



Pyramid Hill College

Respect ● Learn ● Community

Pyramid Hill College is a Child Safe School



Newsletter

September 8th, 2023

Diary 2023

September

- 11 Sandhurst Div Aths
- 12 School Council meeting
- 14 SRC Disco
- 15 Fun Run/Colour Run
- Last day of Term 3
- early dismissal 2.30pm

October

- 2 Start of Term 4
- 5 LMR Aths
- 9 Yr 2-6 Beach Camp
- 9 F/I Zoo Excursion
- 9 Duke of Ed Camp
- 17 Dental Van visit
- 20 Palmers Gym @ PHC
- Deb Ball

Principal's News

Preschool Transition Program



Disco Tickets
available at the office
\$5 per student

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.)



This week the Foundation/I students enjoyed taking a visit down 'memory lane' as they walked to the Preschool and had a wonderful time playing with equipment from the past. It was terrific to meet the preschoolers and the students had a great time reading together. We will welcome the preschoolers for the transition program which begins early next term.

Last week of Term Three

Just a reminder that next week will be the final week of what has been a very busy term. Thursday night we will celebrate with the SRC Disco. On Friday students may wear casual clothes and order their choice of a full menu (including fried food/soft drinks) from either the Bakery Café or the Coffee Bank. There will be an early dismissal time of 2.30pm on Friday.

Sports Finals

As we come to the end of the winter sports season the finals are upon us. Congratulations to all students and staff who have so far participated in netball/football/hockey or baseball finals. This weekend we have students and staff playing in a Grand Final and others playing to make it into a Grand Final. Our very best wishes to all those students and staff who are playing this weekend.

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WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

How to complete the Parent/Carer/Guardian survey

When parents/caregivers/guardians access the survey link, you will be prompted to select your school and will then be required to enter a PIN in order to start the survey. The survey link and PIN are below:

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

School PIN – 507963

F-6 Bike Ed and Scooter Storage Information for the final two weeks of term.

Thank-you for returning the notes regarding bike and scooter availability for students for the following two weeks. Just a reminder that students who do not have a bike/scooter and/or helmet available to be used, the College will provide them for the students. Bikes and scooters are able to be dropped at school at any stage and will be stored securely during the day and overnight. Alternatively, students can bring them in on the days listed below

Bike/Scooter Information for the next two weeks:

- F-1: Scooter-Wednesday and Thursday
- 2-3: Bikes-Tuesday and Thursday
- 4,5 and 6: Bikes- Thursday and Friday

All sessions will take place on the outdoor courts at the College.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 54557377 or via email sean.mccann@education.vic.gov.au

Year 7-10 Learning Neighbourhood

Fun Run/Colour Run

On Friday September 15th we will be having a fun run and colour run at the College. The fun run will occur before lunch and the colour run after lunch. Students may wish to bring a white shirt or old shirt to get decorated in colour powder.

Biolab

It was excellent that our secondary students were able to participate in the Biolab session on Tuesday. Thank you to Mis Fox for organising this event.

Sporting Events

Congratulations to all of our students who have participated in finals within their sports, we wish those still in finals the best.

Supporting Teens to Eat Well in a Food Confused World - FREE Parent Webinar

Join Butterfly and two Practising Accredited Dietitians and learn how to help your teen have a positive and balanced relationship with food. Topics covered include: Why it's hard to charter a healthy course | What's helpful diet information and what's problematic | Supporting eating through puberty | Troubleshooting common eating dilemmas - 'junk food', 'high protein diets', veganism, not eating at school.

Details

Tuesday, 12th September

7 - 8pm (AEST), plus question time

Via Zoom (time-limited recording available)

FREE

Register:

https://events.butterfly.org.au/portal//event/?id=EP_BCC_T_Parent_Webinar477928020&Name=12/09/23 BKF

Teens Eating

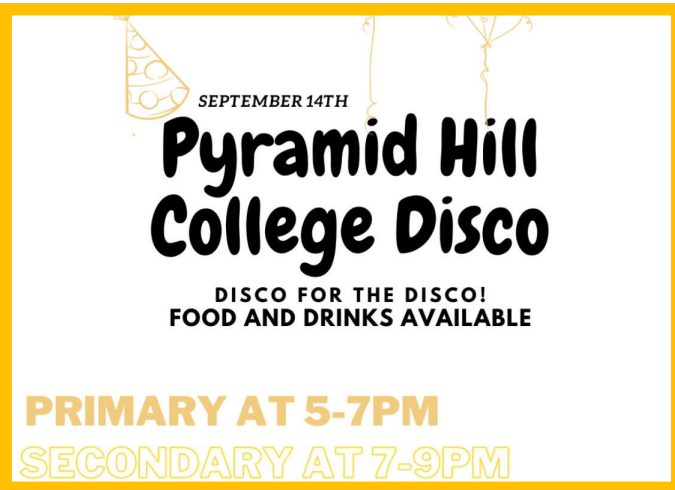
Contact: education@butterfly.org.au

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.





