



Principal's News

From the Principal's desk

It is hard to believe that the end of term is not too far away. The first term of 2019 has been jam-packed with overwhelmingly successful learning experiences for all members of the Point Cook College Community. Our students have engaged in an extremely well planned and successful start-up program, ensuring we are setting the foundations for a positive climate for learning. Staff have invested in building strong relationships with all students, plus learning more about their sophisticated and highly professional craft of teaching. Even our parents have had more opportunities to engage and learn, through parent events and groups, including the appointment of a new college council and a number of information evenings.

Please ensure you stay up to date through our main communication platforms, Compass and Facebook.

Christchurch Tragedy

Point Cook College was saddened by the news of the horrific tragedy in Christchurch on Friday the 15th of March. We respectfully observed a minutes' silence for the victims and the families, before our flag raising ceremony on Monday morning. Staff were also briefed to ensure extra support was available for anyone who appeared adversely affected. Following such an event, especially one that had been so visible through the media, it is important that we are prepared to support our young people to cope. We sent some very useful tips for parents, caregivers and teachers, compiled by the Australian Psychological Society, to support our work in helping our students, via Facebook and Compass. Please read and apply some of these useful tips at home.

Any further questions or request for support can be directed to homegroup teachers, who can connect you to the appropriate team, or staff member at the college.

Roadworks on Duncans Road to affect the Aviation Road to PCC Bus!

Due to roadworks planned for Duncans Road, from 18th March until the end of April, the Point Cook College P9 bus route will be affected. The works involve the closure of Duncans Road, between Whites Road and Quay Boulevard (Wyndham Harbour). The bus will be diverted along O'Connors Road to avoid the roadworks from this Monday to end of April.

Pick up and drop off locations of the students will not be affected.

Student Parent Teacher Evening!

We are so excited about this new initiative kicking off this term. Our goal is to not only share the amazing things we are doing at school, but build that extremely important 'home-school partnership'. As mentioned before, our staff have been invested in building the types of relationships that amplify learning for our students. A big part of this, will be the communication and connection between your child's homegroup teacher and yourselves. Parents and families have a tremendous impact on the learning outcomes of our students. It's vital we establish a strong partnership and drive learning together.

Ensure you consent to the event posted via Compass on Friday the 15th of March to confirm your space.

Everyone will play an important role on this night! All parents and students will be expected to attend an information night from **6pm to 7.30pm**.

- Monday 1st April - Year 5 and Year 6
- Tuesday 2nd April - Year 3 and Year 4
- Wednesday 3rd April - Year 1 and Year 2
- Thursday 4th April - Year 7 through to Year 9

You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and homeroom, hear firsthand the school's improvement agenda and information relevant to your child's development.

Let's work together to create tomorrow today!

Premiers Reading Challenge



It is that time of year again, where the Premier of Victoria lays down the challenge for students to read a stack of books over the year and record their efforts online! Since this initiative began in 2005, more than 2.8 million students have read nearly 48 million books.

We love reading so much at our college the challenge this year will be a breeze.

We have libraries in learning neighbourhoods and learning spaces, with a huge variety to choose from. Ensure you head down to the local library too, with even more books on offer.

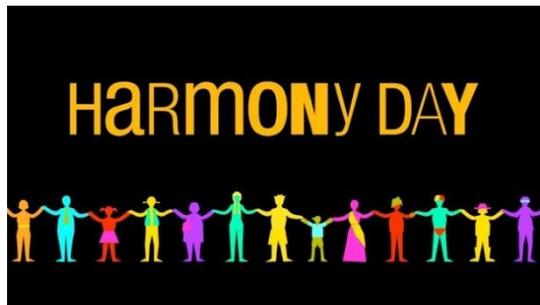
More details about how PCC students can get involved will be shared soon...

In the meantime, head to <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx> for more information!

Harmony Day!

We are extremely blessed to have such a culturally diverse community here at Point Cook College!

Harmony Day was the 21st of March and our college joined in the celebrations, despite every day being a day where we demonstrate a deep respect and appreciation for the range of cultures across the PCC community. A sea of orange could be seen across the school on Thursday, the chosen colour of Harmony Day, to show our support and gratitude to the positive power of diversity and multiculturalism. This is what makes our college, and our country, so very very special – it is one of our greatest strengths!



Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Harmony Day Celebrations, especially to the parents who joined us for a special afternoon tea.

Ride2School Day



So many students and families rode to school this Friday to acknowledge Ride2School Day. Local MP, Tim Watts, chose Point Cook P-9 College to visit for this special event, aimed to promote healthier and more sustainable ways to commute.

The team from our very own Full Cycle were at hand with their free bike checks and tuning station. As well as share some of the amazing learning that has been happening in our workshop.

Thanks to everyone who chose to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school this Friday the 22nd of March!



Together, we are **creating tomorrow today!**

We are Learners

We are Responsible

We are Respectful

We are Safe

Nathan Gage
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