



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



Newsletter

November 17th, 2023

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20 Final Day of school

SRC French Friday Friday, 24th November

**Dress up theme is
Fun and Funky**

Food orders went out this week.

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

Remembrance Day



Last Friday, the Year 10 students led a very moving Remembrance Day service where we paid tribute to our servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for us to live in a free nation. Our students actively participated in many ways. The Year F/1 class placed a poppy on a memorial board to remember each local soldier who lost their life in conflict. The Year 2/3 students reflected on the significance of Remembrance Day and the Year 5/6 class shared with us their knowledge gained through researching the many symbols of war. The Year 7/8 class read out their poems that had been written in their English class. The Year 9 students attended to the flag raising and reading the Ode and 'On Flander's Fields'. Special thanks to the Year 7/8 Community Connection class who added many special touches to the service, such as poppies, ANZAC biscuits and paintings. All students were incredibly respectful and carried out their role with pride. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Transition Programs

On Monday we were delighted to welcome twelve preschool students who had a lovely time exploring the classroom. It was certainly a busy room with many exciting activities undertaken, including working on the letter 's' which was associated with the dreaded slippery snake!

We also were fortunate to have three St Patrick's students come up for the afternoon and enjoy a high school Art session with Mrs Tuddenham and the Year 6 students.

We look forward to next Monday where the 2024 Year 7 students will experience a Physical Education session.

BYOD Program

In 2024 the College will continue with the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for Year 7-10 students. If parents are purchasing a device we ask that you please check our BYOD specifications requirements below so the device is able to connect to our network and be serviced by our technician.

Whilst we encourage parents to purchase a device for their Year 7-10 students, we will once again have a limited supply of devices that students may borrow for classroom use only. These devices will not be allowed to be taken home.

The school will continue to provide iPads or netbooks for Year F-6 students. These school owned devices will not be allowed to be taken home.

To help students and parents with purchasing their BYOD the school suggest some specification for notebooks (allowing parents to shop about, especially during 'sales time'.)

Suggested Notebook Specification:

- Operating System: Windows 10 or newer
- CPU: Intel i3, equivalent or better
- RAM/Memory: 8GB or more
- Storage: 128GB SSD (Solid State Drive) or larger.
- Screen Size: 11 inches or larger
- Suggested warranty of 2 years or more
- A Laptop Bag is essential
- Battery life of 8hrs or more
- AntiVirus software is required before computers are allowed on the school's wireless network

Students are able to access a free copy of Microsoft Office 365 by using their edupass @schools email address. <https://www.office.com/>

Pyramid Hill College

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End of Year Breakup

MENTORS, STUDENTS & FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

6-8PM

BAREFOOT BOWLS

& BBQ TEA PROVIDED

PYRAMID HILL BOWLING CLUB)

RSVP BARB BEAR 0477 242 485

Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mrs Moon for organising our Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday. The students who spoke and completed roles within the ceremony were excellent, well done to everyone involved.

Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Camp

The Duke of Ed major camp for year ten students will be in Daylesford from Thursday November 30th to Friday December 1st. Students will be planning meals and their sleeping arrangements within class. Permission notes went out today.

Work Experience

Work experience for year nine and ten students will be from Monday November 4th to Friday November 8th. Students will be completing safe at work modules at school. Thank you to Barb Bear for her work in organising placements for the students.

Lifeguard Positions at Loddon Shire Swimming Pools



Free lifeguard courses are being offered in Bendigo or Kerang for anyone interested in working at Loddon swimming pools over the Summer.

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER and SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER from 10am – 5pm.

Call Tim 0409961141 or email

tfree@belgravialeisure.com.au by 5pm Monday, November 20th, 2023.

This casual position is responsible for working as part of a committed team to deliver a high quality, safe customer focused service to the patrons of local swimming pools.

Hands on Learning (HoL)

The team visited Silverwood Cherries on Thursday and we were able to see the process of growing, harvesting and marketing cherries. We were able to eat cherries straight from the trees and they were a big hit amongst the group. Thank you to Tara for guiding our group and allowing us to visit during harvest season and to Genevieve for driving the bus. The team were treated to some hot chips for lunch; next week will see the team visit Pyramid Salt.



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.

Year F-6 News

Foundations 2024 Orientation



We welcomed the Foundation students for 2024 for their first orientation on Monday. We learnt about the letter “S”, and made a snake. They enjoyed some morning tea and then we went out for a play on the new playground. Thank you to this year’s Foundation students who helped the 2024 Foundations settle in. We will look forward to welcoming them back at school on Monday 20th of November.

Canberra Camp.

The nine students going to Canberra have received a note with the itinerary, medical note, and what you need to take. Please make sure the medical note is returned by 22/11/23 and all money has been paid by the departure date

Head Lice

We have had a number of students with head lice, can you please check your child’s hair and make sure long hair is tied up. We will endeavour to do have a head check in the coming week.

Jewellery

Please don’t wear jewellery and fake nails to school, it is not part of our uniform policy. Students are allowed a watch and stud earrings.

Palmer’s Gym



We are so lucky to have Emma from Palmer’s Gym back again today to put us through our paces. Once again, we had so much fun. Thank you to Mr McCann for organising it. Next time we see Emma will be in Bendigo at Palmer’s Gym for a morning of fun on Wednesday 13th December.

Workers of the Week



Brady Gilmore: experimenting with tightening the tension in his writing.

Isabella Kunde: always using manners and offering to help others.

Edie Gould: sharing and caring with her dolls and prams.

Amara Dizon, Libby Martin & Amelia Stevens: helping with the 2024 Foundation students.

Ronnie Jessop: picking up rubbish in the yard without being asked.

Reading Awards



150 Nights: Sophie Pickles and Zeb Gould,

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year F/1 on winning the Classroom Cup.