



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



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Principal's News

National Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is this Friday 20th May, 2022. 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.



Changed Forever Legacies of Conflict

This week there has been great excitement as the Shrine of Remembrance Touring Exhibition has come to town. Great boxes and trays of exhibits have been unloaded at the hall and four of our Year 9/10 students; Josephine Ceballos, James Hercott, Jasmine Twigg and Zac Manton have been assisting in setting up the exhibition. As they have discovered there has been a huge amount of work behind the scenes so that members of the public can enjoy this exhibition.

On Friday our Community Connections class will be assisting with food preparation ready for 'Opening Night'. Over the next couple of weeks all our year levels will head down and have an education session with the Shrine of Remembrance and the themes will be woven into the curriculum. We are so fortunate to have this world class exhibition in Pyramid Hill and I would like to thank the Pyramid Hill Progress Association and the Memorial Hall Committee for bringing this experience to town. So please book in for opening night or come along and support this initiative, you will be sure to enjoy and learn from this experience.

Reminder

STUDENT FREE DAYS

25th & 26th May

Students are not required to attend school, with the exception of Year 10 who will attend Charlton VET classes on Thursday.

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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Curriculum Days

Please be reminded of our student free days on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th 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 26th 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.

Women in Trades Expo

Our Year 9/10 students certainly had a great day out on Monday on our 'Melbourne Experience' as outlined by Ellesha below. The students were an absolute delight to take down and were great ambassadors for PHC.

'On May 16th, six girls from the Year Nine and Year Ten classes participated in an excursion down to Melbourne for a Women in Trade Expo. The expo offered many different job opportunities for the girls to think about, ranging from flying to technology with many different hands on positions. The day was packed full of fun activities and many freebies. All the girls had a wonderful trip with many career opportunities in mind.'

Written by Ellesha Fergusson



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

Family Services

Last week I popped into the Neighbourhood House to meet the Catholic Care and St Vinnies workers. These services provide a wide ranges of resources for families. Please check out what they offer and make use of them. It is fantastic that we have these services available in Pyramid Hill and if we don't use them, we lose them. Please read the articles below outlining what these services offer.

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES visiting regularly at the Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Worried about your family?

As a parent its normal to feel overwhelmed sometimes. With help, you can provide your children with a better quality of life. You can work towards creating a healthy and peaceful environment.

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES work with families to understand their specific needs and tailor a response that may include support with –

- ◆ In home support dealing with issues including child development, disability, drug and alcohol, family conflict, financial difficulties, mental health, trauma, social isolation.
- ◆ Parenting skill development
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Connection and referrals to other community supports

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES is a confidential free service available to anyone that has children 18 and under in their care.

A member from the Family Services team from CatholicCare Victoria will be sitting at the Pyramid Neighborhood House every second Thursday from 10.30-12.30 to answer any questions you might have on how Family Services may support your family.

Families are welcome to contact Family Services directly at CatholicCare Victoria 54381300 and speak with reception.

St Vinnies – Meet Leiza Webb-Mathers



Some of you know me as the chaplain from St Patrick's. This is a very important role for me but not the only hat I wear. I'm a proud mum of 4 children ranging in age from 32- to 12 years, I have 4 grandchildren. My passion is community and I have been a part of the Pyramid Hill community for 5 years now. To be able to give to the community is vital in rural areas. My many hats include a swim teacher, a Lions member, a volunteer for family drug help (which supports families living with someone with a substance issue), Gannawarra Toy run, community hamper coordinator, Baptist church member and St Vinnies, Kerang conference member. To be connected helps to reach those in need of support. Kim from Pyramid Neighbourhood house has given St Vinnies the opportunity to come to Pyramid Hill every second week. I am available to offer assistance or support to you or people of the community. Even if you would just like a chat please come on down. To use a service is to keep it in your community.

Year F-6 News

Workers of the Week



Ronnie Jessop: “on fire” the past two weeks and concentrating well and getting his work done. Also being an Auslan Superstar and remembering the fruit signs.

Hayley Simmons: beautiful work and trying hard

Bella Lobb: trying her best during Math and coming up with great answers.

Kayde Roberts: persistent learner this week.

Ruby Mitchell (Year 6): helping a new student settle in.

Sophie Twigg (Year 6): helping out in the kitchen.

50 Nights’ Reading:

Ruby Mitchell, Jett Mitchell, Kirk Ceballos, Tyler Manton, Xanthe Farrar, Elsie Poole, Charlotte Pickles, Fletcher Cain, Sophie Twigg.

100 Nights’ Reading:

Elsie Poole, Olivia Scott, Tobias Wiltshire, Ruby Mitchell, Athena Wiltshire.



Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

After School Volleyball/Auskick

It has been great to see many of the year 7-10 students playing Volleyball after school on Wednesday nights. Adam Douglass has done an excellent job organising and running the sessions. Thank you to the staff involved. We have also had Jed Stewart, Jaxon Peter, Jack Gould, Cooper Gould, Rylan Chislett, Kobi Manton and Harrison Goodes assisting with Auskick sessions on Thursday nights. They have been working extremely well building the skills of the students doing Auskick.

