



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



Newsletter
June 23rd, 2022

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Principal's News

Term Two Concludes

What a busy term we have had and how wonderful is it that we have been able to participate again in excursions and camps. The 'Cinderella' musical was indeed a highlight of the term for many. Thanks to Mrs Burke for her organisation and also to the staff who supervised on the day. This week I have had the pleasure of attending the Year 9/10 Melbourne Camp, along with Mr McCann. How delighted have we been with the calibre of our students! The level of respect, gratitude and kindness they have demonstrated this week has made me incredibly proud of these amazing young adults. We have received many positive comments regarding the willingness of students to engage in a range of sessions and their impeccable behaviour.

The holidays have now arrived and I thank all students, parents and staff for their efforts this term. I hope that you are able to enjoy a little 'down' time over the next two weeks. Enjoy the break!

Year 9/10 Melbourne Camp



Wishing you all a happy and safe Winter break and look forward to seeing you all on July 11th. Early dismissal 2.30pm.



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 fantastic week we have had exploring Melbourne. It has certainly been jam packed with very little down time. We have certainly made the most of our time as we visited universities, engaged with creative arts and digital music work shops, explored the MCG, Victoria Market and St Kilda Beach, challenged ourselves at Hard

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Rock and Eureka Skydeck, viewed Cinderella and Jurassic Park and enjoyed the wave pool at MSAC and watching the Demons overrun the Lions at the MCG and more What a wonderful week that has been made very special by an amazingly awesome group of Year 9 and 10's. The chance to have lots of laugh, build strong relationships and develop lots of memories together has been very uplifting. Thanks Mr Roberts for organising a fabulous itinerary that was very easy for us to follow. We all have had a great time.

Staffing

Next term will see a change in the Art room as Mrs Talbot is taking leave until the end of the year. I would like to wish Mrs Talbot all the best and hope that she has an opportunity to rest and relax with her family in this time.

Reports

Semester one reports will be available on Compass from 2:30pm on Friday 24th June. Please see instructions as to how to download the reports on Compass.

Term 3

We look forward to welcoming our students and staff return to school on Monday 11th July

Cross Country

The first Friday back after the holidays is the Pyramid Hill cross country. We will be having pies, pasties and sausage rolls for lunch. An order form will be sent home on the first Monday after the holidays. This order will need to be returned by Wednesday 13th July with payment. No orders will be accepted after this date.

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.

Free driving lessons!

With Amanda from Learner And Beyond

Helping
LODDON AREA



KEYS 2 DRIVE

**School holiday
sessions left**



**Get in quick!
Call or text
0407 025 266**



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.

MURRAY MALLEE BOWLS REGION

JUNIOR BOWLS COME TRY DAY

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 Josh Thornton on 0474 741 177 or josht@bowlsvic.org.au

- WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE @ MILDURA BOWLS CLUB, 10AM - 12PM
- THURSDAY 7TH JULY @ BERRIWILLOCK BOWLS CLUB, 10AM - 12PM
- THURSDAY 7TH JULY @ BARHAM BOWLS CLUB, 2PM - 4PM
- MURRAY DOWNS BOWLS CLUB, 11AM - 1PM

To register, and select the appropriate venue, click on the link below :
<https://murraymallee.bowls.com.au/juniors/>

Year F-6 News

Workers of the Week



Maddie Leerson: excellent reading.

Tobias Wiltshire: excellent reading.

Tyler Pollard: persistence in researching for his speech.

Isabella Kunde: persistence in researching for her speech.

Laura Poole: great job in speech research.

Olivia Scott: doing a fantastic job with her Lion's Club Speech.

Gr 6 award: Xanthe for being a good friend outside/Brady for doing well in music.

Classroom Cup

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



Holidays

It has been a short term but we have packed a lot in to it and it's time for a holiday. I hope everyone rests up ready for a busy Term 3 and hope you all have a safe holiday.



Cinderella

Wednesday saw most students hop on the bus early to head to Melbourne to see Cinderella the Musical. It was a terrific day and Cinderella was spectacular. Tea at Calder Park on the way home is always popular. Thank you to Mrs Cain who coordinated the day.

Pie Warmer

The pie warmer lunches will continue in Term 3.

FLU SHOTS FREE FOR VICTORIANS

The Victorian Government has made the flu vaccine **FREE** for all Victorians for the month of June

Book in for your flu shot
Call our Medical Clinic on
5452 1366

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

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

End of Term

Well done to everyone for another productive term at the College. Have a restful and relaxing break as we prepare for an exciting Term 3. Thank you to everyone for their efforts across the term.

Reports

Thank you to all staff and Mrs McKinnon for their efforts in preparing the reports. Students and parents should be taking the time to read through and reflecting on what was achieved and the areas for improvement. This information can assist in guiding goals for next term.

