

**TERM 1**

30/01/2015

27/03/2015

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TERM 3

13/07/2015

18/09/2015

TERM 4

05/10/2015

18/12/2015

Dates To Remember**17th**- Year 9 Outdoor Ed excursion (Anglesea)**18th** - Second hand uniform sale in canteen (8.15-9am & 2.30-3.15pm)**20th** - No School Preps (Prep students only)

- Subway Order Day

23rd - Year 7 & 9 Immunizations (9-10am)**27th** No School Preps (Prep students only)

-Newsletter Issue 3

-Clean up Australia day

From the Principal's Desk

Anniversaries

On 13 February 2008 the Australian Parliament made a formal apology to members of the Stolen Generations. We continue to recognise the anniversary of this occasion and national recognition of Indigenous Australians. You will note that we continuously fly the Australian Aboriginal flag on one of our three flag poles, accompanying our National Australian flag and our Point Cook College flag.

Tomorrow commemorates the sixth anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires. We remember those we lost and the strength and courage of our communities that battled the fires and rebuilt. Black Saturday was one of Victoria's most tragic days as fires burned throughout the state. 173 people lost their lives, more than 400 people were injured and more than 2000 homes were destroyed, displacing over 7500 people. Three primary schools were destroyed - Marysville, Strathewen and Middle Kinglake. Many more of our schools were helping children and families who had lost everything.

School Council Elections

Yesterday all families received information regarding Elections for the 2015 School Council. I urge you to read the information and I extend an invitation to anyone that is considering nomination but unsure to see me for clarification. School Council is a productive way of being involved in school governance and shaping educational opportunities for all students at Point Cook College.

College Invoices

College invoices have been sent out to all families. Prompt payment would be appreciated as the College has already paid out significant amounts to suppliers for student requisitions. The Curriculum Contribution is voluntary yet vital as it provides funds for enhanced ICT hardware and software, sports equipment, Library resources, take home books, maths equipment and resources for our specialist programs such as Science, Food Technology and Environmental Science. Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to make contact with our Business Manager Janette Carey via the office to discuss payment option.

School costs for parents

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents. In response to the report's findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy. As a result of any changes to the Department's policy, we will work with our school council to create our own policy. We don't expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance. The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year. Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents' expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer. The College has not increased school fees since the College opened in 2010.

Our current practice sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child's learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities. We also set out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed (for example, to assist with new building and grounds works, or purchasing library and sports equipment.)

As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further please contact me

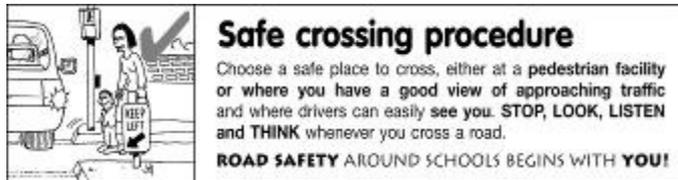
Office Admin Area

I thank the entire school community for supporting the changes to the use and flow of foot traffic through the front entrance and office administration area.

The year ahead...

As we plan the year ahead I am genuinely excited about the opportunities and challenges which will continue to see our College grow in stature and recognition within our community as an exceptional educational institution providing high quality programs for all students.

Sensible Traffic Tip



Have a great weekend

Frank

TERM 1 Parent Teacher Inter-views and Parent Portal access

Parent Teacher Interviews for all students are scheduled for the following dates;

PREPS

Friday 27th February (Last student free Friday) – during school hours

Years 1 – 9

Thursday 26th March - 3.15 – 7pm (Home room teachers and specialists)

Further information will be provided on the website and in the newsletter over the coming weeks. Interview notes will be sent home for parents to select suitable times

Years 5-9 parents will have access to Interim reports on 17th March and you will need your parent portal user name and password to access these. New families to the College will be receiving this information over the next few weeks. If you have misplaced this information you will need to email the College via in the parent portal link on the website.

Assistant Principal News

Prep—Yr 4 Community News

Firstly, I would like to welcome all new students and families to Point Cook College.

