



Pyramid Hill College

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Term 3

Music Lessons

Payments are now due and payable to the office or by direct deposit.

We all had a great day out at the Pyramid Hill Cross Country on Friday. Thank you to all the parents and friends who came along to support the students and made it a very special day! The weather was perfect and a big **congratulations** to all those students who did their very best. Thanks to the senior students who did a sensational job leading the afternoon activities! It was great to have St Patrick's School join in with us for the event. Thanks to Mr Roberts and Mr McCann for their organisation of this event.

School Review Survey

It is School Review time and we need your feedback so that we can make Pyramid Hill College the best it can possibly be! Please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGVMJFW> and fill in a short survey. All survey participants who submit their phone number in the available space within the survey will be placed in a draw to win a \$100 Victoria Hotel meal voucher.

Survey closes 3pm on Tuesday 26th July. The \$100 meal voucher will be drawn at 3:15pm and the winner will be notified immediately.

All students, parents/carers, staff and community members are invited to participate!

High School Canteen

The Year Ten Community Connection class had a dream ... and on Wednesday it became a reality with a soft launch of a school canteen. This initiative had students scrambling for their "Hill Climber" tokens as they traded for wholesome food. Whilst at this point in time it not logistically possible to run a canteen for the entire school we shall see how this evolves. Student voice is important at Pyramid Hill College and it is very exciting when our students show initiative and work hard to achieve a great outcome.

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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Covid-19

Face masks

It is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

What does this mean in practice for schools?

It is the department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and staff will wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.

Wearing masks is a simple step we can all take this winter to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases and ensure our schools are as safe as possible.

Exemptions for testing and isolation

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.

This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks.

After the 4-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow the rules for household contacts, including reporting this to their school.

As part of this they must take 5 rapid antigen tests (RATs) over 7 days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over 8 years old) in indoor spaces.

Families and staff will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this 4-week period.

Dental Visit

School Dental forms have been distributed. The School Dental Clinic will be at the College on the week starting October 3rd. Could you please return these forms before August 1st.

Kind July Award Winner

Alina Gould
was nominated for
helping younger
students when
injured.



**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.

Book Week 2022

Theme: "Dreaming with your eyes open."

Date: Tuesday 23rd August

Dress as your favourite book character.

The day will commence as follows:

11.30 am- Walk down the street.

(Pre-school & St Pats join us)

12.30 pm- Back to school- winners announced

1.00 pm- BBQ Lunch & Play time



So much is happening at PHC

Sporting Clinics

On Monday students in Years Foundation-Year Six participated in AFL clinics run by Tahni from AFL Victoria.

Students participated with great enthusiasm throughout the sessions. All Primary School students received an AFL football as part of the College Sporting Schools Program funding.



Students in Foundation-Year 3 and Year 9 participated in Basketball Clinics run by Mitch and Abbey from the Bendigo Braves. Students had the opportunity to get some expert coaching in dribbling, passing and shooting across the two sessions. Students in Years 4-8 will participate in a clinic next Wednesday. These clinics are made available through the College's participation in the Sporting Schools program.



Playground - Going, Going, Gone

It was very sad but exciting at the same time, to see the fence go up and our old playground being taken apart and removed. We will be watching the progress over the next few weeks and eagerly awaiting when we can play on the new one.

Some thoughts from the Year F/I

Fence the playground. We are getting a new one.

by Maddie Leerson.

The playground is being taken down for a new one.

by Hayley Simmonds.

The playground workers are working.

by Jett Mitchell

Today the builders came to break the playground.

by Lucy Scott



Year F-6 News

Reading Nights

150 Nights: Harry Cain, Kerenza Archbold

100 Nights: Zeb Gould, Kirk Ceballos, Ruby Roberts, Jasper Mutugi, Jamison Walters, Isabella Kunde.

50 Nights: Jamison Walters



Workers of the Week



AFL & Basketball Clinics

We have been very lucky to have clinics from the AFL and Basketball this week to teach us skills in football and basketball. The students participated with interest and enthusiasm. The sessions were very well run and enjoyed by all. The students were very lucky to receive an AFL football to take home for more practice. Thank you to Mr McCann for all his organisation.

