DATES TO REMEMBER

June
2nd - RACV Street Scene-Prep
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4th - Year 7 ACMI Excursion (Federation Square)
   - Year 8 PCS Theatre Production (Point Cook Senior)
5th - World Environment Day
   - Year 9 Immigration Museum
9th - QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10th - Year 7 Winter Sport
11th - Year 5 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
12th - Year 4-9 WMR Cross Country
   - Year 6 Incursion (Australian Electoral Commission) 11.30-1.30 Year 6 Neighbourhood
13th - Year 8 Excursion (Krystal Castle)
   - Year 9 Music Pathways
   - Year 9 Psychology Excursion (Melbourne Museum)
   - Book Club Issue 4 Due

**IMPORTANT NEWS – PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION**

Access to your child’s Semester reports will now be via the newly established parent portal. Please read further information below.

Principal News

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety all staff were issued with a high visibility vest (see picture attached) to be worn while on yard duty. Our yard supervision is now more visible to both the students and any visitors to the College. Students are being reminded to seek out the yard duty teacher if they have any issues. The yard is supervised before and after school as well as at recess and lunch breaks. All staff have been briefed on challenging any unknown person in or around the College grounds.

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 camp on the 14th – 16th May. This gave me a great opportunity to get to know the Year 6 students in a more informal setting. My strongest reflection of the camp was the strong bond and positive interactions between our staff and the students. Although we all came home tired it was a really worthwhile experience for all who attended.

Next week the College will be celebrating “WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY”.

This is an annual event and an important day on our College calendar. There is further information included in the Newsletter. I would like to acknowledge the work of our Environmental Sustainability teacher Robbie Cairns and her dedicated team for organising this year’s activities. We have a very strong belief at Point Cook College that it is our moral duty to ensure the rich and diverse environment we presently enjoy should be there for many generations to come and that all of us can play our part (no matter how small) in making this happen.

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Assistant Principals News

Parent Portal Information – CORRECTION
All families should have received a letter containing Parent Portal access information. Mid Year Reports will be accessible via the portal on the first day of Term 3.

Please note that the College email listed on the letter was incorrect, the correct email address is point.cook.p9.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you have not received your letter as yet please contact us via the above address.

P-4 Assistant Principals’ Report
The P-4 community continues to hum along with all programs running smoothly and students working productively. We have already moved into the second half of this term and the mid year break will be here before we know it. Teachers are busily writing student reports in readiness for distribution via the Parent Portal on the first day of Term 3. Parent - Teacher interviews for P-4 families are scheduled for Thursday 24th July, during the second week of term.

It was wonderful to see all of our Year 4 students participating in their first PCC House Athletics Carnival. The venue was awash with red, blue, green and yellow with everyone running, jumping, throwing, smiling and laughing as they moved seamlessly from one event to another. All students tried their very best and should be congratulated for their efforts. A big thank you to staff for their organization and running of the events and to the parents and grandparents who came along to give their support. Special congratulations should go to Yellow house for their winning effort on the day.

Last week we had our first Parent Partnership session with a focus on Reading and Maths in Preps. Those who were able to attend received useful information on how they can help support their children at home and promote the home-school partnership. There will be further opportunities for parents to participate in sessions such as this so please keep an eye out in the newsletter for upcoming events.

Assistant Principals News Continued...

Reminder - School Nursing Program – Preps
All Prep students should have received information regarding the School Nursing Program. The questionnaires need to be returned to school even if your child will not be participating, before Monday 2nd June.

Riding to school
We have received information that some of our students are riding to and from school in an unsafe manner, including disturbing reports of younger students zig zagging across the road between traffic and others not wearing their helmets. If your child rides to school please remind them of their responsibilities and the importance of following safety precautions.

Sustainability

World Environment Day – Thursday June 5th
Point Cook College is celebrating World Environment Day with the theme “If only Earth were covered in tiny little poems” Students will be publishing poetry about the environment on re-cycled materials, on I-pads and out in the yard as our aim for the day is to be “paper free” for the day. Students will have the chance to read poetry published around the school on the day.

