



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th November, 2024

Term 4: Week 5



DIARY DATES

Monday 11th November

David Skinner dance

Wednesday 13th Nov.

Prep Transition

Friday 15th November

Interschool sport ACvPH

Soccer Clinic

Monday 18th November

David Skinner dance

Friday 22nd November

Interschool sport KGvPH

Soccer Clinic

Monday 25th November

Waratah Beach Camp

Tuesday 26th November

Waratah Beach Camp

Wednesday 27th Nov.

Waratah Beach Camp

Friday 29th November

Prep Transition

Monday 2nd December

David Skinner dance

Tuesday 3rd December

School Concert

Friday 6th December

Latrobe excursion Gd 4-6

Monday 9th December

David Skinner dance

Principal's Report

It's been another busy fortnight at Panton Hill Primary School, and again we have seen our wonderful parent community come together to support the learning and adventures of our students. Our annual 5/6s bike ride from Hurstbridge to Eltham North, and back again, could not run without the support of parents assisting with the ride and transporting bikes to and from the pick up/drop off locations. Our students are so lucky to have such caring and supportive adults in their community.

Last week we had our first prep transition session where we welcomed our new prep students for 2025. It was wonderful to see so many siblings as well as some brand new faces to welcome to the Panton Hill Primary community.



HATS—AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

From August to April, all students are required to wear broad brimmed school hats when they are outside at play, and participating in PE and sport. We appreciate your support in helping students remember to bring their hat along to school everyday. If you need to purchase a new hat for your child, please come and see Leanne at the office, and if you have any spare, we would also love any donations.

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"BUBBLES" WRITING—YEAR 1 AND 2

"On Thursday Grade Prep and the 1/2s blew bubbles on the grass and basketball courts and it was very, very fun. The whole class took a photo by themselves and not by themselves. It was a hot and sunny day so it was perfect. After all it was great, and then we wrote about it." By Alexandra, 1/2P

"On Thursday Grade Prep, Grade 1/2P and Grade 1/2T went outside to blow bubbles. It was nice and sunny so it was a good day to blow bubbles. We took photos by ourselves and we took a class photo too. We all had a great time. We were blowing bubbles so we could write about it." By Genevieve, 1/2P



ITALIAN DAY

What a fabulous day we had yesterday, celebrating all things Italian. In a sea of red, white and green we all enjoyed Italian themed activities including dancing the Tarantella, outdoor Italian games, construction of Italian landmarks and making masks. To top it all off, we enjoyed pizza and gelati for lunch followed by a very impressive bilingual performance of fairy tales by our Grade 4-6's to their student peers.

These activity days tick so many boxes for us here at PHPS—they are enjoyed by staff and students and not only provide rich experiences to draw upon, but they are also an opportunity to have our students work and collaborate across age groups. Our school values of respect, co-operation, courage, kindness and honesty are clearly on display and celebrated.

A huge grazie mille to Signora McLaughlin for organising such a great day and the work in preparing the students for their big performance. Thanks also to the teachers for jumping in with enthusiasm (as always). We would also like to thank our parents, Sarah Arnup, Mel Wharrie and Mark Bouwmans who helped with picking up and distributing lunch to the grades. Here are some reflections on the day by students across the school:



"On Italian Day I made a mask it looked like this. I ate pizza and gelato and watched the play."

By Eliza, Prep G



"I did tarantella it was amazing and brilliant also it was my favourite. I did a mask too." By Cedar, Prep G

"Yesterday was Italian Day. We played Bocce it was really fun. We Danced the tarantella. We ate pizza it was really delicious. We also had gelato and we both had lemon." By Clifford, Lachie and Parker 1/2P

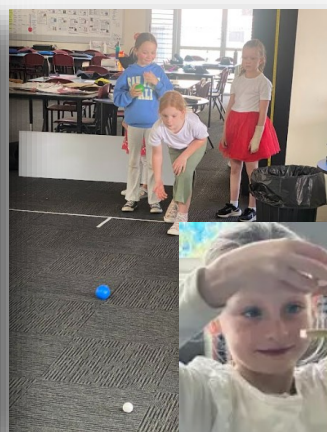


"On Thursday 7th November we had an Italian day, all students had a great time. A big thank you to Ms McLachlan for organising this fun event. One of the most successful activities was the wooden plank building. We built the leaning tower of Pisa and the Colosseum. Some of the towers were bigger than students! Every student loved it and some students told me they're really excited for the next Italian Day we do."

By Amelia 3/4



"Today I'm going to be telling you about our Italian day at PHPS. On the 7th Nov we had an Italian day. We got to do plenty of fun things but the most fun activity was the block building. So basically, we build either the leaning tower of Pisa or the colosseum. It was super fun. One of the towers was bigger than the students! Every student loved it. A huge thanks to our lovely Italian teacher Ms McLachlan for making all of these fun Italian activities." By April Lynch.



