

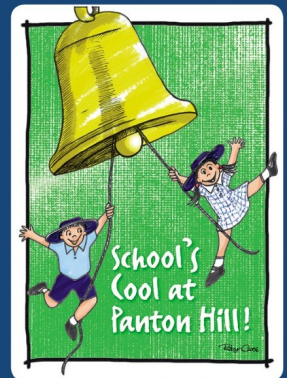


*A Rich Past,  
Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th December, 2024

Term 4: Week 11



## DIARY DATES

### **Wednesday 29th January**

First day of school

### **Monday 10th March**

Labour Day Holiday

### **Friday 4th April**

Last day of Term 1

## **Principal's Report**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Thankyou everyone for all of your efforts through 2024. We hope you all have a fabulous, safe, relaxing break over Christmas and we look forward to seeing our 2025 students on **Wednesday the 29th January**.

I would also like to thank our great School Council for their work this year, led beautifully by Abbey Baines.

To our Grade 6's—farewell. We loved sharing your graduation with you this week— Please come back and visit us and remember, you are always part of the PPHS family.

It is customary that every year I write a poem for our Grade 6's which is shared on the graduation night. You will find a copy of it below for those who requested it.

It has been such a busy end of the year with many great celebrations and events from end of year excursions, Christmas Activity Day, Graduation, family dance party and of course our School Concert.

We were so thankful that the weather was better for our back up concert date, and to be able to have the Memorial Park available just across the road from us—our very own little mini Myer Music Bowl! A huge thankyou to our most versatile teacher, Mrs Jenes for her many hours of work in preparing our students so well for such a joyous concert. It is so impressive to see all of the age groups performing with such confidence incorporating dance, singing and instrumentation. Well done Natika!

While Mrs Jenes has been busily preparing the students for their performances, Mrs Howard has been guiding the visual artists within them all.



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The auction of the combined artworks is always an end of year highlight, is a lot of fun on the night and is a great final fundraiser. These artworks are started many months out and are a constant focus for Anne and the students. Thankyou Mrs Howard for the beautiful works of art and to our parents for valuing them so highly! The combined amount made from the auction was \$2,620.00

Usually at the art auction we would have our local auctioneer Ian Mason attend. Unfortunately after the cancellation of our original date, Ian was unavailable. In a fortunate act of serendipity we had the perfect solution in Miss Shae who found her inner auctioneer and executed the auction with so much enthusiasm that she broke the bell!!!

Speaking of Miss Shae—I want to say an enormous thankyou for all her work here at PHPS this term. Shae has fitted in immediately with our school and has brought a wealth of knowledge, experience, understanding and compassion to her role here. She has been a force of nature who has shared her love of nature (particularly bird watching) with us all. Over her time here, Shae has taken on a plethora of responsibilities, from helping lead curriculum and steering the ship on Fridays to whipper snipping! We are excited for Shae that she is moving on to a Principal role at Amphitheatre Primary School—they are very lucky to have her. Thankyou Miss Shae and best of luck next year.

I would also like to thank our fabulous community for their continued support of PHPS. To all of the parents who have come along as parent helpers, on excursions and camps and bike rides. Thankyou for organising and running our many fundraisers, for being on School Council and for participating in school events. But most of all, an enormous thankyou to our community for supporting our students in their learning journey and for the respect and support you show our amazing team of teachers.

Thankyou to our amazing staff who are such a close and dedicated team who always have the kids at the centre of every decision made. We are so pleased to have all of our staff back next year, with the addition of Danah McMillan. We hope you have a very relaxing holiday, ready for a great 2025.

Thankyou to Leanne for juggling so much in her role as Business Manager—it really is an enormous load and she manages to get everything done with a smile and good grace every day. PHPS would be a shambles without Leanne—we know how fortunate we are to have you in the office!

Thanks to Glenys for keeping our grounds and buildings well maintained, safe and looking good.

Thanks to Joe for keeping our school spick and span.

Thanks to Ella for providing a very welcoming little home away from home for our Before and After School Care crew. So much to be thankful for!!!

## **BOOK PACKS**

Thankyou to those parents who have ordered their backpacks for 2025. If you have met the deadline for ordering, the books will be all ready to go on day one. The deadline has been extended to the 15th of January for those who have not yet ordered. Unfortunately the backpacks will not be delivered until Week Two of the term.

## **FINAL ASSEMBLY**

We will have our final school assembly on Friday, starting at 1:00pm. As is tradition we will draw the prizes for the Christmas raffle at this assembly. We will also take the opportunity for a couple of thankyou's and of course the final farewell and bell ringing for the Grade 6's. **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!!!**

**Statement of Commitment** PHPS is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children, as well as staff and volunteers.

## GRADE 6 POEM

Kylie Richards - based on The Places You'll Go by Dr Seuss

Congratulations!  
Today is your day,  
You're off to great places!  
You're off and away!

You've mathsed and you've read  
You've come last, you've come first  
You've scienced and spent hours with  
The strange creature Hurst

You'll choose your own paths,  
You'll follow your feet  
But no stranger creature  
Than the Hurst one you'll meet

Oli Banes- a great leader  
With talents abounding  
Kind and thoughtful, writes poems  
The future's astounding

With Louie close by  
You're on a good wicket  
Hates eight legged creatures  
But loves to play cricket

There's treasures like Eswin  
An expert in geography  
And planes, Spanish language  
Japan, Egyptology

And leaders like Leah  
Who has many a gift  
Smart, kind and caring  
And loves Taylor Swift

In your travels look closely  
Look for an honest truth teller  
Who is loyal and smart  
Like our very own Bella

There'll be kids who climb high  
Making them and us happy  
Of their high climbing conquests  
Like our much loved Miss Gabby

And when you go on  
You'll meet weird ones, take heed  
Some who are followers  
But some who can lead

There's a leader, so loved  
Up here on the hill  
It makes everyone feel good  
To have been 'round Brodie Gill

On your travels there'll be some  
Who are quietly bold  
Like our young leader Tash  
With a heart made of gold

If you play your cards right  
You may be lucky to find  
A treasure called Angus  
With a most interesting mind

There's bookish and lookish  
And laughish and cool  
They're all graduating  
From Panton Hill School

Now the path may get rocky  
You'll have footwear to choose  
Oli J will be right  
He has a thing for new shoes

There's Jango with a cheeky  
Little glint in the eye  
Inquisitive and funny  
Gives all things a try

There'll be those full of zest  
Mitch needs Skittles each day  
To throw balls, and be drafted  
To his dream – NBA

You may meet some thinkers  
With pineapple hair  
Like our Frank, the think thinker  
Who thinks outside the square

There's those who shoot hoops  
Getting goals is the goal  
Like our fun loving, friendly  
Hoop shooter friend Joel

Find those who stick by you  
Who are loyal and strong  
Like young Dustin Wilson  
And you won't go wrong

You have brains in your head  
You have feet in your shoes  
You can steer yourself in  
any direction you choose.  
You're on your own. And you know what you know.  
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.

So fly high, be like Bunjil  
And just never stand still  
And be happy and remember  
Your time here on the hill.