



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



Newsletter

November 24th, 2023

Diary 2023

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**Canberra Camp
Leaving 7am
from the College..
Monday, 27th November**

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

Community Connection



This week the Year 8 students have assisted the Progress Association with top dressing the parks area in town. The students showed a great enthusiasm, strong work ethic and pride as they contributing to making Pyramid Hill a better place. Let's hope that our parks are open soon. Research shows that there is strong correlation between connection to community and a positive mental health.



Booklists 2024

Booklist information will be sent home with students on Tuesday. If you have any questions, or if you do not receive your information, please ring the school office and speak to Joy. This year the primary school stationery package being sourced through Kerang Computers will need to be completed online by 8th December. Information regarding payment of parent contributions will be included in the packs. Invoices will be sent home at the beginning of 2024 so no payment needs to be now.

CSEF (Camp/Excursion) Money

Any family who applied for the excursion money with their Health Care Card, will be pleased to know that any money still attached to their children at the end of 2023 will be rolled over into their family accounts for 2024. New Health card holders will be eligible for the CSEF upon lodgement of an application in 2024. Please see Joy in the office who can help you with information about this.

School Bus Program

2024 applications have now been processed, and families should have received an e-mail notification.

For families that did not receive an e-mail, please request they check their 'junk' folder, or request they contact us to check that we have their correct e-mail address on file.

For most students they will have received a travel offer on the same bus as 2023, and all will look the same as previous years.

Some students may have been allocated to a different bus based on their eligibility priority/ the number of applications to be accommodated on the 'original bus'

Families can e-mail us with a request to be accommodated as per their 2023 approval, and we will accommodate this where possible

Some families may initially be waitlisted, as allocations are finalised. This list is reviewed daily and, as soon as a seat become available, the family will receive a travel offer.

Families do not need to take any further action for a waitlisted application.

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/>

End of year events

The year is quickly coming to a close and with that comes a myriad of events. Please place the relevant dates on your calendar.

Monday 4th December – Friday 8th December:- Year 9/10 Work Experience -Year 10 final week at school

Wednesday 29th November:- Year 10 Dinner 6pm start

Wednesday 6th November:- Year 6 Lunch 12:30pm start

Monday 11th December:- Presentation Night 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday 12th December:- Moving Up Day.

SRC

Today was French Friday. Students were asked to dress up in French or funky outfits and French food was the order of the day. Thanks to Mrs Cain and the SRC team for a great day. Thanks also to Alison Farrar for the delicious eclairs.



Good Readers Read Daily

Research has shown that students who read daily do better at school.
All primary students have a reader to read at home each night, so it is important to make sure this is occurring and logged in to their diaries and reader log books.

Chaplain's Chat

An important part of adolescence is finding independence through forming your own identity. This takes not only time but bravery because of the vulnerability required to put yourself in new situations for exploring your talents – however this is so important because developing an individual identity is not just about finding out what you like or are good at, it also involves discovering what you're not drawn to, or interested in, and being okay with that. New experiences and challenges are certainly more trying for some than others, however equally important for all. When we step out in bravery, we may discover something we never knew about ourselves and learn more about who we want to be and how we want to live. And this is vital for becoming our own person.

Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

Transition

The year sixes along with Lily, Reece and Jores from St Patrick's have been completing trial sessions in preparation for year seven next year. The year ten students have been completing transition days at both Cohuna and Boort over the last few weeks, thank you to Mr McCann for his work within this space.

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 have been planning meals and their sleeping arrangements within class. If you have any questions regarding the camp, please contact Mr Roberts.

Work Experience

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

Year Ten Dinner

We look forward to the year ten dinner next week, thank you to Bu Gould for all her work in organising the event.

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.

Hands on Learning (HoL)

This week the team joined in on the Hands on Learning celebration, where they watched all the submissions of a project they were proud of, from all over Australia.

They then followed up with an excursion to the Pyramid Hill Salt farm where they were given a tour and demonstrations of how it all worked.



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

Canberra Camp

The Canberra Camp is next week with nine students and Mr O'Connor boarding the bus on Monday 27th November and returning on Friday 1st December.

Just a reminder that students need to be at Pyramid Hill College at 7.00am.

Students need to take lunch, snacks and drink bottle for the first day, as Tea on Monday night is the first meal provided.

Spending money for the camp is \$100 maximum.

You can take a small pillow on the bus.

