



THE PHS NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Warm Welcome to Our School Community

As we have begun Term 3, we have welcomed 18 new students and families to our community. While it is not unusual to accept new students at different points in the year, particularly at this mid-point, the number of new enrolments is a welcome surprise.

Each new student and family who joins our school community brings personality, ideas, questions, contributions and energy. It is a great pleasure to meet students and families, to show them our school and to begin the work of inducting students into our culture. It has been a busy first month indeed.

To all those families who have recently joined the PHS community, I offer a very warm welcome. This is a beautiful, diverse community, filled with families who care about their school, their child's education and each other. As you meet more students, staff and other families, I hope you feel that positive spirit. As you and your child settle into life at Prahran High School, I invite you to contact the Assistant Principals or myself should you have any initial questions.

We continue to adapt to the challenges of the recent past, where movement of families, both in and out of schools, has become more common and more frequent. I think this is settling again now, certainly as we look toward 2023, but we continue to plan one day a time.

Interestingly, most schools in our area are down (in some cases, quite a bit) on student numbers, because of the pandemic and associated factors. You may have read stories in the media about the Councils of Melbourne who have experienced the greatest net loss of residents across the past few years. The Cities of Stonnington, Port Phillip and Boroondara are the highest – that's us, so some decrease in school enrolments is a logical outcome.

That being the broader community context, I am delighted with initial enrolment data for Year 7, 2023! Our numbers have increased from this year, revealing continued confidence and faith in our school. We are in a good place with initial modelling of approximately 510 students to be enrolled in 2023.

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Principal's Writers Competition

In conjunction with this edition of The PHS News, I also launch my annual Principal's Writing Competition for 2022. I have held this competition since our Foundation year and the entries have been consistently outstanding, providing the judging panel with hours of reading pleasure. Last year, we awarded a range of prizes, and I am confident that the standard will be even higher this year.

Great stories, storytelling and storytellers, have been a deeply important aspect of the human experience for many, many thousands of years. We know that this is equally true of our world today; in fact, the complexity and challenges of the world around us perhaps make the joy of being immersed in a great story even more important.

From the important oral and artistic traditions of Indigenous Australians, to some of the Canonic works of the late 19th Century, or to the rich power of a contemporary novel I read recently, set in Richmond, Melbourne, just off Victoria Street, telling stories has evolved and changed, but their fundamental power and beauty has not.

Whatever the context, whomever the author, a great piece of writing has the power to impact the reader in all sorts of ways. Our students have this transformative ability in loads; their talents and strengths continue to surprise, affirm and inspire.

We must also never forget that the ability to read and write well is a foundation skill, necessary for further learning and success in life. In school, every final test of a student's school life in Year 12 is a test of content and also a test of writing. It matters a great deal.



The theme this year is **Here I Am** and my hope is that with this, students have the space and opportunity go in all manner of different directions and places. I can imagine (and very much look forward to) reading pieces from a variety of genres - the personal and the poetic, the scary and the sci-fi, the factual and journalistic, to the fun and fantastical. The choice belongs to the student.

Most importantly we want opportunities like this to encourage students to just simply have the chance to write freely, creatively and embrace their wild imaginations in any way they like.

Please encourage your child to participate. I look forward to reading the 2023 entries, which are due to me by Friday 9 September.

Nathan Chisholm
Principal

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ENVIRO CLUB REPORT

On 26 July, the Enviro Club visited Darling Gardens in South Yarra to plant trees and shrubs with Armadale Primary School for National Tree Day. Along Birrarung Marr (Yarra River), Deb Neumann, the Environmental Education Officer/Climate Sustainability and City Greening for the City of Stonnington, guided PHS on a short tour to explain the history and the environmental changes of the area.

PHS and Armadale planted over 500 indigenous trees and shrubs combined. These plants included the spiny-headed mat-rush, a creeping saltbush, a type of native grass, and a ruby saltbush.

Eva, Lucie and Ruby



ANNIE THE MUSICAL

Rehearsals are underway for Prahran High School's first school musical, ANNIE, to be performed at the David Williamson Theatre. **Performance dates are: Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November at 7pm, and Saturday 12 November at 1pm.** Be sure to mark these dates in your calendar. Mr Byrne, Miss Haddon and Miss Carson wish to thank all the students who auditioned. Your talent blew us away, which made casting the show very difficult. Congratulations to all the students involved!

Mr Byrne will be calling for expressions of interest for any student who wishes to work in the following backstage/design areas: Stage Manager, Backstage Manager, Backstage Crew, Sound and Lighting Design and Operators, Costume Designers, Wardrobe Manager, Hair and Make-up Designers, Front of House, Programme and T-Shirt Designer. If there are any parents/guardians/family that would be interested in assisting with the production in any way, particularly with sewing and Front of House duties, please email Mr Byrne directly at andrew.byrne@education.vic.gov.au.