It is very hard to believe that it is only the second full week of school for term one. All of our students have returned to the College in a very positive way and all grades are already hard at work. Term one is a very short term with only six weeks to go after the conclusion of this one.

This is a reminder to all families that we are a Sun Smart College and it is expected that all students wear a College approved hat when outdoors. We are finally starting to get hot weather and it is vitally important that all children are protected from the sun.

I am the Assistant Principal for all Prep to Year Four students. I have three neighbourhood leaders working in the Prep to Four areas. They are:

Ms Kylie Whitecross – Prep Neighbourhood Leader

Ms Lizzie Tout – Grade One and Two Neighbourhood Leader

Mr Jeff Wilson – Grade Three and Four Neighbourhood Leader

If you are concerned about your child in any way, please make an appointment to meet with their home room teacher. If you feel you need to speak to the neighbourhood leader, please leave your name and number at the office and they will give it to the neighbourhood leader who will then contact you directly. Always give your child's name and if possible a short reason as to what you need to speak to the neighbourhood leader about.

We all look forward to a great year ahead and I look forward to meeting many parents over the year.

Thank you

Marg Holness

Middle Years Community News

Welcome to 2015! The year is off to a flying start as we begin our learning and teaching programs across Years 5 through to 9. We welcome 7 classes of Year 5s into our Community and celebrate their transition to the Middle Years with Dive into Five. I'm sure we will be hearing more about this extravaganza in the next newsletter and on the College website. Thanks to the Year 5 team for organising such a great start to the year.



We also welcome new students, and their families, across all of the year levels. It's great to see how quickly you have settled into our learning routines and we look forward to getting to know you better throughout the year.

Middle Years in 2015

As Mr Vetere said in his welcome back newsletter last week there have been a few structural changes to support our work across the school.

The first point of contact between a student's family and the school remains the Homeroom Teacher. The relationship between the student and the Homeroom teacher is central to learning success and is best supported when parents and teachers work together. The next level of communication between home and school is with our Neighbourhood Leaders. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 your Neighbourhood Leader is Mrs Julie Ryan. Mrs Ryan is an experienced teacher, most recently our Year 5 Team Leader, who brings to the role a wealth of enthusiasm for learning and for growing resilient, resourceful young people. If your child is in Year 7, 8 or 9 your Neighbourhood Leader is Mr Kevin Roberson. Mr Roberson has been working with us as a Mathematics Coach for many years and brings his curriculum knowledge and desire to see each child reach their potential to this new position. They are both contactable through the College office.

Some start of year reminders to finish – please be Sun Smart! While it is a challenge getting students wearing hats, sunscreen is a must. Please support us in ensuring that students use sunscreen regularly. Water bottles are another must. Most students have them, which is great, but everyone needs water throughout the day – it keeps the brain hydrated and supports learning. Finally for the bike and scooter riders – helmets. These must be worn on your head and not left hanging on the handlebars. Please use crossings and cross roads carefully. We have already had a couple of near misses this year with students riding out in front of cars. It is your responsibility to be a safe rider.

2015 brings with it much excitement across our Community – we have our first Outdoor Education Pathway up and running, camps across the levels have been confirmed, the second College Bali study tour is getting closer, the iPad program is well established and ever growing, we are exploring opportunities for student leadership across the College.

I look forward to working with all members of the PCC community in continuing to support the growth of our students and developing our Middle Years programs.

Ms Bernadette Cronin

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING AT PCC

I would like to take the opportunity to personally welcome everyone back after the holidays, in particular all of those families new to the College and especially our 2015 Prep students and their families. Many of you know me as the P-4 Assistant Principal however in 2015 this role has been handed over to Mrs Marg Holness and I have moved into the newly created role of P-9 Engagement and Wellbeing.

Essentially my role is to explore and create opportunities for student and parent engagement in learning, to ensure a safe, supported environment for students and staff and to link students and parents into support services and programs.

