Pyramid Hill College

All Families - Drought Assistance Payment
Available - Apply Now

As part of the Victorian Government’s drought assistance package, ALL Pyramid Hill College students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. A “one off” amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

How to Apply
Complete a CSEF Drought Package application form attached to this Newsletter or collect a form from the office. A form for the CSEF payment is also attached.

School Council Elections

Nominations for the vacant Parent representative’s positions on School Council for 2016 closed yesterday, 15th February. Congratulations go to Colleen Gunther and Yvonne Poole, new parent members on School Council and to returning parent, Kim Lister. New staff representatives are Sean McCann and Kiralee Pascoe and returning staff member, Tania Burke. There is still a vacancy on School Council for one staff representative.

Healthy Lunches

Students are reminded to bring or order healthy lunches.

A Healthy Eating Chart is attached to this newsletter.

Foods such as - Pies, Pasties and Sausage Rolls should only be ordered on Tuesdays and Fridays

Fried foods such as chips, potato cakes etc. should only be ordered ONCE per term, on the last day of the term.

These strict guidelines are set for all schools, by the Victorian Government.

Do you have a Health Care Card?
You can apply for the Camps/Excursion money for parents who hold a Health Care Card or Concession Card (current as at 27/1/2016.)

The annual CSEF per student : $125 for primary students $225 for secondary students

Application forms available from the office.
Funds are held at the school and can only be used for Camps/Excursions.

This is additional to the Drought Assistance payment.

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School Photos

Envelopes for Photo Orders have been sent home.
Please return these envelopes even if you are not ordering photos, as the barcode is used to identify the student for group photos, ID cards etc.

Pool Pick Up
Primary students will NOT be permitted to stay at the Pool without a parent in attendance. If students are to be picked up from the pool, they must be collected by 3.15.
NO primary student will be left at the pool unattended.
Year P-6 News

Students of the Week
Mitch - for being a positive role model to other students
Shanneah - for settling in well and trying hard in all subjects.
James - for bringing interesting things to show us.
Mia - for excellent work in class and at the swimming sports
Laura - for trying really hard with her handwriting and listening fabulously in class and at the pool.

Swimming Sports
Congratulations to the Prep - 6 students who swam in the sports. It was great to see everyone participating enthusiastically. Thank you to parents for coming to support them.
Thank you to the staff of St. Pat’s who organised the P-2 activities.

Swimathon
Congratulations to our college students who participated in the Swimathon on Sunday. It was a huge effort to raise money for the Pool. Well done!

Swimming Lessons - are on this Thursday, 17th Feb and next week on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Thursday, 25th Feb. That will conclude the program.

Volunteers - Reading
We are looking for volunteers to come and listen to students’ reading in Year Prep-4. If you are able to help, please contact the school.

Year 7-10 News

Making a Difference program started with new student leaders
Congratulations to our year 10 students who kicked off with the MAD program on Friday, playing some games and fun activities. We are looking forward to see where the MAD journey takes us this year.

Uniform
A reminder that hats are to be worn this term and that shoes should be black leather. Canvas shoes are not safe and students will be unable to take part in Technology, Agriculture, Foods or Arts subjects if the incorrect footwear is worn.

Tasmania Trip Letter sent Home
A letter has been sent home today as an instalment is due for the Tasmania Trip being held the last week of term 3 (12-16 Sept) in order to secure our booking on the ship and at the motel. As there is a waiting list it is important that this payment is made by Tuesday 1st of March otherwise positions on the camp may be forfeited. The whole cost of the camp must be paid three weeks prior to sailing- ie: paid in full by close of school on Friday 26th August. The final cost will be communicated to parents in the next month.

Managed Individual Pathways
Our new MIPS coordinator Sue Clay will be meeting with Year10 students on the 19th Feb and the 8 March this term. This time will be spent getting to know our students and assisting them with thoughts and plans for the future.

Street Arts Trip
The Loddon Shire are again sponsoring 6 of our Year 9/10 students to attend a three day Arts immersion in Melbourne, where the students will work with practising artists, study the laneway arts of Melbourne, view the Top Arts Exhibition of Year 12 work, attend Galleries and undertake their own arts projects. The trip will be combined with Boort, Wedderburn and East Loddon Schools and should be a great experience for those involved. Selection of students will take place before the end of this term. Students will be required to display their commitment to the arts in an interview.

