



Pyramid Hill College

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December 15th, 2023

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Principal's News

Final Day

Today we farewell our students for 2023 and what a terrific year we've had. The school will be open next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday if you wish to make contact.

Presentation Night

On Monday we showcased our students' talents and celebrated their outstanding achievements as we held our 2023 Presentation Evening with record numbers of students, staff and family members in attendance.

A special thank you to Mrs Rogers and her musicians, who were exceptional and entertained the crowd.

The opportunity was also taken to wish Mrs Jess Tuddenham all the best as she takes family leave and awaits the birth of her second child.



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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Pyramid Hill College Award Winners 2023



Monday 18th December:

Interview Opportunities are available 9am-4pm (students are not required to attend school on this day). Please book using Compass or phone the school office and Joy will assist you with an appointment time.

If staff members are unavailable on Monday, a phone call can be arranged on Tuesday 19th December.

Tuesday 19th December: Staff Professional Practice Day- Students not required to attend school).

If you have any questions, please contact the College on 54557377.

Thank You

At Pyramid Hill College we are incredibly fortunate to have terrific students who never cease to amaze us. Thank you students for your willingness to be so actively involved in your studies and all extra-curricular activities. I would like to also thank all our families for the extraordinary effort this year. Thank you for being so supportive of the school and the teaching staff.

This year our School Council has been very capably led by our President, Mr Adam Caspani. Our team of councillors have been very active in their role again this year and always have the best interests of the school at heart when making decisions. Thank you to all School Councillors for your hard work, enthusiasm and passion for Pyramid Hill College.

A huge thank you to our hard working staff who certainly go beyond the call of duty to ensure that our students receive the very best education possible. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated.

Farewell

This time of the year is very much 'bittersweet'. Whilst we are very sad to bid farewell to our Year 10 students, we are also very excited for them as we know that they are well prepared for the coming years and the opportunities they shall receive. We have an incredibly proud record of our students achieving highly at their VCE schools and have no doubt that our current group of Year 10 students will continue the tradition. Our Year Ten students have been a terrific group and wish them every success for the future.

We also sadly farewell those families that have will no longer have a student at Pyramid Hill College. Thank you to Arlyn and Renante Bojo, Nicole Myles and Steven Gibson, Jacinta and Jason Deller, Hayley Hipwell and Abi Umali for their support over many years and we wish them well in the next phase of their lives.

2024

Monday 29th January: Staff Resume
School Office open (9am-4:30pm) –
F-6 Stationery Pack collection

Tuesday 30th January: Staff First Aid

Tuesday 31st January: Year F-10 – Interview Day –
student/parent attend only for interview

Further information regarding Interview Day and bookings will be posted on Compass mid January.

Wednesday 1st February: All students resume classes.

Semester Two Reports: Now available on Compass.

Your student's Semester Two Report is now available to download via Compass. We encourage you to take the time to read these documents.

Our reports this semester, will take a slightly different format, the report will include the following:
Victorian Curriculum/EAL Pathway judgement
Work Habits

Commitment to learning

Learning Tasks (Individual comments will be provided for assessment of a specific unit of work or task)
If you are accessing Compass via a web browser, please select 'View Academic Reports' on the left-hand side of the screen and then download 2023-Semester Two. If you are using the app, click on your child's photo and then go to the 'Report' tab, then download 2023-Semester Two (Instructions attached).

Many schools will be releasing their Semester Reports today, so if you find the download is slow this afternoon, it may be because of a high volume of downloads trying to access the Compass servers at once.

If you have any questions or are having difficulty in accessing the reports, please contact the College on 54557377 or via email to Sean McCann: sean.mccann@education.vic.gov.au



Season Greetings

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy relaxing holiday. Let's all hope that 2024 is a year that brings health, happiness and peace throughout the world.

Fiona Moon, Principal

School Bus Program

2024 applications have now been processed, and families should have received an e-mail notification.

For families that did not receive an e-mail, please request they check their 'junk' folder, or request they contact us to check that we have their correct e-mail address on file.

For most students they will have received a travel offer on the same bus as 2023, and all will look the same as previous years.

Some students may have been allocated to a different bus based on their eligibility priority/ the number of applications to be accommodated on the 'original bus'

Families can e-mail us with a request to be accommodated as per their 2023 approval, and we will accommodate this where possible

Some families may initially be waitlisted, as allocations are finalised. This list is reviewed daily and, as soon as a seat become available, the family will receive a travel offer.

Families do not need to take any further action for a waitlisted application.

BYOD Program

In 2024 the College will continue with the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for Year 7-10 students. If parents are purchasing a device we ask that you please check our BYOD specifications requirements below so the device is able to connect to our network and be serviced by our technician.

