26th February, 2015

Local Nursing Service

The Pyramid Hill community continues to have a five day nursing service, Monday—Friday. A daily clinic from 9 am—10 am is available.

Community Health Nurses also attend home visits to clients. Community members can arrange an appointment with the community health nurse.

The Pyramid Hill community is serviced by three registered Division 1 nurses. Between us we have experience and a diverse skill set to offer the local community.

Clinic visits are great for younger and mobile people to have their bloods collected, wounds care, Blood Pressure checked, source information on medical or medication changes and to discuss health options. We encourage the community to utilize the resources we offer.

Northern District Community Health Service annual fee is $15 concession or $20 non-concession. This allows community members access to ALL services offered by NDCHS for 12 months. Single consultation fee with a nurse is $2.50 concession of $5 non-concession.

At NDCHS we will aim to provide quality care which enables the people within the community to increase their control of, and improve their health and wellbeing.

Community members can access Nursing, Well Women’s Clinics, Foot Care Program, Men’s Health, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health support, Counselling, Speech Pathology, Diabetes education, Dietician, Asthma support and Occupational Therapy. We continue to have access to a daily pathology courier service, so we continue to offer daily blood collection. This service remains BULK billed at present.

Call in or Call us on - 5455 7065

Our hours are - 9 am—4.30 pm

Monday - Friday

Or

Kerang Office - 5451 0200

Lions Market

Saturday

14th March

9.00—1.00

Memorial Hall

Come along and check out the stalls and enjoy a cuppa and a chat (morning tea provided by Men’s Shed for gold coin donation)

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Diary

February

26 Swimming Pool & Tennis Club Family Night

Thirds Footy Training begins

March

5 Netball Seniors Training begins

11 Trivia Night at the Pub

12 U17 & U15 Training begins

13 St. Pat’s Trivia Night

14 Lions Market

18 RACV Fly the Flag Rally

Morning Melodies

19 Netball Registration Night

24 PHNC Catering Committee AGM

27 End of 1st Term

April

3-6 Easter

4 Footy begins Pyr Hill—bye

9 13 & under Netball training begins

13 Schools resume
Committee is available for all Afternoon Teas, or Prep to Year 8 to enjoy there.

Gwen Searle
Informa/g415on: 54559238

Call in and check out the lovely main and yummy sweets. And a few spare $1 or $2 coins for the lovely travel videos and afternoon tea.

Wanda won, but caller didn’t. Trevor phoned to 15124944872057479058403108716848533168252893239844913546233707658262742531492950185594984063715437996389181093025984595681886257152.

Juniors
Calivil North 55
Sylvaterre 50.5
Yarrawalla 48
Greens 46
Mincha West 45
Lake Meran 34.5
Lake Charm 24.5
Kerang 15.5

Results
Sylvaterre 96 def Greens 95
Mincha West 97 def Lake Charm 84
Kerang forfeit to Calivil North
Yarrawalla def Meran

With one round to, Mincha West can still make it into the top four. A special mention for Lake Charm juniors, who have played every junior game possible and are doing a great job of holding up the ladder with no points at all. Well played Lake Charm juniors - your turn will come.

Seniors
Calivil North 55
Sylvaterre 50.5
Yarrawalla 48
Greens 46
Mincha West 45
Lake Meran 34.5
Lake Charm 24.5
Kerang 15.5

Seniors News
Well, another month almost gone and none of us any younger! So Happy Birthday to anyone having one. DVD afternoon attendees enjoyed some lovely travel videos and afternoon tea. Card Report - Thursday 19th - five played, calling card for partner, which Wanda won, but caller didn’t. Trevor won second and Peg won the last. Kate and Wanda then played Trevor and Peg, the latter winning both games. Supper enjoyed by all.

Our next Luncheon is Friday, 13th March - names in by Monday 9th please. $10 for lovely main and yummy sweets. And a few spare $1 or $2 coins for the raffle. Stay well, stay safe.

