



PCC BULLETIN

TERM 3, WEEK 9

Friday 13th September, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Good afternoon parents and families,

I wanted to say thank you to all of the families who attended our Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday either in person or online. I hope this time with our teaching staff gave you a greater insight to how your child is progressing in the different curriculum areas.

I would also like to congratulate our year 5/6 students who participated in the state Tournament of the Minds competition. The students received an Honours award in the Arts category - this is a huge achievement! A big thank you goes out to Ms Fraser who has supported the students tirelessly over the last 2 terms to prepare for the competition and supported them at both weekend competitions.

As mentioned in my previous Bulletin, it is important to us that parents have some input in making suggestions for future classes. Please see link below to our 2025 google form:

<https://forms.gle/H99DZ9xd3zec9cT77>

When completing the google form, please make sure you complete one form per child. It is also important to only list students who are in the same year level. If you need any support or have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. We will then use this information when creating classes for 2025. Families will have until the 18th October to complete this form.

On Tuesday 8 October, our Year 6 and Year 9 students will be having their 2024 graduation photos taken. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. There are no catch-up days for these photos if your child is absent. It is important that your child is on time for school this day to ensure

We have our next House Colours Day will be held on Thursday 19th September. We will also be linking this in with our School Wide Positive Behaviour rewards day. All students will have the opportunity to dress in their footy colours for a gold coin donation and participate in a range of fun activities lead by our house leaders. Students who have ordered a sausage will received them on this day. Please note, orders for sausages have closed.

On Monday, students from our Year 9 HAP class will be heading to New Zealand to attend a student leadership conference. The students will attend Mission Heights Junior High school. We are looking forward to developing a strong partnership with the college and supporting our students to work globally and build on their leadership skills.

Don't forget next week is the last week of school for term 3. School will finish at 2.30pm Friday.

Term 4 will resume on Monday 7th October.

Have a great week.



Kind Regards,

Tracy Peters

College Principal

TERM 3 PROGRESS REPORTS



Your child's progress reports are now live and can be viewed via COMPASS.

Please take the time to review and discuss these with your child.

If you are having trouble locating or downloading the reports, please don't hesitate to contact the college office on 8348 7100 or via email at point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au



LAST DAY OF TERM 3

As you are aware, Friday 20th September is the last day of Term 3, 2024. The school year is almost over already!

We will be finishing at 2:30pm on Friday 20th September and ask that you are at the college to collect your child/ren at this time or have made alternate arrangements for them to be collected by someone else.

Alternatively, please book your child/ren into YMCA for after school care by calling 9395 8222.

Please do not hesitate to contact the college should you have any questions.



CONSENT & PAYMENT DUE DATES

20th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Production Rehearsals
2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Basketball Wyndham Division Finals
3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Softball Hobsons Bay Divisional Finals
9th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Metro Region Athletics Finals College Production Performance Week
10th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan Study Tour Deposit



2025 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS & BOOK PACKS

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES



- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.

SCHOOL PROCESSES



- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

The 2025 Curriculum Contributions and Book Packs are currently being finalised and will be made live on the first day of Term 4.



PHOTO PERMISSIONS

As you are aware, we are now taking payments for the 2024 Yearbook, If you would like to have photos of your child/ren published on the college social media website, newsletters, any prints or featured in the school yearbook, there needs to be photo permission for each student.

Documentation was sent via Compass at the start of the year with a digital form that needed to be completed.

If you are unable to find the documents or are unsure if you have provided consent, please contact the college office on 8348 7100 or email us at point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Dear Families,

I would like to share all the wonderful learning that is happening for our teachers at the College. Part of my role as the College EAL Leader, is building the understanding and capacity of our teachers, students, and community about EAL and how to best support our students in the mainstream classroom. Inclusion is a priority at our college, it is also at the forefront when I am working with teachers to develop/introduce best practice to support our EAL/diverse students at PCC.

