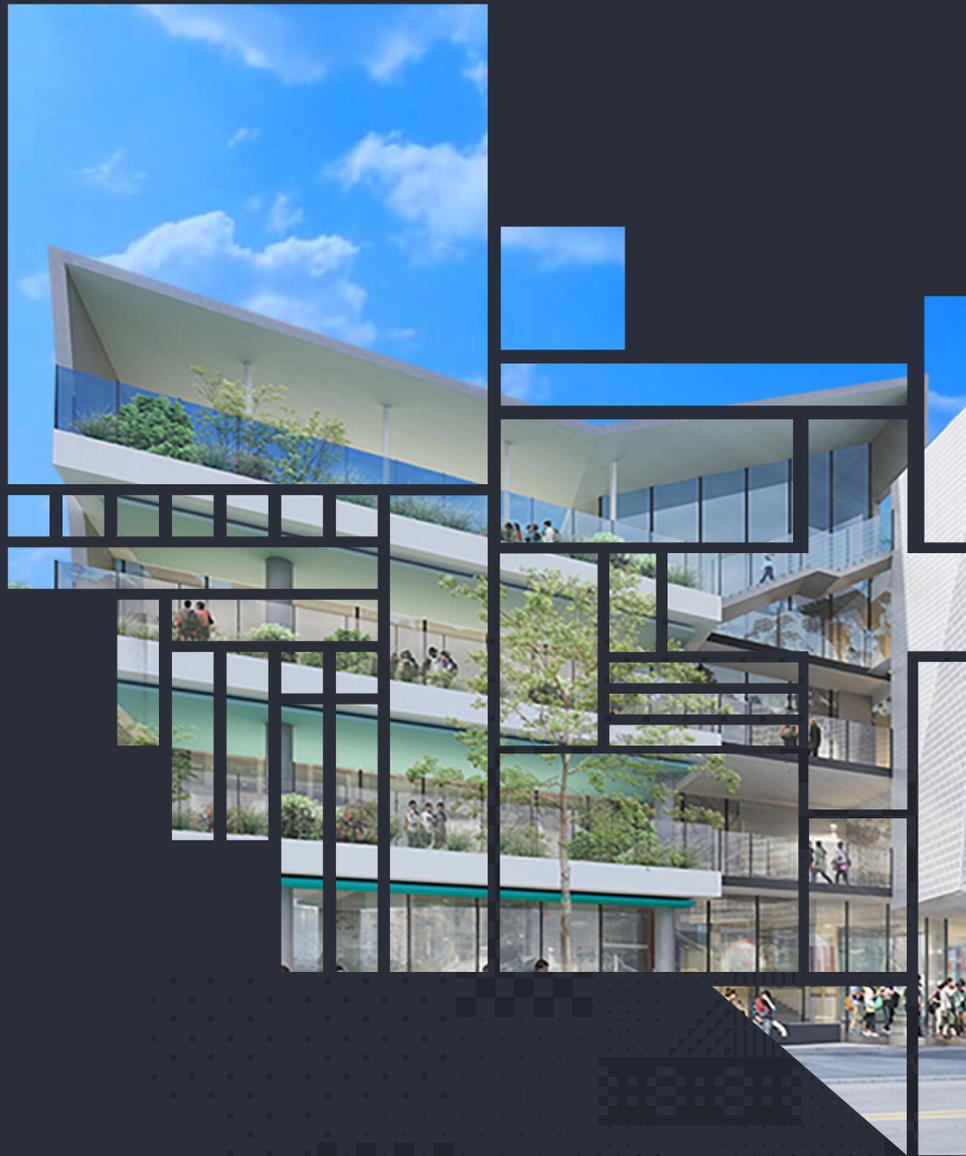




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PHS NEWS #3



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Dear families and friends,

At the risk of sounding predictable and rolling out an old cliché, truly, hasn't this year just flown by? As I sat down to reflect on all that's been happening at Prahran High School recently, it really hit home – we're about to hit the mid-point of our first school year together.

I actually can't quite believe we are fast approaching June, but here we are and it's a great time of year!

So much happens in schools, which is what makes them such fun places to be. At Prahran High School the pace of development, change and implementation is such that truly each day is full of vibrant, demanding and positive activity. That being said it is so important that we do actually slow down and pause from time to time – a pause for reflection, to celebrate, and to plan for improvement.

As well as at school, so much happens in the world around us, all the time. We have recently elected our federal government for another term, after a hard-fought campaign from all sides. It always seems to me that election campaigns can bring out the very best, and sometimes the very worst, of people and society. Thankfully, here in our part of the world, it felt like a spirited, fierce and respectful campaign. I congratulate all candidates who stood up for their beliefs in this ultimate democratic challenge.

Whatever the outcome of an Australian election, whatever our individual political beliefs and wherever we live in this huge, democratic land we can cast our votes freely and without fear of violence. At any election time, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude to live in Australia and to take my part in the democratic process.

Few people around the world can elect their leaders as freely and easily as we can. The now ubiquitous voting sausage sizzle has become a totemic image for me of all that is good about voting in this country. This is a message I am committed to working on with our students: their agency for making change, their powerful role to play in a contest of ideas and how grateful we should be to vote freely (when we reach the age of 18).