Birth Notice
Twigg
Kirsty and Adam are thrilled to announce the arrival of Maxwell Lance Twigg
Born 17/2/2015.
A much loved brother for Jasmine and Sophie and Grandson for Sally & Doug. Thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts and visits.

RaROCKK

Kids Rock
Tuesday, 9th March
Church of Christ Hall
3:30 to 5:00

Open for children 5 years old or Prep to Year 8 to enjoy Games, Stories, Craft & Singing - $1 It would be great to see you there

For more information:
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54559278

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Authorised by Peter Walsh, 496 High Street, Echuca, 3564
Junior State Fire Brigade Championships

Last weekend, the Pyramid Hill Under 17 Junior Fire Brigade members, Dylan Moon, Glen James, Blake O’Toole and Anthony Meulendijks and families, headed off to Horsham to compete in the annual Volunteer Fire Brigades Victorian Annual Junior State Championship. The Saturday morning started slowly, with our boys finishing well out of the placings. As the day warmed up, so did the competition, with some very close results and the boys getting their work together to finish just out of the placings.

The final event for the day had Pyramid Hill on the aggregate board with Dylan and Blake running fourth in the 2 man wet hose, with a time of 10.85 sec, only 0.08 from second and third position and the Swan Hill team winning with 10.61 seconds. Sunday started with Blake winning his heat in the hydrant race and matching Tatura, the eventual winner, down the track in the final. We were just outside the placings again, in striking 2nd disc. In the final event, we were back on the board with Blake, Glen Dylan and Anthony gaining fourth in striking one disc twice, with a time of 15.10, narrowly behind second and third with 15.05 sec, with Wendouree winning with 14.66 seconds.

The results in nearly all events were less than one second from first to fifth, which is a reflection of the season, with very little between the top ten teams. Tatura finished the year as the top team, followed by Swan Hill second and Moe third. Pyramid Hill finished 12th out of 70 teams, including Kellerberrin from W.A.
**Morning Melodies**

**Wednesday, 18th March. Everybody Loves Lucy**

Starring Elise McCann

Lucille Ball was the Queen of American comedy for decades. After years paying her dues as a contract player in movies like Ziegfeld Follies and Too Many Girls, she won the public’s hearts and reigned supreme as television’s biggest star in “I Love Lucy”, Acclaimed theatre star, Elise McCann (Mamma Mia, My Fair Lady, South Pacific) presents a madcap, hilarious tribute to a true trail-blazer. Including much loved songs from Lucy’s roles in Mame, Top Hat and many more!

Please phone June Ballis – 5455 7078 if you are interested in going.

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**Boort & District Probust Club March AGM**

2pm Friday 6th March at BRIC – note time!

Guests and visitors welcome.

Following meeting is on Friday 10th April 2015 at 10am:

Barry Kennedy travels in Canada and USA.

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If it is determined that the call is a “Emergency” they will call 000 for you and stay on the line with you until help arrives.
Pyramid Hill Netball Club Operations

As the 2015 season approaches with vigour and excitement, there are a few important dates for players and supporters:

**Registration Night**
Players for the 2015 season will register on Thursday 19th March at 5.30pm in the Footy Sheds. All registration forms, indemnity forms and codes of conduct will need to be completed on this night. Fee payment is also required on this night.

**Fees**
Seniors (born on or before 31/12/970 - $145
Full time students: $135
17 & Under/15 & Under: $95
13 & Under/NetSetGo: $65

**Training**
Senior players’ training commences on Thursday 5th March at 6.30pm;
17 & Under/15 & Under training commences on Thursday 12th March at 5.30pm;
13 & Under training commences on Thursday 9th April at 4.45pm;
NetSetGo training - to be advised.

**2015 Coaching Personnel**
The Pyramid Hill Netball Operations are pleased to announce the following personnel in their respective coaching positions:
NetSetGo: Kim Lister;
13 & Under: Deb Forster;
15 & Under: Mandy Dingwall;
Senior Coach: Gemma Scott.
We welcome all Coaching Staff and wish them a successful and smooth season in 2015.

