



# Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



## Newsletter

October 13th, 2023

### Diary 2023

#### October

- 16 School Council Meeting
- 17 Dental Van visit - cancelled
- 19 5/6 Cricket - Boort
- 20 Palmer's Gym @ PHC  
Deb Ball
- 23-24 Duke of Ed camp
- 25 Shocktober visit
- 27 Palmer's Gym
- 31 Canberra payment due

#### November

- 6 Curriculum Day - no students
- 7 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 13 St Pat's Orientation Day
- 16-17 Duke of Ed Camp

### Principal's News

#### Debutante Ball

Excitement is building with just seven sleeps to go before the social event of the year. With just two practice sessions to go the students are almost there in terms of their dancing skills. We had a terrific practice with the parent/special person last week, and am happy to say they were very light on their feet. Thanks to Joanne Dehne and John Hawken for their teaching of the dances.

Each school family should have received their catering note requesting food items. Thank you in advance for your contribution. If we have any parents able to help out in the kitchen either Friday morning or in the evening at the event, it will be appreciated, so please let Joy know.

Tickets for the 'Deb Ball' are available from the school office, so I encourage you to mark this date on the calendar as it will be one event not to be missed.

#### Volleyball/Netball



The Year 9/10 students had a terrific afternoon on Wednesday as they tested out their volleyball and netball skills against the East Loddon teams. Thanks to the students and staff from East Loddon who made this possible. Our students certainly enjoyed playing the sports and also socialising and making new friendships.

#### Dental Van Visit Cancelled

We have been advised that the Dental Van will not be visiting on 17th October. They are experiencing staff shortages. We are looking into another provider and we will keep you all posted.

#### Student Free Days

Please be advised that there will be a Report Writing day for staff on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Students are not required to attend school on these dates

**Fiona Moon,**  
Principal.

## Term 4

### Music Lessons

are now due and payable  
to the office or by  
direct deposit.

### 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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# Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

## Students of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Rian Pantig, Sophie Gilmore, Eloise Walters and Blake Gibson who were our students of the fortnight. Rian received her award for being a supportive friend, Sophie for her commitment to her homework, Eloise for her contributions to class discussions and Blake for using his class time productively. Well done!

## East Loddon Sports Afternoon



We hosted year nine and ten students from East Loddon for a sports afternoon on Wednesday. A modified game of mixed volleyball and netball were played. The games were played in good spirit between the schools and the students mixed well. Thank you to Dean Young and the East Loddon staff for organising the activities.

## Camps

The Duke of Edinburgh practice camp for year ten students will occur in week four of this term (October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), information regarding this has been sent out. Students need to return their permission notes ASAP.

# HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

This week in HOL, students continued maintenance on the GaGa Pit which involved cleaning out rubbish, levelling out the sand, continuing on with a sign for the GaGa Pit and fixing the boards around the Pit. We also worked on the frame for the corn hole game and almost got that finished, which should nearly be finished in the next week or two. The other project that we worked on this week was cooking Tacos for lunch for everyone.



## **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

### Year F/I Zoo Excursion



Everyone was up and assembled early at school on Monday morning ready for the trip to the Melbourne Zoo. St Pat's students and staff also accompanied us. We stopped at Marong for a quick playlunch, toilet stop and to pick up the Mr O'Connor and Mr McCann.

After a few "Are we there yet?" we finally arrived at the zoo for the day. It was beautiful weather and we set off as a group to look at all the animals. The baby elephants, giraffes, monkeys and the lions were amongst the favourites. We all enjoyed the butterfly enclosure, which was very hot. The seals put on a show for us and had the students squealing with laughter as they did their acrobatics in the water and tried to bite their hands through the glass.



In no time it was time to go through the zoo shop to spend our money. The man in the shop was impressed with the students' behaviour and he told me I had to put in our newsletter that "our kids are the most well behaved and polite students he has had in a long time. Then we got on the bus to start heading home and waved goodbye to the Year 2-6 students and teachers as they headed to The Beach Camp at Queenscliff for two days. A highlight on these days is always tea at Mc Donald's or KFC at Calder on the way home.

We arrived home tired but we all had a fantastic day.

Thank you to Peter our bus driver, Kerry and Mary-Anne from St Pat's and Mr O'Connor and Mrs Burke for accompanying the students.

### Beach Camp

The students and teachers headed to the beach camp at Queenscliff after the zoo. They went to the marine centre and went beach combing in the rock pools, to learn about the sea creatures and seaweeds in the area. In the afternoon they put on wet suits for a session of boogie boarding with the people from "Go Ride A Wave". This proved to be lots of fun.



That night they dined at Lombardy's Restaurant and enjoyed pizza and ice-cream. Thank you to Paul from Lombardy's for providing the meals for the camp, it was amazing.

The final day saw everyone up early, packed and travel back to Melbourne to the Shrine of Remembrance and then to the Aquarium for a guided tour.

A big thank you needs to go to Peter Miller the bus driver. Nothing is ever a problem for him to make the trip a success for our students.

Also a huge thank you needs to the staff who accompanied the students John and Bianca from St Pat's and Mr McCann, Mrs Cain, Mr Morison and Wendy.

### Pre-School Visit

On Tuesday morning we were very pleased and excited to have the pre-school students and teachers visit our school for the morning as part of the transition program and because we like to see them come and mix with our students. They listened to the story "Looking for Crabs" and made a little crab before heading to our new playground for a play. We can't wait for them to visit next time on the 13<sup>th</sup> November for the morning.



### Year 5/6 Cricket

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the year 4/5/6 students are heading to Boort to play cricket. The notes went out today and need to be returned by Tuesday, 17th October please.



# Year F-6 News

## Workers of the Week



**Aser Mohamed:** helping with the pre-school children on Tuesday.

**Amara Dizon:** coping very well on the zoo excursion.

**Ruby Roberts:** for her energy and kindness and love of learning. Keep it up.

**Libby Martin:** excellent reading and using strategies to improve.

**Thomas Hercott:** showing leadership on the school camp.

**Tyler Manton:** showing leadership on the school camp.

**Ruby Mitchell:** showing leadership on the school camp.

**Charlotte Pickles:** showing leadership on the school camp.

**Jasper Mutugi:** going well on his first school camp.

**Olivia Scott:** going well on her first school camp.

**Zeb Gould:** going well on his first school camp.

**Tobias Wiltshire:** being a great group person and a super support to others on camp.

**Bella Lobb:** fantastic reading and moving beautifully through levels. Well done.

## Reading Nights



**250 Nights:** Athena Wiltshire, Max Twigg, Lucy Scott.

**150 Nights:** Alice Roberts.

## Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year 4/5/6 on winning this week's Classroom Cup.

## **Missing Spare Hats**

Could parents please check to see if their child has one of our spare hats. They have SPARE written on the inside of them.

Students are reminded that hats must be worn outside. Students need to find their missing hats as we have no spare ones to lend.



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



**JUNIOR COACHING**

Friday afternoons  
10 weeks 6th Oct - 8 Dec  
with Coach Paul Condliffe

Contact Alison for more info  
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# Pyramid Hill College

## Debutante Ball



FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER  
Memorial Hall, Pyramid Hill  
Doors open at 7pm  
Debutantes presented at 8pm

Book your ticket at Pyramid Hill College

\$50 Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)

\$20 Single

\$12 Secondary Student/Pensioner

\$7 Primary Student

Supper Included