Secondary students connected their in-class exploration of Physics and Newton's Laws to the sporting world.

Newton's First Law: Inertia

An object at rest remains at rest, and an object in motion remains in motion at constant speed and in a straight line unless acted on by an unbalanced force.

Newton's Second Law: Force

The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object and the amount of force applied.

Newton's Third Law: Action & Reaction

Whenever one object exerts a force on a second object, the second object exerts an equal and opposite force on the first.

They investigated the effect of drag on runners and the effect of weight on acceleration of a ball.

Understanding and testing drag is important in different sports to give athletes the edge. Scientists are constantly developing material that help athletes deal better with drag forces.



VICTORIAN BIOSCIENCE EDUCATION CENTRE

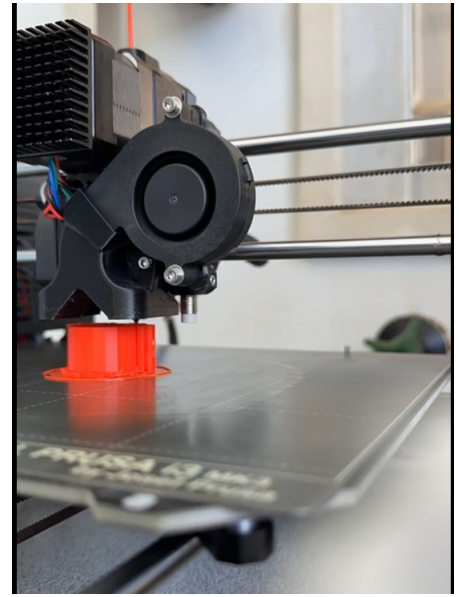
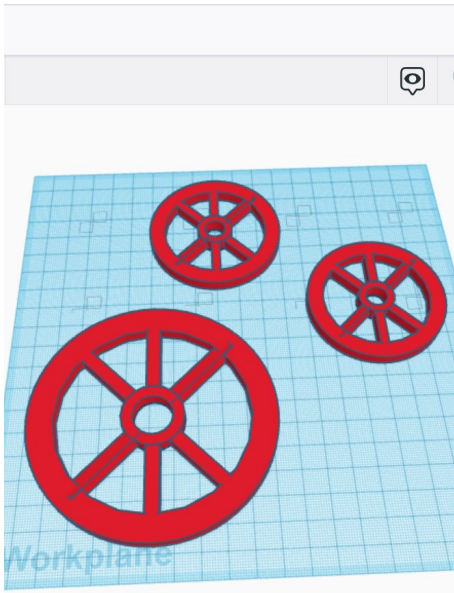


HANDS ON LEARNING 

A program supported by Save the Children

For Hands on Learning this week, students finished off their work for the Neighbourhood House. We filled the last garden bed, moved the excess soil and spread the gravel around the car park. We also mowed the lawn at the Pre school and cooked lunch for everyone.

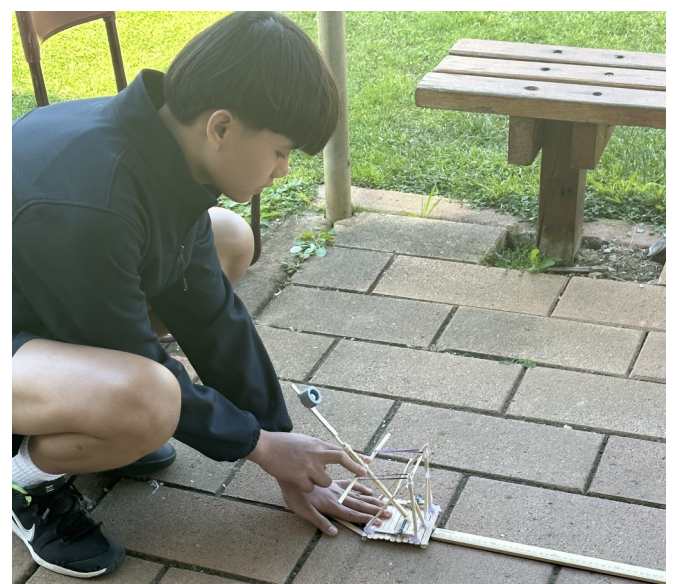




We have been privileged to have access to 3D printers provided by Bendigo Tech School which has allowed secondary students to use a 3D modelling program to design parts for their respective projects.

