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Present & Future*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December, 2024

Term 4: Week 9



## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 9th December**

David Skinner dance

### **Tuesday 10th December**

Year 7 Orientation Day

School Concert 6pm

### **Wednesday 11th Dec.**

Reports released

Final Prep transition

Meet the Teacher

### **Monday 16th December**

David Skinner dance

Grade 6 Graduation

### **Wednesday 18th Dec.**

Christmas Activity Day

### **Thursday 19th December**

Melbourne Zoo excursion

Prep—3

### **Friday 20th December**

Last day of School—

1.10pm assembly & raffle

1:30pm finish



## 2025—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**

Term 4 has been a busy term and has flown by—it's hard to believe we are at the end of week 9! Our final weeks of our 2024 school year are packed with exciting experiences for our students and families. In the next two weeks we have our (rescheduled) school concert, meet the teacher session, grade 6 graduation, our final prep transition, and a trip to the zoo for our grade 3-6 students and Christmas Activity Day.

### **2025 CLASSES AND TEACHERS**

Thank you to those who submitted requests. Your trust in us and the positive comments throughout those requests was warming. **Parent requests are now officially closed.** We have spoken with your child to get an idea of their preferred 'learning partners' for 2025.

As you are aware, flexibility is required in our community school around class allocations and student groupings as sometimes, our options are limited in terms of movement.

Therefore, we take the challenging task of building classes very seriously. It takes several drafts and revisions to finalise class lists with so many moving parts at work. Our decisions are always made with the consideration of the best interests of our students.

We consider the following when building classes:

- Learning partnerships
- Parent requests
- Student list
- Social groupings

Finally, it is important to note that we do not take academic levels into account when making these decisions as we pride ourselves on an individualised program that suits the needs of every child. Social interactions are prioritised - happy kids learn!

Students will find out who is in their 2025 class in our "Meet the Teacher" session which is on **Wednesday December 11th.**

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The teaching team for next year is as follows:

- Steph Brindley—Prep
- Amie Grisold—1
- Justine Puls-Welsh—1/2
- Danah McMillan—2/3
- Merron Thomson & Briony Kane—3/4
- Zoe Payne—4/5
- Stafford Hurst—6

When considering teacher placement, I take the following into account:

- A one-on-one conversation with the teacher to discuss and reflect on their year
- Which area of the school the teacher has taught in over the past 5 years
- The school priorities as stated in the strategic plan and how it aligns to teacher areas of expertise and further training
- Teacher extra responsibilities in the school
- Teacher preference

Thank you for your support and understanding as we embark on this task. As usual, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

## LIBRARY BOOKS



Book borrowing from our School library has finalised for the year. Please return all borrowed school library books so they can be reshelved in preparation for the New Year. Students can still borrow every Tuesday from the Mobile Library Service

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Have you made a donation to our annual Christmas Raffle? If possible, we ask each family to donate an item to our annual Christmas Raffle. Suggested items may be wrapping paper, food, chocolate, or small gifts. We hope to have plenty of prizes to raffle at our final assembly. Please leave donations in the box outside the office. Please check your child's bag for raffle tickets that will be sent home today. Good luck!

## PREPARING FOR 2025

All students require a **stationary pack** for 2025. Stationary packs can be ordered through the Maxim Office book-pack portal. The portal will close on **Friday 15th December**. The School Saving Bonus cannot be allocated to Maxim Office Group to use against stationary.

The **School Saving Bonus** is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- school uniforms

Any amount that you choose to allocate to activities and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities. Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).

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## A NEW WEBPAGE TO HELP FAMILIES AND STUDENTS PREPARE FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep or moving to secondary school. The Department of Education has published a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year. During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition between kinder and Prep and primary to secondary school
- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children’s mental health.

Please follow this link [New year of learning](#) or visit the webpage at [www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning](http://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning)

### HEADLICE



It has come to our attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair over the weekend.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!

I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child’s hair. Please visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) and search for “head lice (nits)” for advice on how to treat for headlice. Also we encourage long hair to be always tied back.

### CAMP

As part of the school camping program, the 2025 camp for students in Years 3-6 will be held at Billabong Ranch, Echuca on **31st March until 2nd April 2025** A map of the camp can be found on <https://www.billabongranch.com.au/contact/> This is a structured 3 day, 2 night ADVENTURE PROGRAM designed to develop students self-confidence, trust, problem solving, team work skills & having fun in a unique environment. Adventure activities (Pedal boats, initiative games, bush craft, horse riding etc) that may be undertaken during camp can be found on the following link. <https://www.billabongranch.com.au/school-accommodation/>

An event will appear on Xuno next week for you to action. As this event is early in the year, please make sure all permissions are provided as soon as possible. The School Saving Bonus can be utilised for payment of this camp if chosen. Please see Stafford Hurst if you would like to attend this camp as a parent helper.