Diary Dates
Monday, 29th Feb - Berwick students arrive
Tuesday, 1st March - Berwick Connections day

Mrs L Talbot
7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

Breakfast Club
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
8.30 in the BER

Head Lice
Please keep a check on your children’s heads and tie back long hair for school

It's Not OK to be Away!
Swimming Sports

The was a lot of keen competition in many events at last Wednesday’s running of the combined Pyramid Hill College and St Patrick’s Primary School swimming carnival, held at the Pyramid Swimming Pool.

Racing and novelty events were run throughout the day. The winning house of the day was Loddon with 677 points ahead of Terrick with 502.

One of the highlights of the day was the breaking of the under 15 girls butterfly record by Teagan Stewart.

Age group champions of the day were:

**Girls**
- 11 and Under: Isabelle Caspani (Loddon) and Samantha Moon (Loddon).
- 13 and Under: Imogen Broad (Loddon) and Jorja Moon (Loddon).
- 15 and Under: Teagan Stewart (Terrick)
- Open: Samantha Treacy (Terrick)

**Boys**
- 11 and Under: Adam Douglas (Loddon)
- 13 and Under: Mitch Gunther (Loddon)
- 15 and Under: Zac Dingwall (Loddon)
- Open: Adam Gilbert (Terrick)

There was a great atmosphere at the pool with a large number of family supporters.

Head of Sport at Pyramid Hill College, Travis Colley said the highlight was the large number of students wearing house colours.

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**Principal’s News**

**NCD Swimming Sports**

Today the PHC swimming team travel to St Arnaud to participate in the NCD swimming sports. Best of luck to all competitors and there shall be a full report next week.

**Swimming Sports**

Last Wednesday our swimming sports were held in magnificent weather conditions and the level of enthusiasm by all competitors was impressive. Whilst competition in the pool seemed very even, the Loddon house reigned supreme on the day. Congratulation to Loddon Captain, Jessica Gunther and her team on the victory and well done to the Olivia Pickersgill led Terrick team, who proved to be very tough competitors. Well done to all competitors on their great effort and desire to participate on the day.

The student v parent v teacher proved to be a great highlight with the students taking out the title this year.

A special thank you to Travis Colley and all staff for their work in organizing and orchestrating such a successful day. Finally a big thank you to all parents and friends of the college for coming along and participating in our swimming sports.

**Loddon Times**

Today the Loddon Times reporter, Angus Verley, visited the school and took photos of our new Preps. So please keep a check on the Loddon Times over the next week to see this article.

**Drought Response Package**

Last week the State Government announced that all Loddon Shire students enrolled in a registered Victorian school on February 29th 2016 (census day) are eligible to receive a one off payment of $375 through the Camps & Excursions fund. This is in addition to the current CSEF payment. There is no means test associated with this payment and families must submit an application. The money is credited to the students school account and may be used for any school related payments i.e. camps, excursions, Food Technology, requisites etc. I encourage all families to complete the attached application form. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be taken next Tuesday, 23rd February, beginning at 9.00 am. Students should be wearing full school uniform. A reminder that photo envelopes should be returned, even if not ordering, to help the day run more smoothly.

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Fiona Moon
Principal
# Healthy Lunches

**GREEN**
- Everyday foods
  - Eat most of these
- Rolls
- Sandwiches
- Wraps
- Salads
- Foccacia
- Yoghurt
- Fruit
- Steamed Dim Sims
- Water

**RED**
- Occasional
  - Once or twice per term
- ONLY Tuesday & Friday
  - Pies
  - Pasties
  - Sausage Rolls
- FRIED FOOD
  - Can be ordered on the Last day of term only
  - Only ONCE per Term
  - Hot Chips
  - Fried Dim Sim
  - Crab Stick
  - Fish
  - Potato Cake
  - Chilli Chicken
  - Nuggets
  - Wing Dings
  - Salt & Vinegar Strip

**AMBER**
- Select Carefully
- Limit these foods
- Pizza
- Lasagne small
- Chicken Burger (plain)
- Hamburger (plain)
- Souvlaki

**DRINKS**
- Bottled Water
- Breaka
- GV Juices
- Primas
- Milk Shakes

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Students should not be ordering soft drinks

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These foods are in line with Government regulations on what students are able to order from school canteens and food service providers. These strict guidelines are set for all schools by the Victorian Government.