DATES TO REMEMBER

December
1st   - Upacara Bendera (9-10am) Agora
3rd   - Indonesian Uni student visit (Year 6)
        - Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion (All Day)
8th   - Year 9 Orientation Day 2015
9th   - Year 9 Orientation Day 2015
        - Year 7 Orientation Day 2015
10th  - Year 9 Lake Dewar Retreat departs
11th  - Year 4 Mystery Excursion

Subway
Friday December 12th

PARENT PORTAL

END OF YEAR REPORT REMINDER

Parents are reminded that access to your child’s Semester 2 Report will be available after 4pm on Friday 12th December via the Parent Portal.

Please read further information below.

Parent Portal Information

To gain access to reports you will need to go to the Parent Portal link in the top right corner of 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 prior to Mid Year reports or on your child’s arrival at the College and will give you access to information for ALL students in your family.

If you have not received or have misplaced this information please contact Mr Kevin Roberson via the email link on the portal or at the address below as soon as possible to ensure you receive your details prior to the Report release date.

parentportal@pcc.vic.edu.au

Please remember to keep your Portal information in a safe place for future reference as you will need to use it every time you need to gain access.

Last Day Arrangements

The last day for 2014 is Friday 19th December and school will be finishing at 12.00pm.

Please make a note of the date and earlier finish time.
College Concert.

Congratulations to all the Year 2, 4 students and staff and the Year 9 Theatre Pathways students for an exceptional demonstration of talent at the College Concert at Williamstown Town Hall on Tuesday evening. It was truly great to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and staff supporting the college performing arts program and children displaying their creativity.

I would like to thank on behalf of the college community the performing arts team, Loretta C, Clarissa L and Jenny G for their tireless work in ensuring events like this happen. Also thank you to the numerous people who assisted behind the scenes to ensure the whole production ran smoothly.

Year 9 Pathways and 2015 Prep Information evenings

Last week we had two very successful information evenings. Our current year 8 students and parents found out about the Year 9 Pathways Program and we also welcomed our new 2015 Prep families. Both meetings were very well attended and supported by parents, students and staff. Thank you for attending especially at this time of year when we all get really busy.

2015 Planning

The College executive is well into planning for 2015 and is hoping to finalise this process soon. It is ESSENTIAL that we are informed of families who are intending not to return to Point Cook College in 2015. Please let office know in writing next Wednesday.

Student End of Year Reports

I urge everyone to read the advice on this newsletter regarding accessing student reports on the parent portal. The College has invested heavily to ensure this facility is available to families and it is important that you become familiar with its use.

Traffic Safety

As I mentioned in the last newsletter I will regularly include a traffic safety message to remind us all to be aware and that safety around schools is all of our responsibility.

2015 Homeroom Information

On Thursday 18th December all students will visit their 2015 homerooms and meet their new teacher. Letters will be distributed outlining the relevant information on the same day.

Students who have indicated they will be on holidays or those away on this day will need to go to the office on the first day of school next year (Friday 30th January) where they will be directed to their new homeroom.

Personal Hand Held Devices at School

Parents and students are reminded that bringing electronic devices such as Game Boys, Nintendo DS, PSP, MP3, etc to school for personal use is a privilege. Concerns have been raised that some of our students including those in the middle primary years are playing games that are highly inappropriate (many having a 12 years and over rating) and they are then sharing these games with their classmates. Material rated MG, MA,R or X is NOT permitted at school.

Whilst students ARE permitted to bring these devices to school this should only occur with parental consent with the understanding that the child takes full responsibility for it’s care and use and that the College will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

Software and downloads including games, music and video MUST be age appropriate and not in any way offensive therefore we ask parents to regularly check devices to ensure that the content is suitable. If students are found using inappropriate material both software and device will be confiscated and parents will be informed.

Lost Property

There is currently a large amount of clothing and personal belongings in lost property and we suggest if your child

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Frank Vetere
has misplaced any of these to start checking as all items not named or claimed will be discarded during the last week of school.

**Missing Books**

We are missing a significant number of books from the Resource Centre and would appreciate it if everyone could have a thorough look at home so that we can keep losses to a minimum.

