



Diary 2024

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Reminder

Foundation students do not attend school Wednesdays. Their first full week will be after the long weekend. Wednesday 13th March.

Swimming Sports BBQ

BBQ notes were sent out this afternoon. They are bright green. These notes need to be in by Tuesday, 20th February, 2024.

Year 9/10 MATES notes

Please return to the office asap.

Principal's News



Students who participated in the puppy dog mindfulness drawing activity in yesterday's 'Chilled Creativity' lunchtime program. Other students chose to create their own artworks or colour in.

Friday February 23rd: House Swimming Sports @ Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool

The House Swimming Sports will be held at the Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool on Friday 23rd February. This is a great day for all students at the College. The day will cater for swimmers of all abilities and includes length, width, team based and novelty events.

Please find below information for the day:

Years 3-10

- Students are to assemble at the pool at the start of the day.
- Bus travellers in Years 3-10 will be dropped at the pool.
- All students will be dismissed at 3.20pm from the Swimming Pool (Bus travellers collected also from the pool).

Foundation-Year 2

- Students will start the day at Pyramid Hill College with Mrs Mann.
- Foundation-Year 2 students will be transported to the pool by bus at approximately 12.30-45pm for lunch.

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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- Swimming events for Foundation-Year 2 students will commence at 1.30pm (all F-2 events are in the middle size pool).
- Foundation-Year 2 students will be dismissed from the pool (bus travellers collected from the pool) @ 3.20pm

What to wear:

Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours:

Loddon: Blue

Terrick: Yellow

When not participating in events students will be required to wear a T-shirt/Rashie and a Hat. Students will have the option of ordering a BBQ lunch on the day. Details of this will be sent home with students.

If you have any questions about the above arrangements, please contact the school.

Monday 19th February: Year 9 NCTTC 7.45am depart time (this week only).

The bus for the NCTTC will depart at 7.45am (V-line bus stop Kelly St) for students in Year 9 on Monday 19th February. This is due to the bus being shared by students attending the NCD Swimming in St Arnaud.

The earlier departure time will mean that the bus will not link in with normal school bus runs. Students will return at the normal time of approximately 3.45pm.

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact the College. Kelly Gould and Luke Roberts will be on the bus.

Monday 19th February: NCD Swimming (selected students)

Selected Year 7-10 students will be representing the College at the NCD Swimming Carnival in St Arnaud Monday, 19th February.

The bus will depart the V-line bus stop (Kelly Park) at 7:45am and return to Kelly Park at approximately 3:45pm. Students should bring their bathers, drink bottle, hat, sunscreen, goggles (if required), lunch, snacks, and any medical requirements. There will be a BBQ available at the carnival and canteen facilities (cash only).

Please indicate to Mr Roberts if there are any alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements (please note this bus run will not link up with normal bus runs).

School Bus Management System

It is important that all bus travellers are registered online with the School Bus Management System. Any families who have not registered can you please do so immediately by using the website <https://studenttravelassistance.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/?ctab=home>

**Fiona Moon,
Principal.**

Direct Deposit Instalments:

We have had a lot of success with families paying part payments online. A small amount can add up and we have many families in credit. This money can then be used for camps/excursions etc and it takes the pressure off finding money at the last minute. If you think this might interest you, please contact Joy and she will help you set it up.



Hello PHC Community!

This term at school we're beginning two new, weekly lunchtime programs, open to all students.

TUESDAYS: Dynamic Dance in the Music Room.

While this program is open to all students, it is limited in number for safety reasons. Students wanting to join will need to come along to the music room this Tuesday 20th of February at 1:30pm for an initial meeting to answer questions. At the conclusion of the meeting students wanting to participate will be able to sign-up – however this is a term commitment. As a qualified dance teacher, I will be overseeing this program. However, the focus will be on fostering wellbeing through connection and fun, and therefore older, more experienced students will be encouraged to mentor and assist younger students.

THURSDAYS: Chilled Creativity in the Library.

