DATES TO REMEMBER

June
16th—Year 1 Pet Ownership Incursion 11-3pm
20th - Subway Lunch Day
  - Grade 6 Sport
  - Year 9 Dance Pathway Performance
24th - Year 8 Girls Regional Badminton
25th - Year 3 Mount Rothwell Excursion (3A, 3B, 3C, 3V)
  - POCO Auni,,46est (Year 8 Auni,,46ilm Auni,,76al 6-7pm)
26th - Year 7-8 Boys Netball
  - 4P Parent Teacher Interview (1.30-6.30pm)

Subway Dates July
17-18th  - Subway Orders Due
25th - Subway Lunches Delivered

**IMPORTANT NEWS – PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION**

Access to your child’s Semester reports will now be via the newly established parent portal. Mid Year reports will be accessible via the portal on Monday 14th July.

Please read further information below.

Parent Portal Information – CORRECTION

All families should have received a letter containing Parent Portal access information.

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.

Principal News

Episode 8 of PCCTV was launched this week. Please go to the College website (which will have a new look and functionality shortly) and share this episode with your family. The majority of the content is on our “Cultural Diversity week” activities from last term. Mrs Hayes (Assistant Principal) and Jeff Wilson (Leading Teacher) will be using this episode as the centrepiece of their presentation to the Asia Education Foundation conference in Sydney next week.

Farewell to Mrs Jenny O’Connor one of our Leading Teachers (Literacy). Jenny has promoted to the Acting Assistant Principal role at Melton West Primary school. We wish Jenny all the best in this new chapter of her career.

Well done to everybody involved in World Environment day. It was a huge success and certainly helped us to focus on the importance of environmental sustainability.

Congratulations to Lidia Boniwell and Thanushri Shanmuganathan for their wonderful efforts in the final of the WYNspeak (Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition ). See further information later in the Newsletter.

Our College Council formally farewelled Chris Laurence and acknowledged his ten years of service as a College Councillor including roles of council president and vice-president. Chris’ dedication and leadership were the main themes of the presentation.
Assistant Principals’ News

P-4 Assistant Principals’ Report

The past fortnight in the Prep-4 department has seen our Prep students have a visit from the RACV Street Scene Program. The program highlighted the importance of road safety for both for passengers and pedestrians which is an issue always at the forefront of our minds in the PCC community given the high volume of traffic around the College at drop off and pick up times. All students participated in the program and the key messages are being revisited in homerooms on a regular basis. On 5th June our students took the opportunity to dress up to celebrate World Environment Day. The College was flooded with various shades of green and much loved animals, with a wide assortment of ‘onesies’ on parade. The poetry created for the day and displayed around the College not only reinforced the learning that takes place through our Environmental Science program, but it also highlighted our students’ sense of awareness and responsibility for ensuring we all play an active role in preserving our environment for the future. A big thank you to Ms Robyn Cairns and the Environmental Sustainability team for their organization and coordination of events.

Reminder - School Nursing Program – Preps

School nurse questionnaires were due back on 2nd June regardless of whether or not your child will be participating. The assessments will take place during the first two weeks of Term 3 and final arrangements cannot be made until all envelopes have been returned. If you have misplaced your envelope please see your child’s teacher for a replacement and return these to school by Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

P-4 Parent Teacher Interviews

Prep-4 Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thursday 24th July (Week 2) between 3pm and 7pm. ‘Request for Interview’ notes will go home on the first day of Term 3, the same day that Mid Year Reports will be available for viewing via the Parent Portal.

Please note, interviews for 4P students will be held on the last Thursday of this term, 26th July. Notes will go home to these families on Monday.

Book Week Festivities

This year Victoria celebrates Book Week from 18th – 22nd August. As part of the celebrations our P-2 students will have the opportunity to attend a live theatre performance from Alpha Shows Children’s Theatre Company right here at school.

Our Year 2-4 students will have the opportunity to be part of a presentation by children’s author Justin D’Ath where they will learn about how authors get from an idea to a published works. Permission notes for both of these events will go home in the first few weeks of Term 3 and the cost is expected to be around the $10 mark. We also plan to organize some free optional activities via the newsletter so watch this space for further updates.

Middle Years Learning Update

So much has been happening in the Middle Years over the past few weeks, with all of our students participating in excursions or incursions. Our Year 5s have visited Melbourne Zoo as part of the Science unit on Adaptations. Our Year 6s have had a visit from the Australian Electoral Commission to help them learn about voting within our democracy. The Year 7s have been to ACMI (the Australian Centre for Moving Images) as part of their text study. The 8s will be visiting Kryal Castle on Friday June 13 as part of their study on Medieval history. The Year 9s visited the Immigration Museum as part of their study into the movement of people to Australia. Excursions and incursions are a key part of our learning programs and we thank all families for their ongoing support of these initiatives.
Administration News

Education Maintenance Allowance

The second instalment for EMA is now open. You do not need to apply for EMA if you applied in the first term. You will need to apply if your child has changed schools between March and August.

To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and
You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
0 be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
0 be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
0 be a temporary foster parent.
0 Submit your application to the school by the due date:
0 28 February 2014 for the first instalment*
1 August 2014 for the second instalment.
The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.
If you think you are entitled to EMA and have not previously applied at this school please call in at the office and request an application form.

Lost Property:

We have a few valuable items at the office, if you have misplaced an item please come to the office.

We have an expensive pair of adult prescription sunglasses, Pandora bracelet, 4 pairs of student prescription glasses and a few sets of house keys.

Thanks

Australian Maths Competition 2014.

Great news!!! The Australian Maths competition is coming to Point Cook P-9 College on the 7th of August. We’ll be celebrating our 5th running of this competition across classes 3-9.