Working closely with the EAL Regional Officer from the Department of Education and Training Victoria as well as the Western English Language School (WELS) and their coordinators in Melbourne, has provided me with the opportunity to develop a working partnership with WELS.

As part of this partnership, we have been able to organise observational visits and this term we had one of our 1/2 and 5/6 teachers attend one of the WELS campuses in Braybrook, alongside myself. During our visit, teachers were able to observe and debrief with the outreach coordinator from WELS about what they observed in the environment and ask clarifying questions to implement back into our classrooms to improve their own pedagogical practice to improve student engagement and learning.

After our visit to WELS, it was great for our teachers to confirm all the positive teaching that is already happening in our own classrooms supporting our EAL/Diverse learners.

This partnership will continue into Term Four where we have teachers from the 3/4 cohort and the year 8 English team join.

Some of the approaches we witnessed at WELS and will continue to implement here at our College are:

- Daily explicit modelling
- Repeat exposures of skills
- Modelled writing
- Increased speech and conversation
- Use of visual cues to develop vocabulary
- Scaffolded teaching
- Interactive writing
- Anchor charts
- Language experiences and developmental play
- Frontloading of content

The above approaches are well adapted into our classrooms to support our students. Being an inclusive College for all, helps us provide our teachers with expert advice other practising schools when it comes to teaching our EAL and diverse students in the classroom.

Meri Kotevski

WEEKS 8 & 9 OF TERM 3!



LOVE YOUR LOCALS

On Friday 6th September, Werribee Open Range Zoo ran their Love your Locals programme – Ten of our lucky Year 5/6 students were invited to share their projects on ways we can help protect the Mallee Emu-Wren!

There were a lot of other local schools sharing ways we can protect their chosen threatened native animals too.

We had the opportunity to do some planting at the zoo, learned about the endangered Orange Bellied Parrot, and got to see these fascinating birds in their aviary.

We learned to identify native animals by their footprints, waste, bones and the sounds they make. We also identified ways rubbish gets into our environment and how we can prevent this.

It was a great opportunity to connect with the wider local community.

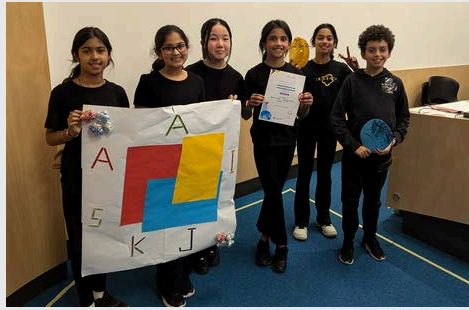
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Congratulations to our Primary Tournament of Minds (TOM) team who received an Honours award in the arts category at the TOM state finals yesterday.

This team has been training throughout Term 2 and 3 to enhance their creative and critical thinking skills.

On Sunday the 8th of September, they completed a 3-hour challenge as well as a spontaneous 5-minute challenge and the combination of scores landed them in second place!

We are so proud of their amazing efforts and how well they represented PCC!



PLANT PALS

Our hands-on learning journey continues as our enthusiastic students dive into our school garden program! This week, they rolled up their sleeves and potted strawberries, which are now nestled in our greenhouse, ready to flourish over the school break.



But here's the best part: our budding gardeners will get to take their strawberry plants home at the end of the program! 🌟🍓

We can't wait to see how they grow and flourish, and we're thrilled to watch our students cultivate their green thumbs and their love for nature.



HOBSON BAY ATHLETICS

Well done to all the students who participated in the Hobson Bay Division Secondary Athletics! We had some fantastic performances and amazing results, and all students represented the college with pride and excellence!



FRENCH TOURISM ELECTIVE

Last week, our French tourism students embarked on a virtual journey to Paris! Through our immersive Café Culture and Iron Chef classes, they practiced ordering in French and savored delicious classic French crêpes.

It was a culinary adventure that brought a touch of Parisian charm to the classroom!

Spring it on!

