## Dates to Remember

### May
- 6th - Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- 7th - Mothers day stall and raffle
- 8th - Mothers day stall and raffle
- 9th - Mothers day afternoon (Session 5 homerooms)
- 12th - PCC year 7-9 athletics carnival (Hoppers Lane Athletics Track)
- 13th - NAPLAN (Year 3, 5, 7 & 9)
- 14th - NAPLAN (Year 3, 5, 7 & 9)
- 15th - NAPLAN (Year 3, 5, 7 & 9)
- 16th - Year 8 Winter Sport (Boys Football and Girls Netball)
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### 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

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### Principal News

Welcome to everyone including our new families to Term 2 at Point Cook College. It seems like someone has flicked a switch and we have gone straight from summer to winter. I hope that you all had the opportunity to enjoy time with your family during the recent holiday breaks.

I need to inform families that due to the continued growth in the Point Cook area the Department of Education is in the process of reviewing school enrolment boundaries to ensure all families have access to their “neighbourhood” school. Our current enrolment boundary map has been removed from our website with the new one to be posted shortly. I will be meeting with Departmental staff to assess any implications of the new maps on our community. Changes to enrolment boundaries occur regularly in growth areas such as Point Cook due to the opening of new schools and the enrolment pressures on existing ones.

Congratulations to our staff and students for their extremely respectful behaviour and attitude during our ANZAC day ceremony. A special thanks to our Year 9 presenters and to Ms Blackman. Their preparation and work in developing the ceremony ensured that our students embraced the spirit of ANZAC day.

We have had a number of attempted “break–ins” over the last couple of weeks. Fortunately our security systems have thus far frustrated the offenders. If you see any suspicious individuals around the College in the evenings on week-ends please contact the police immediately as they are aware of situation at the College.

I look forward to your continued support in helping us in our endeavours to provide the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all members of our Point Cook community.
Assistant Principals’ News

P-4 COMMUNITY

It is pleasing to see how quickly our P-4 students have slipped back into routines after the holidays, especially given the unusual first week, which although only went for 3 days was jam packed with special events including our House Colours Day, Anzac Day Ceremony, Prep Toy Museum Incursion, Parent Teacher Interviews and Prep Open Afternoon. This week our Year 3s and 4s have had incursions, with the Year 3s investigating Silly Science and the Year 4s participating in Suitcase Stories as part of their respective Inquiry units of work.

The Anzac Day Ceremony was once again organized and conducted by Ms Blackman and some of our Year 9 students which was greatly appreciated. All of our students are to be commended on their playing their part in ensuring the service was carried out in the dignified and respectful manner expected on such an important occasion.

The House Colours Day gave our students the opportunity to show their team spirit in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Day. Even though our younger students are not involved in the Athletics Day, they still had a great time dressing up for the occasion. Congratulations to the students voted in as House Athletics Captains and let the games begin!

It was wonderful to see parents taking up the opportunity to attend Parent Teacher Interviews last week. These interviews form an important part of the home-school learning partnership, providing opportunities for parents, teachers and students to celebrate achievements and identify future goals.

Absence/Late Arrival Notes

Last week some parents may have received a note asking for an explanation of absence or late arrival at school. There have been some questions raised about these notes, which I would like to clarify.

Teachers have a legal obligation to mark the Attendance Roll at the beginning of the school day. When students are absent from school or arrive late to school they are also required to enter the reason for the absence or late arrival. Parents are expected to provide explanations via a note to the teacher, late arrival pass collected from the office or in the case of absence, by leaving a message on the Absentee Line.

Assessment Principal News Continued...

Teaching normally mark the roll within the first 5 minutes of the school day as part of their daily organisation.

In cases where students are dropped off at school prior to the first bell and take longer than they need to make it to the homerooms, if the roll has already been marked they will be marked as late without explanation.

Parents are reminded that the school day begins at 8.50, with teachers ready to receive students from 8.40 onwards. It is important for students to be settled at the start of the day to ensure they do not miss out on vital information and lesson introductions and so that lesson interruptions are kept to a minimum for all students.

While the occasional late arrival is unavoidable, we ask you to please ensure your child has plenty of time in the morning to make it to class by 8.50am.

If you do receive a computer generated note asking for an explanation, please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible so that records are kept up to date. Thank you for your cooperation.

PREP NUMERACY AND READING INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2014

9AM – 10AM OR 6PM-7PM

Dear Parents and Friends,

An invitation is extended to all parents and guardians of students in year Prep to attend an information session at Point Cook College on May 21, 2014. The day session will be conducted in rooms 54 and 55 near the single basketball court near the Year 3/4 portables and the evening session will be conducted in rooms 11 and 12 in the main building near the office. The Literacy and Numeracy sessions will involve ideas to help support your child with reading and maths.

Assistant Principal News 5-9

Parent Portal

Late last term all parents in the Middle Years received personalised correspondence inviting parents to access the new ‘Parent Portal’. The Portal is an online facility where parents can access their children’s reports and view contact details as per our school system.
Assistant Principals’ News Continued...

The initial roll out was limited to Years 5-9 so that families could access Interim reports. During this term the remainder of the college community will receive correspondence with logon on details and instructions.

During Parent teacher interviews I asked a number of parents if they had accessed the Portal? Whilst the overall feedback was extremely positive a number of parents I asked didn’t access the facility. If you fall into this category please take the time to visit the portal. If you have any queries please contact the Parent Portal Coordinator-Mr Kevin Roberson at parentportal@pcc.vic.edu.au

Parent Teacher Interviews

We were extremely pleased with the number of parents and guardians that attended Parent Teacher Interviews last week. Individual student development hinges on strong and effective home/school Partnerships. It is very important that both teachers and parents follow up on discussions that took place during that time.