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BIRD WATCHING CLUB—"BIRDS I VIEW"

"Birds I View is a school club that is on every Monday for half of lunch, starting at the basketball court, when the bell rings. To start the lesson, River Spark, Miss Shae and Luca Kennedy hand out binoculars to whoever comes. After that we remind them to take care of them or they will be banned from using the binoculars for 2 weeks. After that we take each group around the school (Miss Shae with the youngest group and River with the oldest group). When we finally meet up we show each other what birds we found and Miss Shae adds them to the Aussie bird count. Then we all walk back to the bench on the basketball court and read about different species of birds. Finally when we have about 2 minutes left we all return our binoculars to Miss Shae and River. In summary, Birds I View is a great way to learn more about birds and connect with more people." By River and Josie

Value Award Winners

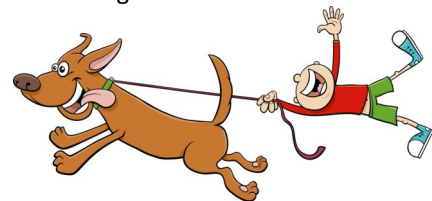
Respect Kindness
Clifford and Parker
Cooperation
Courage



DOGS IN SCHOOLS POLICY

As per Department guidelines we have now worked on a Dogs at School Policy and discussed and endorsed this at School Council. Schools were given two options for policy, one completely banning dogs from school grounds and the other to allow dogs within limits. We recognised that many of our families enjoy bringing their dogs with them to school drop offs and pick ups so will implement the second option of allowing dogs onsite with conditions including:

- All dogs must be on leads, led by an adult
- Dogs are not allowed inside the school buildings
- Dogs are not to be left unattended on school grounds.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our new instrumental music lesson providers, Whittlesea Music, have smoothly transitioned into our school, offering a range of instrumental lessons. If you are interested in enrolling in lessons, there is an enrolment form on their website—

www.whittleseamusic.com.au/enrolment

SOCCER PROGRAM

Today we had our first of 3 soccer lessons ran by Juan from Football Australia. The program was organised by Mrs Jenes and funded through the Sporting Schools program. The students enjoyed watching the amazing ball skills performed by Juan and then practicing themselves. We might have some more budding soccer players by the end of the clinic.



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Bike Ride



On the 31st of October Grades five and six from our school went on the Hurstbridge trail for a bike ride. We began at the Hurstbridge Basketball Stadium, as a group of 30 kids and 6 adults all riding. We stopped at Wilson Road Reserve Oval in Wattle Glen, then Diamond Creek Park and finally we stopped at Eltham North Adventure Playground. All together we rode 25 km.

We avoided most issues, and no one got seriously injured. The ride back was the hardest part of the trail, because some of us were a bit tired. By the end everyone was hungry and we couldn't wait to eat our lunch.

We would like to thank all the parents and teachers who came: Mr Hurst, Miss Brindley, Ms Shae, Matt and Jenny. We would also like to thank Kerry for being our support crew and carrying bags, bikes and tired people. We had a hard time trying to find people to help transport bikes back up the hill to school so a big thank you to Martyn, Shaun, Sam, Richard and Trish for volunteering to help us with that.

We all are very thankful for everyone that helped us. Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to go for the bike ride.



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Important Dates

Term dates

| | Start date | Finish date |
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| Term One | Monday 29th Jan—Teachers Tuesday 30th Jan—Students | Thursday 28th March (2:30pm) |
| Term Two | Monday 15th April | Friday 28th June (2:30pm) |
| Term Three | Monday 15th July | Friday 20th Sep (2:30pm) |
| Term Four | Monday 7th October | Friday 20th Dec—(1:30pm after assembly) |

Public Holidays

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| Term One | Labour Day | Monday 11th March |
| Term One | Good Friday | Friday 29th March |
| Term Two | ANZAC Day | Thursday 25th April |
| Term Two | King's Birthday | Monday 10th June |
| Term Four | Melbourne Cup | Tuesday 5th November |

Pupil Free Days

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| Term One | Curriculum Day | Monday 29th January |
| Term One | Curriculum Day | Friday 8th March |
| Term Two | Curriculum Day | Friday 26th April |
| Term Three | Pupil Free Day (3 way conf.) | Wednesday 24th July |
| Term Three | Professional Practice/Planning Day | Thursday 19th September |
| Term Four | Curriculum Day | Monday 4th November |

Other

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| Term 2 | School Photos | Tuesday 23rd April |
| Term Four | Grade 3-6 Camp | Monday 25th November—Wednesday 27th November |
| Term Four | School Concert | Tuesday 3rd December |
| Term Four | Graduation | Monday 16th December |

Please refer to our Xuno calendar for additional school event dates throughout the terms.

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HOW TO ENROL

Go to our website:
www.whittleseamusic.com/enrolment/

Complete the online enrolment form, ensuring you choose the correct campus, preferred lesson duration and preference of instrument.

We will then be in touch between 12-5 Monday to Friday with enrolment confirmation and to chat about your child/children's needs.



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WE WELCOME NEW PLAYERS & EXPERIENCED PLAYERS.
WE WANT YOU!!!

Friday Evenings, 6 to 8pm. 15th, 22nd 29th November 2024.

Social Play, BBQ Sausage Sizzle, BYO Drinks. Paddles & balls supplied or BYO. (If you can't make it for a week, send a fill-in or we'll find one for you).

TENNIS PLAYERS WILL PICK IT UP QUICKLY, NEW STARTERS WILL LEARN ON AND OFF THE COURT. TUITION PROVIDED.

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR NOVEMBER 3 WEEK PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE.

WEEK 1: INTRO, LEARNING AND GRADING. (Doubles only at this stage)
WEEK 2: PRACTISING SKILLS, PLAYING MATCHES.
WEEK 3: 'ROUND ROBIN' MATCH PLAY CHALLENGE (OR CONTINUE TO PRACTICE)

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