DATES TO REMEMBER

June
14th - Term 3 Commences
18th - Year 3 Mount Rothwell 3K, 3EC and 3G (9-1pm)
22nd - Year 4 Bunjilaka / Connecting to the country
24th - P-4 Parent Teacher Interviews
   - Schools tree planting day
   - Subway Lunch Day
25th - Newsletter Issue 11

Curriculum Day
Parents are advised that we have a Curriculum Day scheduled for Thursday 14th August. The school will be closed on this day and parents are asked to make a note of this date on your calendar. Any enquiries about Out of School Hours Care for the day should be made directly to the YMCA.

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

Principal News

This is the final Newsletter for the term and what a busy one it was. I would like to take this chance to acknowledge the professional dedication and expertise displayed by our staff during the term. Students have been provided rich learning tasks and constant opportunities to improve and develop both academically and socially. I urge parents of students in Years Prep – Year 4 to make the time to attend Parent/Teacher interviews and discuss your child’s progress.

Thank you to our College community for your continued support in helping us to achieve our goal of providing the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all who attend the College.

Assistant Principals News

Mid Year Reports and Parent Portal Information

All Mid Year Reports will be ready for parents to access via the Parent Portal on the first day of Term 3. To gain access to the portal you will need to go to the Parent Portal link on the College website, www.pcc.vic.edu.au and log on using your personal user name and password information. This information was posted to your home address earlier this term and will give you access to information for ALL students in your family. If your eldest child is in Years 5-9, you will have received the letter just prior to receiving their Interim Report in April. Prep-4 families would have received their letter two weeks ago.
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Student Absence Reminder
We regularly have students away from school without being advised by parents of the absence. It is a legal requirement that teachers mark the roll with the reason for the absence on a daily basis. In addition to this, accurate records assist us to better manage student safety by ensuring both parents and teachers know where students are supposed to be. College policy is for teachers to contact parents after three consecutive days of absence so that rolls can be kept accurate. If no reason is provided for the absence parents are sent a CASES generated form listing unexplained absences to complete and sign so that records can be updated.

Please remember to call the College absence line on 83487117 if your child is going to be away and leave a brief message. This message will be passed on to your child’s homeroom teacher who will update the roll accordingly.

Missing books
Home reading is not only an opportunity to reinforce literacy skills but also a chance to foster a love of reading for enjoyment. It is fantastic to know that we have most of our students reading at home, however we have many books that are simply not finding their way back to school. It costs the College a significant amount of money to replace lost items, which then impacts on the money that can be spent on other resources. Please assist us by having your child do a thorough search for any books that have not made it back to school and returning them at the start of next term.

P-4 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
With first Semester winding up I would like to take the opportunity to thank all students and staff for another successful and productive term’s work. The recently completed Mid Year reports reflect how hard your children have been working so please ensure you take the time to celebrate their achievements with them once the reports are available. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the second week back, which will provide an opportunity for discussion about the report and how your child’s learning is progressing. With the holidays now upon us it is the perfect chance for everyone to rest up, recharge their batteries and shake off those annoying germs that have been doing their best to infiltrate the College over the past two months. Hopefully the weather will be kinder over the break than it has been this past week. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and anticipate fresh minds and renewed enthusiasm as we move into the second half of the year.

School Nursing Program – Preps
The School Nursing Program assessments will begin in the first few weeks of next term. Due to the large numbers of Prep students requesting an assessment they are expected to take around 4 weeks to complete.

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.

Book Week Festivities
We are in the process of organising activities for Book Week (18th-22nd August). Celebrations organised so far will include an Alpha Shows Theatre Performance and a parade for the P-2 students and an Author visit for the Years 2-4 students.

Permission notes will go home in the first week of next term and the cost will be around $10.

The first newsletter next term will contain further information about some free optional activities that children can participate in.
P-4 Parent Partnership Sessions
We are intending to run a number of family friendly parent sessions over the remainder of the year. The focus of these sessions will be to engage you in activities and games that you can enjoy with children at home that will help to enhance their Literacy and Numeracy Development. More information will be provided as soon as dates are confirmed so stay tuned for further details.

PE News

YEAR 8 SPORT REPORT

On Wednesday the 21st of May the year 8 Football and Netball teams competed against the other colleges in the area. The boys football team had a successful day finishing with in 2nd place. Special mentions go to Sam Tuibua and Lochie McNeilly for winning best on ground awards on the day. The girls netball team competed to a high standard with

The following Wednesday saw the badminton and soccer competitions where all teams were highly competitive on the day. The boys soccer team finished 3rd overall, winning 2 out of 4 games. Special mentions to Wilson Wang as leading goal scorer and Daniel Torres as player of the day. The girls soccer team missed out on winning the day by a whisker. After winning all round robin games, they were beaten in the final 4-0. Tyla Carter took out best on ground for the girls team. The boys badminton also came inches away from winning the trophy with a hard fought final and a loss by only a hand full of points on a count back. Darren Lieu was the rock that held the boys team together.

