



## Diary 2022

### June

- 10 Filipino Independence Day Activities
- 13 Public Holiday
- 16 Circus Challenge Incursion
- 17 VET Taster Day - Year 9
- 18 Fairfax Workshop Yr 9/10
- 20-24 Yr 9/10 Camp
- 22 Cinderella Excursion

## Lost Property

We are accumulating quite a lot of lost property, especially school jackets and food/drink containers.

These are all unnamed so it is impossible to return them to their rightful owners.

Please contact the office if you think they are yours.

## Late Students

If your child/children arrive late to school, please have them come to the office and sign in. This will avoid a phone call home to check on their absence.

## 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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## Principal's News

### LCM Cross Country



On Monday 30th May, William and James Hercott represented the College at the LCM Cross Country. Eloise Walters was also selected but could not compete unfortunately due to illness. James and William both ran extremely well with James completing the course in 13 mins 58 sec and William in 17 min 59 sec. The boys both ran personal best times and must be congratulated on their outstanding performances.

*Cold, wet and rainy conditions greeted us as we arrived In St Arnaud pumped ready for the Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country.*

*There were a lot of people at the starting line all bouncing from toe to toe to warm up, because it was freezing standing there in shorts and a tee shirt. The whistle blew, and at the first km mark the pack started to spread out as the hills hit. I paced myself from the start and I ran all the way, weaving in and around other participants. The last hill was a long way up and I found the going tough. At the final 300 metre mark as I moved from gravel to grass, I stumbled as my ankle rolled into a pothole. The last 100 metres I went all out and passed two other runners in this time. I did a personal best time of 13 mins, 58 seconds, and maybe next year I will start training before the event!' Written by James Hercott*

### Calder Sport

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Calder Winter Sports Day, held at Boort Park. Students had the option to participate in Netball, AFL, Minkey Hockey, Newcomb or Soccer. The focus of the day was for students to have fun and meet new people. Students were mixed with students from the eight schools that form the Calder Sports group.

Students participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day! A big thank-you to Bryden Morison, Rachel Cain, Wendy Bolch and Narelle Windridge for supervising students as well as taking on coaching and umpiring duties.





### **Kindness**

This week there have been a number of random acts of kindness that really have brightened our week and confirmed that there are incredibly generous people in our community. Firstly Bill Quinn, our legendary groundsman welded a fire pit for the SRC to auction. This was incredibly successful raising \$420 and a wonderfully community minded lady Jacquie Verley from Boort was the winning bidder. Thank you Bill for being such a generous supporter of our students. We really do value you and all the extra that you do.

### **School Photographs**

As we had a large number of students absent last Wednesday due to illness, the school photographer will pay a return visit this coming Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Individual and family photos will be taken of those students who were absent.

### **Illness**

Thank you to all families for being so vigilant with illness at the moment and for informing us of absence. Over the last couple of weeks we have had many absences with gastro, flu like symptoms and Covid. We do have plenty of RAT tests that when used can assist with the spread of Covid-19, we will continue to send them home this term. Please let us know if you require more.

### **Attitude to School Student Survey**

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

Please find more information regarding this survey attached to this newsletter

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted over the period 6<sup>th</sup> June -17<sup>th</sup> June



Secondly, we had a family who had purchased Cinderella tickets and circumstances have changed and they can no longer attend. As the tickets were not refundable this family have donated the tickets back to the school to allow some other students to attend. This is an incredibly generous gesture and we appreciate the kind thought and the opportunity they have given to others.

Giving is one of our five ways to wellbeing and doing something nice for a friend, or a stranger can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you.

**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.

# SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT

## ACTIVATION GRANTS



**Applications for \$500 grants are OPEN for sporting clubs in Gannawarra**

GLAM in partnership with with Mallee Family Violence Executive are providing 10x\$500 activation grants to sporting clubs to deliver events and initiatives that aim to increase participation and create environments where women and girls feel safe, valued and welcomed to participate equally.

The grants will assist local clubs to improve the promotion, participation and/or leadership opportunities for women and girls within the sporting club.

**Visit NDCH Facebook or email [rachel.brooks@ndch.org.au](mailto:rachel.brooks@ndch.org.au) for the application link**

**Pictured: Demi Greenwood (Bendigo Pioneers Player)**



# Year F-6 News

## Workers of the Week



**Kirk Ceballos:** putting tremendous effort into Maths and Literacy.

**Ruby Roberts:** trying her best in Maths and reading.

**Kyle Roberts:** getting his homework done and showing a good attitude towards his work.

**Edie Gould:** being nice around the school (Year 6)

**Sophie Twigg:** great effort with homework.

**Ruby Mitchell:** helping Emily settle in.

**Athena Wiltshire:** wonderful research skills.

**Elsie Poole:** being a trooper with her broken elbow and trying to do her work even when it is difficult to do so.

## Diaries and Reading

We still have many primary students not bringing their diaries to school each day, which is disappointing. It is a requirement that all students have their diaries in each lesson.

Students reading daily and logging it in their diaries is also very important for their progress. We strongly encourage students to read daily and log it in their diary.

## Cinderella the Musical

We will be heading to Melbourne on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to see Cinderella the musical which is only three weeks away. Please return the yellow permission slip a.s.a.p

## Slippers

We have had some very wet weather in the past weeks and sometimes students' shoes can be muddy and damp. Slippers can be sent to school for students to put on when they come inside. The slippers can be left at school if you wish.



## 50 Nights Reading:

Lilly Broad, Kayde Roberts, Alice Roberts, Zeb Gould, Maddie Leerson.

## 100 Nights' Reading:

Tia Gould, Kerenza Archbold, Fletcher Cain, Brady Gilmore.



## Classroom Cup Winners: Year 4/5



## Head Lice

Please keep checking your children's hair and make sure that long hair is tied back for school.

## 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 opportuni-

## **Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood**

### **Student Achievement**

Congratulations to James Hercott, William Hercott and Eloise Walters who made it through to the Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country after their excellent performance at the North Central Cross Country. Unfortunately, Eloise was unable to compete on the day.

Thank you to Matthew Caspani who has been demonstrating excellent leadership at Auskick sessions.

### **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>

### **Year 9 & 10 Melbourne Camp**

Permission and information notes have been distributed for the year 9 and 10 camp. Students should return these forms to the College ASAP, if students or parents have any questions they should contact Mr Roberts. Information for the camp will continue to be distributed over the next few weeks.

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

The Year 9 & 10 students are in the process of completing their plans for the Duke of Ed award. The students will commence their activities in the near future. On Monday we had a visit from Rachel and Carly who are program managers for the award. They were able to assist with planning and gave us plenty of ideas to consider.

# **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY INFORMATION NIGHT**



Come along & hear from current YES members about how you can be a part of making a difference in the lives of local youth.

**June 7th, 7:00-7:30pm**

**Meeting ID: 880 1362 2564**

**Passcode: 691638**

YES is open to all youth aged 16-25. Parents/Guardians welcome to come along & hear too.