



# PCC BULLETIN

TERM 1, WEEK 1  
Friday 2 February 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear PCC Families,

What a great start to the year we have had. Wednesday saw the college welcome our new Preps to the college as well as welcoming back our Year 7 students. As I walked through all our prep classes, it so nice to see them all calm and settled ready to begin their education journey. Thursday saw the whole college return with excitement and enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our returning families. Thank you for trusting us with caring for your children and welcome those joining us for the first time. For those joining us, you will find our staff friendly and approachable. So please reach out to your childrens classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

As we begin the year, our commitment to fostering a positive and engaging learning environment remains unwavering. Our dedicated team of staff have been hard at work over the summer, preparing classrooms, developing innovative lesson plans, and creating a nurturing atmosphere for our students to thrive. We will have a strong focus on building the home school partnership in 2024.

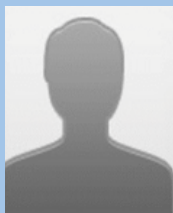
The college will be installing a new Digital Sign which will share important information on key dates and upcoming events. It will be located on the corner of Ponsford and Tom Roberts. The playground in the Agora has received a slight upgrade. The tan bark has been replaced with rubber making the playground accessible for all.

### Meet the Team:

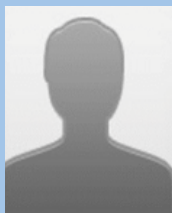
Please join me in welcoming our new staff members who have joined the college over the break. Each member of our team is passionate about education and committed to supporting the growth and development of every student.



Katelyn Tarr  
- Prep C



Amrita-Kaur  
Bhola - 1/2 H



Emma Tyler  
- 1/2 E



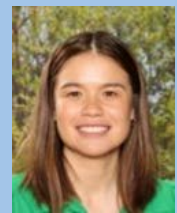
Alisha Little  
- 1/2 K



Jaya Karlo  
- 3/4 I



Paula Hounsell  
- 3/4 E



Jenni Fraser  
- 5/6 A



Danielle Ackland  
- 5/6 B



Thomas Glogoski  
Bhola - 5/6 C



Karl Szulik  
- Maths Teacher



Nick Manduca  
- Maths Teacher



Abshir Xusen  
- Maths Teacher



Seion Abe  
- Japanese  
Teacher



Sudhneet Kaur  
- Science  
Teacher



Jason Mill  
- Hums/Performing  
Arts Teacher

We still need to appoint a new English Teacher, Indonesian Teacher and a Primary Specialist teacher. These positions are currently going through a recruitment process and we will advise families as soon as we have made any appointments.

### Important Dates:

To help you plan for the upcoming months, here are some key dates to mark on your calendar:

- Thursday 22nd February 4pm- 5pm New Families BBQ - An opportunity to meet our new families to the college and get acquainted with the Principal Team.
- Thursday 21st March Parent-Teacher Conferences - A chance to discuss your child's progress and collaborate with teachers on their learning journey.

### Parental Involvement:

We encourage active involvement from our parents and guardians. Whether it's volunteering in the classroom, joining the school council/school council sub committees or attending school events, your participation plays a vital role in the success of our school community.

This year we will be providing our families with the opportunity to attend a Parent Helpers Course. The course is aimed at how you can help students in the classroom. Please keep an eye out for more information.

### Year 5 Little Anglers Kits

The Victorian Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, which is why the State Government is investing \$96m to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

Little Angler Kits are the perfect way for primary school aged children to try fishing. They include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle and information on how to use them all. The kits are being offered to Grade 5 students for FREE.

These fishing kits will be sent home next week. If you do not want your child to take home a fishing kit please contact your child's homeroom teacher and let them know.

As we embark on this new academic adventure, let us embrace the opportunities for growth, discovery, and collaboration. Together, we can make this school year a memorable and transformative experience for our students.



Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We look forward to a fantastic year of learning, friendship, and achievement.

Kind Regards,

**Tracy Peters**  
College Principal

## COURSE CONFIRMATIONS AND BOOKLISTS

2024 Course Confirmations are live through Compass and Book Pack Lists are available on our website and will be closing soon. Like last year, booklists can be purchased using an online only ordering system through Paperchase Office National.

Complete Book Packs can only be ordered through the Paperchase Booklist website. You are also be able to pay for the 2024 Curriculum Contributions through Paperchase when you are purchasing your child/ren's book pack. If you pay for the 2024 Curriculum Contributions through Paperchase, please do not pay for them through the College and/or Compass Course Confirmations as well.

If you have chosen your own stationary supplier, you can pay for the 2024 Curriculum Contributions via Compass Course Confirmations. Payments can be made through the college via Compass (Course Confirmations), BPAY or the College Office.

To access our Parent Payment Policy and Parent Payment Arrangements please go to the following link: <https://www.pcc.vic.edu.au/page/5/College-Policies-> or alternatively you can request for a copy to be emailed to you by contacting the college, on 8348 7100.



## CONSENT & PAYMENT DUE DATES

2 February	Cool Guys (select 3/4's and 5/6's) Girlosophy
9 February	Year 7 Camp Junior Girls Group



## MEDICATION AND EVENTS

Just a reminder for parents who collected medications prior to the school holidays to ensure these are returned to the front office ASAP.

