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Dramatic end to a fantastic community event.

Hundreds of Pyramid folks turned out for the Christmas Market and Party on Saturday 14 December.

Market stalls were indoors due to the heat, however a lot of the activity took over the newly refurbished park space across Kelly Street.

The Progress Association worked hard to combine a few events into one, with the hope that one united community activity would bring families and friends together for an entertaining night.

The vibe was high, and the parks were looking their pristine best, a pig was kissed and Elias Lanyon was performing when there was news of an emergency! A house had been set alight in Railway Avenue and a different kind of activity took over.

Well done to all who managed the night, and to those who took on the terrible job of trying to put out the fire. It was a memorable one to say the very least. More information about the party, and the fire can be found in the Loddon Herald and on page 11 of the Pyramid Press..

Pyramid Hill Community Christmas Carols



Memorial Hall
December 19th
7.30pm



Presented by The Combined Churches of Pyramid Hill



Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House will be on a holiday break from 4pm Friday 20 December, and will re-open 10am Tuesday 7 January. We wish you all a fantastic, love filled and peaceful Christmas with family and friends – and look forward to seeing all our customers in the new year!

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Goldfields Library visit | 11:30 AM | Neighbourhood House

WEDNESDAYS

Moderate Movers exercise group | 1 PM | Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall | BYO exercise mat or towel *not during holidays

Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St

Book Club | 4:30 PM | last Wednesday of each month

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30AM Neighbourhood House

FRIDAYS

Playgroup | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly St

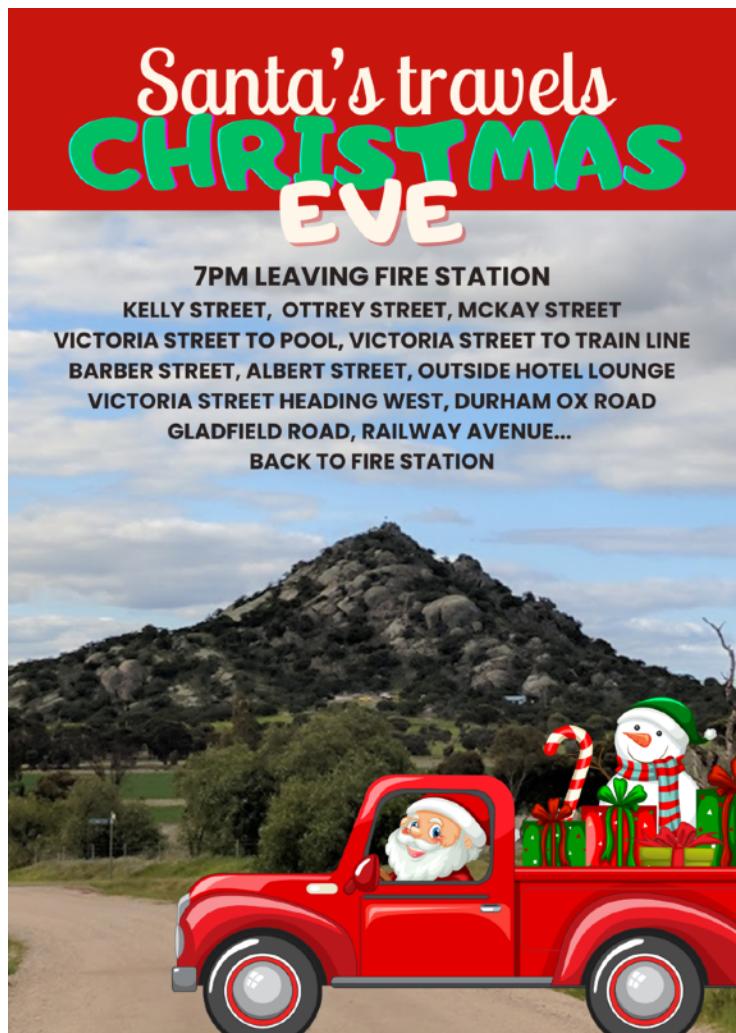
Card Sharks | 2:00 PM - stumps | Neighbourhood House



Funeral Notice



A Graveside Funeral Service for Harriet Christine SCHMIDT will be held at the Pyramid Hill Cemetery on THURSDAY 19th December commencing at 10.30 am.



PUBLIC NOTICES



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Bring & Share lunch to follow

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Best wishes to all for the festive season, and may
you enjoy this time of the year with family and
friends.

Regards
RAELEEN, JO, GAB & JENNY

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Advent Message

Supplied by Anne Grogan,
St Patrick's Pyramid Hill

THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT PEACE

As we reflect on God's peace in the fourth week of Advent, we are reminded of our role: to actively make peace. How can we help bring God's peace to this Christmas season? Maybe we could set aside extra time for personal prayer and reflection, help a busy or overburdened friend, provide a meal for a family in need or just be patient (be at peace) with our friends and family.