This is a safe place program open to all students seeking some quiet, creative engagement. All students are welcome to come along any Thursday and choose their own activity such as creative writing, mindful colouring in, journaling pages, reading, poetry prompts, and drawing.

NEW PARENTING GROUP: Pyramid Positive Parenting.

We are looking to start a new parenting group at the beginning of term two to support our local parents in their important work at home with their children! This group would meet an hour a week, for six consecutive weeks - connecting to discuss and collectively address themes such as, boundaries, technology, sleep, nutrition, self-care, positive engagement, fostering autonomy, dealing with conflict and more. This group will also be open to parents outside of PHC such as those with children at Pre-school.

At the moment, I am looking to firstly see how many parents are interesting in joining the group for the six sessions and secondly for a time that would suit most parents. If interested parents could please contact Joy in the office to express their interest and a day and time preference – for example after school on Thursdays – that would be wonderful!
Melanie.

**Pyramid Hill College
is a "Child Safe" School.**

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

Year F-6 News

Swimming Program

The Years F-6 Swimming Program will continue next week on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February. Please make sure that your children's clothes are named so there is no mix-up of uniforms when the students come to get dressed.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

The years F-6 are invited to a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Friday 1st March at Pyramid Hill College. Please bring your Teddy Bear or soft toy to school for some fun and games during the day. The children will picnic on the lawn, eating their own lunch. Could parents please help their children with the history of their Teddy Bear. How old it is? Who gave it to them and why? Why is their Teddy special? The secondary students are invited to bring their Teddy bears and lunch on the lawn with us also.



Read to Succeed

Can parents please sign their children's diaries when they hear them read so that we can count how many nights they have read.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF

The CSEF provides payments to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camps, sporting activities and excursions. Payments are made directly to an eligible student's school. Schools must use a CSEF payment only for the eligible student and not for that student's siblings or any other student (except where the eligible student leaves the Victorian education system and there are remaining and unspent funds).

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which a CSEF payment may be used include:

- school camps/trips
 - swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
 - outdoor education programs
 - excursions/incursions
 - graduations.
- The CSEF payment cannot be used towards:
- books
 - stationery
 - school uniforms
 - before/after school care
 - music lessons
 - locker hire
 - classroom and homework materials
 - formals or debutant balls

other expenses unrelated to camps, sports or excursions. Please see attached page for information. Application forms can be obtained from the office.

Workers of the Week



Zoey Mowat: great start to her school life, happy nature and trying her best.

Nadia Holland: great start to her school life and enjoying all school has to offer.

Zeb Gould: helping the a younger student when they were upset (nominated by a Year 10).

Jasper Mutugi: sensational school work in all areas and great 2/3 leadership.

Edie Gould: great reading and is sharing with confidence.

Aser Mohamed: improving his work.

Kyle Roberts: positive attitude towards learning.

Matt Policarpio: good friend to others around school.

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year 2/3 on winning this week's Classroom Cup.



Our new skorts have arrived. They can be obtained from the office for \$20 each. Families who have ordered via Facebook post will have theirs put aside.

Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

House Swimming Sports

Our combined swimming sports with St Patrick's is Friday February 23rd. The day will combine racing with novelty events and periods of free swim (if time permits). The program will be posted on the College's Facebook page this week. It would be great to see families and special others of our students at the event.

NCD Swimming

We wish our secondary swimming team the best as they compete in St Arnaud on Monday. The bus will depart the V-line bus stop (Kelly Park) at 7:45am and return to Kelly Park at approximately 3:45pm. Students should bring their bathers, drink bottle, hat, sunscreen, goggles (if required), lunch, snacks and any medical requirements. There will be a BBQ available at the carnival and canteen facilities (cash only).

NCD Triathlon

The NCD Triathlon will be held in Boort on Thursday March 7th. Students may elect to complete the triathlon individually or as part of a team. Thank you to the students who completed the sign up sheet to compete. Permission notes will be distributed shortly, any student who wishes to take part but hasn't signed up should see Mr Roberts. If any community members have a road bicycle that we could use for the day please contact Mr Roberts.