The biggest story from the year 8 sport this term was the girls badminton team. Thanshri Shanmuganathan, Karmen Liaw, Wendy Li and Christine Senocbit make up the team that were the Hobson Bay Divisional Champions this year. The girls will go on to compete at the Regional tournament on the 24th of June at Corio Leisure Time in Geelong. Good Luck girls!

Hobsons Bay Divisional Cross Country Championship

On the 26th and 27th of May, the Primary and Secondary Divisional Cross Country Championships were held with over 50 students from PCC competing. All students ran hard and tried their best on the day, some of which placed high enough to compete at the Regional Championship. Those students are Jasmine Sparks (5th), Jai Anderson (4th), Finley Foster (6th), Zoe Piccolo (2nd), Chloe Child (5th), Soreti Jibrael (6th), Tanesha Thow (7th), Marshall Robertson, Cooper Carrison, Nathan Salt, Tamara Auld, Sharna Duff, Jamie Smek, Andrew Van Verkel and Eileen Li.

Congratulations to all these students and good luck at the Regional Championships.
YEAR 7 SPORT REPORT

Year 7 Sport: Boys Football

Football was chosen by a quite a few boys who were looking forward to inter school sports this term. On the day, there was some tough competition. First up we had Bayside College and the first three quarters the scores were very tight with quite a few boys standing up early but it wasn't enough and we went down to lose our first game. Next up, we had Carranbilaru and a big effort was provided by a lot of boys which got us over the line for our first win. For our last game, we had Williamstown High and wasn't necessarily a close game as we lost by a large margin but we kept our heads up and fought on. Special mentions to Isaac Orchard (7T) who was very courageous on the day but all the boys deserved a pat on the back.

By Marshall Robertson 7DS

Year 7 Sport: Girls Netball

On Wednesday the 21st of May the Point Cook College Year 7 girls competed in the Netball inter school sport gala day. We arrived and our whole team was feeling pumped and ready to begin. As our first game finished up with a loss it gave us motivation to win the next round. It must have benefited us because we then won 22-1 which allowed us to gain confidence to push even harder in round three, knowing that we had the ability to win. We worked hard the next game we competed in, leaving us with nothing but success. We wanted to finish on a win and knew that if we worked as a team we couldn’t lose our final game, we pushed as hard as we could, but unfortunately one of our star players was the victim of a tragic knee injury. Everyone feeling sorrow and gloom, we all knew that after this major set back in the last quarter everyone had to now work 110% harder, the opposition was gaining goals that we just couldn’t seem to get. Finally this game was over. Eager to find out the scores we all were joyful at the result. We won! Only winning by one point we were feeling glad, ecstatic and grateful, finishing our day on a high note. Thank you to Miss Stewart for being an amazing coach and the sport teaches for organising this day for us.

By Harshanti Reddy 7DS

Performing Arts News

**PERFORMING ARTS – PERFORMANCE DATES**

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 term 3 and 4.

Please put these dates in your diaries.

Regards,

Performing Arts Team

Year 1 News

This term, year one students have been learning about ‘what makes them safe.’ After learning about how to be safe in different situations, 1M students chose to delve further into how they can help keep our community safe. Students wrote letters to preps, did class presentations and even made safety signs and posters. Samuel in 1M used his knowledge of road safety to help further inform parents and students in the community by writing the following letter:

Dear parents,

These are 5 facts you must do while crossing the road.

Look to the left and the right and the left again.
Stop, look and listen.
Hold hands with an adult.
Cross half way and look right, left and right again.
Walk across and do not run.

You must do these facts to stay safe around roads.

From,

Samuel Nell, 1M
Year 8 Medieval Excursion

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As a part of our Medieval History studies, the Year 8 students visited Kryal Castle to investigate the life and times of the Medieval era (c.590 – c.1500). Students took part in demonstrations which explained the hierarchy system based on status, the systems of punishment and the way of life.

The highlight of the day was the castle area show. Two fully armored knights battled against each other in a range of games, then faced off in a real jousting contest. The knights also demonstrated a sword fight before removing their helmets and meeting with the students to take questions.

At the conclusion of the arranged programs, students were able to explore the grounds of Kryal Castle, taking in what castle life would have been like in the Medieval era and exploring the different buildings and themes that are on display.

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

What absolutely brilliant readers we have here at Point Cook College. They are up for any challenge. Congratulations to the following students who accepted and completed the challenge. These fantastic readers are:

- Caleb Webb
- Leon Hume
- Abbie Roberts
- Alec Najarriyans
- Isaac Winsall
- Ethan Flood
- James Garnham

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Keep reading and keep logging on your books. Let us know if you have read the required number and need your books verified. I wonder how many students we will completed the challenge this year.....? Come and have a look at the wall of fame in the library for these superstars.

SAKG

On behalf of the Kitchen Garden team at Point Cook College I would like to congratulate the Year 4 students on a wonderful past year in the Stephanie Alexander Program. I would also like to thank the community for all the support and help we have had. So far this year we have had over 100 parents, grandparent and family friends volunteer their time to help the kids and for this we are extremely grateful. The kids have embraced the program wholeheartedly and it has been fantastic to see their skills and taste buds change on the journey. Liam Holland, Sarah Moore and Julie Paris.

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.