Cinderella

Thank you to Mrs Burke, Mrs Cain and all the staff involved in preparing for and running the Cinderella excursion. We are very lucky as a school to get these opportunities and it looked like an excellent performance.

Year 9 & 10 Melbourne Camp

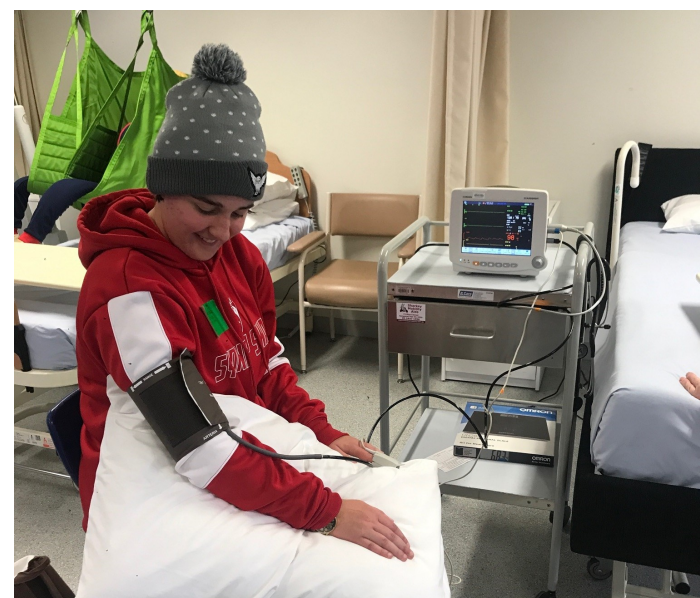
Thank you to Mrs Moon and Mr McCann for accompanying the Year 9 & 10 students throughout the Melbourne Camp. It sounded like everyone was having an excellent time. Thank you to Joy for her effort in preparing for the camp and Peter Millar for driving the bus.

HoL

Many projects are progressing with HoL. The primary chairs are near completion, the bike track is developing rapidly, some plumbing maintenance is being done, some bird boxes and chess boards are being made and the stumps for the ga ga ball pit are being put in. Cooper and Jamison also mowed the back yard at the kinder. The students in HoL continue to demonstrate excellent teamwork and are giving back to the school and community in many ways.

VET Taster Day

The VET taster day was an opportunity for students to hear about the VET certificates that are on offer at the North Central Trade Training Centre (NCTTC) in 2023 for students in Year Ten. They were fortunate to hear from three local adults about their pathways through TAFE and into employment. Each student selected three courses of interest and spent time with their instructors hearing about: what they could learn in the class, what careers it could lead into and the expected work requirements. Some students got to try their hand at relevant skills such as: curling hair, instructing fitness drills, baking scones and preparing fruit salad. We thank Barry McKenzie and the team at NCTTC for providing us with this experience along with Joe Mason for driving us over.



FUN THINGS TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Brought to you by  NOCH

Participate in the Gannawarra Library Service Free School Holiday Program:

- Australian Watercolour Workshop
- Australian Icon Snow globes
- Australian Biscuit Decorating

Bookings Essential: Ph (03) 5452 1546



Take the family along to Kerang or Cohuna Parkrun

- Starts 8am every Saturday
- 5km walk, jog or run
- Friendly, fun and free
- Kerang: The event takes place at the southern entrance at Kerang Regional Park, far western end of Wyndham Street.
- Cohuna: The event takes place at Garden Park, near Gateway Information Centre



Participate in an outdoor scavenger hunt:

- A scavenger hunt is a fun thing you can do at the park, Gunbower National Park, Pyramid Hill Summit Walk, Lake Boort or even in your own backyard
- Google different scavenger hunt lists online or create your own



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| <input type="checkbox"/>  1 BROWN LEAF | <input type="checkbox"/>  A WEED |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  3 STICKS | <input type="checkbox"/>  BUTTERFLY |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  SPIDER WEB | <input type="checkbox"/>  TREE |
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Kids Helpline

If you want to get some things off your chest these holidays and/or would like to talk to a counsellor. Kids Helpline is here 24/7 - call them for free on 1800 55 1800

Questacon

“Like problem solving? Interested in creating but not sure where to start? Have an idea, but not sure how to help people understand it? Questacon is here to help!

These July school holidays between 5 – 7 July, Questacon will be taking a road trip to Federation University Horsham to host an *Invention Convention*. Over three days you will come up with ideas and innovative solutions to a problem you care about. On the way there will be the opportunity to meet local experts, learn lots of new skills, and make connections with like-minded people from Victoria. The best part? It's completely FREE! Places are available for students aged 14-18 years.

Registrations are now open and places are limited so get in quick >> www.bit.ly/QuestaconIC “

More information and registration form attached to this newsletter.

What does an *Invention Convention* look like?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3AE_Wyh-zo

