



# Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



## Newsletter

March 17th, 2023



### Diary 2023

#### March

15-27 NAPLAN

24 School Assembly 1.45pm

31 Hot Shots Tennis Yr 456

Immunisations Year 7 & 10

Please note: Change of Date  
Tesepe Rocks & Fossils Yr 9

#### April

5 Fete 3-6pm

6 Last day of Term 1



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

### 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

#### St Patrick's Day



Today the primary students had a wonderful day participating in a variety of art, literacy and sporting activities with students from St Patrick's School. The students competed in mixed teams and they all had a great day mixing and making new friends. The morning concluded with a tasty sausage sizzle. A very big thank you to the St Patrick's staff and students for including us in their celebration.

#### Loddon Mallee Region Swimming



Congratulations to Mia Farrar, Cooper Gould and Laura Poole who represented the College at the LMR Swimming carnival on Tuesday. The students gave their all and were up against very strong competition but gained some excellent experience. Thank you to Bu Gould for taking the students on the day.

## NAPLAN

This week we have had Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students complete the Naplan tests. Congratulations to all students for the calm and mature manner in which they have undertaken these tests. Results will be available early next term.

## Advanced Notice Curriculum Days – Save the date on your calendar

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 all College staff will be participating in training for the Berry Street Educational Model provides. This training provides strategies for teaching and learning that enables teachers to increase engagement of students with complex, unmet learning needs and to successfully improve all students' self-regulation, relationships, wellbeing, growth and academic achievement. These curriculum days will be **student free** so please place these dates on your calendar. The exception being that Year 10 students will still be required to attend VET at the NCTTC on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## Assembly

Next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm we will be holding our first term assembly which will include the induction of student leaders and a range of presentations. We invite parents and members of the community to join with us to celebrate this occasion.

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## School Council Elections

Nominations are now being called for the vacant positions on School Council. Please consider becoming involved in this vital aspect of the College governance. Your views and input would be greatly appreciated and are a critical aspect of the functioning of the College.

Nominations are currently open and close on Wednesday 22nd March. A ballot if needed will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Parent Representatives whose term has finished are Alison Farrar, Lacey Quinn, Brendan Pickles & Adam Caspani. There are four vacancies on School Council – to make up the constituting order of eight parent members.

Outgoing members, parents and staff are encouraged to stand for School Council, as a vibrant and active School Council is a key ingredient to the effective running of the College. Thank you to everyone on School Council and in particular to outgoing members for their support, efforts and contributions to the college. Nomination forms are available from the College.

**Fiona Moon,**  
Principal.



Students in Years 7-10 participated in the first day of bike education.



*St Patrick's  
Day*



## Year F-6 News

### Visit to St Pat's

Today we were invited to visit St Pat's to help them celebrate St Pat's Day. We participated in a variety of activities, had a BBQ lunch and a play before returning to school. We would like to thank St Pat's for an enjoyable day and it was great to see all students mixing together.

### Read To Succeed

It is very important for students to read each night and log it into their diaries. This is also part of their homework expectations. Reading helps students with all aspects of literacy. Once again, we are rewarding students who are reading with their reading nights. Please encourage your children to read at home.

### Fete

The Pyramid Hill Fete is fast approaching on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April and our students are very excited about this. Mrs Cain and her band of SCR students have been very busy organising the Fete.

Each year level is organising stalls and activities for the day. The baskets for the raffle are beginning to fill with each year level having a theme to donate an item. If you are not sure what your child's theme is please contact the school.

### Whole School Assembly- 24<sup>th</sup> March

The Whole school Assembly is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm. All our Primary students will receive their Swimming Sports and Swimming Program certificates, as well as SRC badges. Parents are invited to come in to support their children.

### Good Friday Appeal Collecting

We are seeking students and parents to come along on Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April to collect for the Good Friday Appeal. We will assemble at the Pub at 9.00am to collect our tins to go collecting. Students don't go by themselves; a parent accompanies each group. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Burke or the school.

## Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

### Student of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Sophie Twigg, Laura Poole, Judd Chislett and Ellesha Fergusson who were our students of the fortnight. Sophie was nominated for helping and assisting others, Laura for supporting others within class, Ellesha for her organisation of the Loddon dance at the swimming sports and Judd for being nice and sharing with others. Well done to our four award winners, you are setting an excellent example for your peers. New boxes for the award have been placed in each homeroom.

### SRC

Thank you to Mrs Cain and the SRC for running the food stall at the swimming sports, it was greatly appreciated. We look forward to the upcoming Fete and remind students to contribute to their class hamper if they haven't already.

### Bike Education

Bike education commenced this week and we will be throughout town over the next few weeks. Thank you to the students and families who brought in bikes and helmets. Students are able to store their bike at the College if needed.



## GEOLOGY ROCKS- TALK WITH A ROCK EXPERT

Community members are invited to attend Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall on Friday 31 March 3:30pm to talk with rock expert Rodney Boucher.

Rodney Boucher is a keen ore geologist, who has worked in industry around Australia. He has worked in several states giving him many rock stories and samples to share. Rod specialises in grass-roots exploration - mapping, drilling, geophysics, geo-chemistry.