But how can we bring peace to others in our lives if we are not at peace with ourselves. Pope Francis recently spoke about how Christians can prepare for Christmas by building inner peace. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for the Prince of Peace by being at peace with ourselves. When we are able to remove anxiety and fear and accept ourselves then we will be in a far better place to bring peace to others, in the neighbourhood, in the school and in the workplace.

"Peace", Pope Francis said, "is never still but always moves forward. It starts within our soul,



and after making its journey of peace, returns to the soul."

Being at peace with ourselves and in turn helping others, is a bit like imitating God. To bring peace to the world He sent His Son, the Prince of peace whose message to us was to love one another and He loved us.

So as await the birth of Christ this Christmas, let there be peace in the world and let it begin with each of us.



St Patrick's Pyramid Hill
CHRISTMAS MASS TIME
8.30pm 24th Dec.



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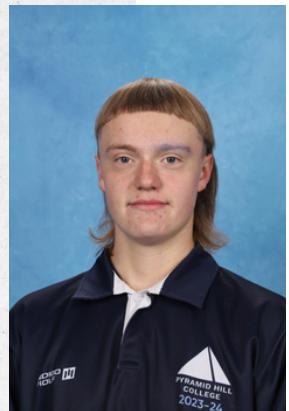
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As this is our last message in the Pyramid Press, we would like to extend our thanks to our contractors, suppliers and the wider Pyramid Hill community for all their support and wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas.



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Fun filled final week for St Patrick's School Pyramid Hill for the staff, students and community.





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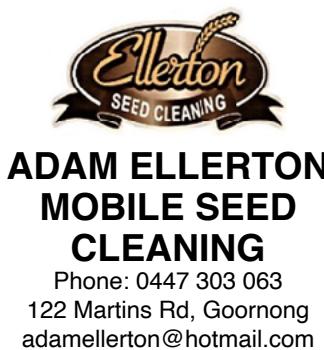
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A Huge Thanks from the Pyramid Hill Progress Association

The Pyramid Hill Christmas Party on Saturday was an absolute blast, and it wouldn't have been possible without our amazing volunteers and the awesome support from our community!

Special thanks to the Marist Brass Band, Jim Johnson and Elias Lanyon for providing music throughout the afternoon and evening, Kim for organising the stallholders and wreath making activities, and Nampara for our spit roast meals.

David Poole showed us all what being a good sport is all about and kissed the pig, twice! Thanks Poolie, your good humour throughout was much appreciated.

We want to extend a massive thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to our fundraising efforts. We raised over \$3,000! Whether you voted in Kiss the Pig, took a chance on the spinning wheel, or enjoyed a snag from the barbecue, your generosity helps to keep these community events going. Alison and Lizzie from 'Make America Cake Again' also donated their profits to our fundraiser, how cool is that!?

At Progress meetings we have been talking about appropriately recognising volunteers for the time and effort they put in. With that in mind I would like to give a special mention to those who provided and transported tables, chairs and equipment, set up marquees, cooked and served food, wrapped presents, cleaned, mowed lawns, packed up and all those small, behind-the-scenes efforts that make a big difference.

Thank you Nev, Brian, Cheryl & Glen, Adam C., Bill & Tan, Kel, Vaughan, Trev, Geoff H., Kirsty O., Leanne T., Chris L. and Mandeep.

Your effort and enthusiasm made the day super fun and festive for everyone. We saw the community spring into action when the fire sirens cut Elias' performance short.

CFA volunteers left immediately, while remaining party goers packed up. Thank you especially to Michelle, Emma, Veronica, David, Yvonne, Sara, Nadine and Gemma.

Lastly, I would like to express our gratitude to Drew, our fearless leader! His creativity, constant cheerfulness, and endless energy inspire the whole team.

Thank you again to everyone who played a part in making the Christmas Party such a memorable day. Your support makes Pyramid Hill a great community.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

Penny

Pyramid Hill Progress Association

PP Editors Note: Good on YOU Penny for being a logistical star in the weeks in the lead up to the event and making sure we all communicated throughout the day.

**Alison and Lizzie
Made America Cake
Again!**



Bowls Notes

WINNER WINNER WINNER Chicken dinner!! Plus a whole lot more.

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Hampers and beautiful home-made quilt. The raffle was drawn on Wednesday 11th December as promised. The Manager of the visiting team of players from Kerang Golf drew from the large tub of well shuffled tickets. Winner of the large hamper was Simone Hazouri from Diamond Creek. Second prize, the smaller hamper, was the ticket purchased by Tim Wedding from Geelong. The quilt was won by Max Seabrook from Nanneella. The three winners had close connections with PH Club players. Those lucky people can experience some extra Christmas joy this year. Thank you for everyone who purchased tickets in support of the PHBC.