Year 7 and 8 students have designed mousetrap powered cars or trebuchets or catapults as a part of their exploration of simple machines. The cars were raced as a part of the biannual mouse trap car competition. The record of 12.66m held by Psalm Caburnay remains. When undertaking these design projects, they needed to apply the STEM principles of testing and then refining their design.

In a catapult, the energy is stored via elasticity and in trebuchets it is stored by working against the ever pervasive force of gravity.



Year F-6 News

Workers of the Week



Amara Dizon: settling into our classroom and school well.

Libby Martin: fabulous reading and hearing sounds in words when writing.

Jett Mitchell: persistence with his reading and writing.

Charlotte Pickles: great effort in creating disco games.

Olivia Scott: sensational "Little Penguin" project.

Harry Cain: consistently achieving good results in his spelling tests.

Tristan Broad: fantastic effort during the garden greatness task in maths.

Classroom Cup



Congratulations to the Year F/1 class on winning this week's Classroom Cup.

Visit to the Preschool

As part of the orientation program, Year F/1 visited the Preschool on Tuesday morning to have a play and meet with our new Foundation students for 2024. They took their story books they had made to read to the Preschoolers. Our students had a great time playing on the swings, trampoline, climbing frames and playing in the cubby house. We can't wait to have the Preschoolers visit next term.

Bike & Scooter Ed

Year F-6 has been very excited about bringing their bikes and scooters to school this week, to participate in learning how to ride their bikes and scooters safely.

Thank you Mr McCann for organising this, the students have really enjoyed it.



Reminder

Please remember to return your BBQ Order by Tuesday 12th September, if you are having lunch at the Fun Run.

Reading Awards:

150 Nights: Libby Martin.

200 Nights: Tyler Manton & Maddie Leerson.



**PREMIER'S
READING
CHALLENGE**

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Elsie Poole, Tia Gould, Athena Wiltshire, Tobias Wiltshire, Brady Gilmore and Alina Gould for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Bike/Scooter Education F-6



**AGES
6-12**

NONDIES COHUNA CRICKET

School Holiday Program

ONLY
\$20

WED 27TH SEP

FROM 2PM TILL 4PM.

WED 4TH OCT

FROM 2PM TILL 4PM.

A fun opportunity for kids to get out, play and make new friends!

WHERE:
COHUNA REC
2ND OVAL

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE
FOR EITHER (OR BOTH) DAYS VIA
THE QR CODE OR OUR WEBSITE



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

GAMES, BASIC CRICKET SKILLS AND EXERCISES PLUS A **FREE HAT** FOR EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATES.

ALL YOU NEED TO BRING IS A DRINK BOTTLE AND YOUR OWN CRICKET BAT (IF YOU WISH), EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE SUPPLIED.

REGISTER HERE



NONDIES COHUNA CRICKET CLUB



23/24 SEASON JUNIOR TEAMS

- Under 17s** - Friday Nights
- Under 15s** - Tuesday Nights
- Under 13s** - Saturday Mornings
- Youth Girls (Under 15s)** - Friday Nights & Sunday Mornings
- Blasters (5-10s)** - Thursday Nights



TAKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Our juniors are ran by our Head of Junior Cricket Chris Cain and his dedicated committee.

- ✓ Family friendly environment
- ✓ All ages & skill levels welcomed
- ✓ A great team sport
- ✓ Fun games & trial matches



WE ARE NOW TAKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR ALL JUNIOR TEAMS FOR THE UPCOMING 23/24 SEASON.

Please scan the QR code or head to our website (juniors or membership pages) to fill out the expressions of interest form.

Questions? Get in touch with Chris Cain on 0438 390 088.

ARE YOU

AGED 16-25?

DO YOU LIVE IN:

- ST ARNAUD
- BULOKE SHIRE
- LODDON SHIRE
- GANNAWARRA SHIRE

APPLY NOW!



We need a group of young people to help us bring a local chapter of YouThrive's Rural Youth Network to our area.

You will have the opportunity to:

- develop your leadership skills,
- be a representative voice & advocate for change in your region
- develop shared interest groups to provide opportunities for connection

Contact our Project Officer for more information:
Tori Gentle | t.gentle@ncllen.org.au | 0490 840 182







15TH



ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
~ EST. 1870 ~

IT'S OUR BELATED 150TH BIRTHDAY

WE'RE INVITING ALL PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS, FAMILIES,
TEACHERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO HELP US CELEBRATE
AND TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
10:00 AM - 2:00PM

CLASS PHOTO - MEMORABILIA - LUNCH - KEEPSAKES - BIRTHDAY CAKE



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