Rodney will be hosting a session with students in Year 9 and 10 talking all things 'Fossils, Evolution and Extinction' at the College. Students, community members and teachers are also invited to join us at the Memorial Hall to learn about our local rock story. He has kindly offered his time from 3.30-5pm to chat all things rocks with community members. You might have a cool rock that you would like to know more about or just a keen interest in our local rock formation.



The Lake of Scars will also be presented for viewing in the hall following the session.





## Hookin2Hockey – at Boort District School

Hockey Victoria and North Central Hockey Association are visiting Boort District School and Pyramid College next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for Years F-6 to run their Hockey Roadshow. Participants will be introduced to hockey through simple skills and drills and fun games.

Boort Hockey Club will be starting their Hookin2Hockey (Minkey) program in the stadium from **3.45-4.30pm** each **Wednesday** from **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Students from Foundation and up are welcome to join our free **“Come and Try”** session on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Registration costs will be **\$40** for players wishing to continue. <https://www.hockey.org.au/hookin2hockey/> Choose Boort as your program when registering your child.

Sticks are available to borrow for the season with shin pads provided for new participants. All players must wear a mouthguard. Alternatively, a beginner's pack which includes stick, shinpads and ball can be purchased for \$40 through NCHA <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/northcentralha/shop/>

For further information, please contact Kelly Henderson 0427280583.

# HANDS ON LEARNING



A program supported by Save the Children

### Signs, seats, garden beds, cooking

Today in Hands on Learning we did multiple things and was pretty similar to last week. We worked on the seating for the playground, we had to measure, drill holes and bolt the timber to the brackets. We also had to cut the timber for the seats into the right sizes. We continued working on our garden beds for the Neighbourhood House and we finished one of the frames. Some of us also continued painting the HOL signs and we almost completed one of the signs. For lunch, Ruby and Helen made some delicious egg, ham and cheese sandwiches.

*By Cohan Lobb.*



### **Direct Deposit Instalments:**

We have had a lot of success with families paying part payments online. A small amount can add up and we already have a lot of families in credit. This money can then be used for camps/excursions etc and it takes the pressure off finding money at the last minute.

If you think this might interest you, please contact Joy and she will help you set it up or you can set it up through online banking to come out weekly/fortnightly/monthly

## Indonesian Student Exchange

Pyramid Hill College are seeking host families for 10 Indonesian students on exchange again this year. Students will be aged between 15 and 17, years, with six girls and four boys keen to experience life as part of our community in Pyramid Hill.

Two staff members (one male, one female) will also be seeking hosts.

The exchange will take place from 29th July - 12th August 2023.

If your family are interested in hosting, please let Joy know in the office.

If you have any further questions, contact Kelly Gould via email: [kelly.gould2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kelly.gould2@education.vic.gov.au)



## SRC Update

SRC Leaders are proud to announce their Junior team, being Charlotte Pickles, Xanthe Farrar, Sasha Lobb, Tia Gould, and Jasper Mutugi.

Congratulations to our 2023 SRC.

The Pyramid Hill College Easter Fete is only weeks away. Hopefully Mega Basket Raffle tickets are selling well. If you missed out of would like more, please contact the office.

Thank you to those families who have placed their donations for the Mega Basket Raffle into the Office. Baskets are looking good. Please see below for class basket donations to help make this a successful raffle. Thank you

### Year P/1 - Basket 1—Easter Madness

Suggested items: Easter Eggs, Easter nick knacks, chocolates of all sorts.

### Year 2/3 - Basket 2—Road Trip

Suggested items: All the things to take on a road trip (great for holidays), small games, snacks, maps, binoculars, card games etc.

### Year 4/5/6 - Basket 3 Pantry Filler

Suggested items: Any item you might like to find in the pantry, sauce, tinned food, chips, biscuits, cereal etc.

### Year 7 and 8- Basket 4 'T'

Suggested items: All items that might begin with 'T'. Tim tams, tic tocs, toilet paper, tennis balls, tie etc

### Year 9 and PHC Staff Basket 5 - Beach Bonanza

Suggested items—all things beach, towel, sunscreen, hat, sunnies, etc

### Year 10 - Basket 6 - Mexican

Suggested items: All things Mexican, Taco sachet or box, tortillas, three bean mix, sombrero etc

## School Fete

Wednesday,

April 5th

3pm - 6pm

Heaps of Stalls



Wednesday 5th April  
3pm—6pm



Movie and BBQ  
Dinner at 6:30pm  
Dinner \$8 per person  
Or  
\$25 per family  
Can be paid for at the school  
office, please order by Friday  
31st March.

## Pyramid Hill College Easter Fete

Shark Obstacle Course  
Tex Bucking Bull  
Year level stalls  
Great food and drinks  
Entertainment for all  
Community Stalls  
Games  
Fun for everyone

Easter Hat Parade 4pm  
Easter Egg Hunt 6pm  
Mega Basket Raffle Drawn

Unlimited Shark Obstacle Course  
and Tex \$12  
Wristbands can be purchased from  
the office.

Everyone welcome!



BULOKE  
LODDON



### Need help getting your P's?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers (16-21) with limited access to supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.



For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email [l2p@ncllen.org.au](mailto:l2p@ncllen.org.au)

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## 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.