As I write this update and we prepare this PHS News, winter is now fast approaching and the mornings have gotten crisp, to say the least. We look forward to seeing our students rugged up at school, in school uniform, ready to learn in our beautiful, warm learning spaces.

Thankfully, the sun was shining when we were at camp and that's the story on the following page, written by two of our campers.....

Happy reading.



Nathan Chisholm
Foundation Principal

LAUNCH OF THE PRAHRAN HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

Recently we launched the new Prahran High School website. We are very pleased with how the build of our new site progressed and with the fabulous result we have achieved. The school website is a very important and necessary part of our school promotion and communication strategy.

We are thrilled with the result and confident that we've achieved what we set out to do. We will now monitor engagement with the site moving forward. It is contemporary, distinctive and simple to navigate.

We'd love to hear any feedback from you.

CAMP ADANAC 2019

Last week (May 19-21) we travelled to Yarra Junction for our very first camp together. This year our camp was held at the picturesque Camp Adanac which is nestled in a valley, by a lake and surrounded by vivid, green hills. Year 7 camp is about building relationships, building trust and having fun!

Major events like our camp can't happen without the commitment of our amazing staff. We thank the staff team for your energy, kindness and whole-hearted dedication to providing the best opportunities we can for our kids.



Luca and Helena share some thoughts about camp

Luca (7B)

Camp exceeded my expectations. The activities were awesome! Some of them were trampolines, flying fox, camp cooking, disc golf (golf with discs) and many more. The accommodation was exceptional, everything was set up and ready to be used. The food was delicious! My favourite meal was dessert where we had an ice-cream cake slice the first night and then a whole cup of ice cream the second.

Altogether I thought camp ADANAC a great experience for everyone who attended.

Helen (7B)

On the 20th of May, the students at Prahran High attended the Year 7 camp, at Adanac CYC located in Yarra Junction, the activities they had to offer at this camp were archery, a flying fox, canoeing and many more.

The camp was a great way for us to get to know other students in the school and have better opportunities to make new friends. All students in each activity group helped one another. If someone felt not confident enough to participate in an activity, we also enjoyed viewing the scenery at the camp. Even though some students went home sick they all had fun participating in activities they usually wouldn't be able to do outside of camp.

Throughout the camp, the school values were shown all the time by a variety of students, some of which won awards for creativity, curiosity, challenge and character during an assembly on the 28th of May.



SCHOOL TOURS – YEAR 7 2017

We are leading school tours with prospective families multiple times per week. It is such a pleasure to look over our school with these families and feel their excitement and interest in joining us. The clear sense of learning and positivity that these visitors are feeling in our school, already is palpable. It's exciting.

The opportunity to 'walk and talk' has been valued. On each of these tours, two of our current Year 7 students have joined us to talk about their school and they have done a superb job! They have been great ambassadors for their school as well as shining examples of fine young people. Thanks to all of the students who are helping us.

At the time of writing, the first cut of enrolment applications for 2020 is starting to take shape and we're very happy with the interest in our school so far. I anticipate needing a fifth Year 7 class in 2020 but we'll know more as the next month rolls along.



Here's Cooper, Viola and Mr Fidler promoting PHS



Max is happy the tests are finished

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 7 and 9 students was held on 14 – 16 May 2019. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

I congratulate all students for the serious and diligent way that they approached their NAPLAN tests this year. It's an unusual, and stressful few days for them and they should all be very proud of how they handled the tests.

It is also worth reiterating that NAPLAN provides us with very valuable information about student progress, at a point in time. It does not reflect their learning progress between the completion of the tests and the time when results are available. The data is very useful for our planning at both the micro individual student level, and the macro cohort and whole school levels.



WINTER SHORTS PERFORMANCES

7A & 7C Wednesday June 19th 6pm

7C & 7D Thursday June 20th 6pm

We are very much looking forward to Prahran High School's first performance evenings, Winter Shorts coming up towards the end of term.

In Performing Arts, students have been studying various acting skills and learning sessions have focused on voice, movement, gestures and facial expressions through various scripts. Students have learnt the importance of not just following stage directions but thinking creatively about how to interpret a scene and how to bring a text to life.

Students have been curious with how to construe character relationships, playing around with ideas and collaborating in groups. They've been creative by directing their own scenes, building on their skills learnt from Drama last term.

Our two production evenings of 'Winter Shorts' invites friends and family to an informal showing of scene excerpts from various modern plays that students have been working on. Please come along to support the students in their first performance event and see the talent that we have at PHS.

Ms. Abi Wright

FAMILY SOCIAL AFTERNOON

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Foundation Class of 2019

When: Sunday 16 June, 2019
Where: Chapel off Chapel Bar & Courtyard
Time: 2.00 - 4.30pm
RSVP: Not required

Kids are welcome at the venue and can also use the adjacent park. Bring a basketball / netball and skate equipment if desired. Drinks and snacks at bar prices.

Any queries, please contact
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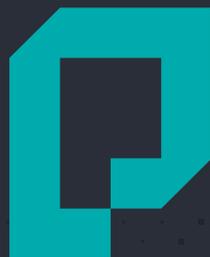
OTHER KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Student Learning Showcase

Thursday 27 June 2019 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Final Day Term 2

Friday 28 June 2019 2:30pm (early dismissal)



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Winter Shorts

A selection of short
excerpts from various plays

7A & 7C - 6pm

Wednesday 19th June

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Thursday 20th June

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