**Expressions of Interest**
Expressions of interest are sought for a Coach for 17 & Under for the 2015 season.
All interested applicants are asked to contact The Pyramid Hill Netball Operations Manager, Deb Dingwall on 54557378.
Applications close on Monday, 2nd March.
**Photos Wanted**

We have made some progress with the photos of soldiers but still need more, there are some photos coming from families of the soldiers, and we are greatly appreciative of their time and expense in forwarding the photos to us. It has been a great experience being involved in the gathering of the history of the Memorial and its soldiers. The needed photos are:

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We would be very thankful if you could help us in tracking down the descendants of the abovementioned soldiers.

Please contact.
Bill Boyd 03 5436 5275 or willauray3@bigpond.com
Guido Assmann 03 5436 5282 or guidod@pacific.net.au

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**World Day of Prayer**

**Friday, 6th March**

10.00 am

**Tyndale Uniting Church**

Service prepared by Christians from the Bahamas

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**Church of Christ**

Kelly Street

11 am Worship Service

All Welcome

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**Pyramid Hill Uniting Church**

Tyndale Church, Victoria Street

Worship Services at 9 am

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**Catholic Services**

St Patrick's Pyramid Hill - Saturday
6.30pm
(Eposition and confession 6pm)
**Bowls Notes**

**60+ Lads**

It’s back to the chops and hamburgers this week after supping on succulent chicken for a few days. Yet, the lads still did a good job with two wins out of three games. Again, like last week, they played a draw in their second game and had to play an extra end which they won with one shot. They are good at the tie breakers! This week they might be able to make the most of the home ground advantage as they play host to some of the other teams. Good luck, fellas. Here’s your chicken joke: Q: Why did the chick disappont his mother? A: He wasn’t what he was cracked up to be!

**Saturday Pennant**

A dire day for both Divisions this week. Perhaps we just didn’t acclimatize to the heat as well as the opposition. And, boy, was it hot!!!! I take my hat off to the Skips who stand out in the heat all day….but then again, it’s too hot to do without my hat, so I’m leaving it on. **Division 1** travelled to Gunbower where it was a battle to see who would take supremacy on the rungs of the Premier- ship ladder. The home ground advantage gave Gunbower the leading edge; and the finishing touch. In other words, they were too good on the day. (They beat us on the last encounter also).

Lionel, Marie S, Jean & Andy shot away to an early lead; then the wheels fell of and Gunbower surged to the lead. With dogged determination, our players clawed their way back into the game and finished with a 26 all draw. The “ear-to- the ground reporter” heard that everyone did their bit; Andy and his opposing lead had a tight tussle all day and Lionel continued to play his amazing skilful shots.

Fred, Laurie, Marie N., and Helen came back to earth with a thud and suffered a loss 19-27 which could partly be attributed to inconsistency, and partly attributed to the skill of the opposing Skip.

Beau, Ian, Kate & Graham suffered a similar fate. They lost 19-29 with the opposing Skip also creating chaos particularly in the final stages of play. Overall scores were 64 shots to 82.

**Division 3** travelled to Barham Sports where they fared little better. They did manage to win two of the three rinks of play. Unfortunately, their combined tally was not sufficient to compensate for short fall of the other rink. The heat was also a challenging factor and certainly affected people’s patterns of play.

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**Notes**

A dire day for both Divisions this week. Opposing Skip also creating chaos attributed to inconsistency, and partly Fred, Laurie, Marie N., and Helen came continued to play his amazing skilful shots. Nola, Terry, Lorraine and John plugged away for a 3 shot win. Brian, Allan F, Ernie and Bill were still in the winning circle, this time reduced to a 3 shot win also.

Charlie, Neil, Alan J and Andrew fell short of the mark which impacted on the overall result. Their 12 shot loss meant the team as a whole went down by 6 shots. (Sorry, no actual scores are available.)