Lead Characters

Annie – Giorga Sack
Daddy Warbucks – Jackson Reid
Grace Farrell – Cara Fregoni
Miss Hannigan – Thais Murray
Rooster – Liem Kelder
Lily St James – Sylvia Grant
Sandy the Dog – Max Purcell

The Orphans

Molly – Ivy Walsh
Kate – Percie Jacoby
Tessie – Charlotte Gallace
Pepper – Harrie Elliott
July – Eve Cartwright
Duffy – Milla Tyrell

Warbucks Mansion

Drake – Arron Thettun
Mrs Greer – Chloe Joseph
Mrs Pugh – Yael Simons
Cecille – Trinity Johnston
Annette – Ella Neilson

NBS Radio

Bert Healy – Nicholas Phimister
The Boylan Sisters – Lucinda Ray,
Juliya Tanena, Jana Goh
Fred McCracken and Wacky –
Thomas Osborne

President of the USA and his Cabinet

Franklin D. Roosevelt – Ivan Tinoco
Liu
Harold Ickes – Trinity Johnston
Perkins - Juliya Tanena
Louis Howe – Jana Goh
Cordell Hull – Thomas Osborne
The Star to Be – Lucinda Ray
Sophie – Summer Vidor

Ensemble

Scarlett Abeyaratne, Jona Kelder,
Leah Hoskin, Eva Lacey, Jade
Mutimer, Sophie Jung, Mima
Stoyanova, Ethan McIntosh, Violet
Halliday, Ruby Gower, Marcel
Whitney, Sam Weil, Daniel Karlsson,
Maya Desmons, Rocco Paoli, Gretel
Varney, Kyra Master

Featured Dancers

Lucy Gustin, Ava Ypinazar, Lily
Ypinazar, Viola Lindewald, Zari
Mildenhall, Maddie Fleetwood, Nina
Van Schoonhoven, Jicinta White-
Barratt, Ella Neilson, Lucinda Ray

YEAR 8 CAMP

Last term, most of the Year 8 students headed off to Tasmania. One group started in Launceston and the other in Hobart (I was in the group that went to Hobart). For five days we were going to be free of schoolwork! The morning of 20 June was filled with excitement and happiness, and although there was an early start, the positive energy was not tarnished. The camp did have a rough beginning as the buses did not come and unfortunately, we missed our flights! But thanks to our amazing teachers and tour guides we were able to re-book and were in the air by that afternoon.

The first attraction was MONA and it was a really cool experience seeing how different people express their feelings and beliefs. The first two nights we stayed at Riverfront Motel and the facilities were amazing, as well as the food.

The next major attraction was Mt Wellington, where we went to the summit. The whole mountain was covered in thick snow! We all got super excited and planned a massive snowball fight. It was so fun and we were even allowed to throw snowballs at the teachers which amazed us all.

The most educational and mind opening attraction was Port Arthur and the convict settlement that ran from the 1830s to the 1860s. This place was incredible to look around and I gained lots of knowledge during this stop.

Over the next few days, we made our way to Launceston, stopping at places like Geeveston, Eaglehawk Neck, Freycinet National Park and then we went to see penguins at Bicheno. Our last stop was Hollybank Wilderness Adventures in Launceston. This was my highlight of the journey: the massive zipline park in the beautiful forest. The park included nine separate ziplines, two of them being over two hundred meters and one at over four hundred. This zipline is the fastest in the southern hemisphere because you travel at 60 kilometres an hour!

Then the trip was finished and we returned happy and exhausted after an incredible time. I would like to give a massive thanks to all the teachers that came to Tassie as well as the teachers and staff that stayed home and helped organise this magnificent camp. But the biggest thank you goes to our bus driver Tony who came out of retirement just to take our tour across Tasmania.

William Russell





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences for semester two will be held on Thursday 25th August from 3:30-8pm and on Friday 26 August from 9am-12:30pm (No classes on-site on Friday; students to attend parent-teacher too and complete assigned schoolwork).

Interviews will once again be held online via Microsoft Teams and bookings will be available shortly via Compass. We look forward to once again meeting with families and students from across the school.

James Fidler
Assistant Principal



ONLINE SAFETY IN A COMPLEX AND WORRYING WORLD

Our ever-increasingly online world presents exciting opportunities for connection—globally and locally. Students are engaging with each other often, and often intensely, something that certainly further increased throughout our periods of lockdown in 2020/2021.

Across those years, these communications were overwhelmingly positive, contributing to a sense of connection and cohesion. This is broadly true of today too, but there are also instances where students (and sadly adults, too) hide behind devices and platforms to say unpleasant things to each other. This can cause deep distress. There are also bad people in the world, hiding behind devices and targeting innocent young people. We must be alert to this.