Throughout the year we have many camps, sports and events that take place which is very exciting for our students.

For the safety of students, those with expired Asthma/Anaphylaxis/Allergy plans and medications or those who have not provided a plan or supplied medication, will be unable to attend events.

New or updated plans and medication need to be handed to the college office or to your child's teacher, a minimum of 3 days before an event in order for them to be allowed to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your child's teacher, or you can contact the college via email: [point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au).

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this new procedure.

## UNIFORMS

Over the last few years, our College uniform has changed supplier and developed into our current uniform through PSW. While we appreciate there can be circumstances where your children will be wearing older uniforms, we ask that the Noones uniforms are disposed of as they are extremely outdated. All uniforms worn by our students should be PSW branded. The PSW website is: <https://www.psw.com.au/>

Please check the Uniform Policy to ensure you are aware of the uniform requirements at our college.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the college via email: [point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au) or phone: 8348 7100

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

### COLLEGE CAPTAINS

Alexia Mandanici  
College Captain



Meena Chiluka  
College Captain



Olivia Baker-Crespo  
Vice College Captain



Ivica Stevanoski  
Vice College Captain



### SENIOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

#### MIDDLETON

Nyniesha Thakur Kira Wooley



#### NEWTON

Akshaya Ponugoti Abby Riosa



#### EDWARDS

Ali Tuala Eden Monipale



#### MCNAMARA

Egan Sigley Aykamjot Dhillon



### JUNIOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

#### MIDDLETON

Emily Clark Alfred Yang



#### NEWTON

Suzanne Brogran Joshua Murhula



#### EDWARDS

Mahirah Muneeb Melvin Okongi



#### MCNAMARA

Sienna Chau Sarosh Majid





## ADP LEADERSHIP CAMP

Our aspiring athletes have had a blast today. We started the day with team building activities, initiative games, canoe survivor and raft building. After dinner we were fortunate enough to have 2 amazing guest speakers; Shaun Mannagh from Geelong Football Club and Matt Wade from Greenroom Futures. Our students listened to Shaun and Matt share their sporting journeys and got to ask some fantastic questions. We have had a great day and look forward to an early start in the morning.



## Multicultural Celebration

This year Lunar New Year is celebrated from 10th-17th of February.

### 2024 Year of the Dragon

In 2024, we ring in the Year of the Dragon, one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. The animal designations of the zodiac follow a 12-year cycle and are always used in the same sequence.

### What is Lunar New Year?

Lunar New Year is the beginning of the new year based on the lunar calendar. Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and countries with a significant overseas Chinese population.

### Why is Lunar New Year so special?

The New Year celebration is centered around removing the bad and the old, and welcoming the new and the good. It's a time to worship ancestors, exorcise evil spirits and pray for good harvest.

### Interesting Facts About Lunar New Year

- A Fifth of the World Population celebrates Lunar New Year.
- Each year is represented by one of the 12 animals.
- Money is given as gifts.
- Celebration continues by praying.
- A time for family gathering.

## Events you can attend in Melbourne



### Chinese Lunar New Year Dragon Festival

[Free](#)  
[Family and kids](#)

Celebrate in Chinatown for the highly auspicious Year of the Dragon, symbolising longevity, prosperity, wealth and happiness.

Take your family and friends on the single day festival to celebrate the Year of the Dragon at the Chinese Lunar New Year Festival, with the food, music, art and culture of Melbourne's Chinese and Asian communities.

- CYSM Lion Dance Performance: 10:15am
- Opening Ceremony (Main Stage – Russell Street): 11:15am
- Dai Loong Dragon Parade (Departing from Main Stage): 12:15pm
- Cultural Performances (Main Stage): all day
- Dragon Sculpture Art Installation (217 Lonsdale St): all day
- Market Stalls (Russell St): all day



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TERM 1

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Jan-29	Jan-30	Jan-31	Feb-1	Feb-2
WEEK 1	Student Free Day	Curriculum Day - Student Free Day Staff Group Photo	Preps & Year 7's Start	ADP Camp	
				All Students Start	
	Feb-5	Feb-6	Feb-7	Feb-8	Feb-9
WEEK 2					
	Feb-12	Feb-13	Feb-14	Feb-15	Feb-16
WEEK 3					
	Feb-19	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23
WEEK 4		The Man Cave Year 9 Flourish Girls		New Families BBQ	
	Feb-26	Feb-27	Feb-28	Feb-29	Mar-1
WEEK 5		Project Rokit - Connect Y7 Project Rokit - Connect Y8	Year 7 Camp		
	Mar-4	Mar-5	Mar-6	Mar-7	Mar-8
WEEK 6					
	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Mar-14	Mar-15
WEEK 7	Labour Day Public Holiday		NAPLAN		
	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22
WEEK 8	NAPLAN				
				Parent Teacher Interviews	
	Mar-25	Mar-26	Mar-27	Mar-28	Mar-29
WEEK 9	NAPLAN				Good Friday

Please refer to the College Website Calendar for up to date information.