Special “Thanks” to Laurie, Barb and James at the Gunbower Road House for their wonderful hospitality following the matches. They served up scrumptious fishand chips, hamburgers, souvlakis and the like as we relaxed and took in the spectacular views of the Gunbower Creek from the comfort and seclusion of their gardens. The homemade potato cakes to die for, and the original recipe for the hamburger filling was absolutely delicious. On MKR a score of 10/10 would have been dealt out by Pete & Manu. Those who missed out, really missed out!!

**Star Day A/C Fours Tournament:**

Huge “Congratulations” are extended to Jan (Tournament Secretary) and Nola (Catering Committee) who devoted considerable time and energy to ensure the very successful running of the tournament on Wednesday. Their work was amazing! Jan did a magnificent job rallying 14 teams to participate when many Clubs are having trouble getting sufficient numbers together to hold their events. It was wonderful to have the support of so many other members who teamed together to attend to tasks big and small. As always the catering was extremely well done. Thanks to Alan F and his team who worked hard to have the greens in good form. If you contributed in any way whatsoever give yourself a pat on the back. Sincere thanks to Moama Bowling Club and Riverina Sports and Leisure who were our major Sponsors. Winners of the tournament were our very own local side (Skip - Brian, 3rd Graham, 2nd Helen F & Lead Bev). Well done!

Runners Up were the Kerang Golf team (Carol Pay, Faye Burton, Shirley Forbes & Ken Pay). Best last game the Cohuna group ( Russell Ladson, Lyle Baker, Sheryl Baker & Deanne Ladson). Lucky Skip- Wally Henry. Lucky third – Marg Bath, Lucky second – Elizabeth Smith, Lucky Lead – Barb Williams. Raffle winners Shirley Hope took home the big prize donated by Riverina Bowls & Leisure. Marg Troy, Kate Peace, Bev Berry, Ken Pay & Pam Crichton were also lucky with the raffle draws. Heard on the bowling green by one of the visiting groups, “We love coming to Pyramid Hill to play because we always have a good time and their catering is excellent!” I think we definitely upheld our reputation this time around.

**Coming Events:**

- **Saturday Pennant: Last round of the Sectional play - Division 1** host Cohuna. **Division 3** host Barham Services Gold. Players, please check to see whether you are the duty rink and fulfil your duties as required. (That’s your rink, Charlie!). All players and supporters invited to attend the Victoria Hotel for dinner on Saturday night at 7.00 o’clock.

- **Elders A/C Pairs Tournament:**
  Wednesday 11th March 1pm

Best wishes to Marie and Lionel who will be representing the Northern District Bowls division in mixed pairs competition at Swan Hill on Sunday. Good bowling and good luck.

**Tournaments:**

Thanks to everyone who has been attending tournaments around the area. There are still quite a few to attend before the season draws to a close, so please be prepared to take a turn at representing the Club Board Meeting:

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**Night Netball**
The first match for Monday Night Netball will commence on **Monday, 2nd March**.
The first matches for the season will be held at the Pyramid Hill Netball Courts, Mitchell Park, making the most of the final few weeks of Daylight Saving.
Teams and additional information will be forwarded to all players this week.
Any interested umpires are urged to contact Colleen (0427 506 375) asap.
Umpires fees are set at $10 per game.

**Lions News**

**Lions Market**
**Saturday, 14th March**
9.00—1.00
The market is back for another year. So come on down to the Memorial Hall in Kelly Street and have a look around.
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(Need to book on Thursdays)
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Coach dep Bendigo 3.30 pm
Arrive Pyramid 4.54 pm

**Friday Only**
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**Saturday only**
Train dep Melb 8.36 am & 6.36 pm
Arrives Pyramid 11.46 am & 9.46 pm

**TO MELBOURNE**
**Monday – Friday**
Train dep Pyramid 8.18 am & 1.57 pm
Arrives Bendigo 9.21 am & 3.01 pm
Arrives Melb 11.36 am & 5.11 pm

