



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



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Education Week

This week we have celebrated Education Week with the theme 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. This week we have had many special events happening.




2 WEEKS
UNTIL MSP PHOTOGRAPHY
VISITS OUR SCHOOL

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

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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The primary students enjoyed their trip to Bendigo on Monday and attended the theatre production 'Are we there yet', the Bendigo Art Gallery and also had fun at the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre. Yesterday students enjoyed comic art with Single Fin and today we have had our walk to school and shared breakfast together. Another great week at Pyramid Hill College!

National Walk Safely to School Day



This morning after gathering at the park we all enjoyed a brisk walk to school. This was followed by a shared healthy breakfast. Thanks to all who participated, it was a great start to the day!



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.

Debutante Ball

2023 is the year of the biannual 'Debutante Ball' and the proposed date is Friday 20th October. We are now calling for an expression of past and present students (aged 15+) who are interested in making their debut. Please note that there is a 10 week lead in with Sunday night trainings before the event and 90% attendance is expected. If interested please collect a letter from the office that further outlines the estimated costs and information regarding this event. Expressions of interest (by both singles and couples) are required to be submitted to the office by Friday 9th June. We will require a minimum of six couples to ensure this event proceeds.



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.



North Central LLEN

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



Victorian reading challenge

WILD ABOUT READING

VICTORIA State Government Department of Education

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

Kerenza Archbold: trying her best to hear sounds in words when writing and for her love of maths.

Hayley Simmons: perseverance and progress with her reading and writing. Doing very well.

Jasper Mutugi: great writing with excellent description.

Olivia Scott: great persistence and challenging herself to complete tasks.

Tristan Broad: always starting his work straight away.



Reading Nights

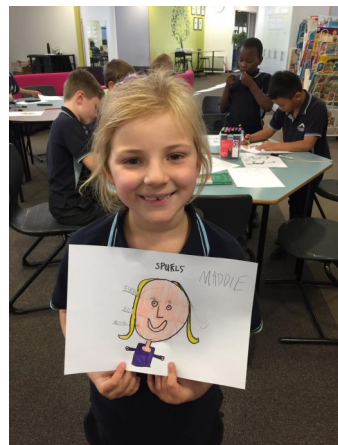
50 Nights: Sophie Pickles

100 Nights: Isabella Kunde, Elsie Poole, Kayde Roberts, Tristan Broad, Thomas Hercott, Athena Wiltshire, Lucy Scott.



Comic Art

Thank you to Mrs Rogers for organising the Comic incursion on Thursday. Students learnt to draw comic people with different expressions. Students were very interested and involved with their own drawing.



Bendigo Excursion



We had a great day on Monday when the Year F-6 set off to Bendigo. Our first stop was the Art Gallery to view the Australian Exhibition, which proved to be fantastic and a real interest to our students. The exhibition of ceramic icy-poles was amazing and every flavour you could think of was on display. We designed our own icy-pole and our guide was very impressed with our pictures. After a snack on the theatre steps, we climbed the steps to take our seats ready for the play "Are we there yet?" This was also very good and our students enjoyed it immensely. After lunch it was time to burn off some energy and make some noise, so we headed to the pool at Kangaroo Flat for a swim and a play at the waterpark. This proved a great way to end a successful day.

Thank you to Peter Miller for driving our bus and to the teachers who accompanied us.

Congratulations to our students for their exceptional behaviour and respecting other people and property, whilst on this excursion.



Next week

Just a reminder that next Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May are curriculum days and students are not required to be at school.

Canberra Camp

The 30th May is time for the next \$150 deposit for those students who have indicated that they are going to Canberra. Thank you if you have already paid this.

SRC Update

The PHC SRC have had a very productive week! On Wednesday we met as a team and celebrated being SRC for 2023. We also took time to brainstorm the many fun activities we'd like to do, think of causes we'd like to support and select a fundraising goal. We are fortunate to have a great team, that shared many ideas and are ready to work for the good of the whole.

A huge thank you to Wendy and Carlene for their exceptional catering skills.

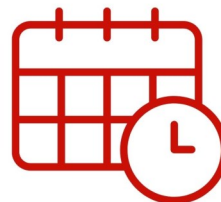


Our next SRC celebration will be held on Wednesday 14th June with a PJ/Flannie Day. Students can have fun and wear PJs or Flannies to school. On this day SRC have requested a gold coin donation going towards 'Do it for Dolly'.

