

Pyramid Hill College



Respect Learn Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School

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Early Dismissal Friday, 24th June at 2.30 pm End of Term 2

Pyramid Hill College

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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Principal's News

Circus Challenge



What a wonderful morning was had on Thursday as we welcomed the preschool and St Patrick's students and we were all wowed by the Circus Challenge! We certainly all enjoyed the showmanship of Clint! Juggling, plate spinning and some acrobatics were skills that were practised during the session! Clint was fabulous with getting the audience involved and we definitely have some students and possibly even some teachers that may be able to get a job in the circus one day! It was fabulous to have such an uplifting show come to Pyramid Hill and great to hear so much laughter from the crowd. Thanks to Mrs Rogers for organising this performance.

Philippines Independence Day

Whilst the Philippines Independence Day officially falls on the 12th June, on Friday we celebrated this special day in fine style. As we raised the flag, we listened to the National Anthem and then Marilyn shared her story. This was followed by the Year 8 students informing us of some facts of the Philippines. We then enjoyed traditional food and an afternoon of activities that included learning the Tinkling Dance, creating colourful paper flowers, decorating a Jeepney and playing traditional games. At PHC our students' lives have become so much richer as we have embraced our families who have come to Australia from the Philippines. Thank you to the families for generously sharing the traditions and values of the Filipino culture



with us. We are proud to be a school that celebrates diversity and harmony. Special thanks to Myla, Justin, Helen and Marilyn for sharing their skills and talents with us as we celebrated Independence Day.

Closure of School Grounds

Unfortunately, due to recent vandalism (graffiti & damage) the Pyramid Hill College grounds are no longer able to be accessed out of school hours. This is the third incident over the past three months which is really disappointing. As the latest incident included damage to property, this is now in the hands of the Victoria Police. From this day on only persons with pre-organised access may enter the College grounds. Any persons (including students of the College) trespassing on the school property will be reported to Victoria Police.

Cinderella the Musical

Not many more sleeps until we are off to Cinderella the Musical on Wednesday 22^{nd} June. We are very excited and looking forward to it.

Just a reminder you will need to be <u>at school by 7.30 am</u> and will return to school by 7.30-8.00pm. A message will be put up on face book when we get to Bendigo of our approximate arrival time

We have a tight schedule so please be on time.

Students will need the following:

 \ast Full school uniform, including jumper and coat in case of bad weather.

*Playlunch and snacks

*Cut lunch with water bottle.

* A small backpack to carry in all in.

* Money for an early tea at Calder Park (Mc Donald's, KFC, Subway, Cafe) on the way home.

Primary students need to have their money in an envelope with name and amount clearly written- approx. \$10-15 should be enough. Teachers will look after it until Calder Park.

 \ast Asthma medication to be carried by student, all other medication to be given to teachers.

*Small pillow (optional)

Questacon

Senior students have been lucky enough to have had a visit from Questacon who have worked with them to construct roller coasters. Thanks to Mr Mulvaney for organising the visit.





SRC Taco Tuesday

Tuesday was enjoyed by students and staff as the SRC cooked up a storm with delicious tacos on the menu. Thanks to Mrs Cain and the SRC for organising the day.







Workers of the Week



Jamison Walters: being considerate of others. Edie Gould: learning her green words, trying her best and helping in the classroom.

Lucy Scott: great student who always tries her best and is reading well.

Laura Poole: staying focussed with distractions around her (Year 6 award).

Kayde Roberts: striving to improve his reading. **Tia Gould:** completing some excellent pieces of writing, especially her indigenous dream story.

Tristan Broad: persistent research on his speech.

Thomas Hercott: persistent research on his speech. Harry Cain: improving his attention skills.

Classroom Cup

Congratulations to Year F/I on winning the Classroom Cup.



Pyramid Hill College is a "Child Safe" School. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children

Reading Awards



50 Nights: Sophie Pickles, 100 Nights: Harry Cain.

Philippines Independence Day

Students and staff were treated to a traditional Filipino lunch on Friday. Students did activities related to the Filipino culture and had a great day.