Thank you to the Club Members who so generously donated the items for the hampers.

Wednesday Pennant.

Division 1 the raffle draws were as close as we came to collecting some joy, although we did put in a good effort unfortunately losing all rinks by small margins. Each of the three rinks was ahead at some stage of the day. Roma's rink with Kate, Bill and Heather suffered the biggest defeat, albeit by just 5 shots. They led at one stage 11-8, but really got stuck in the pudding half way through the game before making a desperate bid to get the cherry on the top to rebound to a final score 18-23.

Marie S. with her crew of Jan, Maurie and Rose were plugging along nicely and looking the best bet to be the best performers until the wheels fell off their sleigh and they got stuck on fifteen, while their opponents kept motoring to eighteen. That was a bit of bad luck. Marie N. (playing as Skip, although not a Skip's cheesecake) managed to urge her team comprised of Ray P., Joe and Ian into an almost win. Perhaps the shock of being in front at the twelfth end unsettled them a little as they conceded two ends of five shots in the second half of the game. It's still a bit of a blur how things actually panned out but they amazingly finished just two shots short of the full turkey!!

Their score 19-21 earned them the Freddo Frog Award, too. Crikey!! Sometimes you could just toss the Christmas tree in the air and see which way up it lands!

Anyway we lost overall by ten shots, which actually means we achieved a lower score than

the last time we played Kerang Golf. Our excuse could be we had a few of the usual cohort missing in action – you may have noticed some different names. Or maybe we were more focussed on the delicious Christmas luncheon we served up to ourselves and our visitors.

Division 2 had the pleasure of going to Barham for their match, where the carpet runs true and there is no concern about getting sunburnt thanks to the overhead canopy. Obviously no letters to Santa were sent requesting a positive outcome- they apparently didn't make the Good List. Allan with V. Dunn (sub), Dorothy and Anthony persevered and managed to keep the brakes on their opponents for most of the game, not allowing them to score higher than three shots for the major part. They came back with a bit of a flurry towards the end of the day to tidy up their score to a respectable 11 -26 loss.

Lorraine, with George, Carmen and Tony B., faced a similar scenario until they very untidily gave up seven shots on one end in the latter stages which put the kibosh on everything. They finished 17-35 down. The Christmas luncheon served by the Barham folk helped take away some of the bitter taste of the bowls.

Next week's matches for Midweek Pennant: A lovely break from bowls and then we will return for more match play on January 15th when Division 1 will play Cohuna Golf at Cohuna Golf, while Division 2 will play Kerang Golf at home.

Saturday Pennant:

Division 2 travelled to Kerang Golf to see whether we could make any inroads on our Wednesday's efforts; sadly, no such luck! The Kerang Golf folk still proved to be too strong.

Santa is certainly being a bit tight with his gift giving this year. I guess that is the result of the cost of living – everything else seems to be impacted by the cost of living, so why not bowls?

Lionel's rink (Ray, Marie N., and David) came very close to snatching some of their goodies. All tied up going into the last end with 18 shots apiece, someone had to come out winners. Try as they did, they just couldn't do it, and the final bowl, put down by Lionel to save their bacon, just rolled through. I'm sure those Kerang Golf people created an extra puff of wind! The 18-19 loss was a tad devastating, but sufficient to grab another share of the Freddo Frog Award, shared with Tony B and team in Division 3, who also lost by one shot. Terry D., Jan, Ian and Rose were giving away shots left, right and centre until the last two ends saw them pick up a handy six shots to make their final score look more respectable. Their gift to the Kerang Golfers was 20-28. Although that was very generous of our

BOWLS NOTES CONT. players, the largest sack fillers belonged to the team skippered by Nathan, along with his crew of Jean, Kate and Terry S. They stashed 34 shots into the sacks of the opposition while only saving 12 shots for themselves. The overall tally 50 – 81 reflected far too much giving and not enough receiving. Fortunately, we still sit in fourth place on the Premiership ladder and can try to recharge and refocus with renewed endeavour and freshness after the Christmas/New Year break.

Division 3

Overall losses seem to have been the consistent factor of our Bowling Season this year. Week after week we practice the good skill of losing gracefully. This match by Division 3 against Leitchville highlighted how regularly consistent we have been, although, there was some glimmer of hope and excitement as two of the rinks almost clinched a win. Tony B (Skip), with Carmen, Anthony and Maurie had a magnificent game and were just a hair from Santa's beard short of capturing a win. Their score of 16-17 was a gallant and almost exhilarating achievement. It was sufficient anyway to earn them the joint Freddo Frog Award winners, so they could stuff another Chocolate Frog into their shirt pockets.

