



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



Newsletter
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Principal's News

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a relaxing and refreshing holiday break. The term has started very smoothly with all students and staff quickly getting back into routine. On the last day of term two, students reports were distributed and I hope that all students and parents/carers have had the chance to read the feedback and apply it this term to further improve learning opportunities. If any carer/parents wish to come in and discuss the reports with a staff member/s please phone the office and an appointment will be arranged.

Melbourne Camp

The Years 9/10 Melbourne experience was a very enjoyable trip which provided many experiences for the students and gave them a glimpse into what opportunities there are in the future. It was also a terrific time for the students to socialise in a different setting and build stronger relationships with peers and staff. It was a pleasure for Mr McCann and myself to attend the camp and we were very impressed at the level of engagement, behaviour and general conduct of all students. We received many compliments from our interactions with the activity and accommodation providers.

- WELCOME -
BACK TO SCHOOL



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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What a terrific week the Year 9/10 class had as they explored Melbourne. So many experiences were undertaken:- LaTrobe University and Melbourne University tours, Arts Centre , Music Unlocked, Wave Pool at MSAC, Jurassic Park

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at IMAX, MCG Tour and Sports Museum, Shrine of Remembrance, SAE animation and design, South Wharf DFO shopping, Eureka Skydeck tour and edge walk, Victoria Market, Yarra River cruise, AFL Match Brisbane v Melbourne and St Kilda Beach.

Highlights of the trip

I enjoyed the different foods I bought. The honey chicken was the best. The rock climbing was pretty fun, your muscles hurt the next day. Watching the 3D Jurassic Park was good with the sound and being 3D... *Kaitlin*

I enjoyed all of camp, but one thing that I liked about it was the "Music Unlocked" workshop when we needed to make our own track. *Jasmine*

The food, the shopping and the spa on the rooftop of the hotel ... *Maria*

School Review

Every four years Victorian public schools undergo a review of policies and practice. This is a great opportunity to showcase all the great things that happen at Pyramid Hill College and to celebrate our achievements. It is also an opportunity to look at what we can do better as we set the strategic direction for the College for the next four years. In the next week we will be sending out a survey monkey link seeking parent, carer and community feedback.

On Tuesday we welcomed our reviewer Mr Branko Lucic and School Education Improvement Leader Mr Paul Hon for a planning session. Out set dates for the review are:-

Wednesday 3rd August – Validation Day

Tuesday 9th August – Panel Day (this includes meetings with students, parents and staff)

Wednesday 17th August – Panel Day:- setting the 2022-2025 School Strategic Plan

New Playground

After 20 years plus, our old playground is to be replaced with a beautiful up-to-date new one. Work should commence next week.



Robyn Spowart

We would like to congratulate Robyn Spowart on being presented with the Lions Club Citizen of the Year for all she does in the community. She is always the first person who puts her hand up to help with our swimming program and has been doing this for over 20 years. Robyn is a worthy recipient of this award.

New Doors in the BER

We returned to school on Monday to find a pleasant surprise in the BER building. The massive big doors into the classrooms have been replaced with much smaller ones that we can open easily. We also have a new addition with pin boards on the walls to put up all the students' beautiful work. Thanks to Gavin Kerr and his band of workers, we love what you have done.

School Canteen by Year 10 (Senior school only)

As of the 20th July, a brand new canteen will be established at Pyramid Hill College! Students in Years 7 and upward will be able to order different types of food available at the canteen, such as meat pies, toasties, dim sims, sausage rolls and more! The canteen will be open on Wednesdays. For the students to order from the canteen, they will need to put their money into a paper bag, write down what they want to order onto the said bag and hand the bag to their homeroom teacher during the morning Tap. This canteen wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the hard work from Ms Moon and the Year 9/10 students for their diligent work and positive attitude toward helping the canteen. Order forms will be out on Tuesday.

by Mia Braun

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.

Year F-6 News

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to third term. In the past two years this term has been the one we haven't been at school but at home due to lockdowns and home schooling. Let's hope this doesn't happen this year. We have lots of great activities to look forward to, such as cross country, Book Week Parade, and AFL footy clinics. So start thinking about your costumes for the Book Parade at the end of August.

Reading Nights

150 Nights: Cooper Gould, Lauren Poole, Sophie Twigg, Lucy Scott, Tobias Wiltshire, Tristan Broad, Max Twigg, Athena Wiltshire, Olivia Scott, Elsie Poole, Brady Gilmore, Ruby Mitchell.

100 Nights: Maddie Leerson, Edie Gould.

50 Nights: Kyle Roberts, Nevaeh Golding.



Read to Succeed

Please remind your child to read each night at home and sign it in their diary. We have some students with 150 nights reading, which is amazing.

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"Child Safe" School.**

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

Workers of the Week



Maddie Leerson: "on fire" this week and being ready for school to learn and have a go.

Jett Mitchell: being "Mr Helpful" for his kindness to everyone and his willingness to help.