One of the major components of this will be overseeing the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS for short!), a framework for creating a more consistent and positive learning environment aimed at improving engagement, wellbeing and learning outcomes for all students. We have created a core team of committed teachers ready to attend our first professional learning session and looking forward to sharing our understandings and future directions with the wider College community as the year progresses.

Developing Resilience in Adolescent Boys-Dr Ian Lillico

Dear parents,

We are pleased to pass onto you an invitation to hear Dr. Ian Lillico speak about "Developing Resilience in Adolescent Boys". Ian is a very interesting and charismatic leader in the area of adolescence as well being able to speak with experience as he has three boys himself. The details of his talk are on a flyer on the website. If you are interested in hearing him please visit the website.

Thanks



I am also responsible for managing high level welfare support for students, parents and staff in matters that have moved well past management at the homeroom level.

With this in mind I would like to clarify the 2015 process in relation to discussing wellbeing concerns. Wellbeing issues should first be raised with your child's homeroom teacher as they are the person who has daily contact with your child and is in the best position to address your concerns. If either of you feel that further discussion is required, the matter should be raised with the appropriate Neighbourhood Leader (these were listed in our first newsletter). In most cases any issues are usually resolved at this point however if further support is required the Community Assistant Principal (P-4 Marg Holness or 5-9 Bern Cronin) will be asked to bring the matter to the Wellbeing meeting to be actioned as appropriate.

Throughout the year the newsletter and website will keep you informed about Engagement and Wellbeing happenings at the College so please keep your eye out for these.

Robyn Fincher

P-9 Assistant Principal – Engagement and Wellbeing

Family Court Orders

Schools are legally required to abide by court and intervention orders but can only do so if the information and dates are current. If you need to update your documentation please provide a copy for our records as soon as possible.

Bike Safety

All students riding bikes or scooters to school are required by law to wear a helmet for their own safety. If students are caught without a helmet parents may be contacted and asked to rectify the issue.

Year 7-9 Immunisation Program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

- 1: The Wyndham Council's immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact Robyn Fincher at the College via email by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Wyndham Council.

- 2: In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

- 3: The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Parents of students in Years 7-9 should have received information cards regarding the 2015 Immunisation Program.

You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

The immunisation dates for PCC are as follows;

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Year 7	Mon 23 rd Feb – 9am	Tues 26 th May – 11.20am	Tues 27 th Oct – 11.20am
Year 8	Mon 23 rd Feb – 9am		
Year 9	Mon 23 rd Feb – 9am		

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr Kevin Roberson, Year 7-9 Neighbourhood Leader

BULLY STOPPERS:

Being Cool Online

Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behavior. We put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying.

We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behavior.



However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person.

Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and online actions can have real life consequences.

Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Point Cook College is supporting the Victorian Government’s Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying and how to practise *Netiquette*. Available from 10 February, students in years 3 – 12 are encouraged to participate in an online quiz hosted on the Bully Stoppers website, where they will learn more about how to be good net citizens and go into the draw to win an iPad as well as other prizes for our school.

These resources, called *Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online*, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

State Schools’ Relief

State Schools’ Relief has provided school uniform and footwear to students of families experiencing financial difficulties in Victorian State Schools since 1930. This tradition continues today, with requests for support nearly doubling in 2015. As such, the Department of Education and Training has now provided additional funding to ensure the most vulnerable students receive their essential school items.

SSR provides school uniform items and footwear for children from their own supplies.

Items are provided FREE OF CHARGE to families and are discreetly delivered to the school by courier within three working days, at no additional cost.

If you would like further information about SSR go to www.ssr.net.au or ph.one 95757900

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to place a request, please contact Robyn Fincher on 83487130.

Body Confident Children and Teens

The Butterfly Foundation is offering a parent presentation aiming to equip parents with knowledge, information and tips to better understand and support their children’s body confidence at home.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday 4th March at Deakin Cats Community Centre, Simmonds Stadium in Geelong from 7-8.30pm. For further information please contact Amberley Laverick on 90401596.

