DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1
30/01/2014
04/04/2014

TERM 2
22/04/2014
27/06/2014

TERM 3
14/07/2014
19/09/2014

TERM 4
06/10/2014
19/12/2014

Principal News

Principal’s Report

Term 1 has been exceptionally positive and as usual eventful. We welcomed many new students and families and the Preps in particular need to be commended on a very successful start to school. The educational focus for all teachers has been to establish where students were at on the learning continuum then plan and deliver an educational program to meet the needs of individuals. All families received a curriculum outline for term 1, providing a brief description of what students will be learning in all their subjects. The educational programs at all year levels have been enhanced with experiential learning opportunities such as excursion and excursions. Students in all year levels have continued to have access to high quality resources to support their learning. The College has invested heavily in technology to ensure equity in all year levels. This investment is not only in devices but also in the wireless network, physical security, firewalls and staff development.

This week we launched our Parent Portal for all families in Year 5-9. This staged rollout will extend to all families across the College in term 2. We look forward to your feedback.

The highlight of the term was most definitely ‘cultural diversity week’. The energy and effort of organisers and participants was exceptional. Thank you again for supporting us and getting into the spirit.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal and Easter raffle fundraisers. The Prep to Year 2 Easter Hat Parade was again fantastic, colourful and LOUD!!! It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends.

I have included information in this newsletter about Working with Children Check. We welcome parents into our College and believe your involvement is integral to the success of many of our programs. It is mandated when working directly with students, such as helping out in the classroom or going on an excursion, that you have a current Working with Children Check.

Term 2 is also a busy term. We begin the term with parent teacher interviews, House Colour Dress up day and ANZAC Service all in week one. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be involved with NAPLAN in May and we begin our outdoor education program with the Year 6 Camp.

A reminder to the entire community that school resumes on Tuesday 22nd April, as Monday 21st is the Easter Monday Public Holiday. Furthermore, the first Friday is ANZAC day 25th April and also a Public Holiday.

On behalf of the all staff at Point Cook College I wish you a relaxing and safe break with family and friends.

Frank Vetere
Acting Principal
**Working with Children (WWC) Check renewal service online from Early April 2014**

From early April 2014, cardholders who are required to renew their WWC Check will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card.

From this time, cardholders will go to the WWC Check website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card.

**The online renewal process**

Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWC Check is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to *MyCheck* on the WWC Check website [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/) and apply to renew their Check. Cardholders will be asked to register with *MyCheck* if they have not already done so. Once logged in to *MyCheck*, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable $102.70 fee.

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**PE NEWS**

**WESTERN BULLDOGS/WRFL ALL GIRLS AUSKICK CENTRE**

*Start Date: Wednesday 7th May*

*Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm*

*Venue: Saltwater Reserve, Point Cook*

A brand new NAB AFL Auskick ALL GIRLS Auskick program is being conducted this year at Saltwater Reserve, Point Cook. The cost is $60 and each participant will receive 6 weeks of coaching in Aussie Rules and a football backpack packed full of goodies - including your very own football!

The Western Bulldogs will be supporting the clinic with giveaways and player appearances over the 6 weeks, so grab a friend and register now! To register, log on to [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and search for “Western Bulldogs” in the centre locator!

**WMR SWIM CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our Super Fish- Sophia Potter!!!!!!! Sophia qualified in under 11 Girls Freestyle & Breastroke at the Western Metropolitan Regional Swim Carnival in Geelong last week.

Sophia earnt herself a silver medal coming second in her 50 meter Freestyle Final with a time of 33.45 seconds.

Unfortunately only first place gains entrance into State Championships, however her time is a State qualifying time for the Age Championships in September and December this year.

Sophia also came 6th in her Breastroke Final.
Grade 6 Summer Sport

On Friday the 28th of March, 50 Year 6 students represented the College at the District Summer Sport Competition competing against other schools in our district. Students competed in four different sports for the day including cricket, rounders, softball and basketball. All students competed to the best of their ability and represented the college well.

**Cricket** – The Year 6 cricket team played disciplined cricket throughout their round robin games winning all three games. The Grand Final was a close one. Unfortunately we were not able to clutch victory and ended up finishing a second place for the day, a fantastic effort. Plays of the day included Brayden Svilas’ 5 wickets in an over including a hatrick, Shayan Riazati’s brilliant batting performance of 40 runs of an over and Eileen Li’s ongoing contributions with the bat, smashing free hits for 4s and 8s.

**Softball** – The Year 6 softball team have been successful in winning the district pennant and earning the opportunity to compete against the LPSSA district winning college. The softballers were hard hitting and fast running throughout their 5 rounds, winning every game convincingly. The Graf Final came down to a clash against Carranballac BoardWalk with PCC taking out the trophy with a 11-2 victory.

**Rounders** – The Year 6 rounders team competed strongly with many players having tasted success throughout their round robin games. With no luck, the PCC team missed out on winning the Grand Final and settled for a second place finish.

**Basketball** – The boys were victorious in winning back to back district titles, following on from the efforts of last year. With victories of 38-2, 11-10, 28-10, the boys took a lot of confidence going into the grand final. With their defence shutting down the opposition and their fast break game in high gear the boys ran out easy 26-0 winners. Outstanding efforts were from Eddie Ford, Daniel Cossell and Chris Kikidis.

The girls came out firing with a 12-6 win in the first game before the competition heated up. A 12 all draw and a 4-30 loss saw the girls in a playoff for third and fourth. In a close game we were defeated 16-10. An outstanding effort from all the girls.
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

Parental consent forms for the challenge for 2014 have gone home with students. If for some reason you have not received yours please contact the library. Please check the library notice board throughout the year for messages. As always, if you have any problems please see the library.

Year 9
The Big Issue Classroom

Last Friday students from Year 9 visited the city of Melbourne to attend a workshop at the Big Issue Classroom. Students investigated the issue of homelessness in Victoria. They investigated some of the reasons people become homeless and examined relevant statistics about this condition. Students were given a first hand account from a presenter who had experienced a period of homelessness and was able to describe his personal situation. All Year 9s also participated in a guided discovery tour of the city looking for evidence of homelessness within the city streets.

Uniform For Sale

Two size 8 PCC woollen jumpers in excellent condition, hardly worn. You will pay $82 for a new one. These jumpers are $30 each. From smoke-free home. Please call Anne on 0401411297.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

We would like to thank Susan Lee and Jennifer Lee for coming into the College during Cultural Diversity week to teach some of our Korean speaking students some Korean songs. The students learnt the songs before travelling around the College to perform to various homerooms. It was a great opportunity for our students to join other Korean speaking students and to learn some songs in their native language. Susan also returned another day and presented information about South Korea to a number of homerooms. This included teaching basic greetings in Korean which the students enjoyed having a go at learning. Thank you Susan and Jennifer for your time!

Winspeak Competition

Congratulations to Lidia Boniwell Lombardero (Yr9) and Thanushri Shanmuganathan (Yr 8) who have been selected to represent the College in the Wynspeak public speaking competition held on Thursday the 8th of May. The girls will compete against students from different schools in the region from Years 7, 8 and 9.
Wishing all of our families a happy and safe Easter.
Enjoy the break and see you all in Term 2.

Loyalty Program

SERVICE: Trade pricing on all parts & service procedures on any vehicle excluding all capped priced service plans.
SALES: When any Peter Davey Motor Company vehicle is purchased, customer will be given a $250 voucher that can be used for any purpose within the dealership, i.e.: Service, parts, car care and accessories. A further $200 will be donated to Point Cook P9 College for every vehicle purchased.