

PCC BULLETIN

TERM 3, WEEK 7
Friday 30th August, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Good afternoon Parents and Carers

On Monday, the Department of Education decided that they would extend the parents and carers survey. If you have not completed the survey, please set aside time prior to the end term to complete the survey. All important information would have been sent via COMPASS at the beginning of the term. By completing the survey, you are providing our college with feedback which will allow us to develop improvement goals for 2025.

A Student Friendship google form will be sent out shortly to families. This google form will allow families to share important information about friends that you believe will support your child's learning.

Our Term 3 Progress Reports will be made available to Parents on Friday 6th September. These reports can then be discussed at our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make sure you have logged into COMPASS and booked a time to see your child's teachers.

We have been working steadily on creating Book Packs and Curriculum Contributions for 2025 to allow families ample time for families to budget for these. Final costs will be ratified at school council next month. COMPASS and Paperchase portals will then be available.

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email. You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus. The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.



To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Peters
College Principal

2024 BOOK FAIR - COMING SOON

In early September our school will be hosting a book fair with books and stationery provided by Scholastic Books, the same company that offers our students book club. In the week beginning Sept 2, Year 3-6 classes will be coming to look at the fair and give everyone a chance to see what is on offer and the following week, Sept 9-12, P-2 classes will get a chance to have their look at the fair.

Starting on Monday, September 9 through to Wednesday, September 11 the fair will be open after school for selling from 3-4 pm. And for the first time, for those parents who have to work, the fair will be open on Thursday September 12 from 12 noon until 7 pm. This is also parent-teacher night!

Come to the library and see if there is something for you and your child. This year the preference is for credit card sales but we will be accepting cash sales if credit card payment is not an option for you. Students will come home with wishlists and a credit card form for you to fill in if you are unable to make it to any of the selling times. Please make sure that the item you wish to purchase is clearly marked. Most items will be available for backorder in the unfortunate event we sell out. Please contact the library if you have any questions.



CONSENT & PAYMENT DUE DATES

1st September	• New Zealand Study Tour
5th September	• Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
9th September	• Year 5/6 Hooptime Basketball
11th September	• Healthy Lunch Walk



SCHOOL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

At PCC, we take pride in ensuring a safe environment during school drop-off & pick-up and please ask that people be mindful of where you are parking your cars during these times.

We have had a few parents inform us that their homes surrounding the college have been getting blocked in during peak traffic times as cars are parking across driveways and leaving them un-attended.

We understand that the roads surrounding the College can become quite congested during these times and would like to kindly remind people to be mindful of where you are parking to ensure that the roads surrounding the college are safe and accessible for everyone.

We kindly request that you:

- Avoid parking across driveways or blocking pedestrian crossings
- Use designated parking areas whenever possible
- Keep your vehicle in sight and avoid leaving it unattended

By working together, we can ensure a safe and considerate environment for everyone. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

POINT COOK P-9 COLLEGE

PROUDLY PRESENTS



*Be Our
Guest*

ALTONA THEATRE

115 Civic Parade, Altona

7PM - THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

7PM - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Scan the QR code or use the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTWID>



BOOK WEEK PARADE

WEEKS 6 & 7 OF TERM 3!

On Wednesday 20th August, we held an incredible Book Week Parade with our Prep – Year 6 students and some of our YMCA kinder friends. The creativity and enthusiasm were off the charts as everyone turned their favourite books and characters into amazing costumes.

A huge thank-you to everyone who participated and made this Book Week parade a fantastic celebration of creativity and storytelling!

BOOK WEEK



PLANT PALS

Our Year 3/4 boys are diving into hands-on learning with our school garden program!

The goal is to boost emotional and social development through an engaging and interactive experience. The students are working together on a garden project and will be keeping journals to track their progress and reflect on their journey.

During week 6, they worked on their project and had some extra time to pick fresh carrots! We're excited to see their hard work come together and can't wait to share the results! Stay tuned for updates on their adventures in the garden!



YEAR 3/4 LADY NORTHCOTE CAMP

During Week 7, Our Year 3-4 Students set off to Lady Northcote for a week full of activities and fun! Our students participated in Canoeing, Mountain Biking, Hut Making, High Ropes Course and even a talent show!

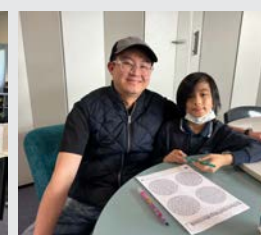


We are so proud of all our students who have participated in so many exciting activities and for creating new friendships and for developing a great team spirit!



