



# Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



**Newsletter**  
July 28th, 2023

## Diary 2023

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## Principal's News

### Skateboarding Sessions



In conjunction with the YMCA and School Sport Victoria, students in Year 2-10 participated in skateboard practical sessions today. Sessions were delivered by qualified instructors, Francisco and Charlie,

### NAPLAN

Last Friday, the NAPLAN reports, together with a NAPLAN Information for Parents and Carers 2023 brochure were sent home. From 2023, new standards were introduced to NAPLAN reporting, therefore this report looks quite different to those of the past.

Across the school we had really encouraging results, in particular, Numeracy, Reading and Grammar and Punctuation.

It is important to remember that the results reflect each student's performance at a single point in time only. If you would like to discuss the report with staff, please contact the school to make an appointment with your student's Home Room Teacher.

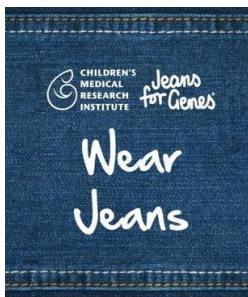
### Indonesian Exchange Visit

Tomorrow we will be picking up our Indonesian guests as they arrive at the Bendigo train station. We will be welcoming nine students (ranging in age from 15-18) and two staff members from Indonesia. Our visitors are being very generously hosted by Pyramid Hill families and I sincerely thank these families for opening up their homes. We look forward to learning a lot from our visitors over the next two week and accelerating our students' learning of the Indonesian language and culture. Thank you to Bu Gould for organising this very exciting visit.

### School Bus Management System Information

Important update for students who are approved for travel on the School Bus Program: Thank you for your patience while the School Bus Management System (SBMS) has been under maintenance. The School Bus Management System has now been upgraded, and the new Student Travel Assistance Portal will be available from early Term 3.

It is important to note that the School Bus Program Policy has not changed, and navigating the new Student Travel Assistance Portal will be very similar to the previous SBMS. The Student Travel Assistance Portal requires new log in details. All existing users will be sent their new username and a link to create a new password via the email address attached to your SBMS account, to allow you to access the system.



**August 4th, 2023**

## **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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# Today's Skateboarding Sessions





## Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

### Student of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Daemon Coussa, Alina Gould, Ollie Quaife and Allarah Ceballos who were our students of the fortnight. These students were recognised for the effective learning habits, resilience and ability to work collaboratively with others.

### Auskick/NetSetGo

We had our last session of Auskick and NetSetGo on Thursday, thank you to all the participants and volunteers within the program. A special thank you to Mr Morison and Kelly who have assisted with the sessions.

### Year 9/10 Melbourne Camp

Expression of interest notes have been distributed to the year nine and ten students for the Melbourne camp. Students wishing to attend need to return the expression of interest form by Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in a payment plan, please contact Joy.

### NCD Athletics

The NCD Athletics carnival will be held in Charlton on Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Trials have been occurring for the carnival and notes have been distributed. Please note that the bus will leave and return to the College outside of normal school hours.

## HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

For HOL this week, we went on an excursion to the Salute Olive Oil farm which grow and package their own olive oil. We looked around the trees at the olives growing and listened to the process involved in getting everything ready to harvest. After that, we looked at the equipment that is used to sort and clean the olives that are collected, then mashed down into a paste to then extract the oil and how the oil is graded. The next thing we did was sample some of their products that are produced on the farm. After we finished at the olive oil farm, we had lunch down at the lake and then headed home.





# SRC Update

SRC are kicking off with **Jeans for Genes** day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**. Students are encouraged to wear jeans (or casual pants). A gold coin donation is appreciated please. SRC will also host a bake sale of all things blue at recess on this day. All proceeds going towards Jeans for Genes. Baked goods will sell for \$1 or \$1.50.

To follow will be **Taco Tuesday!** Oh! we love our Tacos. Order forms have gone home, please have them back on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, so we can cook up your Tacos for **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. Yummo!



	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a health/concession card holder;</li> <li>• Be in receipt of a Centrelink Payment</li> <li>• Be studying or have a child in school</li> <li>• Have some regular income from work</li> <li>• Be 18+ years old</li> </ul>		<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <p>Situations include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployment</li> <li>• Health issues/illness</li> <li>• Financial difficulties</li> <li>• Independent living and/or homelessness</li> <li>• Natural disasters</li> <li>• Bereavement</li> <li>• Domestic and family violence</li> </ul>
<p><b>Saver Plus</b></p>	<p><b>Program includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500</li> <li>• Money Minded workshops - Financial Education</li> <li>• Coaching on budgeting and savings</li> </ul>	<p><b>State Schools' Relief</b></p>	<p>Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.</p>
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	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent must be a health/concession card holder;</li> <li>• Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;</li> <li>• Or children in out of home care</li> </ul>		<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concession/Health Care Card holders</li> <li>• Students</li> <li>• Asylum seekers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Camps, Sports and Education Fund</b></p>	<p><b>Funding to attend activities like:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school camps or trips</li> <li>• swimming and school-organised sports programs</li> <li>• outdoor education programs</li> <li>• excursions and incursions</li> </ul> <p>\$125 per year for eligible primary school students \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.</p>	<p><b>Computerbank</b></p>	<p>Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker</p>
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## Year F-6 News

### Workers of the Week



**Lucy Scott:** wonderful reading and hard work.

**Ruby Roberts:** fantastic poster on sea animals.

**Brady Gilmore:** working hard this week and has been applying what he is learning to his work.

**Xanthe Farrar:** working hard on her spelling and achieving a great spelling test results.

**Nevaeh Golding:** persisting with multiplication.

### Reading Awards



**150 Nights:** Tristan Broad, Emily Watkins, Maddie Leerson.

**100 Nights:** Harry Cain, Hayley Simmons, Alice Roberts, Emily Watkins.

### Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year 4/5/6 on winning the Classroom Cup.

### Calder Sports

On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August the Calder Athletic Sports will be held in Charlton for Years F-6. This is always a great day for individual students to try their best but also to participate as part of a team accumulating points for Pyramid Hill College. Please remember to return your note and be at school by 8.25 am, as the bus is leaving at 8.30am and will not wait. There is a pick up at Durham Ox. Please make sure your child has lunch, snacks and water. Parents are welcome to make the journey to Charlton by personal car to support their children. Good Luck to all our participants.

### Bring your own Cutlery

Each day we have a lot of hot lunches which is great to see but if you need cutlery to eat it you need to provide it yourself please.

### Read to Succeed

Congratulations to all those students who have read for 50-150 plus nights, you are doing a great job remembering to read each night as part of your homework. There are still a few students who don't see the benefit of reading each night and who need to lift their game and read each night. There is a big connection between reading each night and those students doing well.

## 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.