Good Friday Appeal

The entire college community has again risen to the occasion and donated $1571.70 to the Royal Children’s Hospital – Good Friday Appeal. I have forwarded a cheque with a letter of appreciation on behalf of the entire college for the wonderful work they do in helping our young people and their families in time of need. Thank you to the year 9 students who collected the donations.

Disabled Car Spots

Over the weekend the College arranged for extra disabled car parks for students, staff and families in need of these facilities. We now have 4 in the Ponsford Drive Car Park and 1 in the Tom Roberts car park. Please note: These spots are only to be occupied by vehicles that carry a permit. Permits must be clearly displayed so the permit number and expiry date are visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

Frank Vetere
Assistant Principal

NAPLAN

During the month of May all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be expected to participate in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) Today all parents of children in Years 3,5,7, and 9 will receive a pamphlet from VCAA and letter from the school regarding NAPLAN. Please feel free to contact Frank Vetere or Robyn

PE & SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been selected for the College Teams.

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM- Years 4-6 Thursday 8 May @ Saltwater Coast

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ATHLETICS CARNIVALS
With only 2 weeks away from our Athletics Carnivals....the excitement is building.....which house will win?

PRIMARY- Tuesday 20th May 2014 (Thurs 22nd May back up date)
SECONDARY- Monday 12th May 2014 (Thurs 22nd May back up date)

VENUE: VUT Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane, Hoppers Crossing

TIME: 9.30am- 2.30pm approx. (students to arrive at school at normal time)

Program:
The format of the program will be the same as last year where students will be following a rotational system, moving from event to event in groups of like gender and age. Students will participate in all athletic and fun events and awarded individual points (based on standards outlined by Little Athletics Victoria) to contribute to their overall house colour tally. The winning house will be announced at the conclusion of the day.

Please Note: All students wishing to represent the College in the District Interschool Athletics Carnivals will be selected from results from the day.

We encourage students to dress up in house colours for the day and be creative. However, appropriate footwear is ESSENTIAL. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled. Coloured hair, ribbons, face painting is all encouraged and adds to the spirit of the day. Full coloured tasteful outfits can be worn.

What to Bring:
As the weather seems to have turned quite cold this week please ensure children have plenty of warm clothes as the venue can be quite windy. Students will also need to bring a water filled drink bottle for the day. All items will need to be clearly labelled.

There is no canteen at the venue therefore students need to bring lunch and snacks with them.

Asthma pumps will also need to be brought on the day for students suffering from Asthma.
A First Aid officer will also be in attendance for the day.
We welcome parents and grandparents along to the day to support the students. Coffee & Tea will be provided.
2014 House Athletics Captains

Green House
Junior- Chris Kikidis & Jenna Franks
Senior- Connah Carter & Jasmine Sparks

Yellow House
Junior- Brayden Svilar & Eileen Li
Senior- Jai Anderson & Ruby Bovdis

Blue House
Junior- Andrew Van Berkel & Sophia Potter
Senior- Tyrese Payne & Natasha Kikidis

Red House
Junior- Michael Balnozan & Ella Nicholson
Senior- Ben Tither & Thanushri Shanmuganathan

Congratulations!!! We look forward to seeing you all in action at the upcoming Aths days.

Sustainability News

Ride to School Day

This year our ride to school day is next Wednesday 7th of May.
The day is celebrated to encourage fitness and getting some cars off the road to help our environment.

We are encouraging students to cycle, walk or scooter to school on this day.

Those who are able and do ride or walk on this day will be given a raffle ticket to go into the draw for a prize which will be drawn by our Green Gang.

Please ensure your child is aware of safety on the way to school of they haven’t ridden before and be more aware of bike/scooter traffic on this morning and at pick up time.

Thanking you Sustainability team and Green Gang

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 Iron Chef students have been given the job of designing and creating a healthy lunch for 100 prep students. On April 29th, four lucky prep students were chosen to be the official taste testers and were given the task of tasting and providing feedback to the students so they can make improvements for the big day!

There are two significant “litter” events happening in Wyndham next week.

- Presentations by Heidi Taylor at the Wyndham Civic Centre Tuesday 6th May 7.30

- Litter clean up Point Cook Coastal Park Saturday 10th May 10am-12pm.

Information flyer posted in the foyer.
FUNDRAISING

MOTHER’S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

The Mother’s stall will be held at the College on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of May at the canteen.

Students from all year levels will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their loved ones during school hours.

Your child’s homeroom teacher will inform you on which day your child will be attending.

There is a huge assortment of fun and exciting items for the students to purchase with prices ranging from $1.00 to $5.00.

Please remember to place money in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and home room on it sending it to school on the day of the stall. If students could please bring an eco-friendly bag to place the items in, it would be greatly appreciated.

To add to the fun we will be having a Mother’s Day Raffle. The hamper is full of wonderful gifts to spoil mum with including 1 of everything up for sale at the stall. Raffle tickets will be sent home to every family and will sell for $0.50 each. The hamper will be on display at the office.

All tickets and money due Thursday May 8th, winner drawn Friday May 9th

STUDENT BANKING

SUBWAY FUN LUNCH DAY

Friday May 23rd - orders due by noon Friday May 16th
Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

By now you should all have received your user name and password. If you have any problems logging on please come to the library. You may wish to record your books as you read them to avoid having to record them all at the end. It is not too late to register if you have not already done so.

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If you are attending please print off the form, complete and return to Point Cook College by May 19th, 2014.

PREP NUMERACY AND READING EVENING
WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2014

I will be attending the Numeracy and Reading session at Point Cook College.

Name ___________________________    Session_________________

Number of people__________

Name of child_________________________    Grade_______