



### Diary 2023

#### December

- 8 Return Parent Payment forms
- 8 Last day for ordering primary stationery packs online.
- 11 Presentation Night
- 12 Moving Up Day
- 13 Activities Day, Bendigo
- 14 TBA
- 15 TBA & final day for students
- 18 Interview Day
- 19 Curriculum Day
- 20 Final Day of school for staff

### REMINDERS

Primary Stationery online orders last day is December 8th.

**TODAY**

Please return Parent Payments forms to school by December 11th.

### 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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### Principal's News

#### Year Six Lunch



On Wednesday we celebrated the Year Six graduation in fine style and had parents join us for lunch for this special event. Students shared their special memories through speech and many laughs were shared. Graduation bears were presented as a memento of the occasion. Congratulations to all Year Six students on their successful completion of primary school. We look forward to working with them in Year Seven.

A huge thank you must go to Wendy and her team of helpers for organising the beautiful meal. Thanks also to the Year 5 class who were terrific with their waitering skills

#### Presentation Evening

2023 is quickly coming to a close and our final week is full of lots of fun activities. Our Presentation Evening will commence at 6:30pm on Monday in the stadium. We ask that all students attend and wear full school uniform please. We look forward to showcasing our students' talents to our school community.

#### Activity Week

Please find the details of the Activity Week on page 2.

#### Classes 2024

Our primary classes for next year will be:

Year F/1 14 students – Mrs Burke

Year 2/3 12 students – Mrs Cain

Year 4/5/6 22 students – Mr O'Connor & Mr Morison

#### Booklists

Booklist information was sent home earlier this week. If you have any questions, or if you do not receive your information, please ring the school office and speak to Joy. This year the primary school stationery package being sourced through Kerang Computers will need to be completed online by TODAY Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Information regarding payment of parent contributions will be included in the packs. Invoices will be sent home at the beginning of 2024 so no payment needs to be now. We ask that these be returned by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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/>

### **End of Year Events**

The year is quickly coming to a close and with that comes a myriad of events. Please place the relevant dates on your calendar.

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Casual clothes day)**

- F-8 activities at PHC
- Year 9 students not required at school
- Year 10 leaders (School Captains and SRC Leaders) @ 10am @ PHC. Other Year 10's not required.
- Year 10 students performing at Presentation Night 10am @ PHC
- Other Year 10 Students not required @ PHC
- Presentation Night: All students required @ PHC Stadium 6.30-8.30pm students to wear full uniform

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (school uniform required)**

- Moving Up Day (students participate in their 2024 year levels)
- Year 9-10 Driver Ed @ Charlton

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Casual clothes - clothing suitable for activity)**

F-10 Bendigo Trip

#### **Thursday & Friday**

Due to the unexpected closure of the pool we have been forced to change our plans for Thursday and Friday. Changes will be communicated through Compass, Facebook and a note distributed on Monday.



**GANNAWARRA LIBRARY service**

**School Holiday Program**  
Adults to accompany children  
Bookings essential - Call 5452 1546

**THE ACTIVITIES**

**Sand Art**  
Kerang - 10.30am & 2.30pm, Tuesday 9 January

**Dinosaur Fossils**  
Cohuna - 10.30am, Thursday 11 January  
Kerang - 2.30pm, Thursday 18 January

**Australia Day Animals**  
Cohuna - 2.30pm, Tuesday 23 January  
Kerang - 10.30am, Wednesday 24 January

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**



## Year F-6 News

### Year 6 Graduation Lunch



Congratulations to our five Year 6 students, graduating from primary school in 2023. On Wednesday, Year 6 students, staff and their parents were treated to an amazing lunch to celebrate their primary years at Pyramid Hill College. The students prepared speeches reminiscing about teachers, camps and funny happenings at school. We would like to thank the Year six students for running assembly, doing the bins and generally helping out when called upon. We wish them well in Year 7 with three students from St Pat's.