Point Cook College is leading the way with initiatives in paper reduction as we now have a paper free reporting system.

We are also now purchasing carbon neutral paper initiated by business manager Janette Carey.

REMINDER
Children are permitted to wear green, a poem about the environment on them or dress as their favourite animal for World Environment Day.
Premier’s Reading Challenge Update

By now all challengers should be updating books. If you are having problems please contact Sonja in the library.

We have 249 challengers registered at Point Cook P-9 College.

5 students have already completed the challenge. WELL DONE!

194 books have been started and 1, 364 books have been finished so far.

Ask Ed App - Helping students to cope with problems

Ask Ed was developed with the collaboration of mother and son team, Robyn and Shaun Cotter. Robyn recently retired from teaching at Point Cook College while Shaun is the father of a Year 1 student and full-time software developer.

Combining their knowledge and skills they’ve developed an App for iPhone and iPad that helps children voice their problems, express their feelings and decide on a plan of action. Ask Ed helps children, parents and teachers work together to tackle social, emotional and behavioural issues.

The pp was developed and tested with the assistance of teachers and students at Point Cook College.

Initial feedback from children, parents and teachers has confirmed the value of the App. Ask Ed’s mottos, ‘Get those problems out of your head’ and ‘Don’t let a problem beat you – you beat the problem’ help children understand the importance of talking about their problems. Children immediately embrace the idea and are willing to share their problems and develop a plan of action. The act of simply sharing their problem is often enough to reduce their anxiety and manage feelings of frustration, sadness and anger. Ask Ed helps children develop real life problem solving skills and build their resilience, the ability to ‘bounce back’ and move forward in a positive way.

Ask Ed can be used with children at school, at home or out and about. Ask Ed can deal with any ‘real life’ problems, from the smallest issue to a ‘full-blown’ catastrophe!

More information is available on the website

www.ask-ed.com.au
Year 8 Interschool Sport:

Football
Last Friday the Year 8 AFL boys played against other Year 8 teams from the region. It was a fantastic to see the boys play with spirit and enthusiasm, winning two of the three games. Game 1: PCC 44 defeated Bayside Altona 14. Game 2: PCC 20 defeated by Williamstown High 112. Game 3 PCC 77 defeated Bayside Williamstown 19. Three boys were selected by opposition coaches as best afield; Sam Tuinba, Jared Prebble and Lochie McNeilly. These boys won MCG tickets. A special mention to Jai Anderson and Kyle Cameron for playing well throughout the day.

Netball
Last Friday the Year 8 Netball girls played 5 games against other teams from the region. The girls displayed significant improvement throughout the day and it was fantastic to see them support each other and display positive sportsmanship towards the opposition teams. The girls won 4 out of 5 games from the day. Best players were Zoe Piccolo, Jasmine Sparks and Lauren Tipper.

Banking
Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into the office or your child’s teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed. All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.

As you are aware we are no longer continuing with the tokens as the Commonwealth Bank has automated their system and keeps track of student deposits. I have a weekly report of deposits and when a student is eligible for a reward I will call these students to the office and they can place their order then. Our Banking day is Friday.

YMCA Holiday Program
YMCA Point Cook is running a Winter School Holiday program with loads of fantastic, jam-packed activities on offer for you and your friends including Dizzy’s Castle, Creepy Crawly, Teddy Bears Picnic, Games Galore, World in a day and so much more! Bookings are now Open. For full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.

Fundraising
Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Tania Newcombe, Honey Daniel, Joan Putter, Mandy Roberts, Julie Leech, Marie Lawrence, Beena Virdi, Vicki Little, Nikki Flood, Sue Plant and Nazia Bano who gave up their time to sell merchandise at the Mother’s Day stall or deliver hundreds of Subway Lunches this term. We could not have done it all without you!

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.

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