



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



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May 5th, 2023

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Principal's News

NCD Cross Country



Today selected secondary students competed in the NCD Cross Country at St Arnaud. All students ran well with outstanding performances by Rylan Chislett, third and William Hercott who ran ninth. Well done to all for representing our College in an exceptional manner.

Mother's Day Breakfast

On Tuesday 9th May we are hosting our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. We invite all our mums, grandmothers and special friends to this event. The breakfast begins at 8:30am and we invite you to wear a splash of pink and offer a gold coin to the Breast Cancer Research.

National Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is on 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.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY
Breakfast
Please join us

Tuesday, 9th May, 2023

8.30am onwards

Wear a splash of pink and donate to Breast Cancer

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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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.

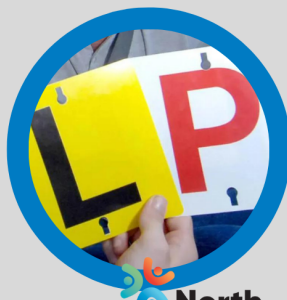
Please find more information regarding this survey attached to this newsletter email.

**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

North
Central
LLEN

Year 9 and 10 MATES

*Welcome to Year 9s
& their new Mentors*

*Games Night and Careers
Q&A on the Couch*

BBQ tea provided

**Wednesday 10th May
6pm – 8.30pm**

Pyramid Hill College
RSVP to: 0477242485
By Monday 1st May



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



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



Lucy Scott: always being a helpful person who tries her best in everything she does.

Ronnie Jessop: trying super hard to “hear sounds in words” when spelling words.

Tia Gould (Year 6 award): coming third in the cross country.

Harry Cain: fantastic effort in the cross country.

Sasha Lobb: great start to term two.

Alice Roberts: putting in effort to read at home and choosing interesting books to read.

Reading Nights

50 Nights

Congratulations to Sasha Lobb, Nevaeh Golding, Edie Gould Kerenza Archbold and Jett Mitchell for 50 nights' reading.



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.

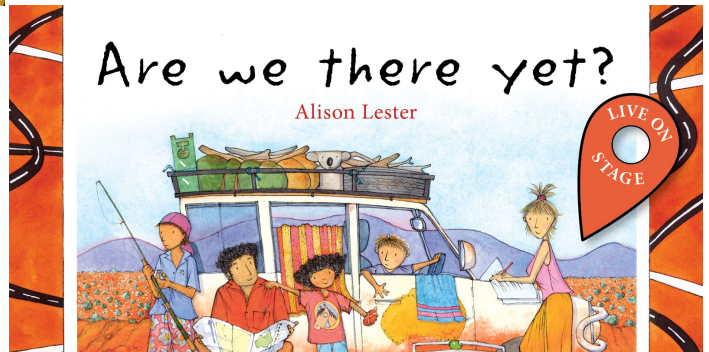
If your family are interested in hosting, please let Joy know in the office.

Sandhurst Cross Country

It was wonderful to see so many students in years 3-6 participate in the Sandhurst Cross Country in Bendigo on Wednesday. Everyone did their very best and ran very well considering the number of students that entered the competition.

Bendigo Excursion-Monday 15th May

We are really looking forward to the excursion to Bendigo on Monday 15th May. Thank you for getting your notes and money in so we could secure the tickets to the performance of “Are we there yet?”



Calder Sports Years 3-6

Just a reminder the notes for the Calder Sports in Boort on Thursday 11th May, need to be returned by 9th May

Mother's Day Breakfast 9th May

We would like to invite all our mothers, grandmothers and special friends to our Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday 9th May at 8.30am, to celebrate and appreciate all that they do for us.

Slippers at School

The weather has turned cold and wet and we are getting students inside with muddy wet shoes. Students can now bring slippers to school to wear inside if they like.



Sandhurst Division Cross

On Wednesday 18 students from Years 3-6 represented the College at the Sandhurst Division Cross Country. In cool conditions students did a fantastic job taking on the challenging Cross Country course around the Bendigo Racecourse. Students from the College were amongst 3000 students who competed on the day.

Our students had the option of competing in the top two divisions Blue (First division) and Red (second division) which had approximately 200 competitors in each division.

Congratulations to the following students who competed on the day:

Blue Division: Thomas Hercott, Isabella Kunde, Brady Gilmore, Olivia Scott, Tia Gould, Sasha Lobb.

Red Division:

Tyler Manton, Kayde Roberts, Tyler Pollard, Harry Cain, Xanthe Farrar, Zeb Gould, Nevaeh Golding, Alice Roberts, Bella Lobb, Athena Wiltshire

Well done to Tia who finished 3rd in the 8 Years Girls event and Isabella Kunde who achieved a top 20 result in the 11 years girls.



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

Today in Hands on Learning, we worked on the Ga Ga Ball Pit, the Neighbourhood House garden beds, the primary seats near the playground and made labels for the stadium.

This week we half-finished another of the garden beds, we cut out more timber for the Ga Ga Ball Pit and mounted some more sides to the frame. We also finished sanding the timber for the playground seats and bolted down the seats for the Primary kids. All that is left is to varnish the seat. We will have to put more timber on the Ga Ga ball pit, put the tin around one of the garden beds and to print off labels and stick them in the stadium.

By Jacobi



Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

NCD Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who participated in the NCD Cross Country in St Arnaud. The students persevered to complete the course and supported one another within their events.

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>

Community Sport and Activities

It has been great to see so many of our PHC students involved in different sports and activities across the region. Furthermore, we have many students who are volunteering within activities such as NetSetGo, Auskick, coaching junior teams, running water/boundary umpiring and performing other roles. Your contribution to the community is greatly appreciated.

Year 9/10 Snow Camp

Expression of interest forms for the year nine and ten snow camp have been distributed. Thank you to the students who have returned their forms. Students interested in going are encouraged to return these forms as soon as possible.

SSV Golf

On Monday Blake and Jed competed in the SSV Secondary Schools Golf Tournament held at Bendigo Golf Club. Both students did a great job navigating the tough greens at the Golf Course against some high-quality competitors. Well done Blake and Jed!



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.

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