Young people have powerful devices in their hands, and these devices provide access to an increasingly unregulated and adult world earlier and earlier. Recently I attended a forum where I heard a presentation from a former Victoria Police Officer who now works to embed the Child Safe Standards in organisations. She was fascinating, also somewhat alarming, as she talked about the prevalence of highly concerning online behaviour and the prevalence of grooming which has increased in recent years.

More than ever it's important that our young people are responsible, kind and wise online. They need our guidance and support to learn how best to do that. We aim to do all we can to teach them these skills at school and, as with all other aspects of student learning, we will have the greatest impact when we work together. The compact—students, school staff, families, working side-by-side.

Please talk to your kids about how they communicate online. Remind them that there is no distinction between the real world and the virtual world when it comes to the feelings of others. Please also remind them to be wise and sensible online, to not engage with people they don't know, to not use fake named accounts and to be absolutely alert to any inappropriate or sexualized communication.

If it's not okay: tell someone, block it, report it.



PHS MUSIC NEWS

With the start of a new semester at PHS this means new classes in the music space, it has been exciting to see our students discover their skills in classroom music. Along with our instrumental program the music spaces are a buzz with activity.

Classroom Music

On this page there are a few photos of 7A in action as they prepare for their upcoming Rhythm assessment. These students over the past few weeks have learnt new skills including how to write and listen to rhythm and I look forward to seeing their performances.

In our Year 8 spaces students have been working on composition and using music software to write their own pieces. This will be put into action in the next couple of weeks when they attend a music software excursion.

Our Year 10 Music class is filled with so much talent and they are preparing for their upcoming first solo performance assessment. It is exciting to continue to see the program flourish.

MMAD (Musicians Make A Difference)

We have been fortunate to partner with the organisation MMAD, Emerald and Joe have been working with a group of our Year 8 students with song writing. These sessions have taken place in their music classes, and they are on their way to having a completed song before the end of the year. MMAD come with great opportunities for our students as they are linked to Sony Entertainment. We look forward to what comes out of this partnership.

Announcing.... CHILZ! (Year 7 Band)

I am very excited to announce that we have a new addition to our band program. A group of eager Year 7 students approached me at the end of last term and had discussed the idea of forming a band. It is so impressive to see how independent our students are and they are sounding great! the band are dedicated and practice twice a week! The band members are Coco Fregoni, Chloe Joseph, Chao Tang, Harrie Elliott, Hernan Tinoco Liu, Isaac Lambrou, Lucinda Ray, & Zavier Gatti. We look forward to seeing great things from them.

Thank you to our community for your continued support as we walk alongside these students, this program continues to go from strength to strength and we are looking forward to more upcoming performances.

Theresa Haddon
Head of Music





END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

As we continue to build our school, leading to our Foundation Graduation in 2024, there are organisational aspects of school life that also change too. The implementation of Senior School means that we now have an end-of-year examination period, as well as a week where students begin work in their VCE classes they'll be studying in the year which approaches. This is their Early Commencement Week.

As we have finalised what this period will look like for our school, we provide the following confirmed dates which outline how our year will round out, for all students Years 7 – 10.

It is important to note that students in Years 7 – 9 have normal scheduled classes every day until Wednesday 14 December. An activities program then commences, as below.

Monday 28 November – Monday 5 December

Year 10 Senior School examinations

Tuesday 6 December

Year 10 recovery day and exam catch-up if required (no timetabled commitments)

Wednesday 7 December 7 – Tuesday 13 December

Senior School Early Commencement for 2023 VCE classes

Wednesday 14 December

Whole school end of year celebration day out to Luna Park

Thursday 15 December

End of year awards assembly 1.30–3pm

Normal classes 7 – 9

Year 10 students required at school from midday

Last day of school for students in Years 9 and 10

Friday 16 December – Monday 19 December

Year 7 and 8 activities program.

Last day of school for students in Years 7 and 8

Should you have any questions about arrangements for the end of the school year, please contact the Assistant Principals or Heads of Sub-Schools.

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**STILL ME,
STILL
HUMAN**

HAPPY WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

On Tuesday 30 August, Prahran High School will be celebrating Wear it Purple Day with a casual clothes day!

Wear it Purple Day is a day to show our support for young LGBTQIA+ friends and family. This year we will be raising money for Minus18 who are an organization who advocate for and empower young LGBTQIA+ Australians through mental health, provide safe spaces and education.

Please wear as much purple as you have or your brightest clothes and if you can please bring a gold coin donation for Minus18.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Senior School Course Counselling Week
Monday 8 August – Friday 12 August

Semester 2 Parent-Teacher Interviews
Thursday 25 August 3.30 – 8pm
Friday 26 August 9am – 12.30pm (Students remote learning, no classes on site)

Year 10 Northern Territory Tour
12 – 19 September

End Term 3
Friday 16 September (Students dismissed at 2:30pm)

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WRITING COMPETITION 2022

HERE!
I AM!