A big thank you needs to go to Wendy, Dempsey and the Year 5 students for cooking and serving the meal, it was amazing. Thank you to Mr Morison and Mr O' Connor for organising the day. Thank you, Geoff Bolch for all the greenery on the tables.

### Read To Succeed

Each year we have more students reading 300 nights and they will be rewarded at speech night, which is a tremendous effort. We have many more that are nearly there. Thank you to the parents/grandparents who have listened to readers at home and supported their children to learn to read.



### What's On Next Week

We have a busy week ahead of us next week. Please see the list of events on page 2.

### Workers of the Week



**Amara Dizon:** gaining confidence and always smiling.

**Tobias Wiltshire:** stepping it up and impressing teachers with his work ethic.

**Ronnie Jessop:** beautiful artwork this week. He always puts in extra effort.

### Reading Awards



**150 Nights:** Jett Mitchell,

**200 Nights:** Jasper Mutugi, Libby Martin.

**300 Nights:** Athena Wiltshire, Tobias Wiltshire

### Thank You

Thank you to all our parents for your support throughout the year and we hope to see you at Presentation Night, to celebrate your child's achievements this year.

## 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

## Students of the Fortnight

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the fortnight awards:

Jeff Pacala – finishing the year strongly

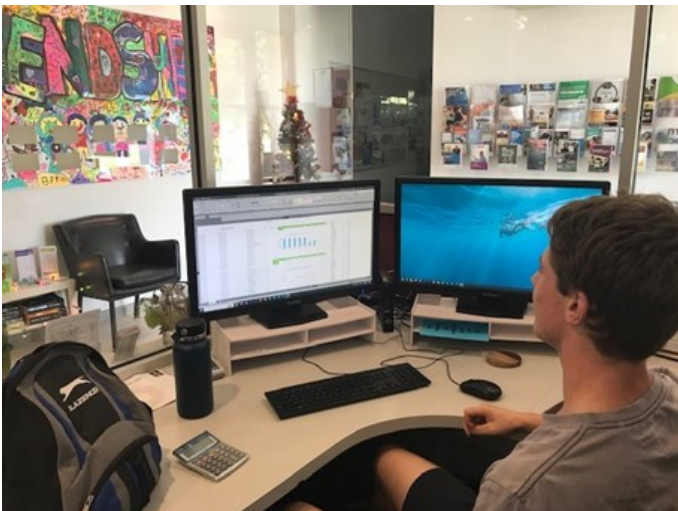
William Kunde – his assistance with setting up and packing up the gymnastics equipment

Mitchell Quaife – his excellent approach to learning over the last three weeks

Mia Farrar – her consistent approach to her studies

## Work Experience

It has been excellent to hear the stories of our year nine and ten students who are currently on work experience. Well done to the students involved and thank you to the workplaces who have taken the time to teach our students valuable skills. A big thank you to Barb Bear for organising the placements and visiting students on their experiences. More photos to come.



## End of Year

Please check Compass for the activities that are being completed next week. Please also ensure that students have returned notes and payment for their activities.


## Camps 2024

The year seven and eight camp has had a change of date and will occur from Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be to 15 Mile Creek (near Benalla) and will be a mixture of challenge activities (rock climbing, bike riding, canoeing and river rafting). The year nine and ten camp will be to Bogong Outdoor Schools (near Falls Creek) and will occur from Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a snow based camp involving downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and tobogganing. More information will come out next year regarding the camps.

## Duke of Edinburgh – Major Journey

We had thirteen year ten students travel to Daylesford to complete the major journey requirements of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. The students hiked approximately 20km through Hepburn Regional Park visiting places such as Mt Franklin, The Blowhole, Sailors Falls and Lake Daylesford. We camped the nights in tents at Jubilee Lake and had the opportunity to complete horse riding and visit the chocolate factory. The students did particularly well in humid conditions and persevered to complete the trek. Thank you to Helen and Mr McCann for attending the camp and to Joy for her assistance in organising notes for the camp. Well done to everyone involved.





**Reminder to all students that library books must be returned asap. Please check to see if you have any at home.**