DATES TO REMEMBER

August:
12th - Year 9 Marine Biology (Point Cook Wetlands)
13th - Prep CFA Visit

14th - CURRICULUM DAY
15th - Year 4 Assembly (2.30pm)
18th-22nd - Book Week
18th - Prep fairy tales dress up day
   - 2.30pm Book Week Parade
21st - Prep, 1 & 2 Alpha Show Performance (9-11am)

Subway Dates August & September
Friday August 29th
Friday September 19th

Principal News

Thank-you to the families who returned their parent Opinion surveys last week. This information will be collated and sent back to the College as data to help inform our future decisions.

We have had positive feedback about our new website. Stage 2 of the website should be launched prior to the end of the term with many new features and enhancements.

A reminder that we have a Curriculum day next Thursday 14th August. This is a “pupil free” day therefore parents need to provide alternative arrangements for care of their children on the day. All staff will be involved in professional learning for the day.

The College has a new OSSA (on-site service assistant) Phil Mangione.

Phil is eager to become part of our College community and to ensure our facilities continue to remain in excellent condition.

Thank-you to our community for your continued support in your child’s learning as displayed by the high level of participation in the Prep – 4 Parent / Teacher interviews last week. This partnership is a vital component of your child’s education.

Any family who has a Prep to start in 2015 should see the office staff as soon as possible to collect enrolment forms. It is important that I have a clear indication of Prep 2015 numbers to allow for planning of staff, room allocations etc.
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.

NAPLAN Results

2014 NAPLAN are expected to arrive at school in the week following 1st September. They will be sent home with students as soon as we receive them.

Playground Protocols

Recently we have seen some incidents of parents taking on board the responsibility of attempting to resolve disputes between students and/or their parents, which is not a practice we support. If your child comes home and informs you that other children have behaved inappropriately towards them we ask that you first speak to your child’s teacher. By following this process you can ensure you have all of the facts (sometimes our kids only give us their perspective), and more importantly give the teacher the opportunity to resolve any issues inline with our College guiding principles and values.

Book Week Festivities

As previously advised Book Week(s) will be celebrated at the College from 18th – 29th August. Please ensure your child returns any notes and money for incursions by the due date.

Book Sales for Justin D’Ath

The school has copies of Justin’s book on display in the library for viewing by parents and students. You can also go to Justin D’Ath’s website for more information on this famous Australian author and his books. http://www.justindath.com/main.html

Please remember that books may only be purchased on the day, Thursday August 28 and correct change is necessary. Justin is giving us a discount on the books sold on the day. Books range in price from $10 (normally $12.99) for the Mission Fox books, Extreme Adventure books $12.00 each (usually $14.99), Lost Circus series $12.00 each (usually $14.99) and finally, Sam Fox Extreme Adventures (3 books in one) @ $15.00 (normally $19.99)

The Extreme Adventures TV series, which features Jordan and Harry as well as big brother Sam, can be seen on Sunday mornings on Channel 11

Book Week Competitions

Book Character Match-ups Competition

There are two competitions here – one for Preps to year 2s and another for Years 3 to 9. Please enter in the one appropriate to your grade at school. Please place completed entry forms in the correct boxes on the library desk. I.E. Either Prep-Yr2 OR Years 3-9. Entries close on Monday, August the 18th at 9:00am sharp! No late entries accepted

Assistant Principals News

The last fortnight has been action packed yet again, which I guess is to be expected within such a large community. The Preps have celebrated their first ever 100 days of school, following in the footsteps of the Year 1s the previous week. Once again the ‘onesies’ took centre stage and I’m sure there must have been plenty of parents practising their counting skills by adding buttons, stickers and the like to the outfits for the day, so thank you for getting into the spirit.

The Year 1s had a day out to the Melbourne Zoo learning about life cycles. After some initial concern that it would be too wet to go, although cold, the sun shone through and a great day was had by all.

On Tuesday some of our Year 4s represented the College at the Interschool Athletics sports for the first time. Along with our Year 5 and 6 students they did the College proud, giving their absolute all and coming home with a colourful array of ribbons for their efforts. Congratulations to all involved!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Assistance

Our Year 3s are involved in the SAKG program this semester which cannot run without the help of parents and we have already had many parents volunteer to help in their
child’s session which is greatly appreciated. We understand that this is not always possible due to other commitments and we have found ourselves short of help for one of the Thursday classes. If you are able to help on the occasional Thursday can you please speak to Mr Liam Holland. Please note if you are interested in helping you will need to have or get a Working with Children Check.

