



### Diary 2023

#### October

- 9-11 Yr 2-6 Beach Camp
- 9 F/I Zoo Excursion
- 11 Netball at East Loddon 9/10
- 16 School Council Meeting
- 17 Dental Van visit
- 19 5/6 Cricket - Boort
- 20 Palmers Gym @ PHC  
Deb Ball
- 23-24 Duke of Ed camp
- 27 Palmers Gym
- 31 Canberra payment due

### Principal's News

#### Welcome to Term Four

I hope that you have all had a restful holiday break as term four is going to be a very busy and exciting one. We have a number of camps and celebrations to look forward to and lots of school work to happen as well.

#### School Counsellor/Chaplain

This term we have been extremely lucky to have secured the services of Melanie Nash as a School Counsellor. Melanie will be a familiar face to some as she was our School Chaplain six years ago. Melanie has an extensive background in student welfare and will be in attendance full time. This week Melanie has been put to work using her amazing artistic skills and talents so work on the 'secret' set for the Deb Ball. Please be sure to welcome her as she is sure to be a great asset to our school community.

#### Debutante Ball



We are working hard behind the scenes in readiness for the PHC social event of the year, the 'Debutante Ball'. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October nine debutantes and their partners will be presented at the Memorial Hall at 8pm. The participants have been practising for seven weeks and have almost got all dance steps mastered.

As tradition holds the PHC Community provides a delicious supper on the night so once again we are asking our very valued school families to assist with the provision of food for the supper. A note outlining the request will be sent home next week. We are also asking for volunteers to work in the hall Friday morning and evening to assist with the catering. Thank you in advance for your generosity and assistance with this major event.

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.

#### Netball/AFL 9's

East Loddon P-12 will be hosting an afternoon round robin of netball and AFL 9's for our Year 9/10 students on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Mitchell Park. Students who do not wish to participate will assist with other roles during the afternoon. Thanks to East Loddon for this initiative which will also provide a great social platform for our students.

#### 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

- WELCOME -  
BACK TO SCHOOL

**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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**Fiona Moon, Principal.**

# Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

## Term Four

We had an excellent end to term three with the disco and fun/colour run. Thank you to Mrs Cain and the SRC team who ran a fantastic disco and thank you to Mr McCann and the PHC staff for running the fun run/colour run in my absence.



Term four is an exciting term with different excursions and activities occurring. The debutantes and their partners have been busy preparing for the deb ball, thank you to Mrs Moon and her team for organising this event.

## Loddon Mallee Region (LMR) Athletics

Congratulations to Siri Harrison, Cooper Gould and Harry Goodes who made it through to the LMR Athletics carnival in Bendigo. Harry and Siri performed in an excellent manner and Harry placed third in his 100m race. Unfortunately, Cooper was unable to participate on the day due to injury. Thank you to Bu Gould for taking the students.

## 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>), further information regarding this will be released next week. The year 7/8 camp for next year will be at 15 Mile Creek (during term one) and the year 9/10 camp will be a snow camp at Bogong Outdoor School (during term three). Information regarding the year 7/8 camp will be released at the end of this year.

# HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

During HOL this week, we had a couple of tasks to complete. We restocked the sand pit with sand and levelled it out, we assembled the new school bikes as well as did some maintenance on the bikes that were already here. We also went to the preschool and mowed the lawn as well as cook 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

It was great to see everyone back at school and ready to learn. This is a busy term and the students are very excited about the up and coming camp and trip to the zoo.

### Workers of the Week



**Lucy Scott:** reading every night during the holidays.

**Jett Mitchell:** always helping others and being kind to everyone.

**Alice Roberts:** bouncing through reading levels and doing a great job.

**Zeb Gould:** bouncing back into Term 4 and having great success.

### Reading Nights:



**250 Nights:** Olivia Scott, Tia Gould, Tobias Wiltshire.

**200 Nights:** Tristan Broad.

**150 Nights:** Jasper Mutugi, Amelia Stevens.

**100 Nights:** Aser Mohamed.

### Classroom Cup



Congratulations to Year 4/5/6 on winning the first Classroom Cup for Term 4.

### Pie Warmer

The pie warmer has been turned off for the summer, so no more hot lunches please.

### Pre-school visit

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October we have the Pre-school coming to visit for the morning for a play and to help with the transition of the 2024 Foundations.

### Beach Camp & Zoo Excursion

The Beach Camp and Zoo Excursion is finally upon us, with all the Year F-6 students setting off for the zoo on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

We need everyone at school by **8.00am** please. We have deadlines to meet so we will not be waiting for late comers.

Year F-1 students will return home at approximately 8.00 pm. A message will be put on Facebook when we have a more accurate arrival time. All students need a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle on Monday and a small backpack to carry it in.

Year F-1 also need money for tea at Calder Park on the way home. This money should be put in an envelope or zip lock bag with student's name and what they wish to order. This can be given to Mrs Burke for safe keeping in the morning before we get on the bus. Mrs Burke can also look after any spending money.

All medication needs to be given to teachers in charge please. (Year F/1- Mrs Burke, Years 2-6- Mrs Cain) named and labelled with instructions. Asthma puffers should be carried by the students.

For Years 2-6 campers, the marine centre has asked that all students have covered in shoe that protect their feet and they can get wet, for they will be beach combing and walking over rocks.

An updated note has been sent out with students this afternoon

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### Sandpit

A big thank you to the Hands on Learning team for renewing the sand in the sandpit. We have already tried it out.



## Chaplain's Chat

Hello Pyramid Hill College Community!

My name's Melanie and it's so wonderful to have returned this week to PH College – for those of you whom I am yet to meet, I was a chaplain here previously in 2017. It's been great seeing some familiar faces and to even have some older students share with me some of their memories from when I was here last – such as 'Bounce Back Kanga'! Since then, I continued working in wellbeing running therapeutic art classes in Bendigo, completing my Graduate Diploma in Counselling, and raising my own three children into adulthood. For some people a school chaplain's role is unfamiliar. A school chaplain works in many ways to positively contribute towards maintaining and fostering a positive school culture. This can present in many ways, such as group wellbeing programs, helping individual students learn and implement strategies for dealing with their personal issues and struggles, creating a fun and safe school environment and much more...such as helping create a stage set for an upcoming Debutante Ball which I have been busy with this first week! This term I am here each day, so if you see me around, please feel free to say hello!



### 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**

### 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.



**JUNIOR COACHING**

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

Contact Alison for more info  
0427551253

**BULOKE  
LODDON**



### Need help getting your P's?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers (16-21) with limited access to supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.



For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email [l2p@ncllen.org.au](mailto:l2p@ncllen.org.au)

**North  
Central  
LLEN**



# 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