**Great stories, storytelling and storytellers,
have been a deeply important aspect of the human
experience for many, many thousands of years.**

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Playwrights create opportunities to walk in someone else's shoes.

COMPETITION DETAILS

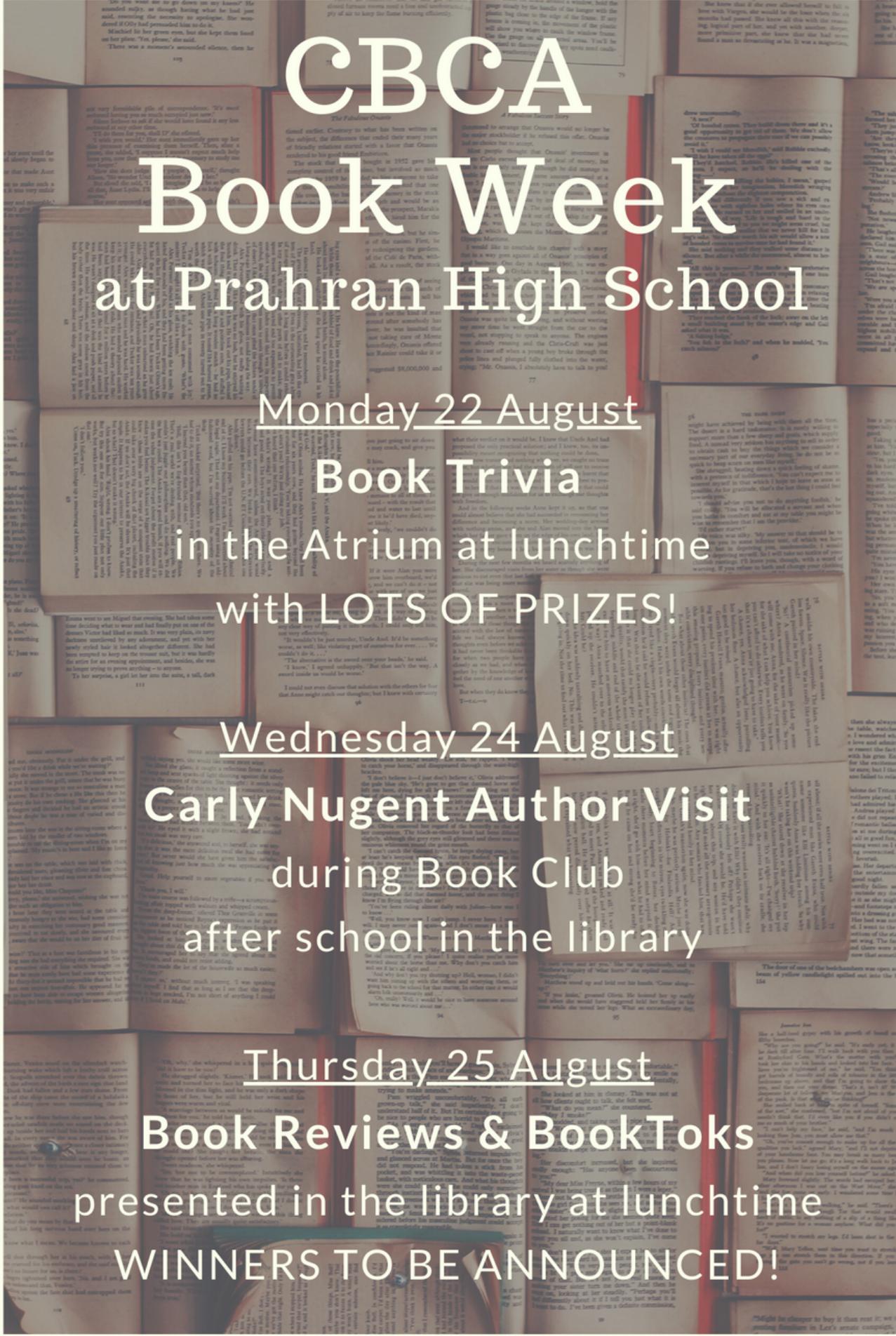
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STYLE OF YOUR CHOICE.

LENGTH

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WRITING IS BETTER THAN 10 PAGES OF LESS INTERESTING, UNFOCUSED WRITING.

DUE ENTRIES: FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER EMAIL: NATHAN.CHISHOLM@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU



CBCA

Book Week

at Prahran High School

Monday 22 August

Book Trivia

in the Atrium at lunchtime
with LOTS OF PRIZES!

Wednesday 24 August

Carly Nugent Author Visit
during Book Club
after school in the library

Thursday 25 August

Book Reviews & BookToks

presented in the library at lunchtime

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED!



CARLY NUGENT

Joining Book Club on 24 August for CBCA Book Week!



Author of
*Sugar and The
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