FATHERS DAY OPEN AFTERNOON

On Friday 30 August, our Prep - Year 4 homerooms had an Open Afternoon for Fathers Day. All Fathers, Grandfathers and special males in our students lives were welcomed in to classrooms to be celebrated.



HABITAT HEROES

NatureWest has been here, leading the Wyndham City Council 2024 Habitat Heroes School Program. This amazing local community organisation, run by passionate volunteers, is all about connecting us to our environment. Together, we're creating a beautiful Habitat Garden for our College Community!

A huge shoutout and well done to the Green Gang for their incredible involvement in this project! Stay tuned for updates on our garden's growth!



SCIENCE WEEK SWAP

Clothing, Book, and Toy Swap Success!

Our National Science Week event focused on species survival was a smashing hit! Our students embraced the spirit of reducing, reusing, and recycling with enthusiasm.

We saw a fantastic array of items—clothing, books, toys—ensuring there was something special for everyone, big or small. It was heartwarming to see so many happy faces leaving with new treasures that might have otherwise ended up in the back of a wardrobe or landfill.

A huge shoutout to PCC for demonstrating that, together, we can create a sustainable future for generations to come.



BOOKLIT POP QUIZ

Some quizmasters want you to play hard. Others against the beast or a governess but let's just play by ourselves for fun right NOW! We have 5 small questions to test your knowledge!

- Question 1:** Which author originally wanted his 1963 picture book to be about "wild horses," until he realized he couldn't draw horses?
- Question 2:** Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is known for what?
- Question 3:** Which book was a result of a bet that Dr. Seuss couldn't write a story with only 50 unique words?
- Question 4:** In the musical adaptation of which Roald Dahl book does the title character sing, "Sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty?"
- Question 5:** Complete the name of this best selling kids book "Winnie the _____" his

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

If you could have any superpower to help you in the classroom, what would it be?

I would have never ending energy.

What's the funniest excuse a student has ever given you for not doing their homework?

That they were tired.

If you could teach any other subject, even something not taught in schools, what would it be?

Auslan

What's the most surprising thing you've ever learned from a student?

That one of their diamonds was real.

If you could go on a field trip anywhere in the world with your class, where would you go?

I would go to Spain.

NICOLE SIMMONS
Education Support



What's your go-to song for a classroom dance party?
Taylor Swift.

What's your favorite memory from your own school days as a student?

My favourite memory would be graphics class because I thought it was cool.

If you could invite any historical figure to speak to your class, who would it be and why?

Vincent Van Gogh because the class likes him.

What's the most creative project or assignment you've ever given to your students?

A drawing Tuition.

If you had to switch lives with one of your students for a day, who would it be and why?

Qenxi because he is a very happy student.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TERM 3

WEEK 8	Sep-2	Sep-3	Sep-4	Sep-5	Sep-6
	PCC Book Fair				
			Hobsons Bay Division Secondary Athletics		Love your Locals
Week 9	Sep-9	Sep-10	Sep-11	Sep-12	Sep-13
	PCC Book Fair				
				Parent Teacher Interviews	
Week 10	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20
	New Zealand Study Tour				
	Year 5/6 Hooptime Basketball				Last Day of Term- 2:30pm Finish

TERM 4

WEEK 1	Oct-7	Oct-8	Oct-9	Oct-10	Oct-11
			Year 5/6 Basketball Wyndham Division Finals	Year 5/6 Softball Hobsons Bay Division Finals	
WEEK 2	Oct-14	Oct-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
				Year 5/6 Volleyball Hobsons Bay Division Finals	
WEEK 3	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24	Oct-25
			College Production Rehearsals	College Production	College Production
WEEK 4	Oct-28	Oct-29	Oct-30	Oct-31	Nov-1
	Taiko Drumming				
	Year 5/6 Swimming				
WEEK 5	Nov-4	Nov-5	Nov-6	Nov-7	Nov-8
	Year 5/6 Swimming				
	Student Free Day	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday			
WEEK 6	Nov-11	Nov-12	Nov-13	Nov-14	Nov-15

BookLit Pop Quiz Answers:
 1. Maurice Sendak 2. Eating Holes in the Pages 3. Green Eggs & Ham 4. Matilda 5. Pooh



**NATIONAL THREATENED
SPECIES DAY**

EVERY SPECIES MATTERS

**HELP US PROTECT THESE
ANIMALS, COME DRESSED AS A
PLANT OR ANIMAL OR IN GREEN
FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION.
MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO
PROTECTING THEM**



**LET'S SAVE THEM
TOGETHER
ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9**