Stay tuned for our French Friday, coming up soon with many French treats to be had for lunch.

First Aid Courses in Pyramid Hill

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



THURSDAY

1ST JUNE

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 have continued work on the garden beds for the Neighbourhood House. We have also worked on projects around the school to improve our yard, this includes the primary bench seats and the chalk board. We got the chalk board joined to the frame and painted it. The HOL crew are also building a scarecrow for the HOL scarecrow competition which is a state wide competition. We have helped out the community by mowing and tidying up the Kindergarten lawn and gardens.

William K



Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

Student of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Chloe Stevens, Olivia King, Cooper Gould, Rylan Chislett and Jasmine Twigg who were our students of the fortnight. These students have demonstrated positive work ethics, thoughtfulness and leadership during term 1 and within the start to term 2. Well done!

Year 9/10 Camp

Thank you to the students who have returned their expression of interest forms, further notes will be distributed shortly including notes from the Bogong school. If students are interested in attending but haven't returned their expression of interest form then they should do this ASAP.

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>

Comic Art

Thank you to Mrs Rogers for organising the Comic Art incursion for our students on Thursday. It was great to hear about Reuben's journey and to look at some of the pieces he has created. The students were able to produce some excellent creations of their own after learning some new skills from Reuben.



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.

mates

mentor assist target engage skills



Students in Year 9 and 10 met with their MATES mentors at Pyramid Hill College on Wednesday 10th May to get to know each other and learn more about their career paths and life experiences. A Panel of mentors, Marie Noelker, Nathan McGann, Chris Cain and Ange Eads answered questions prepared by students about their interests, their first jobs, how they chose their career path and advice to their younger selves. Career paths varied from teaching, nursing, graphic design and science. Students heard comments like, 'Make the most of opportunities that come your way', 'Don't worry so much about what other people think' and 'Be yourself and follow your dreams.'

Mentors and students joined in games such as 'Two Truths and a Lie' introduced by Jed Stewart, 'Kahoots Trivia' introduced by Eloise Walters and Dempsey Lee and 'Group

UNO' introduced by Shamica Castro. There was a lot of laughter and competitive good will. A BBQ tea followed with desert, prepared by students assisted by Mr McCann, Mr Roberts and Mrs Moon.

Mentors in the MATES program are matched with a young person in Year 9 and arrange to meet in their own time, at least once a month, until students move on to another school at the end of Year 10. Students this year have been pro-active in choosing their own mentors and arranging times to meet. We are very fortunate to have a range of caring and committed people in our local community, prepared to give up their time to be part of the MATES mentoring program. By having a positive role model and building mutual respect, mentoring allows young people to gain confidence in themselves and make a lasting connection with a trusted friend, guide, supporter, motivator, advisor, confidant and resource. These are important benefits for students at this stage of their education on the verge of exploring career options, developing their strengths, skills and setting goals and aspirations for the future. The MATES mentoring program at PHC is alive and strong!



Written by Barb Bear, Pathways and Projects, North Central LLEN.

Science

Science inquiry skills provide the structure and processes for which science content can be understood. It allows students to practise essential skills such as observing, predicting, checking, recording, analysing and communicating.



Students in Year 7/8 have conducted science inquiry. We have found out that:

- price does not affect the strength of gladwrap.
- colour does affects the flavour of the food we expect.
- most students enjoy their cordial much stronger than the ratio suggests on container suggested.





Understanding Toddlers

This workshop will give parents and carers of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others.

We will discuss toddler development and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family.

Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group.

✓ Strategies

✓ Support

✓ Understanding

Workshop Details:

Location: Pyramid Hill College, in the BER
97 – 101 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill

Date: Thursday 22nd June, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Arrival: 6:45pm

Register at www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register
or with the QR code above.

This is a FREE single session workshop only delivered by CatholicCare's Regional Parenting Team.

Early registration is encouraged.

Your local contact is Julie Kerr: 0438 336 991

Register:

CatholicCare Victoria

P 03 5438 1300

E bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au

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www.catholiccarevic.org.au

(03) 5438 1300 | 176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550

ENTRY
\$5

Rampant
Raffle
\$2 tickets



INVITATION

Biggest Morning Tea



We are hosting a **Cancer Council** Fundraiser

Thursday 25 May 10.30am at Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

We'd love **you** to come along!

Would you like to bring a small plate to share, or donate something for our Rampant Raffle?

Contact Neighbourhood House on 54557129



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