Digital devices are taken at your own risk, teachers are not responsible for these. Phones are not to be taken on camp.

2024 Foundations



On Monday we welcomed back our 2024 Foundations for the morning, as part of our transition program. They are settling in to school really well. This week we learnt about the letter "R" and made reindeer hats for Christmas. On Monday 27th November the Foundations for 2024 will return for the morning once again. On Tuesday 12th December the foundations will come for the whole day as part of moving up day. We look forward to seeing them again.

Year 6 Lunch

The year six lunch will be Wednesday 6th December at Pyramid Hill College at 12.30 pm.

Parents and students will be given an official invitation.

Workers of the Week



Lucy Scott: helpful nature and excellent work ethic.

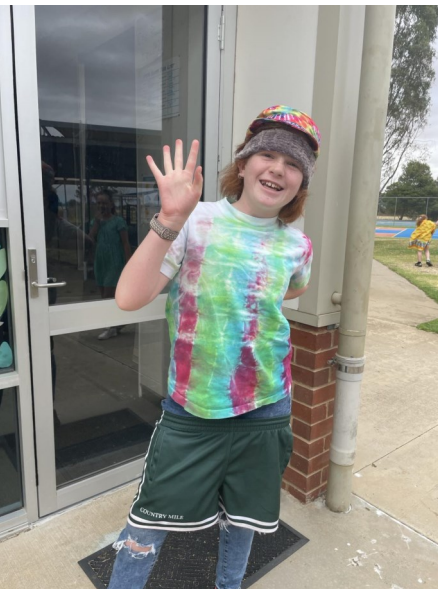
Maddie Leerson: wonderful writing and reading.

Libby Martin: helping with our new foundation students.

Kayde Roberts: being an enthusiastic learner.

Lilly Broad: good questions and participation during reciprocal reading.

Funky French Friday



LODDON LIGHTS UP ORANGE

16 Days of Activism Campaign

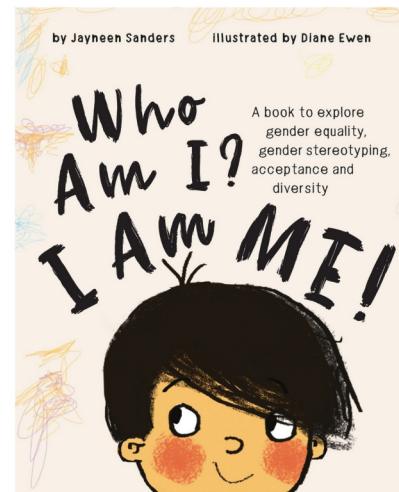
25 Nov-10 Dec

Each year Loddon Lights up Orange for the 16 days of Activism campaign against gender-based and family violence to raise awareness and say 'NO' to family violence. The campaign runs from 25 Nov to 10 Dec.

Rigid beliefs and thinking about men and women's roles and stereotypes are a key contributor to violence. You can make a difference by having conversations with the children and people in your life - that it doesn't matter what gender they are, they can like, do or be whatever they want. Together we can create a community where everyone is safe, equal and respected.

Books that can help support these conversations:

- > **Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
- > **No Difference Between Us** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **Who Am I? I Am Me!** by Jayneen Sanders
- > **Hunting for Dragons** by Bruce Whatley
- > **I am Enough** by Grace Byers
- > **I Could Be, You Could Be** by Karen Owen
- > **Jacob's New Dress** by Sarah and Ian Hoffman
- > **Made by Raffi** by Craig Pomranz
- > **Introducing Teddy** by Jessica Walton
- > **My Princess Boy** by Cheryl Kilodav
- > **Pearl Fairweather Pirate Captain** by Jayneen Sanders
- > **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch



Visit your local Library service to borrow books that promote boys and girls as equals or win one below.

Activities happening locally for Loddon Lights up Orange

- Pre-Launch at Boort District School on the 24th of November
- Walk Against Family Violence. Saturday 25 November, starting at 8am as part of Nolen's Park Parkrun.
- BDH are facilitating an awareness marquee in town on December 1st as part of our 16 Days, with NDCH's giant games
- Empower Her event, Friday 8 December, starting at 10am at Jen's on George Cohuna. Bookings essential. Call NDCH 5451 0200 or visit our Facebook page

SAFE + EQUAL



RESPECT WOMEN CALL IT OUT

