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From the principal's Desk- Welcome back to PCC

What a weekend of sport for Australia! Well-done Socceroos! Farewell Cadel, you are a champion! Congratulations to Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic for their Australian Open wins.

Welcome back to Point Cook College for 2015. On behalf of the college community we extend a very warm welcome to our new students and families that have joined us this year. We trust that your association with Point Cook College will be positive. It was great to see the Preps arrive at school on Friday excited about their first day of school. Very proud and some anxious parents watched as their babies had achieved a significant milestone in their lives.

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for ensuring that students returned to school last Friday safe, relaxed and energised for a very productive school year. It was wonderful listening to many stories of family vacations, time with friends and many other exciting summer adventures.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce new staff members to the College Community.

Mr Tyson Pearce joins the Prep team

Ms Ashley Macali joins the Year 1 team

Ms Michelle Allen Joins the Year 3 team

Ms Ashlea Childs joins the Year 5 team

Mr Christopher Johns joins the Year 6 team

Mr Nicholas Lloyd joins the Year 8 teams

Ms Sonia Falcone joins the Office Administration Team

As you are all aware Mr Hayes is on Long Service Leave for the first three terms of 2015 and I have been appointed to act in his role during his leave. As a result there have been a number of changes and additions to the College Leadership Team to ensure strong educational leadership that will support the continual growth and improvement of all students at Point Cook College.

Acting College Principal	Mr Frank Vetere
Assistant Principal P-9 Engagement & Wellbeing	Ms Robyn Fincher
Assistant Principal P-9 Specialist Programs/Operations	Ms Jenny Hayes
Assistant Principal Years P-4	Ms Marg Holness
Assistant Principal Years 5-9	Ms Bernadette Cronin
Neighbourhood Leader Prep	Ms Kylie Whitecross
Neighbourhood Leader Years 1 & 2	Ms Lizzie Tout
Neighbourhood Leader Years 3 & 4	Mr Jeff Wilson
Neighbourhood Leader Years 5 & 6	Ms Julie Ryan
Neighbourhood Leader Years 7,8 & 9	Mr Kevin Roberson
E learning Leader	Mr David Williams
Student Support Coordinator	Ms Deb Richardson



School Entrance

We have made a change to the use and flow of foot traffic through the front entrance and office administration area. The purpose of this change is to increase security and ensure student and staff safety.

From the beginning of 2015 the glass security doors at the front office will remain closed and will only be opened once visitors have reported to the front office and permitted to enter. If you have an appointment, the staff member you are meeting will meet you in the foyer and accompany you to their office.

The entrance will no longer be used as a school entrance or exit for students in the morning and afternoon. There are multiple other paths and options for students to enter their classroom. Likewise students will no longer be waiting in the foyer for parent pick up after school. If you are running late please contact the office and a message will be sent to your child's teacher and neighbourhood leader who will mind your child. Please ensure that this isn't a frequent occurrence as all staff are required at meetings after school.

On the rare occasion that you need to pick your child up early please ensure your child provides their teacher with a note. Your child will then be sent to the office at the specified time.

If your child arrives to school late they are to proceed directly to their class. Please note that lateness to school significantly hinders student-learning opportunities. Students need to be at school by 8.40am. Ongoing incidents of lateness are not acceptable.

We ask all parents and guardians to assist with this change and we understand that for some it may initially require you to change routine. It is important that you discuss these changes with your children and ensure you arrange a safe pickup or meeting place after school.

Health and Safety

The beginning of the school year is a perfect time to remind everyone about proactive measures to ensure our health and safety. Here are a few important reminders:

Be sun smart. Ensure your children have an appropriate hat and sunscreen

Keep hydrated. Drink plenty of water during the day especial as the temperatures may begin to rise (well we hope!)

Wear a helmet when riding a bike or scooter.

Remind all children about stranger danger to and from school

The next newsletter will be published on Friday 13th February and then every fortnight after. Please read and return the attached note.

Looking forward to a great year

Frank Vetere