Elsie Poole: positive learning in the classroom and always supportive to others.

Ruby Mitchell: being a great friend and willing to support others in need.

Alice Roberts: starting term three very well and always being a caring and thoughtful class member.

Laura Poole: using a range of strategies in her start story.

Tristan Broad (Yr 6): kind and inclusive in all sports.

Lucy Scott (Yr 6): trying really hard in Art.

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year 6 on winning the Classroom Cup.

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

Term 3

We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable break over the holiday period. This week students have made an excellent start to their learning in term 3.

Year 9&10 Melbourne Camp

Thank you to the students involved within the camp, the feedback given from the activity providers, restaurant and accommodation indicated that the students were very respectful and attentive. Thank you to Mrs Moon and Mr McCann for attending the camp, Joy and Mrs McKinnon for their organisation of forms and to Peter Millar for driving the bus.

Cross Country

We have our cross country today at Mitchell Park. Thank you to Mr McCann and the staff from St Patrick's and Pyramid Hill College for their organisation. The weather was fantastic and the events ran smoothly. Thank you to staff who organised and ran lunch.

HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

Work continued on the bike track, primary chairs, ga ga ball pit, wooden trays, chess boards and test tube holders last term. The team has been very busy and have been working well together. We look forward to continuing our projects around the school and community this term. If any community organisations have projects for the Hands on Learning team to complete they should contact the College.

Morrisby Career Testing Year 9

Thank you to Mr McCann for organising and facilitating the Morrisby career testing for the Year 9 students. This assessment helps match students' individual interests and preferences to specific careers and courses. Well done to the Year 9 students for completing the testing as it does take some time.

Golf Sessions

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding upcoming golf sessions. No equipment or experience is necessary and there will be no cost for the sessions. The ages for the sessions are 5-16 years, not 5-12 years as mentioned in the brochure. If you have any questions please contact Mr Roberts.

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 a lot of 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.



MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds.

The program introduces kids to golf in a safe and friendly environment.

Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

REGISTER NOW AT MYGOLF.ORG.AU

FREE MyGolf at Pyramid Hill Golf Club

Sundays commencing 17th July 11am-12noon
17th, 24th, 31st July and 7th August
FREE!!!!

Come along and learn the fun of Golf in a fun environment. No equipment or experience required.
More information contact Luke: 0408 368 686

Host Families Wanted

Pyramid Hill College have been offered the opportunity to host a group of Indonesian students and teachers later this year.

The group will consist of 15 students (13 girls and two boys), along with two or three staff members. All of the staff and students come from the city of Makkassar, on the island of Sulawesi, Indonesia. The intended plan is for staff and students to participate in a two week homestay.

During this time, the following activities will take place at school:


1. Staff and students will enter Indonesian classes and we help the teacher to teach Indonesian, we make games that involved students (games that include learning in it), we introduce our country and our place, we play traditional games.
2. They perform our traditional dance, wear traditional costume, sometimes we perform at assembly or your school open day.
3. They cook traditional food at school for staff and students.

Other activities such as exploring the local area, will also be organised closer to the date.

In order for this wonderful opportunity to go ahead, we are seeking expressions of interest from potential host families for the staff and students. Students can be placed individually or in pairs. All students are aged between 15 and 17 years.

If your family is willing and able to be a host, please let the College know as soon as possible.

COUNSELLING SUPPORT & SERVICES

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We have a range of professional, confidential counselling and support services. Our staff are professional, ethical, qualified and highly skilled.

They can help you with many different life issues including:

- mental health
- anxiety and depression
- grief and loss
- trauma
- stress
- alcohol and other drugs
- stopping smoking
- communication and relationships
- work and career
- life transitions such as the birth of a new baby, separation or divorce
- parenting
- abuse
- self-esteem
- exploring gender identity and/or sexuality,
- and much more


What area do we cover:

Gannawarra and Buloke Shires, and the northern end of the Loddon Shire. Please contact the team for more specific areas that we cover.

What is the cost?

This service is fully subsidised. There is no charge.

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TUNING INTO TEENS AT HEADSPACE

COMING TO KERANG

FOR PARENTS



starting Thursday 28 July



9.30AM-11.30AM for six weeks

To register interest, parents just need to give Headspace a call on 03 4010 7100 and someone will be in touch.

Tuning into Teens™ at headspace

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

Parenting can be a challenge at times so would you like to learn how to:

- Understand what they're going through at this stage in life?
- Understand their emotions?
- Manage conflict more effectively?
- Communicate more effectively?
- Create a closer more connected relationship?
- Build on your skills as a parent?

A FREE six session parenting program for parents and carers of young people

Tuning into Teens shows you how to help your young person to develop emotional intelligence. Research shows young people with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- Are able to deal with peer pressure better
- Are more able to cope positively when upset or angry
- Have fewer mental health issues and substance abuse difficulties
- Are better prepared to create the life they want to live, and thrive.

Contact your nearest headspace centre to register your interest.



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