

**TERM 1**

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**TERM 4**

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**Dates To Remember****May**

12th - Naplan Testing (9am-12.30pm)

13th - Naplan Testing (9am-12.30pm)

14th - Naplan Testing (9am-12.30pm)

18th - Year 3 Incursion Indonesian Dancers

19th - PCC Primary Athletics Carnival (VUT Track Hoppers Crossing)

-2J Immigration Museum (9.30-12.30pm)

20th - Year 6 Camp departs 8.50am

21st - Year 7 Winter Sports (Boys AFL and Girls Netball)

22nd - Newsletter Issue 8 Released

-Subway Lunch Day

-2RW &amp; 2W Immigration Museum

24th - AFL Umpiring Course Grade Day 1-4pm (Etihad Stadium)

**June****5th—Student Free Day (Curriculum Day)****8th—Queens Birthday Public Holiday (No school)****From the Principal's Desk**

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful fortnight since the last edition of the newsletter.

**Whole College Assemblies**

We often receive feedback or enquiries about why we don't do whole College assemblies. This was also raised at the parent forum we had earlier in the year. Whilst it would be great to have regular whole college assemblies with parents and members of the community that reality of a school our size is that they can be very time consuming as it takes up to 30 min to enter all students into the gymnasium. Furthermore, with over 1400 students and over 100 staff it is a very tight squeeze in the Gym. Because of these reasons we only have whole College assemblies for significant events such as ANZAC and Remembrance Day Commemorations. We would not be able to accommodate parents and members of the community to attend as we simply wouldn't fit and we would have an Occupational Health and Safety issue.

To compensate we have invested heavily in PCCTV which is aired once a term and celebrates the many wonderful achievements of students, staff and the broader community.

Furthermore, all year levels publish a newsletter outlining the term ahead. Many year levels and Neighbourhoods also host smaller assemblies where parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Having said all this, the College leadership team has committed to arranging community assemblies including a Prep to Year 4 and a Year 5 to Year 9 at the end of the semester. Please look out for these dates.

**Uniform**

As we approach the colder weather it is timely that we ensure students come to school dressed appropriately. I would like to remind families that all students MUST wear the College uniform at all times. I am a little concerned that some students arrive to school out of uniform and say- 'my parents said I can' The College has a uniform policy and I ask that you support this. The College Council has enacted a uniform subcommittee, not with the view of changing the uniform but more so with the view of ensuring the details of the policy are clear and adhered to.

**Student Free Day- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Please note that Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> June is a Student Free day.

All staff will be engaged in the development of the



We will share more of this after the day.

Please note that the Following Monday is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday so students won't be back at school until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Have a great fortnight.

Kind regards,

Frank Vetere

## Assistant Principal's News

I would like to remind all parents that it is Naplan Week next week.

- Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> May – Reading
- Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> May – Numeracy

If your child is absent for one or more tests, they will be allowed to do **one** catch up test on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> May. If they miss more than one test, you will need to choose which test it is you want them to catch up. You will then need to write a letter to the school to ask for this to happen. If your child is in Year 3, your letter needs to be addressed to Mrs Marg Holness. If your child is in Year 5, 7 or 9 your letter needs to be addressed to Mr Daryl English. Thank you for your help in this regard.

Education Week is on from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, as we had a whole school focus on ANZAC Day during the first two weeks of this term, we will not be doing anything special for this week. We will just continue with the many exciting teaching and learning activities across the college. An ANZAC display has been set up in the front foyer of the school, please feel free to go to the front office and ask to see the display.

Book Week is from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August and this year our Preps and Year ones and twos will be involved in this fun filled week.

This week the prep team have been involved in an excursion about Toys, which linked directly with their Inquiry on toys. Much fun was had by all.

Our year two students will soon be visiting the Immigration Museum in the city.

The year three students had a visit from a *Class Act Theatre Inc*, who presented a show called "Anzac G'day." This play was an ideal way for students to learn about the history of Gallipoli and the importance of Anzac Day in a non-threatening way.