P-4 Parent Partnership Sessions
On Wednesday 27th August we are planning to run a Family Games Night. This will be an opportunity for families to come along to learn and play games that will promote numeracy and literacy development in a fun, non threatening environment. If you would like to come along please fill out the expression of interest form attached and return it to the office before Friday 18th August.

Administration

Family Invoices
All families with outstanding fees will this week be posted a copy of their invoice. All student requisitions must be paid by no later than 31st August 2014.

Parents who do not make payment by this date will be referred to the Finance Committee of the College council.

Continuation of the supply of books, pens, pencils, take home readers, art supplies and performing arts equipment may not continue for the remainder of 2014.

Any families experiencing financial difficulties please call to make an appointment with the Business Manager.

Parents who do not make payment will need to provide their own resources for 2015 and will be sent home a list of supplies they will need to purchase.

PE News

POINT COOK DISTRICT ATHLETICS RESULTS
Tuesday 4th August saw the first running of the Point Cook District Athletics carnival held at the VUT Athletics track. Perfect weather greeted the athletes from Point Cook, Lumen Christi, Alamanda, Stella Maris and Carranballac Colleges.

The athletes from Point Cook performed extremely well and looked to have booked themselves a place at the Regional Carnival later in the term.

The following students finished first in their events:
Jade Chitty – 100m, 200m, Relay
Georgia Zuber – High Jump
Jasmine Maharaj – Relay
Jen Espiritu – Hurdles, Relay
Isabella Kalos – 100m, High Jump, Relay
Izaia Kalos – 100m, Relay
Olivia Cop – Shot put
Sophia Potter – Hurdles
Isaac Hart – Shot put
Kym Bays – 100m, 200m, Relay
Ryan Whitcher – Long Jump
Teja Talakanti – Shot Put
Owen Cooke – 100m
Will Collins – Hurdles, 800m, 1500m
Zander Te Brugge – 200m
Eileen Li – 800m, 1500m, Triple Jump
Jesse Cop – Discus, Shot put
Heinrich Balbuena – 100m, Hurdles, Relay
Eddie Ford – 100m, 200m
Leon Adamov – High Jump, Relay
Daniel Cossell – 100m, Hurdles
Sanath Samaranyake – Triple Jump

Well done to all the students who competed and thankyou to Mr Andrews, Ms Habner, Ms O’Connor and Ms Bryce who attended on the day.
The District team will be announced in the coming weeks.
### Year 1 Melbourne Zoo

**Excursion**

On the 31st of July the year ones set off for the Melbourne Zoo to learn about animals and their habitats and life cycles.

The Year One students learnt all about the different stages a snake, bird, butterfly and spider go through. They each got a container which had different parts of an animals' lifecycle, e.g. an egg, a caterpillar, a chrysalis and an adult butterfly. They then had to decide what part of the animals' lifecycle it was in, for example when it was born, when it was young or as an adult.

The Year One students got to touch a cold and smooth snake, a green tree frog and a wombat. They also got to see an Australian animal which is fighting extinction- the Bilby.

After learning about different animal lifecycles and habitats, the Year Ones had time to roam around the zoo to see a variety of animals (nocturnal, marsupials, endangered species, Australian and non-Australian animals).

The Year One Team is looking forward to learning more about animals as part of our Inquiry topic for the rest of the term. Thank you to all the parent helpers and a big thank you to Miss Lisa Farrugia for making such a great day happen.

Rebecca Clark

### Year 9 Marine Biology

**Excursion**

Marine Biology students visited Point Cook Town Centre pet store to purchase their new marine animals to house in their aquarium. Students have a role in looking after their animals- feeding, cleaning, monitoring and maintaining water quality.

### 100 Days of School

On Wednesday the 23rd July, the Year Ones celebrated 100 days of school.

They celebrated the day by dressing up. Some students wore 100 items, some dressed as 100 year old people and others dressed in clothes that were fashionable 100 years ago and more!

Students participated in a variety of activities such as drawing themselves as a 100 year old person, building a structure with 100 objects and creating something out of the number 100. To finish the day, the Year Ones had an assembly where they sung the National Anthem and had a parade.

Congratulations again to the Year One students for reaching 100 days of school!
Book Week News

Year 1 Book Week Parade

To celebrate all things Literary, Year One student will be involved in a variety of different reading and viewing activities to celebrate book week. On Friday the 22nd of August, students will be dressing up as their favourite book characters and participating in a parade. Parents and guardians are welcome to come along to help us celebrate our love of books. A note will be sent out to parents regarding the time and place of the parade.

