DATES TO REMEMBER

October
6th - Student commence Term 4
7th - Year 2 Professor Bunsen Incursion
8th - YMCA Kinder visit (11.30-12.30)
9th - Year 8 Science Fair (5-6pm)
   - Bali Tour Information evening (6-7pm)
14th - Primary WMR Athletics Carnival
   - Year 1 Werribee Mansion Excursion (1V, 1M, 1K & 1F)
   - Year 5 Information night (7-8pm)
15th - Year 1 Werribee Mansion Excursion (1C, 1J & 1B)
   - Staff Ride to school day
16th - College Disco (5-9pm) Hollywood Theme (Note to go home day 1 Term 4)
17th - Subway Lunch Day

Curriculum Day
3rd - November (Report Writing Day)

Subway
Friday October 17th
Friday November 14th
Friday December 12th

Principal News
It has been a hectic two weeks since the last Newsletter with many extra-curricula activities such as the Art/Craft Exhibition, Year 6 performance “Heroes and Villains”, Green Gang involvement in the Environmental program “Kids teaching Kids”, parent/teacher interviews for our Year 5-9 families, numerous incursions and excursions. These activities are planned to enable students to broaden their experiences and knowledge.

Curriculum day for Term 4 will be on Monday 3rd September (day before Melbourne Cup day).

Staff will be involved in end of year report writing on this day. Parents are asked to find alternative supervision of their children as it is a pupil free day.

It has been another vibrant and successful term thanks to the professionalism and dedication of our staff. I wish everyone a relaxed term break with the hope of the weather improving to allow us to enjoy the many beautiful features Melbourne has to offer.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ NEWS

P-4 Community

With another extremely busy, productive and event filled term coming to a close I would like to congratulate all students and staff for their ongoing commitment. Over the past fortnight we have had the Year 3s visit Mt Rothwell and the Werribee Open Range Zoo, the Preps have had a visit from the Ambulance Education Service and we have also had some students involved in the Kids Teaching Kids program. Year 1 and Year 4 have both had assemblies which were a great opportunity for students to celebrate their learning. The Art Show gave our students the opportunity to showcase their artistic brilliance and a huge congratulations goes to everyone involved in making the event such a big success. The term has concluded again in a splash of colour with Footy Day, hopefully next year the black and white will be far more evident! No doubt everyone is looking forward to a well earned break before returning to complete another successful year. I will be taking leave during the first two weeks of Term 4 therefore if you need to speak to someone regarding P-4 matters please contact either Marg Holness or Frank Vetere.

REMINDER - Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS)

Students from the College who have been randomly selected to participate are reminded that the consent form and questionnaire sent home recently needs to be returned via mail using the Reply Paid envelope by 17th October.

2015 Prep Enrolments

Invitations to attend the 2015 Prep Transition program have been mailed out to all enrolled Preps. If you have a child starting with us next year please enrol them as soon as possible to ensure they have the opportunity to be a part of the program. If you know of anyone else who has not yet enrolled their child for next year please pass on this information.

Years 5-9 Community

Art Show and Year 6 Cabaret

As you have read in other parts of this newsletter the creativity on show last week throughout our College was SENSATIONAL!! I would like to congratulate every single person including students, staff and family members, who in one way or another were involved. Please take the time to view the following TED talk by Sir Ken Robinson, a prominent international educational researcher. He makes an entertaining and profoundly moving case for creating an education system that nurtures creativity. Watching this presentation reaffirms the wonderful opportunities Point Cook College provides students to encourage their creativity.


Selective Entry High School Success

Students from Point Cook College have again been successfully selected for enrolment in Selective Entry High Schools.

We congratulate Antonio Cuneyt Bal and Thanushri Shanmuganathan in Year 8 for being selected after a rigorous examination process. Places in selective entry schools are highly sought after and very few places are made available across the entire state. We wish them ongoing success in 2015 and beyond.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was great to see so many parents in attendance on Tuesday evening for Parent Teacher Interviews. The opportunity to discuss student progress and cement home school partnerships is core to ongoing student improvement. If you were unable to meet with your child’s teachers please make sure you make contact to agree on a suitable time.
**Year 6 Interschool Debating**

On Monday I had the pleasure of adjudicating an interschool debate at Al Taqwa College Truganina. The following year 6 students Saloni Sindhu, Eileen Li and Adaa Zaidi debated on the following topic. Should school Uniforms be compulsory? The girls did a great job in representing our College. Whilst Point Cook College didn’t win the debate, Eileen was awarded 3rd best speaker. We look forward to the return visit later in the year.

**Term 4**

As per every year Term 4 is set to be eventful. There are many activities planned and it is important that you make note of these in your diaries as soon as notes are sent home. There are a number of parent information evenings, camps, excursions and in school activities.

Have a great break!

Frank Vetere
Assistant Principal

**Year 7 Health Days**

On Wednesday and Thursday all Year 7 students participated in a Teen Health Special Program. This program was their core Health learning this term. The focus of the program was on providing students with an understanding of some of the key health concerns for young people in relation to drugs and developing students’ knowledge of teen focussed health resources.

