



Diary 2024

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Principal's News

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents; and a special welcome to our Foundation students, new students and their families. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable festive season and a relaxing holiday break.

I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome all parents and staff and I look forward to us all working effectively together this year. A huge thank you to Bill Quinn, Judy Perry, Janine Worth and Frizian Dizon who have placed a great deal of time into the buildings and grounds to ensure the place is sparkling for the start of this year. A special thank you to all staff who have spent many hours of their holidays with the organisation and preparation of their classrooms so that all students have a stimulating environment to work in.

Classes 2024

Our classes for this year will be:

Year F/1 14 students – Mrs Burke & Mrs Mann (Thursday)
Year 2/3 12 students – Mrs Cain
Year 4/5/6 22 students – Mr O'Connor & Mr Morison
Year 7 8 students - Miss Fox
Year 8 15 students - Mr Jones & Mrs Moon (Monday)
Year 9 15 students - Mr Roberts
Year 10 9 students - Mr McCann

Mosquitoes

The Department of Education have issued the following message: Staying safe from mosquitoes. Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk. The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites. In line with community health advice, families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active
- limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

Further information • Better Health Channel information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases.

As some students are sensitive to some repellents, we encourage students to bring their own (no aerosol cans please).

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: www.schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au
Please contact Fiona Moon if you need assistance.



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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Year 9 & 10 Charlton College

Year 9 & 10 will continue classes at Charlton College this year. Year 9 will attend Mondays and Year 10 Thursdays. Students will need to be at the V/Line bus stop at 8.10am. School uniform is not required but closed in shoes are essential with boots required for Ag & Tech classes. Singlet tops are not permitted.

Students may bring their lunch and water bottle but there are canteen facilities available.

Families will be required to fill out an Application Permission to Travel form for the bus. Please note that the bus is not supervised by staff.

Notes

Notes are being distributed for the following:

- Swimming notes for all grades
- Internet Agreements
- Local excursion/photography/headlice

Enrolment information will be emailed to parents. Could you please check details and amend if needed. Please check phone numbers.

Swimming

The primary swimming program commences on February 5th (see dates in calendar on front page). Students will be transported by bus at 1.45pm and return to school at 3.15pm. Students wishing to be dismissed from the pool will need to have a note by a parent or guardian. Students under the age of 10 must have a parent/guardian at the pool to collect them otherwise they will be transported back to school for normal dismissal.

Senior swimming will commence on February 2nd. Times for Year 7/8 will be 12.20 - 1.20pm and Year 9/10 will be 2 - 3.15pm. Year 9/10 students wishing to be dismissed from the pool will need a note from parents/guardians.

Uniforms

The uniform shop has been very busy this week. Please make sure all uniforms are labelled as we cannot return them if we don't know whose they are.

Foundation Students

Foundation students will not attend school on Wednesdays. Full time commencement will be after the long weekend, March 11th, 2024.

Physical Education classes:

Foundation students may wear normal school uniform for PE classes. They may come to school in their runners for the day.

Fiona Moon,
Principal.

Agribusiness in the Spotlight for James



James Hercott along with five other Nutrien scholarship winners have been treated to a careers immersion at the Nutrien Bendigo office. Ex- Wedderburn local, Hayden Coombes gave a detailed tour of the office and merchandise. Nutrien then provided a careers panel which included Hayden Coombes, Teagen Welsh (Boort Manager) and Candice Cordy (Kyneton Manager). Each panel member had a diverse career journey but they all concurred about the importance of being punctual, enthusiastic, asking questions and taking opportunities.

The day concluded with a formal ceremony where Jacinta Sutton (Careers Team Leader NCLLEN) and Vanessa Murphy (Nutrien Senior Talent Attraction Business Partner – North East Australia) presented students with their award which included a generous monetary amount to help them with their future studies.

Congratulations James

Susan Gould
Agriculture Careers Project, NCLLEN



Music Lessons

Music lessons will be available again this year for guitar, keyboard and drums.

Lessons will be \$50 per term with limited places available.

Students are not guaranteed a place until payment is received.

Forms are available at the office.



Hats are now compulsory for all students. Replacement hats are available at the office for \$12

Pyramid Hill College is a "Child Safe" School.

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