**Tuesday and Thursday**
Coach dep Pyramid 10.55 am
Train dep Bendigo 12.30 pm
Arrive Melbourne 2.28 pm

**Friday only**
Coach dep Pyramid 5.05 pm
Arrives Bendigo 6.20 pm
Train Arrives Melb 8.49 pm

**Saturday only**
Train dep Pyramid 8.17 am & 2.37 pm
Arrives Bendigo 9.20 am & 3.41 pm
Arrives Melb 11.32 am & 5.43 pm

**Sunday only**
Train dep Pyramid 8.17 am & 5.34 pm
Arrives Bendigo 9.20 am & 6.37 pm
Arrives Melb 11.31 am & 8.48 pm
Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool Tennis Club
Family Night

*** TONIGHT ***
Thursday, 26th February
5.00pm – 8.00pm
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♦ (Hamburger $2.50; Kebab $2.00; Sausage $1.00; Coleslaw FREE)
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I had written him a text
Which I’d sent, hoping the next
time he came in mobile coverage
he’d have time to say hello.
But I’d heard he’d lost his iPhone,
So I emailed him from my phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows:

And the answer redirected
Wasn’t quite what I’d expected
And it wasn’t from the shearing mate
Who’d answered once before.
His ISP provider wrote it
and verbatim I will quote it:
'This account has been suspended:
You won’t hear from him no more.'

In my wild erratic fancy
Visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage
Where the Western rivers flow.
Instead of tapping on the small screen,
He’d be camping by the tall green
river gums - a pleasure
That the town folks never know.

Well, the bush has friends to meet him
But the rest of us can’t greet him:
Out there, even Telstra’s network
doesn’t give you any bars.
He can’t blog the vision splendid
Of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory
Of the everlasting stars.

I am sitting at the keyboard
And I’m too stressed out to be bored
As I answer all the emails
By the deadlines they contain
While my screen fills with promotions
For ‘Viagra’ and strange potions
And announcements of the million-
dollar prizes I can claim.

But the looming deadlines haunt me
And their harrying senders taunt me
That they need response this evening
For tomorrow is too late!
But their texts, too quickly ended,
Often can’t be comprehended
For their writers have no time to think
They have no time to wait.

And I sometimes rather fancy
That I’d like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer
Saying ‘Sorry, had to go.’
While he faced in an inbox jamming
up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message:
clancy@theoverflow
ANZAC Commemoration Service
will be held at Serpentine on Friday 24 April 2015.
The Honourable Tim Fischer, AC will be the guest speaker.
There will also be an exhibition in the Serpentine Hall after the service of World War 1 items gathered from throughout the Shire. All school students in the Loddon Shire will be present.
We do need to know the number of people, (in addition to the school children) who are planning to attend so that we can adequately provide chairs and arrange morning tea and Anzac biscuits.
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Registration is free. Sign up at: futurelearn.com/courses/ww1-stories

Footy Training
Thirds training to commence
Thursday 26th Feb at 6pm.
This year the competition has changed to under 18’s, so anyone who played last season is still eligible to play this year.
New players most welcome.
Any enquiries to Matt,
0409 537 399

Best Wishes
To Marie Scott who is a finalist in the 2015 Sports Focus Administrator of the Year Award. Marie has been jointly nominated by the Football and Bowling Clubs. Her long serving commitment and her inspiring demeanour, place her in a strong position for taking out the award, which will be announced at a gala ceremony on Friday evening in Bendigo.

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New Name for Committee
- Pyramid Hill Footy Ladies Committee will now be known as the Pyramid Hill Football/Netball Clubs Catering Committee

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th March Footy Sheds at 7.30 pm
- New members encouraged— we need some new members!

Aerobics
- Last day will be next Monday, 2nd March
- Thank you to all those who have participated each week and to Ronnie, who has made the journey each week from Echuca to lead us.