**Prep to Year Four Assistant Principal’s News**

This week I had the absolute pleasure of attending the PCC Year 2 & 4 Concert at Williamstown Town Hall, and oh what a night it was! The students did an amazing job and kept us thoroughly entertained from start to finish with each act choreographed and performed brilliantly. I’m sure the smiles on the faces of the students and parents was a fitting reward for all of the tireless work that everyone has put in to make our second annual concert a huge success. Special thanks should go to our incredible Performing Arts staff, Loretta Cachia, Clarissa Leach and Jenny Gagas for their passion and dedication in pulling the night together. Thanks also to the Year 2 & 4 staff for putting their performance skills to the test and showing off their hidden talents.

The 2015 Prep Information Night and College Tour was well supported again this year, with approximately 160 people in attendance. In addition to this, our Prep Transition program is now complete and the 2015 students look ready to take on the challenge of their first year at school. We look forward to welcoming our new Prep families into the PCC community.

As we move into December we look forward to the school year coming to an end, with all the celebrations that go hand in hand adding to the festivities.

Robyn Fincher  
P-4 Assistant Principal

**Prep Christmas Carols Afternoon**

Parents are invited to come along and join the Preps for an afternoon of Christmas cheer on **Monday 15th December** from 2.00 – 3.00pm in the agora or gym (pending the weather). Don’t forget to wear your Christmas finery!

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**Year 8 Excursion - Wyndham Youth Resource Centre.**

It was a challenging day for some of our year 8 students yesterday. The Wyndham Youth Resource Centre together with Pinnacle had students facing their fears and then conquering them.

The day began with team building activities, these proved a lot of fun and effort, but we discovered by working together we could achieve anything.

Students had to have faith in their friends to guide them during rock climbing, especially challenging for the majority of students as they were blind folded. Another challenging activity was the wobbly ladder. Students climbed the beautiful coloured ladder that felt as if it was going to snap. There were people who said they just couldn’t do it but as they reached the top their judgement was wrong. When they reached the top of the ladder they had to at least give us a wave with one hand, give us a wave with two hands or give us a wave with two hands and one foot. The wobbly ladder challenged a lot of people.

The last activity was the Leap of Faith. Several students took part in this activity. At the top of the platform was another tiny little platform. Those of us watching supported the person standing up there. We knew the shaking and feeling scared was our perceived fear kicking in. The countdown from three was so quick people just jumped aiming to catch the trapeze. This activity wasn’t about catching or holding the trapeze, it was about taking the challenge and trying, having the confidence to get outside your comfort zone and give it a go.

This experience was amazing and we thank the school, the Wyndham Resource Centre and Pinnacle for this opportunity.
As a team we gave each other the support and courage to conquer anything. The encouragement from fellow students showed us how supportive people can be. This experience was amazing and we thank the school, the Wyndham Resource Centre and Pinnacle for this opportunity.

Zoe and Kyra
Year 8 Students

SPORT NEWS
School Sport Victoria - Golf

Congratulations to Flynn Trembath (4P) who represented Point Cook College in a recent School Sport Victoria Qualifying Golf Tournament. Flynn played in the 9 hole, qualifying event with a score of 41 earning a place in the Regional Tournament which was played last Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} November at Medway Golf Course.

Flynn shot a score of 50 on the day and played against 70 other students from schools within the Western Region. The top 6 students with scores ranging from 34-39 go on to play in a 19 hole State Tournament.

Well done Flynn, you should be so proud of your achievements. Reaching Regional level in any sporting code or event is an outstanding achievement. Keep up the hard work Flynn. Maybe we’ll see you playing in the Australian PGA championships one day.

Library News - Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2014 Premiers’ Reading Challenge Honour Roll is now available.

Link to Herald Sun online PRC article including a shortened version of the video:

Link direct to online Honour Roll landing page and full length congratulations video:
YMCA Point Cook will be running a Summer School Holiday Program, offering heaps of awesome activities, including Hoyts Movie – *Penguins of Madagascar*, a trip to the Point Cook Coastal Park, Roller Skating and more! Bookings open on 18 November, for full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.

YMCA NEWS FLASH! IN 2015 OSHC WILL OPEN AT 6.30AM AT NO EXTRA COST. WE HOPE THIS HELPS FAMILIES TO MINIMIZE THE MORNING RUSH AND STRESS THAT COMES WITH TRAVELING TO WORK FROM POINT COOK. SAFE TRAVELS – FROM YMCA OSHC.