NCTTC – Year 9 Charlton – Monday 19th February

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Homework

Homework plays an important role in developing skills learnt in class, time management and problem solving. Homework is due for the following classes on the listed days below.

Year 7	English: Tuesday	Maths: Tuesday
Year 8	English: Tuesday	Maths: Tuesday
Year 9	English: Tuesday	Maths: Wed
Year 10	English: Tuesday	Maths: Wed

If your child needs support with their homework they can contact their teacher or can attend the homework nights that are on Wednesday nights.

Camps

The year 7/8 camp will be to 15 Mile Creek from Monday June 3rd to Friday June 7th. It will involve outdoor activities that may include canoeing, bike riding, white water rafting, rock climbing and abseiling. The year 9/10 camp will be to Bogong Outdoor Schools (snow camp at Falls Creek) from Monday July 15th to Friday July 19th. It will involve both downhill and cross country skiing. Further information regarding both camps will come out later in the term.

PYRAMID HILL COMMUNITY
TWILIGHT FAMILY FUN FEST
MITCHELL PARK, PYRAMID HILL
FOOD! FUN! ACTIVITIES!
FRIDAY 23 FEB
5:00PM -8:00PM
FEATURING:
DELICIOUS FREE DINNER FROM 6PM,
FRUITY FUN WITH SMOOTHIE BIKES,
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CIRCUS AND HOOLA-HOOP
PLAY SPACE FROM SOUL DANCE CIRCUS + KIT VAN,
HUGE CHALK MURAL ACTIVITY WITH ARTIST WES FRANKLIN
+ LIVE MUSIC WITH JAM IN THE VAN
COME AND GET TOGETHER WITH THE
WHOLE PYRAMID HILL COMMUNITY AT THIS GREAT
FLOOD RECOVERY EVENT!
BYO FOLDING CHAIRS/PICNIC RUG
FREE
For further information, please contact Loddon Shire Council
Community Recovery Officer: 0474 911 783



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.



PYRAMID HILL ART COMPETITION 16 - 22 FEBRUARY

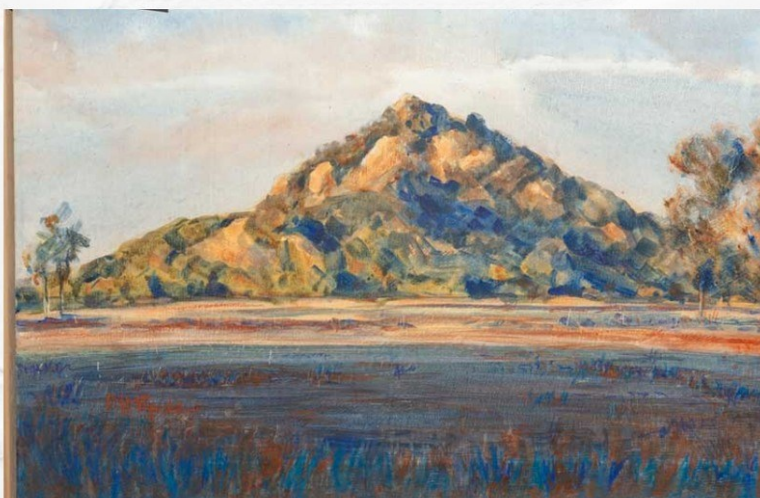
**GALA OPENING
NIGHT**

**Friday 16th
7 - 10pm**

Entry \$15

Announcement of
Awards, supper and
wonderful art to view
and purchase!

*above: painting of Pyramid Hill [detail] by
last year's winner Neil Goude



EXHIBITION OPEN TIMES

Sat 17th-Tues 20th: **10-4pm**

Wed 21st: **10-8pm**

Thurs 22nd: **10-3pm**

Entry \$10

includes: morning/afternoon tea



SUPER SUNDAY

10am - 12 noon Demonstration by
Watercolour Artist Terry Jarvis

12 noon - 2pm Demonstration by Indigenous
Artist Kevin Williams



Students will be heading down to the Memorial Hall to view their artwork next week.