

# Pyramid Hill College



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Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School

**Newsletter** November 11th, 2022

## **Diary 2022**

#### November

- Billy Tea Bush Band
  School Council meeting Shocktober
   9/10 First Aid
   National Ag Day - SRC
- 21 Year 6 Dreamseeds Duke of Edinburgh Camp

#### December

- I Year 10 Dinner
- 5 9/10 Work Experience
- 7 Year 6 Lunch
- 12 Presentation Day
- 13 Moving Up Day
- Driver Ed Year 9/10
- 14 F-6 Bendigo Trip

Foundation/Year 7 Transition Next transition dates are as follows:

Monday, Nov 14th. Monday, Nov 21st. Monday, Nov 28th. Foundation 9-11am Year 7 2-3.20 Tuesday, 13th Dec Foundation & Year 7 9am -3.20pm

# 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

Learn

#### Remembrance Day



Thank you to St Patrick's school for hosting the Remembrance Day ceremony today. Our school captains Kaitlin and Jacob represented the school at this service which was livestreamed to students and staff at the College.



#### National Ag Day

Students in multi age groups are busy preparing for the inaugural scarecrow building competition which will be a feature of our National Ag Day next Friday, 18th November.



#### **Elevate Education**

Today students in Years 7-10 will participate in a study skills session run by Elevate Education. The sessions were high impact workshops which help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation and build confidence. Students participated in the following workshops: Year 7-Study Skills Kick Start Year 8- Time Management

Year 9/10-Memory Mnemonics

Parent Information Session

**Elevate Coaching: Free Parent Webinar Series** 

Elevate Coaching are offering parents the opportunity to register for a free Webinar. Please find information regarding the webinars below.

The webinars are held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings. Parents and guardians can go to https:// get.elevatecoaching.info/au/register to register.

#### FREE PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

#### **REGISTER NOW**

Elevate is an award-winning organisation that has been working with your child's school to help them become more effective learners. We realise that these are challenging times. Your child's ability to self-motivate, manage their time and prepare effectively will be a crucial factor to guarantee their success over this academic year.

Join us for our exclusive webinar series where we will show you - as parents - how to best support your child through school.



# **Lost Property**

We are accumulating quite a lot of lost property, especially school jackets and food/drink containers. These are all unnamed so it is impossible to return them to their rightful owners.

Please contact the office if you think they are yours.

Please make sure every item is labelled.

#### **Student Medication**

lust a reminder that all student medication must be handed into the office and signed in by parents.

#### **Student Mentors**

Students in Year 10 participated in a peer coaching session in Physical Education with the younger students in Year Foundation and One.







NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH



NDCH are asking the community to donate non-perishable food and toys which will be shared with local vulnerable people this Christmas.

#### Items to donate include

- Non Perishable Foods: New toys: • Arts & Craft Canned Fruit & Vegetables
  - Board Games Dolls Canned Puddings Canned Meat & Fish,
  - Baby Toys
  - Sports Equipment
- Jams & Spreads, Tea & Coffee Musical Instruments
   Rice & Pasta

NDCH

DONATION POINTS



## Year F-6 News

#### **Foundation Transition**

On Monday Year F/I welcomed our two new Foundation students for 2023. Amelia and Libby came for the morning to experience a taste of school life. They coped very well and enjoyed the morning doing art, learning the letter "S" and exploring the school. We look forward to their visit once again next Monday.



#### **Billy Tea Bush Band**

The Billy Tea Bush Band is finally coming to Pyramid Hill College on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, after many cancellations due to Covid and flooding. The students will participate in some bush dancing classes throughout the day with St Pat's joining us. They can then return for tea at 5.30pm followed by Bush Dancing with parents. It is always a great night when we have had the band before. No experience is necessary, the band will call the dances and the students will have learnt them during the day. The cost is \$5 per person which covers the entertainment and meal. A note has been sent home with the oldest in the family to order tea for catering purposes.

We hope to see you all there.

#### <u>Shocktober</u>

Shocktober is the name given to the activities of learning how to do CPR and ring for an ambulance to save someone's life. This was supposed to be in October but once again cancelled due to the floods.

Ambulance Victoria and the local CERT members will be coming to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, to teach our students how to do CPR and also teach them how to ring for an ambulance. These are very important skills to learn.