Our Year 4 four students all visited Science Works on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Their visit to Science Works was closely linked to their Inquiry Science Unit. They went there to learn about forces and watched Blast Off – finding out about which forces are used to send rockets to space. They also had the opportunity to watch other displays whilst there. Great fun was had by all staff and students who attended this special excursion.

Marg Holness

Assistant Principal Prep – Year 4

## ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING AT PCC

### **Social Media – The Good, the Bad and the Offensive**

Social networking is a world-wide phenomenon. There is an abundance of programs and apps available, when if used correctly can allow us to interact with people near and far. It can be highly engaging and fun when used correctly, but extremely dangerous and highly defamatory when abused.

Over the course of this year we have been dealing with an increasing number of inappropriate conversations taking place on social media between students in year levels ranging from Years 5 to 9 and in particular, Year 7. Although these interactions are taking place outside of school hours, the fallout is increasingly impacting on students' social and emotional wellbeing and can also be detrimental to academic performance. Some of the sites and apps that have been mentioned include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and AskFM. Most of these have age restrictions for students under 13 years of age without parent consent. It is important that parents investigate thoroughly before and monitor continually all social media sites. Some sites even allow strangers to contribute anonymously, which is a recipe for disaster.

While schools are in a position to address cyber safety in general through discussions, classroom programs and and robust internet filtering in the school setting, ultimately the power rests with parents and the students themselves. As parents you have a responsibility to be aware of the sites your child is accessing and to monitor that they are using social media appropriately. Keep in mind that inappropriate use also includes acting as a participant in conversations rather than just as the instigator.

The College is in the process of organizing a number of Social Media and Cyberbullying sessions to reiterate the key messages.



Arrangements will be placed on the website and in the newsletter as soon as they are finalised. In the meantime I ask parents to go to the following websites for more information on social networking and cyber safety and be proactive in the home – school partnership by supporting us to promote the importance of being a safe and responsible online citizen. <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/>

<http://thinkuknow.org.au/site/factsheets> especially good at describing some of the sites mentioned above. The site also has excellent guidelines on how to enable age appropriate access to iPads, gaming sites, phones and others.

### Attendance – Building the Partnership

Over the past few weeks you may have noticed the issue of school attendance being highlighted in the news, which is timely considering it has also been a focus in our last few newsletters. We are currently in the process of reviewing our attendance policy with a major focus on setting protocols in place that aim to support families who are struggling to get students to school on a daily basis. While we do not want students to come to school when clearly unwell, often absences are related to underlying issues or anxieties that may or may not be directly related to school. Children who are reluctant to come to school quickly learn that 'I feel sick' is an acceptable excuse. If you hear this often from your child there is a strong possibility that there may be more to it. By the same token, students should not be kept home to keep parents or younger family members company or to assist with running errands, as we have found is sometimes the case.

We can provide support for families to address some of these issues but only if we work together. We encourage you to begin conversations with the college if you notice any pattern of 'school avoidance' or are struggling to get your child to school, and we will continue to converse with you if we have any absence concerns. It is important to remember that the longer the problem persists, the more difficult it can be to re-engage the student in school.

Robyn Fincher

Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal.

## Middle Years Community News

My name is Daryl English and I have been appointed as Acting Assistant Principal (Teaching and Learning) Years 5 - 9 for term 2. I have been made to feel very welcome and I look forward to working with the staff, students and parents at PCC.

NAPLAN testing begins next week for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. On Tuesday May 12 students are tested on Language conventions and Writing, Wednesday May 13 will be Reading and Thursday May 14 is for Numeracy. Students who are ill will be able to sit a makeup test on Friday May 15. Students have spent time in class working on understanding the format of the tests so that they will be familiar and not unduly worried by the process. The tests take place first thing each day so it is important to be on time.

Education Week this year focuses on coding and students in Year 5 have been exploring ways in which they can control the computer using a coding language to create games and they are also programming robots to complete complex mazes. They have been very excited and even more excited when showing their teachers how it is done.