Whilst we encourage parents to purchase a device for their Year 7-10 students, we will once again have a limited supply of devices that students may borrow for classroom use only. These devices will not be allowed to be taken home. The school will continue to provide iPads or netbooks for Year F-6 students. These school owned devices will not be allowed to be taken home.

To help students and parents with purchasing their BYOD the school suggest some specification for notebooks (allowing parents to shop about, especially during 'sales time'.)

Suggested Notebook Specification:

- Operating System: Windows 10 or newer
- CPU: Intel i3, equivalent or better
- RAM/Memory: 8GB or more
- Storage: 128GB SSD (Solid State Drive) or larger.
- Screen Size: 11 inches or larger
- Suggested warranty of 2 years or more
- A Laptop Bag is essential
- Battery life of 8hrs or more
- AntiVirus software is required before computers are allowed on the school's wireless network

Students are able to access a free copy of Microsoft Office 365 by using their edupass @schools email address. <https://www.office.com/>

Chaplain's Chat

In our fun-filled final week here at PHC we saw an epic, final showdown, between two teams having successfully completed all twelve of our whole school Scavenger Hunt Quests! Across five weeks this term, students either as individuals or as a team, were able to embark on clue finding, puzzle deciphering, and riddle solving to help lead them to a secret hidden word either somewhere within the school grounds, or with a member of staff. It was great to see so many students take on the Scavenger Hunt challenge and work to complete many of the twelve quests.



A big congratulations to the two finalists, 'The Legendary 2/3s' and 'T-Group'. We all met Monday lunchtime in the library, for a final tie-breaking riddle with the first team to solve it to win. The winning team in record speed was 'T-Group' with the members as shown in the photograph, left to right, Thomas Hercott, Tyler Pollard, Tristan Broad and Tyler Manton. I wonder if you too can solve the final riddle for our tie-breaker?

I speak without a mouth, yet you hear me so clear. I have no body, but return to you so near. What am I?

Merry Christmas and have a safe and wonderful New Year PHC Community!

Foodshare

POP-UP

Christmas PANTRY

Bendigo Foodshare, with the support of local service clubs and community organisations, is providing free food relief this festive season to people doing it tough.

Date	Times	Location
Wednesday 27th Dec	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall 8 Myers St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)
Thursday 28th Dec	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk 8 School Street, Coltonia St, (The old Heeremans Institute Hall)
Friday 29th Dec New Years Day	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat 26 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the APCO Petrol Station in KIFW)
Wednesday 3rd Jan	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall 8 Myers St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)
Thursday 4th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk 8 School Street, Coltonia St, (The old Heeremans Institute Hall)
Friday 5th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat 26 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the APCO Petrol Station in KIFW)

With support from the following service clubs

BRING A SHOPPING BAG!

SO, POP-IN!

Year F-6 News

Canberra Camp



Nine students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$135 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Thank you to East Loddon school for organising the trip and allowing us to join. Thanks also to Mr O'Connor for supervising our students.



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

Senior Students

Congratulations to the former PHC students who received their VCE results over the last week. We are extremely proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing of your future endeavours. Congratulations to our current year ten students for completing their studies at PHC, we wish you the best and look forward to hearing of your future endeavours also.

Presentation Night

Congratulations to our award and certificate recipients from our presentation night on Monday. Well done to Mrs Rogers and her music team, it was excellent showcase of your hard work and talent. Maria, Mia, Rose and Jasmine hosted the event in a professional manner. Well done to everyone for their efforts this year, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to what 2024 brings.

Driver Education

We had 17 year nine and ten students complete the pre-driver education offered by CHARTSEC on Tuesday. Students completed both theoretical and practical sessions to build their understanding of road rules and to develop their driving skills. It is a timely reminder (with the upcoming holiday season) to drive in a safe manner on the farm and on roads. Thank you to Brett and the team from CHARTSEC for educating our students and to Chris for driving the bus.



End of Year Activities

It was excellent to finish the year completing a variety of activities. Thank you to Joy for her work in organising permission forms and to the students and teachers who attended the excursions/activities. Thank you to Marie and the team from Pyramid Hill Bowling Club and to Vaughan from Pyramid Hill Tennis Club for allowing us to complete lawn bowls and tennis at the respective venues.

Luke Roberts





FEB 10

BARABA BARABA LAND
ATKINSON PARK, KERANG

HEVENSHE

MASKETTA
FALL

DALLAS
WOODS

BESTIES

FOREVER ON HIGH | RIDZYRAY
ONE MORE WEEKEND | IVY BLACK
KITTY RAE | LILI-VIOLET | GRACE FROST
(TAYLOR SWIFT SET)
CONNOR BULGER | RYAN MCPARTLANE
& MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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