This competition is aimed at students who are achieving high standards in mathematics at their year level. Students who wish to try practice tests prior to applying can obtain copies of these tests at the office.

Students across Point Cook P-9 College have the opportunity to compete against thousands of budding mathematicians across Australia. An invitation will be sent home with students and also attached to newsletters prior to closing of applications on the Friday the 25th July.

In 2013 Point Cook P-9 College had 152 students participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition (sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank) with one student placing in the top 3% of students across Australia. All students at Point Cook P-9 College achieved their best resulting in two students achieving high distinctions, 25 students achieving distinctions and 50 students receiving accreditation for their efforts. Students appeared in last year’s newsletter and were honoured at assemblies for their achievements.

Attached at the back of the newsletter is an Australian Mathematics Competition form.
Sustainability News

World Environment Day 2014

As the World theme for World Environment Day was "Raise your voices for the Environment not the sea level" we decided to have a poetry theme "If only the Earth was covered in tiny little poems" and share our voices through poetry. Our topics were of course Environmental issues and our appreciation of Biodiversity on Earth. Our challenge for the day was to have a "paper free day" so there was a ban on photocopying and teachers could only use recycled paper from their classrooms.

Each year level published poetry around the school using various art mediums and no paper.

The Specialist teachers also ran various activities including the use of poetry of various forms in their lessons for the day.

PCC students all had time to travel about the school to read each others poetry. It was great to see so many students reading poetry of other’s across the school. On talking with some students their feedback was that they were very moved by many poems.

The Green Gang members were roving poets for the day, they to read either poetry they had written or from poetry books to other classes and also gained feedback from these students on the day. Feedback included the following comments from our students "These poems are actually relating to real world situations", "Great to spread awareness", "Fantastic creative and colourful", "Loved the messages in the poetry" "We loved the chicken poems on the fence", "Amazing poems", "The poems were great and I hope they will help the Environment", "The poem I read was beautiful and I visualised a beautiful green, clean place."

Selected poems will become permanent art work around the school in the next few months. Some poems will also be sent to our local and state politicians and Sustainability Service Providers such as the Werribee Zoo and CERES

Roses are red violets are blue
I love the environment
I hope you do to
Blue is as bright as the sky
Green trees and green leaves flow in the sky
I love the environment as much as you do
Happy Environment Day
Maddison 4J

Energy that is kinetic
Makes me feel a lot more poetic
Powered by motion
Causes commotion
Now everyone is energetic
Ada Cardona 7S

Year 3 and 4 families- Jamie Oliver Stickers- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Sarah Moore is collecting Jamie Oliver stickers for the Stephanie Alexander Food Garden. If you have any not required please send in to the Year 3 and 4 teachers, Thank you.
**PERFORMING ARTS – PERFORMANCE DATES**

**Year 8 Students** will be presenting their short films to family and friends at PCC’s 2nd annual POCOfest on the evening of Wednesday 25th June.

**Year 6 Students** will be presenting a Cabaret style show “Heroes and Villains” to parents and friends on the evening of Thursday 11th September.

**Year 2 and Year 4 Students** (and Year 9 Theatre Pathway students) will be presenting PCC’s 2nd annual concert at Williamstown Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday 25th November.

*Please note:* Detailed information regarding times, costumes, tickets and much more will follow throughout Terms 3 and 4 for the Year 2s, 4s and 6s performances.

Please put these dates in your diaries.

Regards,
Performing Arts Team

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

**Update**

We now have another 6 students who have completed the challenge. Well done!!

Congratulations to:  
- Keneisha Dubey  PG  
- David Costea  PK  
- Peter Jefferies  2B  
- Natalie Ierodiaconou  2P  
- Mischa Petilla  2S  
- Stacey Sinclair  2S

If parents have any jigsaws [approx. 200-350 pieces] or any draughts sets, also known as checkers, that they no longer need the library would be a willing home for these.

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**Congratulations!**

One of PCC’s budding Digital Photography students Eryn Cork has come second in the Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute Photography Competition 2014 as part of Education Week.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Victorian school students were invited to capture the impact of good health - on the mind, body or soul - and help inspire others to make positive choices to improve their health.

Here is Eryn’s photo and response to the above brief.

“To me this photo represents the positives of healthy living. The colours make the photo vibrant and happy. It symbolises that healthy living has good outcomes and being healthy doesn’t just mean exercising but also eating the right foods and being confident and happy to do so.

Good health to me means to be confident with yourself and look at the positives of being healthy. Having good health isn’t always doing exercise, but allowing your body to intake and participate in the right things and things that do your body good.”

Have a look at the rest of the competition winners on the below website

** Wynspeak Public Speaking **

**Final**

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Lidia Boniwell Lombardero and Year 8 student, Thanushri Shanmuganathan for competing in the final of the Wynspeak Public Speaking Competition at the Werribee Council Chambers on the 4th of June. The winning student in the Junior Competition was Lidia; she spoke about Homelessness with great compassion as well as suggestions for improving the situation of homeless people in Australia. An Encouragement Award was presented to Thanushri who spoke about the power of music and the way it influences us all. Both girls represented the school exceptionally well and received glowing praise from the judges and their peers. Lidia will now compete in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition State Finals at Scotch College on the 22nd of June where she will have to write and prepare a brand new speech. Good luck Lidia and congratulations to both students.

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** Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre **

**Special Needs Basketball Program**

Starting Monday 2nd June

- Catering for Physical and Intellectual Disabilities
- 12 week training program prior to selection of teams for organised competition.
- Teams will consist of different age groups, divisions and abilities.
- All coaches are experienced in this field and carry a Working with Children Card.
- Sessions will run for 45 minutes every Monday night from 4:45-5:30pm
- Cost: $50 for the 12 week program

For further information contact: Kylie: 97427138 or 0421697574

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**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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[Image of a basketball]