Feedback that was received by Waratah Beach Camp regarding this terms campers.....

*Hi Stafford, it is always a pleasure to have such a wonderful group stay with us and is a terrific reminder as to why we do what we do. So, thank you.*

## Value Award Winners



- Respect Kindness  
- Jett Butler - Toby Young - Sage Stephenson - Harry Borthwick -  
- Levi Brown - Jai Mirrielees - Sophie Hennuyer-Williams - Angus Hay  
- Rebecca Whitworth - Thomas Barrett  
Courage

*Awards were given at last Monday’s assembly.*

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# PHPS Artworks



Great 1/2's finished masterpieces, inspired by Van Gogh's famous 'Sunflowers'



Every year at our School Concert we auction off beautiful framed artwork produced by each grade. Here is a preview of the amazing artwork that will be auctioned off on Tuesday 10th at the concert.



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## Waratah beach camp recount by Grade 5H

### Day 1

On Monday the 25th of November, grades 3-6 went to camp at Waratah Bay Beach Camp. On the way we found out the bus driver is a distant relative to Mrs Richards, his name was Jason. We had a stop at a park in Koo Wee Rup for a snack. It was a long 3 hour drive, some people were extremely loud and some were tired. When we got there we were so excited that we couldn't sit still. But the downside was we all had to carry very heavy bags. Once we had lunch we went to our cabins and made our beds. Once we finished that we went and met Tom, our camp leader. After we got into our groups, we went for a walk to the rockpools. We found crabs, starfish, sea urchins, a dead sea dragon and a dead puffer fish. After that we had afternoon tea, we had the choice of an apple or two slices of orange and cordial or water for a drink. After that we got ready for dinner, which was roast pork and veggies. The potatoes and the pork crackling was good. For dessert we had apple crumble and ice cream, and for supper we had cake. After dinner we did tabloid sports, then we went to sleep.

### Day 2

In the morning we had bacon and eggs on toast and cereal for breakfast. We got into our groups. Half of us went surfing and the other half did activities, these included the giant swing, rope course, bouldering, nitro course, spider net and caterpillar crawl. The surfing was so much fun, we all caught enormous waves. The giant swing was so fun, even the teachers and parents went on it! Mr Hurst even did a backflip! Mr Hurst and Aron taught everyone to whistle with Mirabush leaves. For dinner we had veggies and lasagna, for dessert we had icecream and jelly. That night we went on a nightwalk to the lookout and roasted marshmallows on the campfire. After we got back to the camp, we went to sleep.

### Day 3

In the morning we had to pack our bags before breakfast and get them out of our rooms. For breakfast we had pancakes, we had to make our lunch as well! After that we got into our groups and went to the beach for a sandcastle competition. We all made creative things like a giant castle and a hammerhead shark. Then we got the bags into the bus and left. We stopped at Koo Wee Rup again for lunch. A few of us were all so tired and some of us slept most of the way home while the others sang songs.

A big thankyou to Aaron, Steve, Caz, Nikki, Mrs Kane, Miss Payne and Mr Hurst for looking after us!



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# TheirCare

Where Kids love to be!

Hello Everyone!

We have had a great time looking at Celebrations and why we have them for the past two weeks. Celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries, Halloween, Diwali, Easter, The Wattle Festival, Melbourne Cup, The Royal Melbourne Show and of course all of this is leading up to the children's favourite: Christmas! With the very warm weather hitting us so early, it has been really important that the children have all been wearing sunscreen and hats when we go outside. If your child is allergic to the sunscreen that we use here, please supply them with their own so that they can be protected outside. Having a spare hat to keep here at our OSHC would be fantastic as well. We have some spare hats, but not enough for everyone. This week's theme has been about "Under The Sea". With the help of our wonderful Declan, the girls were very busy making peg doll mermaids and setting them up in their own swimming pool diorama. The boys continue their lego dramas. This week, thanks to Emma's mum giving us more lego, the boys have built cars to add to their entourage. They have quite a complicated game that continues from one day to the next complete with planes, ships, police stations, control towers, you name it!

Check out our Summer Holiday Program for 2024! Looks like a lot of fun! Hello Everyone!

