DATES TO REMEMBER

December
15th - Prep Christmas Concert (2-3pm)
16th - Year 5,6 & 7 Adventure Park Excursion
   - Year 3 End of year Excursion (Werribee Cinemas)
   - Year 9 Graduation (Starts 7pm)

PARENT PORTAL

END OF YEAR REPORT REMINDER

Parents are reminded that access to your child’s Semester 2 Report will be available after 4pm today - 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.
Principal’s News

This is the final Principal News for 2014. It has been another significant year in the life of Point Cook College with the continued development of our quality teaching and learning programs. Our students are to be commended on their enthusiasm, initiative and positive attitude in achieving and in many cases surpassing their learning goals. The College staff is to be recognised and congratulated for their endless energy and professionalism in their various roles as educators, administrators, student councilors and leaders. Their ongoing commitment to making Point Cook College an engaging and motivating learning environment for all students is second to none.

On a personal note I will be on “Long Service Leave” from the College for a significant portion of next year starting in January. After a selection process conducted by the Department of Education Mr Frank Vetere, one of our current Assistant Principals, has been chosen to fulfil the role of Acting Principal during my absence. The College Council and I fully endorsed Frank’s appointment to this role and are extremely confident in his ability to continue the great work already being done at Point Cook College.

To our Year 9 Graduates I congratulate you all on achieving this significant educational milestone in your life. We wish you continued success and individual growth as you explore your next pathways in life. We are confident that whatever you chose to do you will continue to make Point Cook College proud of you as productive, caring and responsible citizens of the future.

Finally I would like to thank all of our families for their contribution to Point Cook College during 2014 and wish you all a wonderful relaxing, fun filled family festive season and an extremely prosperous and Happy New Year.

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2015 Homeroom Information

On Thursday 18th December all students will visit their 2015 homerooms and meet their new homeroom 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.

Students Not Returning

If your child is not returning to PCC in 2015 please let the office know in writing ASAP.

Lost Property

There is currently a large amount of clothing and personal belongings in lost property and we suggest if your child has misplaced any of these to start checking as all items not named or claimed will be discarded during the last week of school.

Stay healthy in the heat

With hot weather on the horizon, it’s important to plan ahead and know what to do when the heat hits. Young children, alongside older people and people with disabilities are at greater risk of getting sick from the heat. Think of ways you can prepare your home, for example, checking your cooling appliances are working. If it’s just not possible to stay cool at home, have some places in mind of where you could go to escape the heat - and get there early.

Remember, power failures can happen in extreme heat. Think about what you will do to stay cool if this happens.

If you have concerns about staying healthy in the heat, see your doctor or call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

For more information, visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat.

For information about the dangers of leaving children in cars when it’s hot visit www.kidsafevic.com.au.
SunSmart App

Know how and when to protect your family from sun damage by downloading the free SunSmart app for Smartphones and tablets. With a few clicks, you can find the weather, temperature, UV level and daily sun protection times anywhere in Australia, so you know when you do and don’t need sun protection. The App includes a sunscreen calculator and vitamin D tracker tool. The SunSmart app was developed by the SunSmart team at Cancer Council Victoria, for further information go to www.sunsmart.com.au

Assistant Principal’s news

As we approach the final week of the school year it is always a great time to reflect and celebrate. In the Middle Years we have continued to focus on individual student learning through engagement and innovation. Our focus has continued to be knowing each one of our students as individual learners and teaching at their point of need. Students in all year levels have continued to improve and develop pathways into the next stage of their education. This year we have committed with success to developing strong partnerships with parents and guardians. Over the year we have reported in the newsletter the various successes and now I would like to take the opportunity to thank you, parent, guardians, grandparents and friends for your ongoing support. I would also like to thank the Middle years teaching and learning team, including leadership, specialist teachers and support staff for their professionalism, passion and commitment to your children. Have a great break, enjoy the festivities and be SAFE over the summer and return in 2015 ready for another great year.

As Mr Hayes mentioned in his report he is going to be on leave for most part of 2015. On behalf of the college community both past and present I would like to wish Mr Hayes a wonderful break and thank him for his unwavering determination and success in providing children in Point Cook with the very best in state education. I look forward to continuing his great work in 2015 as Acting Principal.

Graduation/ Year 9 Retreat

Year 9 students and staff have spent the last three on retreat at Lake Dewar Lodge. Next Tuesday the Year 9 students will be officially farewelled at their graduation. This will be a formal occasion where students will be presented with their graduation certificate and school memento. A number of students will be awarded special awards and four students will receive scholarships to support their transition into Year 10.

On behalf of Bern Cronin and myself we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frank Vetere
Assistant Principal
**Point Cook College**  
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Fax: (03) 8348 7199  
Email: point.cook.p9.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Administration**

**Second Hand Uniform**

With students leaving the college at the end of the year we are happy to accept second hand uniform. We sell the uniform to new and existing parents and forward all funds received to State Schools Relief. State Schools Relief is a charity that assists needy families in supplying uniform and essentials to students.

Please wash and bring any unwanted uniform to the office. Thank you.

**Merry Christmas**

On behalf of the office staff I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Janette, Steph, Sarah, Gina and Annabelle.

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**Fundraising**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2014**

As part of the College’s fund raising efforts we will be running a Christmas Raffle this term. We would appreciate it if families could donate an item for our hampers. All donations can be placed in the Christmas Hamper box at the office from December 1st. **Please get you donations in quickly!**

Raffle tickets have been sent home to every family and will sell for $2.00 each.

**Due and drawn on 18/12/14**

**STUDENT BANKING**

Friday 12th December will be the last day for student banking. We will not process any banking on the last day of term. All rewards have been ordered and no more will be placed for this year, hopefully they reach the college by the end of term otherwise they will be forwarded to your new home rooms in 2015.

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**Thank you morning tea**

Our leadership team and the college council president hosted a special morning tea on Friday 28th November to acknowledge and thank those who contribute to our community here at Point Cook College during 2014. It was very well attended and there were many who sent apologies unable to attend. That is the thing with volunteers, it has been said that “Volunteers don’t have the time but they have the heart.” Thank you again for making this year such a wonderful success and we sure could not have done it without you all.

**Fundraising totals year to date 2014**

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**School**  
$18,703.91  

**Charity**  
$13,486.38  

**Gina O’Keefe**
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.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL POINT COOK COLLEGE FAMILIES**