Autism Course for Parents

A free, online course to assist parents, families and carers who live and work with individuals on the Autism spectrum will be launched by Swinburne University of Technology during April. The course will run for 6 weeks and will use a unique scenario based learning approach and emphasize a range of solutions for better social, emotional and educational outcomes for individuals on the Autism spectrum.

If you are interested in participating you can register online at

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/media-centre/news/2015/02/swinburne-offers-free-course-on-autism.html>

Tweddle Child & Family Health Services

My time @ Tweddle will be hosting two support services sessions where a range of service providers will provide information about what they do and how they may be of assistance to those who care for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

Please refer to session details below and if interested register by calling Tweddle on 96891577

<p>Tuesday 17th February</p> <p>Wyndham Park Community Centre</p> <p>Kookaburra Ave, Werribee</p> <p>12.30 -3.30pm</p> <p><u>Services in attendance</u></p> <p>Mackillop -Parent to Parent</p> <p>AMAZE (formerly Autism Victoria)</p> <p>Carers Victoria – Humour and Caring</p> <p>Everyday Independence</p>	<p>Monday 23rd February</p> <p>Altona Meadows Uniting Church</p> <p>61 Central Ave, Altona Meadows</p> <p>9.15am-1pm</p> <p><u>Services in attendance</u></p> <p>Mackillop -Parent to Parent</p> <p>Interchange</p> <p>Carers Victoria</p> <p>Everyday Independence</p> <p>Association Children with Disability</p>
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Pre-loved Uniform Sale

There will be a sale of second hand uniform items on Wednesday 18th February. It will be held in the canteen (near the stage, outside the gym) between 8.15am - 9 am and 2.30pm - 3.15pm.

There will be assorted sizes of different uniform items and school bags. There are also a number of senior students. Please note we might not have all uniform items and all sizes available as it depends on what is donated.

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

If you would like to donate any unwanted uniform items, please drop them off at the First Aide room.

We also have new navy blue slacks and cargo pants, which are \$5 each.

Lost Property

To make it easier to return lost property, please make sure your child's surname and current year level are marked on their clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Student Banking

Student banking has now commenced. You can deposit every Friday at the College. Banking packs will be distributed to all prep students on Monday. If any parents have any queries in regards to students banking contact the office on 83487100.



CommonwealthBank



**PARTICIPATING IN OUR
SCHOOL BANKING
PROGRAM**

2015 PRIMARY SWIM SQUAD

9/10 Yr Old	GRADE	FREE	BACK	BREAST	BUTTER	RELAY
GIRLS						
Abbey Newcomb	4S	1		1	1	1
Charlotte Kelly	4F	2				2
Emma Morris	5R	3	1	3		3
Ava Wood	4LB	4				4
Mahalia Senense	4DB		2			Emergency
Taylor Bradley	5P		3			
Penny Pan	4LB		4			
Laura Navarro	5R			2		
BOYS						
Elliot Bartley	4S	1	1		1	1
Ebon Comben	4LB	2				2
Lucas Koch	4DB	3	2			3
Tarkyn Findlay	4R	4	3	1		4
Daniel Coustley	4F		4			
Frankie Pool	4S			2		Emergency
Fletcher Evely	4LB			3	2	
11 Yr Old	GRADE	FREE	BACK	BREAST	BUTTER	RELAY
GIRLS						
Shania Ring	6J	1	1	2		1
Ellie Lerodioconou	5R	2	2			2
Jai-Wen Ool	6RW	3		3	1	3
Isabella Kalos	6J	4		1		4
Chantelle Auld	6RW		4			Emergency
Jade Chitty	5P			4		
Maddison Morrison	5C		3			
BOYS						
Owen Cooke	5S	1		2	1	1
Crispin McMillian	6RW	2	1			2
Jack Boddington	5C	3		3		3
Isaac Hart	6RW	4				4
Edwin Dalton	5P		2			
Jett Waga	5P		3			Emergency
Jack Gigas	4KF		4			
Tom Boddington	5S			1		
Luke Jones	5S			4		

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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.