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">13 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Ultimate Game Shows</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Step into the spotlight for our ultimate Game Show Day! Compete in exciting games like Family Feud, Celebrity Heads and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Test your improvisation skills in Whose Line is it Anyway? then work as a team in the Blindfolded Obstacle Course!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$2.50 Full fee \$75.12**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">14 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Bearly Cool!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Today, we are getting into some creative goodness with Drip Bear Money Box Kit! Watch as the paint colourfully drips down in layers to design your very own bear-shaped money box! Afterward, the fun continues with Drip Spinegraph Creations, the Sleeping Bear Group Game, and some colourful Summer Symmetry Painting!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$3.00 Full fee \$86.03**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">15 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Sonic the Hedgehog 3</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Sonic the Hedgehog returns to the big screen this holiday season in his most thrilling adventure yet. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow. Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$11.89 Full fee \$118.94**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">16 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Octopus Art Attack!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Dive into a sea of fun with our reversible emotion Octopus! Create your own vibrant octopus using blow spray and dance for a colourful, under-the-sea craft. Afterward, the fun continues with DTP Puffball STEAM experiments, an Octopus Group Game, and some creative Paper Craft Octopus designs!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$3.00 Full fee \$86.03**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">17 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Hole in one!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Get ready to tee off for a mini-golf adventure like no other! Journey through the twists and turns of the mini-golf course! After mini-golf, participate in exciting activities like Frisbee Golf, Hula Hoop Simon Says, and Rubber Bands to Win It. It's a day of excitement, laughter, and friendly competition!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$3.89 Full fee \$118.94**</p>	
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">20 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">LEGO Shark Tank</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Today we are in for a day of building and creativity! Design and construct your own Lego masterpiece, then show off your invention in a Shark Tank-style challenge! Dive into fun with the DTP Carnival Shark Tank Toss, launch your DTP Cup Rocket, and test your skills with Paper Airplane Launchers!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$2.50 Full fee \$75.12**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">21 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tag &amp; Arcade</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Get ready for an action-packed day at the Laser Tag Arena and Arcade! Engage in thrilling laser tag battles while outsmarting your opponents. After the excitement, enjoy a variety of arcade games. Then, dive into creative fun with Popsicle Stick Robotics! Make DTP craft Paper Cup Flowers, and enjoy Ultimate Frisbee Baseball!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$13.63 Full fee \$136.29**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">22 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Butter-flying By!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Housed in a magical mobile enclosure, children are offered the unique opportunity to engage with the butterfly! Feed and marvel at these delicate creatures! Afterwards, let's get creative with Nature Flowers, and craft our own Nature Bug!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$3.64 Full fee \$94.37**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">23 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Camp TheirCare</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Today is going to be an action-packed day with Camp TheirCare! With high-energy activities like Ultimate Tag, you'll be on the move, dodging and weaving. Take on the Ninja Warrior challenge, balance your way through The Floor is Lava, and cool down with fun Water-Based Relays!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$2.50 Full fee \$75.12**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">24 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Inflatable FunZone</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Dive into a world of bouncy fun at the Inflatable Obstacle Course! Bounce and leap your way through a variety of amazing obstacle courses! After our bouncy adventures, jump into more fun with the Jumping Laser Beam Obstacle Course, leap into Shape Hop Scotch, and craft your very own Sonic Finger Puppets!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$11.89 Full fee \$118.94**</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">28 JAN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Back to School Party</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Celebrate the start of summer with an epic back-to-school party! Get ready for hilarious fun with Pin the Cherry on the Ice Cream, bounce into Balance Games, and test your flexibility with Crabwalk Limbo. Plus, unleash your creativity with a back-to-school collaborative art piece, and get messy with some edible Face paint!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">From as low as \$2.50 Full fee \$75.12**</p>

Service closed!

Back to School time!

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# PANTON HILL JNR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



## CALLING UNDER 12 GIRLS

Ruby, a Smiths Gully local, is thrilled to help lead our girls football program. Currently a member of the PHFC senior women's team, she can't wait to coach our inaugural U12 girls footy team in 2025.

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## Hey kids, we had so much fun last series, we're making more episodes of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**


That's right, our last batch of contestants blew us away with some amazing topics like Aviation Disasters, Caterpillar Earthmovers, Ants, Babushka Dolls, The Norris Nuts, Space Travel, The Leadbeater's Possum and loads more.

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2025, no matter what your topic, if you know more about it than anyone else (and think you can be a bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you), go ahead and apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

**Just grab your parent or guardian and head to [hardquizkidsauditions.com.au](http://hardquizkidsauditions.com.au)**  
(You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application.)

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 23 February 2025.

**Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!****



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# Important Dates

## Term dates

	Start date	Finish date
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

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

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

Term 2	School Photos	Tuesday 23rd April
Term Four	Grade 3-6 Camp	Monday 25th November—Wednesday 27th November
Term Four	School Concert	Tuesday 10th 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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