Students in Year 9 have demonstrated they are leadership material through designing their polo tops and now working on their graduation book. Order forms for the Year 9 polo shirts will be sent out soon. The tops cost \$33.

Select entry High Schools such as Melbourne High, The Mac.Robertson Girls' High, Nossal High School and Suzanne Cory High School are open for applications. Generally students are required to sit an entrance exam held in June and the applications close on May 15. The following link will provide further details. <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/selective.aspx>

## SPORT NEWS

### SSV Regional State Team Trial

Recently the Divisional State Team Trials were held for selected students to try out against other students in the area as an individual in the sport of their choice.

We have had four students that have been selected from the divisional trials to move onto the next set of trials at a regional level. The students progressing to the next stage are as follows:

- Daelon Eteru – Basketball
- Trinity Hawea – Basketball
- Sarah Golding – Basketball
- Claire Newcombe – Netball

We wish these students the best of luck at the coming regional trials!

### PEP Rally and Athletics Captains Announcement

On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> April, the year 4-9 students were involved in a PEP rally for our coming House Athletics Day. Students dressed in their House colours and chanted against other houses. At this meeting the following Athletics Captains were selected and announced:

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| Blue House   | - Male Captain (Jonah McFall)     |
|              | - Female Captain (Chanelle Iese)  |
| Red House    | - Male Captain (Daniel Torres)    |
|              | - Female Captain (Chloe Child)    |
| Yellow House | - Male Captain (Jai Anderson)     |
|              | - Female Captain (Alofa Luatuanu) |
| Green House  | - Male Captain (Jared Prebble)    |
|              | - Female Captain (Jasmine Sparks) |

Congratulations to our Athletics Captains and we look forward to seeing you lead your house to perform their best at the Athletics Carnivals.

### AFL BASIC UMPIRING COURSE

Congratulations to the following students across Years 7-9 who successfully completed the AFL basic umpiring course last Thursday with John Booker from AFL Victoria. The students learnt the importance of communication, using signals and their whistles to control a match. They learnt all 3 disciplines of umpiring including umpiring field, boundary and goal umpiring.

***Shayan Riazati, Jarred Douthat, Caleb Collett, Harry Leadoux, Marshall Robertson, Jordan Riazati, Ben Roper, Daksh Maheshwart, Larry Elia, Danny Grmusa, Harsahnti Reddy, Tarmony Braumandle, Harry Arney, Natalie Schoeman, Jasmine Sparks, Zoe Piccolo***

Students now have an amazing opportunity to put these valuable skills into practice and umpire a Half Time Auskick match at Etihad Stadium - gaining valuable hands on leadership experience. We wish these students all the best. We hope they don't get stage fright!!!!

A BIG Thank You to Mr Frank Vetere, John Scally & Liam Holland for accompanying our students at these games.

Please keep an eye out for them at the following games:

**Saturday 9 May- Western Bulldogs vs StKilda (Etihad Stadium)**

**Sunday 10 May- Carlton vs Brisbane Lions (Etihad Stadium)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May- Essendon vs Brisbane Lions (Etihad Stadium)**

Mrs Jo Siketa  
(Physical Education)



## YEAR 5 CAMP

The Year 5 camp to Lady Northcote is a highlight of our school year and we are in the process of compiling all the details for our camp in Term 4. We can let you know the following details;

**WHERE:** YMCA Lady Northcote Camp, Rowsley

**WHEN:** 16<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**PRICE:** \$265 per student (this includes transport, activities, all meals and accommodation)

We will send notes and payment plan options out in the first week back of Term 3.

We look forward to a memorable and educational camp for both teachers and students.

## PCC String Ensemble (violin, viola, cello)

This term we will be setting up our school string ensemble. We would like to encourage all students who can play these instruments (violin, viola, and cello) to join in. The group will practice every Friday last session during club time.

Students who want to participate must already have some basic skills or ideally be having regular lessons outside school. If your kids or students are playing or learning these instruments, please contact me at [eliecung@pcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:eliecung@pcc.vic.edu.au).



# The Next Episode of PCC TV is days away from completion STAY TUNED!!!



## 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.