Point Cook OSHC

School Holiday fun

Monday 23 September

Brickworks Challenges:
We'll use LEGO® bricks to complete a series of building challenges. Can we build it? Yes we can!
Category: In- House
Cost: \$92.00

Tuesday 24 September

Clay Creations:
Join the experience of relaxation and mindfulness as you play and shape pottery with the transformative and healing workshop.
Category: Incurtion
Cost: \$112.00

Wednesday 25 September

Ball Games Bonanza:
We're getting active today! Football, soccer, netball, basketball and tennis is just the start with options for all skill levels.
Category: In- House
Cost: \$92.00

Thursday 26 September

Movies:
Join us for a fun-filled movie excursion to see "The Wild Robot," an animated adventure about a robot learning to survive and make friends on a wild island.
Category: Excursion
Cost: \$127.00

Friday 27 September

WE ARE CLOSED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY:

Monday 30 September

League Tag:
Gear up for an adrenaline-pumping day with our League Tag Challenge!
Category: Incurtion
Cost: \$112.00

Tuesday 1 October

Spring into Spring:
Bring art to life with a vibrant day of colour and fun at our Spring Arts and Crafts event!
Category: In- House
Cost: \$92.00

Wednesday 2 October

Playful Wonderland (Jumpside):
Lets come for a jump, flip and twist in our action packed activity day.
Category: Excursion
Cost: \$127.00

Thursday 3 October

Street Dancing:
Come join us and learn some new dance tricks!
Category: Incurtion
Cost: \$112.00

Friday 4 October

Big Bake Off:
We're making yummy food to eat today. Plus, making a recipe book to take home with leftovers to share with family and friends.
Category: In- House
Cost: \$92.00



Scan here to visit our website.

CCS: Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rate at 85%.

Please see our website for information on how to book, Child Care Subsidy, FAQs, current programs, arrival times, what to bring and details. Printed program details accurate as of 27 Aug 2024.



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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: What is the name of Winnie the Pooh's donkey friend?

Question 2: Who had an encounter with the three bears?

Question 3: Who was created by Gepetto the woodcarver?

Question 4: Who has a "terrible, horrible, no good, very, bad day" ? George, Andrew or Alexander?

Question 5: The Polar Express by Chris van Allsburg centres on which holiday?

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

If you could teach any subject besides the one you teach now, what would it be?
I would teach maths.

If you could bring any historical figure into your classroom for a day, who would it be and why?
I would bring Elon Musk in to educate the students in a fun way.

If you were a superhero, what would your teacher superpower be?
I would want to be able to read minds to see what students think so I can help them.

If you could switch places with one of your students for a day, what would you do first?
I would play at lunch with the other kids.

EMMA FREE
Education Support



If you could take your class on an all-expenses-paid field trip anywhere in the world, where would you go?
I would go somewhere in Europe like France or Germany.

If you could spend 1 Million dollars what would you spend it on?
I would spend the money on all of the students who don't have the opportunity to go on camp.

What's your favourite movie or TV show about school or teaching?
I like freedom writers because it is an inspirational movie.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned from your students?
That everyone learns differently.

If you could have any animal as a classroom pet, what would it be?
I would have a dog.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TERM 3

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 10	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20
	New Zealand Study Tour:				
	P-4 Assembly - 8:50am Year 5/6 Hooptime Basketball				Last Day of Term- 2:30pm Finish

TERM 4

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Oct-7	Oct-8	Oct-9	Oct-10	Oct-11
		Y6 & Y9 Graduation Photo Days	Western Metro Region Athletics Finals Year 5/6 Basketball Wyndham Division Finals	Year 5/6 Softball Hobsons Bay Division Finals	Year 5/6 Writing Workshop
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 Performance Week	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
	Year 5/6 Canberra Camp				
WEEK 7	Nov-18	Nov-19	Nov-20	Nov-21	Nov-22

Booklit Pop Quic Answers:

1. Eeyore 2. Goldilocks 3. Pinocchio 4. Alexander 5. Christmas

