



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



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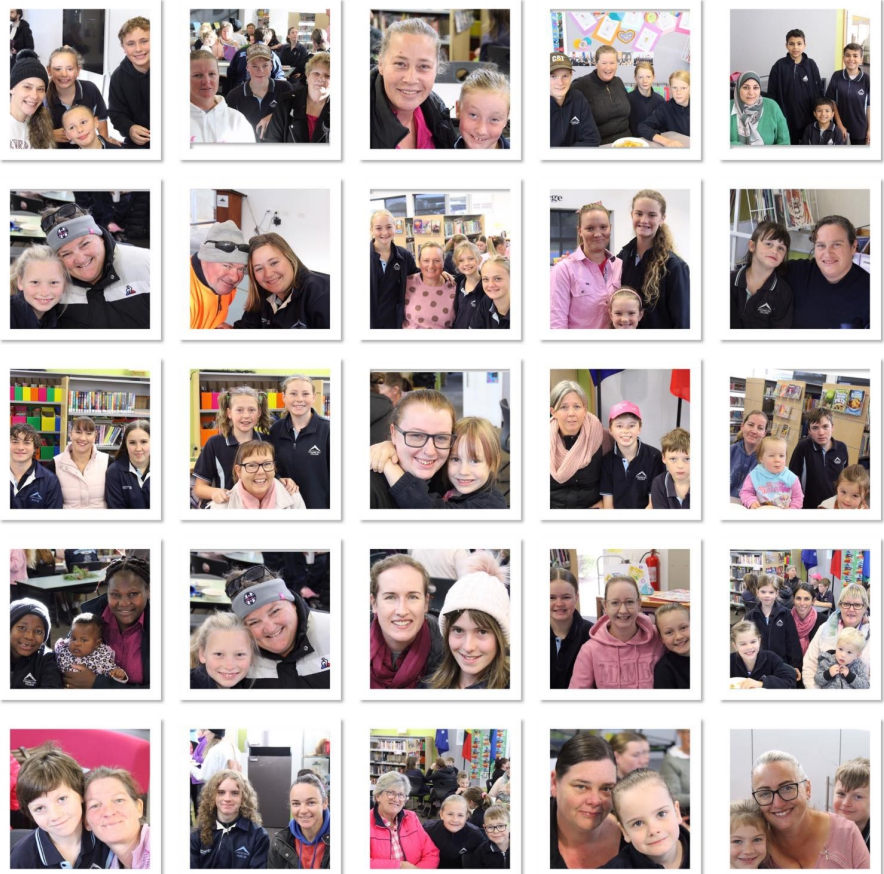
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Principal's News

Mother's Day Breakfast

What a wonderful celebration we had on Tuesday with our Mother's Day Breakfast, the event is certainly growing in popularity. Thank you to all the mums, grandmas and friends who came along and how special was it to have some dads with us as well. We hope that you enjoyed our time of sharing. A big thank you to our Year 7 & 8 students who cooked the pancakes and organised the room; and the College staff who arrived early and worked tirelessly to ensure a successful event. The event raised \$143 for Breast Cancer Research.



Wishing all our mums and special people a lovely day on Sunday

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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Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Sunday 14 May to Saturday 20 May. This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. Please see our week's schedule in this newsletter.

National Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is this Friday 19th May, 2023. This campaign encourages all students, parents, carers and staff to walk safely and regularly to school. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine. On Friday we encourage all students, staff and family members to meet at the Lion's Park at 8:40am. The school buses will drop off our students at the park and then we shall all walk together to school.

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.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted over the period 22nd May -5th June.

Please find more information regarding this survey attached to this newsletter email.

Curriculum Days

Please be reminded of our student free days on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May. All College staff will be participating in training for the Berry Street Educational Model. 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. Year 10 students will still be required to attend VET at the NCTTC on Thursday 25th May.

Hours of Attendance

The school grounds are supervised by staff from the hours of 8:40am – 3:30pm. These are the only times that students should be on the school property unless there is a teacher supervised school event happening.

Fiona Moon, Principal



**BULOKE
LODDON** TAC L2P PROGRAM

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

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

**Term 2 Music Lessons
are now due and payable to the office
or by direct deposit.**



Victorian **premiers' reading challenge**

VICTORIA State Government Department of Education

WILD ABOUT READING

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Challenge is now open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development.

- Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers.
- Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

It is not a competition; but personal challenge for children to read a set number of books **by 8 September 2023**.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Students, please see Mrs McKinnon to register you and to get a reading record sheet to log all the books you have read.

Year F-6 News

Workers of the Week



Edie Gould: making progress in both writing and reading.

Jett Mitchell: progress in his reading. He is doing a very good job and trying hard.

Tia Gould: setting herself a fun challenge and playing hockey at Calder Sports.

Max Twigg (Year 6): having a go when he didn't want to.

Max Twigg: sensational work in all areas. Your effort is amazing Max.

Thomas Hercott: great creative writing.

Reading Nights



50 Nights

Ronnie Jessop, Zeb Gould, Alice Roberts.

100 Nights

Brady Gilmore, Max Twigg, Tia Gould, Tobias Wiltshire, Olivia Scott.

