**Dates to Remember**

**November**

3rd - Curriculum Day (Report Writing)

4th - CUP DAY - Public Holiday

5th — Pre loved Uniform Sale

7th - Oral Health Survey Check Up Prep — Year 9

   Subway Orders Due

10th - 12th

   - Year 5 - Lady Northcote Camp

18th - Year 9 Pathways Parent Information Evening

19th - 5.30pm College Tour

   6.30pm Prep Information Evening

   7.00pm College Council

**Subway**

Friday November 14th (Orders due by 7th November)

Friday December 12th

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**Newsletter Postponed**

Dear Parents,

Due to technical and personnel problems this week’s issue of the College Newsletter will be postponed to NEXT FRIDAY and will be published each fortnight thereafter.

If you wish to check dates for upcoming events or see what has been happening recently within the College I invite you to explore our College website www.pcc.vic.edu.au.

On behalf of the College executive I thank — you in advance for your understanding.

Michael Hayes — College Principal

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**Pre-loved uniform sale is on again!**

**Thursday 5th November**

**Canteen - 8.15 - 9 am and 2.30 - 3.15**

We have assorted sizes of uniform items.

Please note we might not have all uniform in all sizes.

We have a few items of the senior uniform available.

If you would like to donate any unwanted uniform, please drop off at Sick Bay.

Items are from $1 - $5 each and all money raised will be donated to the State School Relief Fund.

We also have new navy blue slacks and cargo pants, they are $5 each.
On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th of October, the Year Ones travelled back in time to when it was 1884! They visited the Werribee Mansion and experienced first-hand, what it was like to live 130 years ago at the Mansion.

They went on a Washday Tour, which involved learning about the different steps they used to wash their clothes. For example, they didn’t have washing machines or washing powder back then and they had to grate their own soap, use a dolly to turn the clothes and more! By the end of it, the Years Ones could see how washing clothes could take a week to do!

They also went on a tour of the Mansion where the maid told the students how they had a room for just the gentlemen and a room for ladies. The gentlemen’s room was full of books and business like paper work and the ladies room had musical instruments and big mirrors. She also showed us a dining room which was very extravagant and was all designed based on a lady’s favourite dining set! The students also got to play with toys children played with back then like puppets, dolls and wooden soldiers. They also dressed up in outfits children wore. Students explored the different parts of the Mansion including the upstairs, downstairs, garden, lake, grotto, parterre, glass house and farm buildings.

Overall, it was a very exciting day and it was clear to see how this impressive Mansion took 3 years to build! Thankyou to all the parents who volunteered to help on the day and a big thank you to Natika Van Hulst for organising such a successful excursion!

Miss Rebecca Clark

On Tuesday 7th October, the Year Twos were tuned into their Inquiry topic, “How do things work?” by the amazing and totally engaging Professor Bunsen. His inspiring Science Show caught the attention of all students whilst covering the concepts of Sound, Force and Change in Matter.

Did you know that sound is vibrations moving in waves through the air? Professor Bunsen created sounds of varying pitch by simply rubbing a metal pole. He created ‘eerie’ ghost noises by heating the air up inside a metal pipe and made a bazooka by cutting up and blowing into a straw. Can’t hear your music….then make your own amplifier by placing your music player onto an inverted hollow cup or empty can. That’s why pianos and guitars are big hollow boxes!

What is the biggest magnet you can name? Why, it’s the Earth of course! If you have a compass you should never get lost. Professor Bunsen had fun sharing with the students the forces of gravity and friction. The Year Twos watched and laughed as balloons stuck magically to their hair and to the walls. They saw the Professor make aluminum cans roll back and forth by simply holding a ‘charged’ balloon nearby. Rocket balloons were raced across the room using the power of air and a toy monkey ‘slingshot’ was launched by the ‘push and pull’ forces found in a rubber band.

What happens if you add Mentos to a can of coke? A chemical change of course! The two ingredients combine to form a gas that causes a small explosion just like a volcano. Professor Bunsen had the students covering their ears as he ‘blew the lid off’ a Milo tin and had them laughing at his foaming disaster using hair ammonia and a special ‘Harry Potter’ powder. The Year Twos saw water turn to a solid using the chemicals found in baby nappies and now they can’t wait to grow their own ‘water balls’.

Here’s an experiment to try at home…add some food colouring to a small cup of water and blow into it with a straw. If you keep blowing long enough, the carbon dioxide you are adding to the water makes the colour vanish. (This is unfortunately the issue affecting our Great Barrier Reef – pollution is bleaching the coral)

If you would like to explore Professor Bunsen further or cool science news and videos, have a look at his website where he also sells awesome science ‘stuff’.


Sarah Rainford
Yr 2 Teacher
Year 9 students and teachers will be attending a 3 day, 2 night retreat at Lake Dewar Lodge on December 10-12th as part of the whole College Outdoor Education Program and end of Year 9 celebrations.

The aim of the retreat is to give students options of a range of outdoor activities to participate in. Students will have the chance to reflect upon their learning journey at Point Cook P-9 College by celebrating the positive times they have had with their teachers and peers. On the final evening of the retreat, there will be a formal meal. Additional College staff and the students will be invited to participate in the evening which will involve speeches capturing a reflective atmosphere of their learning journey and experiences at the College.

John Scally

This year PCC celebrated Hollywood culture (TV/Movies) by dressing up for our annual whole school disco.

Thank you to all the students who made the effort to come along in costume and your participation on the D-Floor was exceptional. A huge thank you to all the teachers who assisted in the organisation of the disco. Our staff went above and beyond in their support and effort towards this event. All money raised from the disco will be donated in State School Relief Fund for disadvantaged students in schools.

Have a look at some of the great photos taken on the night in our photo gallery.

The Year 8 students held their annual Science Fair on Thursday evening October 9th. The night went off with lots of BANGS! There was exploding milo tins, rocket launches and butane ball busters. The year 8 students spent term 3 investigating their own science experiments. Students had their own exhibitions, which included hands on activities and a display explaining their findings. Students’ experiments covered a range of topics including chemical, physical, environmental and sports science.

Congratulations to all our students!! It was a fantastic night for all students to celebrate their findings and achievements for the term with their families and friends of the PCC community.

We look forward to holding and expanding on this event next year!!

Miss Ryan & Miss Jean

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.