Allan, Robyn, Dorothy and Rohan also caused some merriment and almost joy as they only fell short by two shots. The quality of their bowling brought praise from the lips of the Skip, who perhaps should have had a whisper into Santa's ear that they were deserving of a better gift. Still, they can rest assured that their names were recorded by the elves for good things to come in the future, as 17-19 is nothing to sneeze about. Apparently, Joe (Skip) with Bill, Jasmine and George need to lift their game and get into the good books as they lost 10 – 35 giving all the treats to Leitchville. The total and final score 43-71 looks a bit lopsided on paper, but it was a case of "almost" – almost winning two rinks, and almost feeling the joy.

Next Week's matches:

Saturday Pennant will resume on January 18th with Division 2 playing Cohuna at home and Division 3 hosting Barham.

Social Activities:

Our next dinner at the Victoria Hotel will not be until the third Thursday in January.

Christmas raffle: Winner – Simone Hazouri (Diamond Creek), Second – Tim Wedding (Geelong),

quilt – Max Seabrook (Nanneella).

New Year's Day Tournament: Entries are being taken for the Mawson's Pairs Tournament held on 1st January, 2025. Start time is 1:00pm. Entries to Lionel or Jan, please.

A bit of humour to keep our spirits up:

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer.

A little boy, who was playing in his yard, called out, "What ya got in ya truck?" "Fertilizer", the farmer said. "What ya gonna do with it?" the little boy asked. "Put it on strawberries," was the farmer's reply. The little boy thought it over. "You should come and live here," he said. "We put sugar and cream on ours."

Enjoy your Christmas dinners, folks, and don't forget the strawberries.

We have to have one corny joke for Christmas - *What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?*

Stick with me and we'll go places!

Merry Christmas, and joy to the world.



We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mandeep at the Pyramid Hill Store for supporting our

kinder each week by donating supplies for our Breakfast Program.

We would also like to thank Liz our wonderful next door neighbour, for being our go to – lifesaver whenever we need gardening advice, sewing or other random requests! What would we do without you?

Finally, we would like to thank our kinder community. The children, families, committee and extended family and friends for playing your part in the smooth running of our kinder. Good luck to our children moving on to school and we look forward to seeing new and returning children in 2025.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mel, Tammy, Tamika & Hazel



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Volunteer Recognition

Shout out to Leigh, Bruce, Wes, Maurice, Wags, Matty M, Brado, Chicken, Scotty, Burkey, Tamara and Robert (Pickles Contracting) for the successful harvesting of this year's footy club crop.

They say individual commitment drives team success and we love the way these dedicated volunteers go about the business of supporting the Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club. Another important club fundraiser on the way to being wrapped up. For those that might be interested, we're about to start the straw!

Many thanks to all who were able to lend a hand.



Round 10 LVTA

The scores from Saturday (14/12), and the updated ladder

Serpentine, 3 (86) def Raywood, 2 (77)
Mincha West, 5 (94) def Yarrawalla, 0 (60)
Lake Meran forfeited to Dingee
Bye: Calivil Nth

Ladder:

Mincha West, 3.61 (125%)
Calivil Nth, 3.31 (123.6%)
Dingee, 3.19 (119%)
Raywood, 2.83 (96.9%)
Serpentine, 2.28 (99.2%)
Yarrawalla, 1.94 (92.9%)
Lake Meran, 0.44 (57.8%)

Merry Christmas Pyramid Hill

As another year comes to an end, we are reminded of the tremendous personal and social value of being connected to our wider "red white and blue" community. This is what binds us together - that common love and appreciation of sport, of volunteering and of gathering over a shared interest.

Next year is shaping up to be an absolute ripper. Keep an eye out for details of the fifth annual PHFNC Preseason Community Practice Match on March 29th, 2025, you're all invited and, thanks to GrainCorp we'll be rolling out our brand new football and netball uniforms Round 1. Watch for details of how we will be marking the 30th Anniversary of our Club joining the Loddon Valley Football Netball League. It's likely there will be a good old fashioned Pyramid Hill style get together early in the season to mark this milestone occasion. Full steam ahead Bulldogs supporters! As always, if you are reading this you are very much a part of Team Pyramid and we remain grateful for your continued involvement and support.

Look out for one another, stay safe on the roads, plan your safe transport options early and remember, if we all get home safely, everyone wins.

On behalf of the PHFNC Board, we wish you all a safe and relaxed festive season and look forward to seeing you back around the Club in 2025.

Wes Moon President

Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club



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