Hands on Learning

Billabong Organics excursion

Last Thursday we had the privilege of visiting Billabong Organics in Yarrawalla. Sue took the students through the process of how the apples are grown and selected for the different kinds of produce. The students then had a tour of the orchard and were allowed to pick their own apples to bring home. Thank you to Sue and Debbie for showing us around and thank you to Joe for driving the bus. It was an excellent learning opportunity and we appreciate the effort and kindness shown from the Billabong Organics team. On returning to the College, students continued work on the bike track, wooden trays, and primary chairs; along with putting together a bike for the College and doing some maintenance on the couches in the BER. It was great to have Jaxon, Toby, Fletcher and Cooper in HoL for a transition day.



Year 9 & 10 Melbourne

There has been a delay in sending out the final information for the Year 9&10 Melbourne trip. We are waiting on a cost from a provider to finalise the entire cost. There will be information distributed for the Year 9&10 students on Friday in afternoon TAP. The itinerary has been finalised and will be shown to students on Friday as well.

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.

20 MAY - 26 JUNE 2022

CHANGED FOREVER

LEGACIES OF CONFLICT
A SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE TOURING EXHIBITION



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20 May - 26 June 2022
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall, Kelly St
Hours: Wed, Thur and Sun: 11:00am - 03:00pm
Fri: 01:00 - 04:00pm
Opening night: Fri 20 May, 06:00pm
www.pyramidhill.net.au

Chaplain's Chat

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FOR CHARITY, YOUR MIND
FOR TRUTH, AND YOUR
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KERANG RECONCILIATION WEEK Friday 27 May 2022

- 10.00am Flag raising and Reconciliation Walk | Walk commencing from Kerang Council Building, Victoria Street
- 10.15am Walk to **Kerang Memorial Hall (please note venue change)**
- 10.30am Smoking Ceremony & Welcome | Storytelling | Q&A with Elders & Typien Kwe Children's Group | School Poster Exhibition | Signing of Partnership Agreement

Morning Tea provided

27 MAY - 3 JUNE

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION
WEEK 2022**

#NRW2022
NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

This event is funded by Gannawarra Shire Council through the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative.



LET'S GO SKATE WEEKEND

SKATE SESSIONS WITH PRO SKATER RENTON MILLAR

FREE



SATURDAY 28TH MAY

INGLEWOOD SKATE PARK
1PM - 4PM

SUNDAY 29TH MAY

COHUNA SKATE PARK
10AM - 1PM



This is an alcohol, drug and smoke free, safe and supervised event for all ages



CENTRAL VICTORIAN

INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL



MAY 27 - JUNE 3 | WWW.BENDIGO.VIC.GOV.AU

The Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival is back in 2022 to celebrate National Reconciliation Week. Experience a range of films, videos, activities and discussions in local venues and online. This year's festival showcases an exciting range of Indigenous films, documentaries and videos starring and telling stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people from Central Victoria and across Australia.

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Thursday May 26

Winner of the Central Victorian Koorie Youth Flick Fest 2022

Join us at 4.30pm at the Bendigo Library lawn for the opening of the Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. This event will include the announcement and viewing of the winning short film for this year's Koorie Youth Flick Fest.

Time: 4.30pm

Venue: Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Cost: Free

Host: DJAARA

Friday May 27

Djurrpun and other wisdoms

Time: 1pm - 2pm

Venue: Bendigo Science and Technology Discovery Centre

Cost: \$5 per child, adults free

Host: Bendigo Science and Technology Discovery Centre and BDAC

To book: [Follow this link](#)

In My Blood It Runs

Fundraising event to support the community (central to the film) to establish a school in Djuwan's homelands, Mpweringke Anapipe, in the Northern Territory.

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.15pm screening

Venue: Glenlyon Community Hall, Daylesford-Malmsbury Road, Glenlyon

Cost: Entry by donation

Host: Forest Film Society 3461

Saturday May 28

Nyarrn-gakgo mangkie: Voices of First Nations womxn

Time: 2pm

Venue: La Trobe Art Institute, 121 View Street, Bendigo

Cost: Entry by donation

Host: Weenthunga Health Network

To book: [Follow this link](#)

Sunday May 29

Ablaze

Time: 11am

Venue: Theatre Royal, Hargreaves Street, Castlemaine

Cost: Adult \$15, Concession/Loyal Royal Member \$12

Full day pass: Adult \$40, Concession/Loyal Royal Member \$35

Host: Theatre Royal

To book: [Full day pass](#)

Blak Divaz

Time: 2pm

Venue: Theatre Royal, Hargreaves Street, Castlemaine

Cost: Adult \$15, Concession/Loyal Royal Member \$12

Full day pass: Adult \$40, Concession/Loyal Royal Member \$35

Host: Theatre Royal

To book: [Full day pass](#)

Wash My Soul in the River's Flow

Time: 4pm

Venue: Theatre Royal, Hargreaves Street, Castlemaine

Cost: Adult \$15, Concession/Loyal Royal Member \$12

Full day pass: Adult \$40, Concession/Loyal Royal Member \$35

Host: Theatre Royal

To book: [Full day pass](#)



CIVFF acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.