The program launched with guest speakers from Head-Space, the national youth mental health foundation, and also included sessions on smoking, alcohol, drugs and an investigation into accessible health resources for teenagers. Students took this learning and identified a range of teen health concerns, including peer pressure, risk taking behavior and finding someone to talk to. The final element saw each student create an “In case of emergency” poster that outlined actions young people can take when they, or a friend or family member, is faced with a health concern. These were shared across the group.

All students received a ‘take away’ resource pack that maybe one day will be useful for them or a friend. We invite all parents of Year 7 students to ask about the pack and discuss the issues raised with their children over the two days.

**Administration**

**Family Invoices**

All families should have by now paid their outstanding invoices unless arrangement has been made with administration.

If not finalised 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.
Art Exhibition

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends of the PCC community at our Art Exhibition last week. Mr Hayes took considerable time to do his judging duties, he commented at how difficult it was with such a wide variety of art works. Counselor Goodfellow said “I am always impressed when I come here and the artwork this year has blown me away.” Well done to all the art students this year, everyone is an artist!

Thank you for your donations to Kids Help Line, we raised $241.00 for this very important charity.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:
Prep: Hannah Ellis, Jade Jeffrey
Year 1: Charlotte Whitecross, Patrick Li
Year 2: Nikki Taylor, Chelsea Farmer
Year 3: Odelia Victoria, Srivatsav Muduganti
Year 4: Ethan Pope, Natalie Goddard
Year 5: Jack Thorpe, Chantelle Auld
Year 6: Celine Leong, Sarah Plant
Year 7: Courtney Hynes, Yuri Seo
Year 8: Tim Varley, Zac Freund
Year 9: Neve Little, Marko Stanvic,
Overall winner P-4: Holly Moore
Overall winner 5-9: Ruby Bovdis

F1 Race Car Visits PCC

A visit from Formula 1 Race Car MP4-21 sparked a lot of excitement in the PCC community on Tuesday 16th September. Many classes had the opportunity to see the car up close throughout the day and speak to Dr. Michael Myers who accompanied the car from the Re-Engineering Australia Foundation.

The visit was organised for students in the Year 9 Robotics Pathway thanks to five students Kieran Corrigan, Josh Stokes, Riley Colbert, Alvin Pratama and Connah Carter, participating in the Formula 1 for Schools program. Students in the pathway were able to investigate the robotics of the car and explore career options in engineering.

Laura Blackwell

FUNDRAISING

A VERY big thank you goes out to all of our parent helpers who delivered thousands of Subway lunches over term 3. Vicki Little, Marie Lawrence, Tana Parker, Jamy Sims, Joan Putter, Sue Plant, Beena Virdi and Sharon Moore, it could not have been done without you.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

If you have any chocolate money or chocolates please return them ASAP as they are now overdue.
**Kids Teaching Kids**

On Wednesday the 10th of September, 8 students from years 4 and 5 attended the Werribee Zoo for the ‘love your locals’ campaign. We were lucky enough to be invited to this fun filled day along with 10 others schools in the Wyndham area. The day was organized by the zoo to create a partnership within the local community to help fight extinction and to learn about our local wildlife and surroundings.

Our school presented a play on the Eastern Barred Bandicoots and were the last school to present. We sat through 10 presentations nervously but agreed they saved the best till last! The zoo members were really proud of us for doing a play and thought it was a unique way to get our message across.

We participated in 3 different learning sessions throughout the day. First up was singing and dancing from The Litter Sisters. They taught us about recycling, reusing and the importance of throwing our litter in the bin. They did talk a lot of rubbish! Next, we were lucky enough to go into the bandicoot enclosure and meet Parry the bandicoot. They were much bigger in real life than we thought. Lastly, we learnt about marine life and got to see artefacts from all different types of animals. We saw a whales ribcage and were able to stand inside of it, it was that big!

One of the main highlights was that Point Cook College got to adopt our very own bandicoot and were given the honour of naming him. We decided on ‘Bandit’. He has just been born and we are looking forward to meeting him.

**Year One Fathers Day Afternoon**

On Friday the 5th of September there were a bunch of enthusiastic and excited year one students. Teachers were getting bombarded all day long with the question, “Are our dad’s coming now?...Now?...What about now?” This is because after lunch Dads, (Grandpas, older brothers, uncles or a family member) were invited to come and spend the afternoon with their child.

The year one teachers had a variety of different activities planned for the afternoon. For example, ball games outside, writing in chalk on the concrete, maths games, board games, fairy bread making, watching Mr. Bean or a movie and more! A big thank you to the family members that came. You child sincerely appreciated it. Hope you all had fun!

**A big thank you to the following students for your dedication throughout the term and for being superstars on the day!**

- Nane McIntyre 4R
- Nathan Rhodes 4R
- Beatrice Kim Woern 4KF
- Owen Cooke 4W
- Jordan Bascombe 4J
- Jemma Tapp 5W
- Victoria Bal 5W
- James Garnham 5O

**Miss Clark and the Year One Team**

---

**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.

[Image of loyalty program details]