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.

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to the Year 4/5/6 class on winning this week's Classroom Cup.

Bendigo Excursion -Monday 15th May

The Year F/I Excursion to Bendigo is Monday 15th May. Just a reminder the bus will be leaving at 8.45am sharp, so please be on time. We will be returning at approx. 4.00pm. The return time will be put on face book. The student will need the following:

Wear your school clothes on the day

Playlunch and lunch

Water bottle

Bathers, towel, thongs (optional) and a plastic bag to put wet clothes in.

Backpack to carry this in.

Walk to School Friday 19th May

Friday 19th May is Walk to School Day, followed by breakfast at school and open day for parents and friends to come in see what we do.

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3 WEEKS
UNTIL MSP PHOTOGRAPHY
VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Please call MSP on 5482 3190 if you have any questions.

Calder Winter Sports Day

On Thursday students in years three-six participated in the Calder Winter Sports day held in Boort. Students had the option of participating in AFL, Netball, Soccer, Hockey and Newcomb on the day and were mixed with students from the Calder Cluster schools. Students did a great job participating in the activities throughout the day and demonstrated great teamwork!

A big thank-you also to our Sport and Recreation students James C, James B, Jeff, Ellesha and Blake who assisted with umpiring, coaching and scoring throughout the day.

Thanks to Mrs Darker, Bu Gould and Mr Roberts for their assistance during the day.



First Aid Courses in Pyramid Hill

- >Provide CPR
- >Provide First Aid
- >Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting
- >Continuous Learning available



THURSDAY
25TH MAY
9.30AM

TO REGISTER: <https://richriverfirstaid.com.au/training-dates/>
1300 046 381



Senior Citizens Centre
McKay Street, Pyramid Hill



RICH RIVER FIRST AID

HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

This week in HOL, we only had our secondary students as the primary students had the Calder sports. We worked on a range of projects throughout the day such as the Neighbourhood House garden beds, a chalk board for the primary students, labelling and pumping up sporting equipment, cooking lunch and the playground seat. We are getting very close to finishing the third garden bed for Neighbourhood House, we made some progress on the chalk board and pumped up a lot of equipment.



Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

LMR Cross Country

Congratulations to Rylan Chislett, William Hercott, Matthew Caspani, James Hercott, Ellesha Fergusson and Mia Farrar who have all progressed to the Loddon Mallee Region (LMR) Cross Country Carnival. The event is on June 6th (Tuesday) in St Arnaud, more information regarding this event will be distributed shortly. We are very proud of your achievements!

Mates Night

It was an excellent night on Wednesday at the first Mates event of the year. It was wonderful to see the mentors and students interacting and having fun whilst playing games and listening to the panel interviews. Thank you to Barb Bear for organising and coordinating the event and to Mrs Moon and Mr McCann for their assistance on the night. We appreciate the support and guidance our mentors give our students and the time they give to make the program a success.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday. It was excellent to recognise the mums, grandparents and significant others that we have in our lives and within the community. We wish the mums, grandparents and significant others a brilliant day on Sunday.

Year 9/10 Snow Camp

If any year nine or ten students are intending to go on the snow camp (week 9) they need to complete their expression of interest form ASAP (if they haven't done so already).

Push-Up Challenge

The College is completing the Push-Up Challenge again this year. The challenge aims to raise awareness, engage, educate and raise funds for mental health. Students, staff and community members are all encouraged to sign up at the link below. You don't need to complete push ups, you can do different forms of exercise such as squats, sit ups etc.

<https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/pyramidhillcollege2023>

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.



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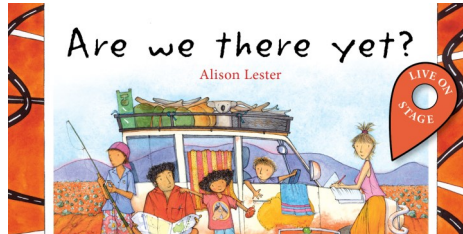
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Monday, 15th May.

Bendigo Excursion

Hapkido - 4.30-5.30pm



Tuesday, 16th May.

Wednesday, 17th May.

SRC Lunch



Thursday, 18th May.

Hands on Learning 11am - 3.20

HANDS ON LEARNING

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Comic Art Performance (all day)

F-4 1.30pm - 3.00 pm

5/6/7 11.20am - 1.00pm

8/9 9.30am - 11.00am



Friday, 19th May

Open Morning 9am - 11am

Walk to School Day

Breakfast

Parents welcome to join in activities.



KID'S NIGHT

AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

FUN FOR ALL STUDENTS IN FOUNDATION -YEAR 12

TIME: 3:30-5pm

**Every Monday, starting on the
5th June**

Activities include:

- Card/Board games
- Access to the Library
- Quiet space for homework
- Snacks
- Computers for use
- Nintendo Switch*
- Free WI-FI

**CLEO THE COMMUNITY CAR would be free for anyone
needing a ride home***

***Bookings are required the Friday before each Monday**

To book call 5455 7129 or email phnh@bigpond.com

Please state child/ren name/s and parents/guardians phone number

Or fill out a form with mentioned details and give to Jasmine at PHC