Year Two – Book Week

Character Dress Up Day

On Friday 22nd August in celebration of the end of Book Week, all Year Twos are invited to dress up as one of their favourite book characters.

The event is cost free, however...

Be it The Cat in the Hat, Where’s Wally or even The Very Hungry Caterpillar, students will need to take into consideration the weather when dressing (e.g. bring a coat) and wear shoes appropriate for playing outside.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr Seuss

Swimming superstars

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August, two of our students participated in the Victorian short course championships at MSAC. Both swimmers have trained extremely hard for this event and should be very proud of their achievements:

Sophia Potter (6H)

State rankings

50m Freestyle- 17th
100m Freestyle- 11th
200m Freestyle- 17th
100m Backstroke- 14th
200m Backstroke- 12th
100m Breaststroke- 14th

Kyle Yurkowski (7E)

100m Breaststroke- 11th
200m Breaststroke- 12th
50m Freestyle- 41st
100m Individual medley-25th

Congratulations Kyle and Sophia!

ART EXHIBITION

The 2014 PCC Art exhibition is fast approaching. Opening night will on Wednesday 10Sep14 from 4:30pm until 6pm. Awards will be presented to recipients at 5pm. If you are unable to attend on this night then you may wish to view the works of art after school on Thursday 11 Sep14.
**Library News**

**Prep-2 Book Character**

**Match-ups Competition**

**Name:** ____________  **Homeroom:** ____________

Put the correct number for the match up next to the fairy tale.

- Snow White _____ 1/. Shoemaker
- Three Bears _____ 2/. The Kiss
- Jack______ 3/. Troll
- Three Little Pigs_____ 4/. Golden Hair
- The Gingerbread Man______ 5/. Goldilocks
- Cinderella_____ 6/. Spinning Wheel
- The Little Mermaid________ 7/. Seven Dwarves
- Rapunzel_____ 8/. Fox
- Elves_______ 9/. Big, Bad Wolf
- 3 Billy Goats Gruff_____ 10/. Prince Charming
- The Frog Prince________ 11/. Sea Witch
- Sleeping Beauty__________ 12/. Bean stal

**Years 3 - 9 Book Character**

**Name:** ____________  **Homeroom:** ____________

Put the correct number for the match up next to the book.

- Dorothy______ 1/. The Floods
- Edward______ 2/. The Lightning Thief
- Scout______ 3/. Bridge to Terabithia
- Wilbur_______ 4/. To Kill a Mockingbird
- Edmund, Peter, Susan and Lucy______ 5/. The Hunger Games
- Augustus Gloop_____ 6/. Wizard of Oz
- Mordonna_______ 7/. Harry Potter
- Greg Heffley_______ 8/. Charlotte’s Web
- Hermione Grainger__________ 9/. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Gale__________ 10/. Chronicles Of Narnia
- Percy Jackson______ 11/. Diary of a Wimpy Kid

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014**

We have another **13** students who have completed the challenge. Well done!

There are only **3 weeks to go**!

Don’t forget to change your books from started to finished as you complete the book. We can then verify them once they are marked finished. Many of you have only a few more books to go so get reading!

**Congratulations to:**

- Molly Ben Ezra    PG
- Ryan Chhabra     PKW
- Ananya Nagpal    PN
- Chris Kilburn    1F
- Harrison Anderson 1F
- Marissa Barratt    2B
- Emily Travers    2P
- Takeelah Khoo    2S
- Anselm Chong    3B
- Aydin Chowdhury    4F
- Jennie Kong    4P
- Tisha Shah    5O
- Heidi Moore    6F

As always if you have a question please come to the library and I shall do my best to help.
FIRST AID

A parent has reported a case of Whooping Cough to the college.
It is a mild case as the child has been immunised.
Should you have any concerns please seek advice from your GP.
For further information please refer to attached link Vic Health Dept.

Term 3 is always a busy time in sick bay.
If you have recently changed your contact details, please ensure the College has been informed,
so that sick, distressed children can be picked up as soon as possible.

Sick Bay Phone Number is 8348 7104, this number maybe handy to place in your mobile contacts.

P-4 FAMILY GAMES NIGHT - Wednesday 27th August

We will be attending the Family Games Night on Wednesday 27th August.

Name: _______________________________ Number of people attending: ________

Contact Number: _______________________________

Children’s names: ____________________________ Home Room ______

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* Please note: Final arrangements will be confirmed once we have an idea of numbers.

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.