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

Push Up Challenge

The push up challenge is now underway. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to do their bit to promote mental health. You are still able to sign up if you wish, to take part you can sign up at the link below. Parents, guardians and community members are encouraged to join too.

https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/ pyramidhillcollegeandcommunity

AFL 9's

We had our final session of AFL 9's at Mitchell Park on Wednesday. Well done to all the students involved as they were able to enhance their skills within football. Thank you to Dave and Riley from AFL Victoria who came to run the sessions.





Hands on Learning

Students in HoL continued to work collaboratively within classes. Jed, William K and Jamison were able to work together to complete the wooden structure outside of the textiles room. Mitch, Rylan, Kobi, William H and Mitch were able to prepare some garden beds, plant some seedlings and spruce up the chook pen. Matthew and Jacobi continued their excellent work on the wooden trays for staff. William H also installed some new planks for the primary chairs which are nearly done. Well done team!











AUSTRALIANA FREE School Holiday Program

Australian Watercolour Workshop

Create beautiful Australian landscapes and floral paintings with local artist, Lesa McKenzie. For children aged 9 years and above.

Cohuna - Wednesday 29 June, 2.00pm Kerang - Thursday 30 June, 10.30am

Australian Icon Snowglobes

Use special waterproof modelling clay to recreate your favourite part of Australia animals, locations, sport or food. We can't wait to see what you come up with! For school-aged children.

Cohuna - Friday 8 July, 10.30am Kerang - Tuesday 28 June, 10.30am

Australian Biscuit Decorating

Yum, yum in my tum! You get to decorate and take these delicious treats home! Please be aware that we are unable to cater for food allergies. All ages welcome.

Cohuna - Monday 4 July, 10.30am Kerang - Wednesday 6 July, 10.30am

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TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY TEETH

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FLOSS!

Flossing is needed to remove the plaque in between your teeth.

SPIT, DON'T RINSE!

Rinsing washes away the fluoride that helps protect your teeth.

EAT A RAINBOW!

Healthy meals and snacks are important for healthy teeth.

DRINK WATER!

Flavoured milk, soft drink and fruit juices can be harmful to teeth.

VISIT YOUR DENTIST!

Regular check-ups are important.

TRY THE PEARLII APP

Download the Pearlii App for FREE it checks for any problems like tooth decay, gum redness, staining, tartar or white spots. It then prompts you to visit your local dentist.

BRUSH TWICE A DAY!

It's the best way to protect against tooth decay.



MEET THE STORY TELLER.



with Isaiah Lahai

Isaiah Lahai is from Sierra Leone and now lives in Melbourne

"On 23 March 1991, a violent civil war reached my doorstep in Buedu Town. Close family members were killed, carnage and anarchy were everywhere. Nowhere was safe."

Isaiah fled and spent 14 years in 5 different refugee camps before he was able to get to safety in Tasmania.

Isaiah will share his story with us

19 June, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

Please RSVP to the Neighbourhood House 5455 7129

This is a free public program as part of the Legacies of Conflict Exhibition

MEN'S BREAKFAST

with guest speaker

James Farquharson

23 June, 8:00 - 9:00 am Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

James Farquharson has 2 careers, one as a peace keeper in the Military and one as an educator. After coming home from East Timor in 2003. James has struggled with PTSD and it is through his art that he finds peace. His artwork hangs in the Australian War Memorial.

David Turnbull will be at the breakfast introducing the Royal Flying Doctor Service Mental Health program to our area

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5455 7129 for catering



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intercultural | friendship | conversation | creativity

2-4pm, Friday 24th June Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

Join a group of women for an afternoon of weaving, stitching and sharing stories. From Bendigo MAV's Duniya Behter program, these women have recently started creative and cultural micro businesses. Bring your own creative project eg knitting or watch some traditional Karen or South Sudanese weaving and Hazara embroidery.

Hosted by Cora Fuentes-Mahnic from the Filipino Show on Phoenix FM

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MURRAY MALLEE BOWLS REGION

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An opportunity for juniors aged 8 and above to try the sport of bowls during the school holidays. No cost whatsoever.

For enquiries about the days, please contact Josl Thornton on 0474 741 177 or josht@bowlsvic.org.