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Sunday, 1st March, 2015
10 am - 4 pm
at the
Regional Events Centre
Bendigo Show Grounds

(1st Gate past the main gate travelling from the centre of Bendigo along Holmes Road)
Follow the oval around to the first LARGE building. Entrance door faces oval.
$5 Registration fee to cover costs
Sausage sizzle, chairs, facilities to make tea and coffee, and toilets all in the venue. B.Y.O other food, drinks, etc
For further information contact Glenda Morrison 0427-301464

There is also the opportunity for any interested folk to catch up the night before (Saturday 28th) at the National Hotel in High Street Bendigo.

All who have a connection with Pyramid are welcome to join us for a casual chat and drink from 6.30 onwards. (and a meal if so desired).
Wool-industry legend Charlie Massy is optimistic farmers can combat climate change and turn around centuries of traditional farming techniques, while still making strong profits.

The Cooma merino stud owner will be among other farmers, scientists and industry experts sharing their research, experience and ideas about farm profitability at next week’s Future Farming Expo at Moama.

The medal of the Order of Australia recipient is a convert to regenerative farming, and has seen it flourish both in Australia and internationally.

“Around the world, regenerative agriculture is proving profitable, while at the same time regenerating ecosystems and building financial, seasonal and ecological resilience,” Mr Massy said.

“By ‘regenerative’ agriculture I mean an agriculture that, while enabling the production of food and fibre, at the same time regenerates the main landscape functions agriculture is dependent on. “Regenerative agriculture is, thus, far more than a simple holding of status quo, or ‘sustainability’.”

Mr Massy will explain his own regenerative practices and why he thinks it is vital to the industry’s future.

“I have seen remarkable results, including the tripling of productivity, slashing of costs and huge increases in resilience all round,” he said.

“Given the exciting and positive examples of regenerative agriculture as significant solutions to this challenge of all challenges, I believe it is time to re-examine the belief systems imposed on the ancient co-evolved natural landscapes of Australia and how we conduct agriculture therein.”

Mr Massy is not backwards in coming forward about the need for urgency.

“The unpalatable truth is, in regard to the modern life-sustaining issues confronting humanity, industrial agriculture is proving to be one of the major contributors to life-threatening issues,” he said.

“Through inappropriate farming methods that largely ignore Australia’s unique climate, soils and ecosystem functions, land degradation in Australia is still escalating.

“Coupled with this, human-precipitated climate disruption is now adding further uncertainty, plus risk and cost to traditional agricultural approaches while ever we continue to farm as if we still live in Europe.”

The Future Farming Expo will be held at the Rich River Golf Club resort from 8.30am to 4pm on March 4.

Places are strictly limited and bookings and RSVPs are essential on (03) 5448 7124 or email info@nccma.vic.gov.au by 10 am Tuesday 3 March.

The expo is a free event organised by the North Central Catchment Management Authority, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and Murray Landcare, with funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program. For more information go to www.nccma.vic.gov.au

North Central District Swimming Carnival

On Monday 16th February, 18 students represented Pyramid Hill College at the North Central District Swimming Carnival. These students won the opportunity to represent the school after winning their individual event at the School Swimming Carnival.

The day produced some fantastic weather and some very strong competition. Schools competing on the day were Boort, Wycheproof, St Arnaud, Charlton, Birchip, Donald, Wedderburn, Maryborough and Pyramid Hill.

Competing in a strong field, the 18 students were always in the mix within their races. Congratulations to Abbey Dingwall who won the 16 years Girls Breaststroke (2 100ths of a second off the record) and Jorja Moon (13 years Girls Butterfly), both of whom have earned a position in the Loddon Mallee Swimming Carnival to be held in Swan Hill in March. The Swan Hill carnival is one step away from the State Finals.

Also congratulations to Jorja Moon (6th Individual Medley) and Jordann Broad (100m breaststroke) who challenged themselves by competing in some long distance events, against much older students.

Students Above: L to R: Samantha Treacy, Abbey Dingwall, Jorja Moon, Daniel Hercott, Jasmine Lacey, Tess Hampson