



### Diary 2023

#### October

31 Canberra payment due

#### November

3 House Athletics  
6 Curriculum Day - no students  
7 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
8 School Council  
Boort District School Orientation  
13 St Pat's Orientation Day  
16-17 Duke of Ed Camp  
27-1/12 Canberra Camp  
29 Year 10 Dinner

#### December

4-8 Year 9/10 work experience  
11 Presentation Night  
12 Moving Up Day  
13 Activities Day, Bendigo  
14 Activities at PHC  
15 Pool Day  
18 Interview Day  
19 Curriculum Day  
20 Final Day of school

### Principal's News

#### Deb Ball



What an amazing night as we celebrated our young people on this special occasion. It was wonderful to see our ex students still really connected and the sense that they were back on 'home' turf. Our trainers Jo and John were sensational and I am thankful for their contribution and effort in teaching our students to dance. A special thank you to the Pyramid Hill College staff and students who assisted in so many ways and also to our school families who provided supper and assisted in the morning and the evening in the kitchen with the preparation and serving. This tradition continues to be significant and a very special time for our Pyramid Hill College students and the community!

#### Athletics Friday November 3rd

On Friday students at the College and St Pat's will participate in the House Athletics. Information for day:

- Students in Years 3-10 can go directly to Mitchell Park at the start of the day (buses will drop students at Mitchell Park).
- Students in Years F-2 will participate in normal classes at school from 9am-11.20am, they will then be transported to Mitchell Park with their events commencing at approximately midday (student on buses will be dropped at school as normal).
- All students will be dismissed from Mitchell Park at 3.20pm.
- BBQ lunch (for students who have ordered them) notes went home yesterday.
- Sports Uniform - House colours may be worn (Loddon: Blue Terrick: Yellow)
- Please wear a school hat or equivalent alternative
- Please bring lots of water and snacks
- Please bring any required medication
- Personal sunscreen (the College will also have sunscreen available).

#### 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

### 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

## Deb Ball

What an excellent night last Friday was. A big thank you to Mrs Moon for organising the event and to those who assisted in various ways. Congratulations to the debs and their partners.

## Students of the Fortnight

Congratulations to our students of the fortnight.  
Jamison Walters – for using her class time effectively.  
Jacobi Mitchell – for being a supportive friend  
Jed Stewart – for his efforts in completing his truck in woodwork  
James Correa – for his excellent attendance during term four

## House Athletics

Our athletic sports will be on Friday November 3rd at Mitchell Park.. It would be great to see parents, guardians, families and special others at the event. If you are interested in assisting with roles, please contact Mr Roberts at the College. Please note that high jump events will be completed during recess and lunch time next week at the College.

## Duke of Ed – Practice Camp

Well done to the year ten students who attended the practice camp in Mitiamo. The students walked approximately 20km and spent the night camping at the Mitiamo Golf Club. The students demonstrated excellent perseverance and are well equipped for the major camp later in the term. Thanks to Adam Gould and the Mitiamo Golf Club for letting us camp there, Mrs Moon and Mr McCann for their assistance with the camp and to Chris Cain for driving the bus.

**Luke Roberts**

# HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

We were very lucky to be invited to the Neighbourhood House to have a BBQ to celebrate the community garden, thank you to Kim for inviting us. The team then went to Mitchell Park to mark the track for our athletic sports. The students worked collaboratively together and then started making their video for the HOL competition. Thank you to Ben Lobb for his assistance with this.



## **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

### Workers of the Week -



**Zeb Gould:** concentrating on spelling tasks.  
**Ruby Roberts:** excellent job at the Deb Ball.  
**Jett Mitchell:** excellent job at the Deb Ball.  
**Tristan Broad (Yr 6):** helping in Wood Tech.  
**Jasper Mutugi:** great effort in gymnastics.  
**Tyler Pollard:** great effort in gymnastics.  
**Kerenza Archbold:** trying very hard with her handwriting and colouring.

### Palmer's Gym



Students participated in their first gym session with Palmer's Gym.

## Chaplain's Chat

With so much time and effort being poured into preparation for our Deb Ball over the past few weeks, I cannot help but reflect upon the importance of taking time-out to be present with family and friends! I'm sure we all can relate to our lives often feeling as if they're constantly in go-go-go mode, as we rush from one job to the next. Daily preparation time is essential for busy families, yet when we don't take the time to stop and 'dance', or just connect and celebrate life itself, we may feel stuck in the struggle of go-go-go. Thankfully our busy time of Deb Ball preparation has concluded with celebrating the big event itself. A time of being present with each other, of connecting, laughing, relaxing, and celebrating. We need to remember that stopping and being present with ourselves and others, is essential self-care. It is in these moments we can feel grounded and our sense of value. How long has it been since you've stopped to enjoy life with friends or family?

### Reading Nights

**200 Nights:** Kerenza Archbold.



### Classroom Cup

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



### Congratulations Mr Morison

Congratulations to Mr Morison and Bess on the arrival of their little boy "Jack Henry", on Sunday. We hope he continues to do well and you have him home soon.

### Shocktober



We were very lucky to have Josh from Ambulance Victoria and our local Cert members Fiona and Sheridan visit our school to promote "Shocktober". The students learnt some very valuable lessons on how to call an ambulance, what to say, how to check if someone is breathing and how to put someone in the recovery position. It was good to see some students went home and tried to put their family members in the recovery position. The students had a look through the ambulance and a lay on the bed. The students were very excited when Josh put the lights and sirens on for them to hear and Mr O'Connor was strapped to the bed.

# Debutante Ball



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

*Let's celebrate Cup Day*

Wear your best '*Race Day*' outfit.

Will you impress the fashion judges?  
Will you be ready to ride? Or are you  
in the race?

**A mix up of entries for 2023!**

# Palmer's Gym Session F-6

## Palmer's Gym

Today as part of the College's commitment to Sporting Schools, students in years F-6 participated in gym sessions run by Emma Carmody from Palmer's Gym. Students did a great job participating in a variety of movement based activities. Emma will return in November for the next session.