Some thoughts from the Year F/1

We learnt to play football today. I can kick the football.

by Lucy Scott

We got a football from Mr McCann. When we got it I played with it. I can handball, kick it and roll it. Then I put the ball away.

by Kirk Ceballos

We learnt to play football. I can kick the football.

by Maddie Leerson.

Kirk Ceballos: trying very hard with his writing and reading.

Jasper Mutugi: excellent effort in Cross Country and for his school work.

Harry Cain: excellent effort in Cross Country and with his story writing.

Max Twigg: excellent effort in Cross Country.

Kyle Roberts: excellent effort in Cross Country.

Alice Roberts: fantastic story writing.

Zeb Gould: fantastic running in Cross Country.

Cooper Gould: for his fantastic week's work.

Tyler Manton: putting in effort to complete tasks and being up to date.

Tyler Pollard: great effort in completing tasks and being up to date.

Mrs McKinnon: setting up Breakfast Club.

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

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

Reminder:

If your child is leaving early or arriving late, please write a note in their diary. Both junior and senior students have been given diaries. The diaries are there to help with communication of students, parents and teachers.

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

Cross Country

Thank you to all the parents, families and community members who attended the cross country on Friday. Thank you also to the staff from Pyramid Hill College and St Patrick's who assisted in running the day. Well done to all the students who competed in the events and to those who encouraged others.

Basketball Clinics

We had Abbey Wehrung and Mitchell Clarke run a basketball session for the Year 9 students on Wednesday. The students were put through their paces and learned many valuable skills. Abbey and Mitchell will be back on Wednesday for a session with the Year 7 and 8 students.



Junior Golf Program

The junior golf program started on Sunday and it was brilliant to have 15 participants attend. During the session they developed their chipping, putting and full swing. The program will continue to run on the next three Sundays from 11am-12 noon. Thank you to all the parents and golf members who assisted in coaching the juniors.



Afternoon TAP

Students from Year 7-10 had the opportunity to give feedback regarding the structure of our semester 1 afternoon TAP sessions. The structure will continue to stay the same heading into semester 2, which is listed below. We have started a Badminton competition during the teamwork based sessions on Tuesday.

Monday: Reading

Tuesday: Team building activities

Wednesday: Respectful relationships

Thursday: Teacher choice

Friday: Fortnightly assembly/General tidy up

Uniform

It is very important that students have their name on the label of their uniform. We often pick up jumpers and jackets that are left in the stadium and yard that have no name, making them very hard to return. Students are reminded that beanies and hats must be removed when entering the classroom. Furthermore, students who are wearing hoodies under their school jumper will be asked to remove them. During morning tap sessions, homeroom teachers will be conducting uniform checks.

Hands on Learning

Students continued their work on the bike track, primary chairs, chess boards and Ga Ga ball pit last week. These projects are rapidly coming along and the students have been very busy. Thank you to Wendy for her assistance in HoL last week.



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 Makassar, 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.



NDCH SECURE VIC HEALTH'S- JUMPSTART! GRANT TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) are thrilled to be working in partnership with Vic Health on their Future Healthy vision where no young person is denied a future that is healthy. Regardless of their postcode, bank balance or background.

“This grant will enable NDCH to work in partnership with YacVic, young people and the wider community to create spaces where young people feel safe, welcome and confident to be active.”

The JumpStart! grant will be used to provide training for adults who work with young people across eleven communities in Gannawarra and North Loddon Shire.

The training will

- Provide you with skills to create safe spaces for young people to be active (it's so much more than just having a Working with Children Check)
- Help you create environments where young people can thrive and lead
- Help you re-engage your passion and/or fill up your toolbox to effectively support young people

Who is it for?

Anyone who works with young people aged 6-18 years. Teachers, sports coaches, volunteers, physical activity providers.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR FREE YACVIC TRAINING**



What's
up?