**Principal's News**

**College Student Elections**
Last Friday staff and students were privileged to listen to six of our year ten students who presented their speeches for the College Captain position. Each student should be extremely proud of the preparation that went into their speeches and the high level of delivery. Well done to Jessica Gunther, Julia Fernandez, Feliz Garchitorena, Olivia Pickersgill Teagan Stewart and Samantha Treacy!

Following a voting process by all students and staff, students have been successful in obtaining the following Leadership roles for 2015:
- **Pyramid Hill College Captains:** Feliz Garchitorena and Teagan Stewart
- **Community Leaders Year 10 (SRC):** Julia Fernandez and Samantha Treacy
- **House Leaders:** Olivia Pickersgill (Loddon) and Jessica Gunther (Terrick)

Our leaders will be inducted at our assembly to be held soon.

**Evacuation Drill**
This week staff and students will participate in an evacuation drill. This is part of the College’s Emergency Management Plan obligations and it is important that we are all aware of the actions required in the case of an emergency.

**Newsletter**
Just a reminder that every Tuesday each family receives a hard copy of the newsletter. It is also available on the school website: [www.pyramidhill.vic.edu.au](http://www.pyramidhill.vic.edu.au).

**School Council Elections**
Nominations are now being called for the vacant positions on School Council. Please consider becoming involved in this vital aspect of the College governance. Your views and input would be greatly appreciated and are a critical aspect of the effective functioning of the College.

Nominations open on **Monday 8th February** and close on **Monday 15th February**. A ballot, if needed, will close on **Friday, 26th February**. The first meeting of the new Council will be on **Tuesday, 15th March**.

Parent Representatives whose two years term has finished are Kim Lister and Michelle Miller. Michelle will not be seeking re-election as her youngest child has left the College. There are **three parent vacancies** on School Council - to make up the total constituting order of 8 parent members.

The DET Representatives whose two year term has finished are Tania Burke and Sharolyn Morris, who has resigned from the College. Fiona Moon, who is a current DET teacher representative will become the Executive Officer so there will be four DET positions vacant.

Outgoing members, parents and staff are encouraged to stand for School Council, as a vibrant and active School Council is a key ingredient to the effective running of the College. Thank you to everyone on School Council and in particular to outgoing members for their support, efforts and contributions to the college.

Nomination forms are available from the College.

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**Breakfast Club**
**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**
**8.30 in the BER**

Fiona Moon, Principal
**Year P-6 News**

**Students of the Week**

**Jack Gould** - for his fabulous writing, enthusiasm to learn and great start to the year.

**Raphael Talaid** - for settling into Pyramid Hill College so nicely.

**Riley Fergusson** - for being a great role model and friendly classmate to all.

**Charli Moon** - for her enthusiasm to read and write both at school and home.

**Swimming Sports**

**Prep Students** - Parents to bring into the pool.

**BBQ lunch** - 1 pm

The Prep/1/2 program begins at 1.30 sharp.

**Year 1 & 2 Students** - Students to come to school as normal and will be taken to pool for a 1 pm lunch.

**Year 3-10 Students** - Straight to the Pool at 9 am - buses will go to the Pool.

All students to have sunscreen and water bottle and wear a hat and T-shirt when not racing.

Please come along and support your students. Parents needed for the Parent vs Student vs Staff relays, so bring along your bathers.

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**Year 7-10 News**

**Congratulations to our new student leaders**

Congratulations to our year 10 students who all presented amazing speeches to the student assembly. They will now be our leaders for the year in many different situations. The ‘Advance - Making a Difference’ Program will be kicking off this week under their leadership.

**Dr Seuss Day**

Congratulations to the year 7/8 class who had their theme day on Tuesday. It was great to see the staff and students get into the spirit of the dress-up day.

**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 Payments**

Just a reminder that payments may be made at any time to the office.

**Managed Individual Pathways**

Our new MIPS coordinator Sue clay will be meeting with year 10 students on the 18th 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.

**Diary Dates**

**Monday, 29th Feb** - Berwick students arrive

**Tuesday, 1st March** - Berwick Connections day

Mrs L Talbot

7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

**Benefits of Regular Attendance for Students**

- The development of skills and attitudes such as self discipline, punctuality, being organised and sticking to routines will optimise life choices.
- Leads to making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a period of time.
- Leads to learning social skills necessary to live and work with others.
- People are more positive towards those that have a good attendance attitude.
- The more students attend, the more they learn and the more they will like school.

**It’s Not OK to be Away!**

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**Head Lice**

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