



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



Newsletter

November 25th, 2022

Diary 2022

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Principal's News

National Ag Day



Reminder

Music Lessons
Term 4 fees are
now due and
payable to the
office or by direct
deposit.

Foundation/Year 7 Transition

Next transition dates are as follows:

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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Thank you to our generous businesses who donated terrific prizes for our Ag Day, our students really appreciated them.

To top off the week we had two top quality shirts donated by the local earth moving business Corian Park. These were awarded to:

Ellesha Fergusson:- for modelling the school values in all facets of her life, displaying 'initiative' in all areas, showing great leadership skills, demonstrating a strong work ethic and having a great attitude to life in general!

James Hercott:- for demonstrating an outstanding commitment in the Ag area and for showing great leadership with younger students.

Fiona Moon
Principal

Year F-6 News

Workers of the Week



Lucy Scott: always working hard to improve her reading and writing.

Tobias Wiltshire: “stepping up” with his writing this week.

Olivia Scott: working hard on her spelling word sentences.

Alice Roberts: great estimating in maths.

Ruby Roberts (Year 6): always using really good manners.

Fletcher Cain: fantastic results in spelling.

Bella Lobb: trying her best in maths.

Reading Nights



200 Nights: Matt Policarpio and Ruby Roberts

250 Nights: Isabella Kunde

Pyramid Hill College is a “Child Safe” School.

**We are committed to the safety, participation
and empowerment of all children**

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year 2/3 on winning this week's Classroom Cup.

Bendigo Reward Trip

As a part of activities week an excursion to Bendigo has been organised for the Year F-6 students. They will be attending Palmer's Gym and then Years F-5 are going to the movies, whilst the Year 6 students are off to Breakout Bendigo. The Year F-5 students have the opportunity to order popcorn and a drink at the movies. A note has been sent home today.

Library Books

As we wind up the year, please make sure all library books are returned to school. These need to be returned by Thursday 8th December at the latest.

Calendar for December

A calendar with the days and the things students need each day will be sent home on Friday.



**Hats are now
compulsory for
all students.
Replacement hats are
available
at the office for \$12**

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 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

2023 Booklists

The Year 7-10 booklists will be distributed soon. Just to give parents notice below is a list of the novels which will need to be purchased.

Year 7/8: Things a Map Won't Show You: Stories from Australia and Beyond by Susan La Marca, Pam Macintyre – some copies maybe available from current Year 8 students or can be obtained from Collins Bookstore Echuca – notice must be given to order them in.

Year 9: Novel: Maus Graphic Novel by Art Spiegelman – 7 available second hand from the College @ \$12 – online Booktopia \$27.50 or bookstores. Please allow time for stores to order them in.

Year 10: The Crucible by Arthur Miller copies available from current year 10 students (can be obtained from Collins Bookstore, Echuca or online)

Senior Meeting

We had a group meeting on Thursday to celebrate some of our recent successes within class (student engagement and productiveness) but to also remind students to clear their table at the end of the day and to return borrowed equipment. Students who consistently leave their table in the expected way will receive hill climbers for their effort. It is important that we look after our equipment and facilities at the College.

Work Experience, Mates and Driver Ed

Work experience for Year 9 and 10 students is from Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December. Students will be completing their safe @ work modules at school and will need to have their work experience forms completed. If students are having difficulty organising a placement they should contact Mr Roberts or Barb Bear. Thank you to Barb for her efforts in assisting with the organisation of placements and for her efforts within the Mates program. This weekend sounds like a great day for the students and their mentors. Driver Ed for Year 9 and 10 students will be on Tuesday December 13th, notes will be distributed shortly for this day.



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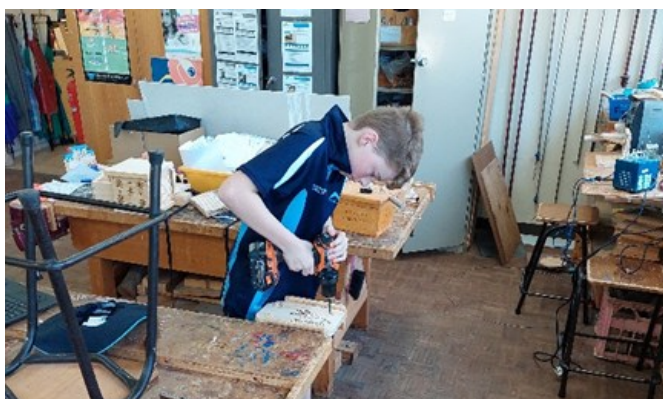
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Hands on Learning

We were very lucky to have Wendy in class on Thursday to demonstrate the procedure of making Christmas jam to the HoL group. The group will look at decorating the jars next week, thank you to Wendy for her assistance within this process. Other projects this week included trialling a fruit fly net within the orchard and placing bird netting on the cherry tree outside of the staffroom. Students also continued on the Ga Ga pit, fixed the table tennis table, straightened the basketball rings, mowed and edged at the pre school garden, decorated their candles, designed raised garden beds and continued on their cheese boards. We were treated to BBQ chicken wings, corn and Turkish bread for lunch, thank you to Helen, Wendy and Jamison for making this delicious food.



Duke of Edinburgh Camp

Seven students along with Mr Roberts and Miss Fox headed to Hepburn Regional Park and Mount Franklin. A great time was had by all with many challenging activities were conquered. Here is an account by Mia Braun.



On November 21, six Year 10 students and one Year 9 student went on their final camp to complete the Duke of Edinburgh award. As a collective, the students decided that for their final camp, they would go camp and do activities in Daylesford for a total of two whole days. The first day of camp started off to a rocky start, with a piercingly cold temperature of 8 degrees Celsius. After driving for two hours with Miss Fox and Mr Roberts driving two separate cars, they arrived at Boomerang Ranch.

At this Ranch, the students and teachers would go and ride horses through the muddy terrain, with a slight hint of hail to welcome them. During horse riding, one of the participants, Josephine's, horse decided to go off the beaten path and go under a tree, which led to Josephine having to limbo underneath the branches. After that, they went to Sailor Falls to have a quick lunch before bushwalking to Jubilee Lake. But something quite unexpected happened when they arrived at the Lake. When they popped out of the cars, a peacock came to greet them. And it turns out, there were around five peacocks just roaming around the lake! Anyways, once they walked around the entire lake (and getting muddy shoes and wet socks to boot) they went on a walk around another lake called Daylesford Lake.

With two separate cars and a busy town, Miss Fox and her crew of students got lost and had to refer to Google Maps. Luckily for them, Mr Roberts sent them his location, saving them driving around, trying to find where they were, only for them to be somewhere slightly obvious. This was the first and last time the participants would carry their hiking packs, which was a blessing due to the tracks being incredibly slippery, muddy and wet. After walking for around an hour, they returned back to the cars and made their way to the Chocolate Mill. Although the prices were quite steep for a couple grams of chocolate, one of the participants, Tayah, was able to get her "special chocolate" that she has been excited to get since the planning of the Daylesford camp.

Once the day was coming to a close, the group decided to camp at Lake Jubilee, since the original location for camping (Mt Franklin) was unsuitable, since it was raining on and off the entire day. Thereafter, the group set up their tents and went to cook up their dinner, which was interrupted by the surrounding peacocks, the Trangias being slow to heat up and a kookaburra stealing some of Miss Fox's garlic. To end the long and eventful day, the campers went inside to play a few card games and eat some of Miss Fox's delicious smores.