### **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.

#### Workers of the Week



**Jasper Mutugi:** progressing well with his reading and writing.

**Hayley Simmons:** trying her best with her reading and writing.

Mitch Quaife: working well and staying on task.

**Ronnie Jessop:** being a fantastic signer in Auslan and recalling many signs.

**Charlotte Pickles:** working on improving her work, especially her graphic novel. Great effort!

#### **Reading Nights**



**250 Nights:** Lilly Broad, Tristan Broad **200 Nights:** Maddie Leerson, Jamison Walters.

#### Classroom Cup

Congratulations to Year 2/3 for winning this week's cup.



# Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

#### **Student of the Fortnight**

Congratulations to Olivia King, William Hercott, Kobi Manton and Shamica Castro who received awards for student of the fortnight. Olivia received her award for her positive contribution to class, William for demonstrating initiative and leadership, Kobi for being kind and consistent with his work ethic and Shamica for supporting her peers with their work in class. Congratulations to our award winners and thank you to those who completed nomination forms.

#### **Transition Days**

It was excellent to have Ivee Rian and Gillian from St Patrick's attend their first transition day this week at the College. Current Year 10 students have commenced their transition days and will have more days upcoming. Thank you to Mr McCann for his efforts in organising these.

#### Work Experience (Year 9 & 10)

Work experience for Year 9 and 10 students is rapidly approaching and is from Monday  $5^{th}$  December to Friday  $9^{th}$  December. In the coming weeks students will be completing their safe @ work modules and the required work experience forms. If students are having difficulty organising a placement they should contact Mr Roberts or Barb Bear. Thank you to Barb for her efforts within this space.

#### Camps

The major Duke of Edinburgh camp will be from Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>-Tuesday November 22nd, notes have been distributed this week and students should return them to the office ASAP. Next year will see a surf based camp for Year 7 & 8 students in mid-February (please note the change from March) and a snow based camp for Year 9 & 10 students at the end of June. More details regarding these will come out shortly.

#### HoL

The HoL team started projects this week which are presents for their family members at Christmas time. The students took great pride in their projects and will be making more presents over the coming weeks. Students also completed work on the bike track bridge, cleaning up around the Ga Ga pit, mowing at the kindergarten, renovating the basketball rings and completing some edging around the school. The HoL team will also be assisting the Neighbourhood House in making some raised garden beds.



## SRC Update

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is National Ag Day.

PHC is celebrating all that is rural. A fun day to be had! On the day, wear your 'best' farm gear and join in the activities.

Prizes given for:

Best farm hat

Most mozzie proof farm gear.

Most farmer looking outfit

Guess how many tractors in the toolbox (you might even win the toolbox!)

Students will also participate in a scarecrow building competition, working together to create the scariest, most colourful and importantly structurally sound scarecrow. If you have any items to donate towards these creations, please send them along.



We are also hosting a special lunch for our PHC farmers: please let Joy know if you can attend. See advert page 5.

# Check in on kids and teens

Provide support to the children and young people in your life.

- Listen and show empathy to their worries or concerns.
- Encourage them to spend time with friends and family.
- Limit their access to media coverage and join them in enjoyable activities:
  - playing board games
  - cooking
  - colouring in

It's okay to feel stress from an emergency. Support is available. Flood Recovery Hotline: 1800 560 760 NDCH: (03) 5451 0200

# Billy Tea Bush Band

All family & community members welcome.



Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 5.30-6.30pm BBQ tea Followed by bush dancing & fun from 6.30-8.00pm Cost: \$5 a person

(BBQ Tea, Salads & Entertainment) Dress in your Aussie bush gear.

For catering purposes, please contact Pyramid Hill College with numbers.

# National Ag Day 2022

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Pyramid Hill College invites our local farmers to join them for lunch to celebrate National Ag Day. Please come along at 1pm – 2pm to mingle with students and enjoy lunch on us. Please RSVP to Joy 54557377 to let her know you are attending by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Buloke, Loddon & Gannawarra Shire's

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eaturing performances by

ELIAS LANYON DEAKEN FAWCETT

Acknowledging the leadership, creativity, resillience and teamwork by youth in the Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra Shires.

**Presentation Evening** December 9th 2022 Boort Memorial Hall



To nominate head to: https://forms.gle/3aVzyKJPnnNTCzXK6

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# Any Questions? Molly Meadows

Email: m.meadows@ncllen.org.au Nominations Open September 9th Closing Late November 2022



