week 2022

Theme: "Dreaming with your eyes open."

Date: Tuesday 23rd August

Dress as your favourite book character.

The day will commence as follows:

11.30 am- Walk down the street.

(Pre-school & St Pats join us)

12.30 pm- Back to school- winners announced

1.00 pm- BBQ Lunch & Play time



Year F-6 News

Reading Nights

150 Nights: Lilly Broad, Fletcher Cain.

100 Nights: Lilly Broad.



Soccer Clinics

On Monday 8th August we are lucky to have soccer clinics conducted for the primary students at our school. Students can bring along their sneakers if they wish. Thank you to Mr McCann for organising the clinics. We are very lucky to have had football and basketball clinics also in the past two weeks.

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year F/1 on winning the Classroom Cup.

Workers of the Week



Hayley Simmons: being very kind and sharing.

Kerenza Archbold: working hard in class (Year 6 award)

Lucy Scott: trying hard to hear sounds in words when writing.

Lilly Broad: helping other students in Maths and being a good class role model.

Fletcher Cain: making it to the second stage in public speaking.

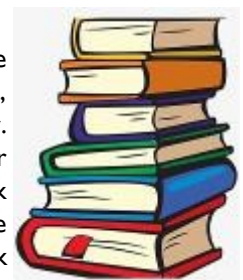
Tia Gould: researching and finding information about ostriches.

Xanthe Farrar: great drawing and labels on an ostrich and working hard to find facts.

Helen Garchitorena: coming to school after having a tough time (Year 6).

Book Week 2022

The Book Parade for 2022 will be held on Wednesday 24th August, which is only three weeks away. Students can dress up as their favourite book character and walk down the street. The students are madly making books for the book competition.



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 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

Hands on Learning (HoL)

Last week Helen taught the class how to prune and graft. The students practised their skills within the classroom before heading out to the orchard to put their skills to the test. We grafted eating varieties of grapes onto the existing wine grapevines at the College. In two years, we should have edible grapes!



Auskick

Auskick for 2022 is wrapping up this week and we have had numerous students in the College participating in the program but also assisting with the program. I would like to thank Mr Morison for all of his efforts in running the program. In addition, thank you to Jaxon Peter, Jack Gould, Matthew Caspani, Jed Stewart, Rylan Chislett, Cooper Gould, Kobi Manton, Zac Manton, Eloise Walters and Jamison Walters for your assistance in teaching skills within the program. Your contribution to the community is greatly appreciated.



NCD Athletics – Wednesday 24th August

Expression of interest forms have been distributed to students regarding the NCD Athletics in Charlton. Students who are interested in competing need to complete these sheets and hand them back to Mr Roberts. Please note that trials will need to occur due to the popularity of events and the limited number of positions. Permission notes will be distributed in the upcoming weeks.

Junior Golf Program

The junior program continued at the Golf Club into its third week and the participants involved are improving rapidly. Sunday (August 7th) will be the last week of the junior program and the session will be conducted from 10:30am-11:30am (30 minutes earlier than usual). The session will be followed by a free BBQ and presentation celebration. Thank you Matt Scott, Chris Leerson, Adam Twigg and Jason Deller for their assistance within the program.



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Wednesday, 10th August
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Dinner and Drinks provided. Families Welcome


GAMES NIGHT

Trivia
Charades
2 truth and a lie
Name that song
Would you rather

RSVP: b.bear@ncllen.org.au
Ph: 0477 242 485

DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

My visit to the dentist- social story

Brought to you by  NOCH

Instructions: Read the social story with your child to learn the routine of going to the dentist. Social Social stories can help children prepare and feel comfortable with new experiences, like going to the dentist. Your child may also read the story independently.



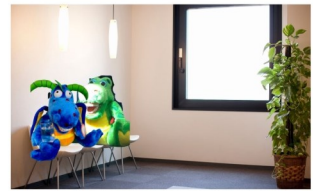
Today I am going to the dentist. I will walk into a brick building



The dentist will help keep my teeth clean and healthy.



I will check in at the front desk.



I will have a seat in the waiting room.



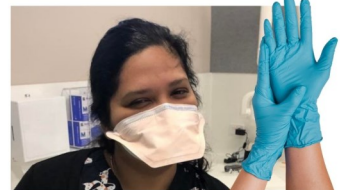
When my name is called I will walk through a door with my parent and/or carer and follow the dentist to a special room.



The dentist and dental assistant will say 'hello' to me and ask me to sit down in the chair.



The chair will move and lean back. I will have to sit still so the dentist can look at my teeth.



The dentist will wear a mask, and gloves to look at my teeth.



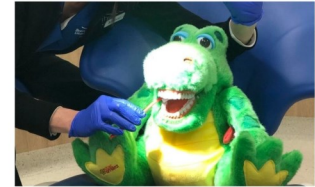
The dentist will check my teeth with special instruments.



I will open my mouth for the dentist to see inside.



The dentist will count my teeth then tickle them with her special toothbrush.



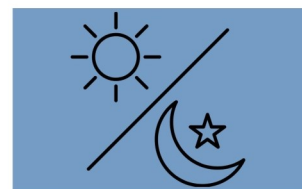
The dentist will check that my teeth are healthy.



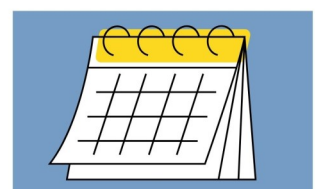
When the dentist is done they might give me a sticker.



I did such a great job at the dentist, and now it is time to leave!



When I am at home I will brush my teeth morning and night.



In 6-12 months time I will visit the dentist again.

Children should visit a dentist every 6-12 months. Don't wait for a problem.

Want more information? <https://www.dhsv.org.au/oral-health-programs/smiles4miles>

DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

AUGUST 1-7

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FLOSS!

Flossing is needed to remove the plaque in between your teeth.

SPIT, DON'T RINSE!

Rinsing washes away the fluoride that helps protect your teeth.

EAT A RAINBOW!

Healthy meals and snacks are important for healthy teeth.

DRINK WATER!

Flavoured milk, soft drink and fruit juices can be harmful to teeth.

VISIT YOUR DENTIST!

Regular check-ups are important. Every 6-12 months.

BRUSH TWICE A DAY!

It's the best way to protect against tooth decay.

TRY THE PEARLII APP

Download the PearlII App for FREE it checks for any problems like tooth decay, gum redness, staining, tartar or white spots. It then prompts you to visit your local dentist.



INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



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Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Monday, 29 August 2022

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Near the Neighbourhood House, Kelly Street

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