



# PCC BULLETIN

TERM 4, WEEK 7

Friday 22nd November, 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are flying by very quickly.

Last week the 5/6 Students had an amazing time in Canberra. Some students were fortunate enough to meet the Governor General whilst they were visiting Cockington Green. I wanted to thank the staff who attend this camp and supported the students during this time.

The 1/2 Students enjoyed themselves at the 1/2 Sleepover last week. We had 206 students attend on the night. A great time was had by all! Again a big thank you to the 21 staff members who stayed the night!

Our year 9s are heading off to their City Camp next week. The program we have developed is aimed at students looking towards their future educational pathways but also having a little bit to celebrate their time at PCC.

Our final Camping Program event for the year is our Prep Breakfast on 6th December. I am sure all our Preppies are very excited and looking forward to coming to school in the pyjamas on the day. The purpose of this camp is to start building students independence by supporting them to get dressed into their school uniform, brush their teeth and clean their face ready to start the day fresh.

Our Graduation planning is well underway. Please refer to communication sent out earlier this term regarding tickets to both the Year 6 and Year 9 Graduations. As the Gym is quite small and our cohort sizes are growing, there is a limit of 2 tickets per student.

Teachers in the early stages of their practice undertake a process to move from Graduate to the Proficient teacher level of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. This work is undertaken in collaboration with other mentors who provide feedback and support in the development of their practice.

Recently Noah Napier, Katelyn Tarr, Susan Lipscomb, Amrita Kaur Bhola, Kawiti Tane, Nick Manduca, Mia Rieber, Elizabeth Belcastro and Spencer Hodges all completed their full registration process with the Victorian Institute of Teaching, which involves presenting to a panel including the leadership team and their mentor. We congratulate them for all of their amazing work. Thanks to their mentors for supporting them.

Our Year 7 and 9 students received their electives for 2025 this week. Please make sure you have discussed these with your children.

Just a reminder that 2025 Bookpicks are available to purchase online. For our secondary students, the cut off to purchase a Bookpick through paperpick is the 15th December 2024. The cut off for our Primary students to order their bookpick is the 5th January 2025.

Last night I was honoured to attend the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner at Point Cook Senior to watch our class of 2022 graduate. Along with Nicole, Natasha, Alex and Gabby, we were able to share in this special event. To say we were proud of our students would be an understatement and reminds us of how important our job is. Congratulations to all students who graduated last night!

Don't forget we have our Christmas Concert coming up on the 12th December. We are really looking forward to sharing this event with our college community.

Have a great weekend



Kind Regards,  
**Tracy Peters**  
College Principal

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8

This is the last issue for the year! I hope you and your family have been able to purchase a book or two at some stage throughout the year to share the joy of getting books at school. We have certainly been getting a few for the library.

Catalogues have been given to teachers for distribution and there are also some spare catalogues in the library. The closing date for orders is Sunday November 24. Allow approximately 1 week after the closing date for delivery. Please, remember orders are online only. With Christmas rapidly approaching if you would like to purchase something as a gift for your little ones you can select the "Gift" box when ordering. Once orders arrive back at school I shall keep behind the gift orders and make contact with you to arrange a discreet pick up. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



## CONSENT & PAYMENT DUE DATES

22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indonesian Culture Excursion</li><li>• Year 9 Graduation</li></ul>
25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5/6 Hooptime Basketball</li><li>• PCSSC Small Group Tour</li></ul>
27th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Graduation</li></ul>
6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adventure Park End of Year Celebration</li></ul>



## LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

As the year begins to come to a close we will in the next few weeks ask for all library books to be returned to the library. In preparation for this could you please ensure all overdue items are returned and have a good check around the home for any stray books. If you are unsure whether your child has something out please make contact with the library. We are available to help. It is important that we work together to make sure we have a current and varied collection of items for our students to borrow from. Together, we can give our students reading pleasure and see their literacy levels improve.

## COMPASS CALENDAR

We are pleased to inform you that we have now enabled the 'Whole School' calendar layer on all parent accounts.

You will see a maroon calendar layer appear on your Compass dashboard, accessible via both the mobile app and desktop version. This calendar will display key events, including camps, sports, and other important school dates.

Looking ahead, in 2025, the Compass Calendar will be the sole platform for viewing all upcoming college events. This move will streamline information and provide a more efficient way for you to stay up-to-date with everything happening at the college. As part of this transition, the community calendar will no longer be available through the fortnightly bulletin or website.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the College at 8348 7100.

## SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

The School Saving Bonus will be rolled out next week for families who were enrolled at Point Cook College prior to Thursday 14 November 2024. Please note that due to the volume of emails being sent, this process will take place over several days.

Parents and carers will receive an email between 26-28 November with instructions and access codes for the parent portal, allowing you to access the bonus. If you have multiple children at the school, please note that emails for siblings could be sent on different days. If you have not received your email by Friday, 29 November, please contact the School Saving Bonus support team using the details below:

Email: [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 1800 338 663

Online enquiry form: <https://www.schoolsavingsbonus.vic.gov.au/s/enquiry-form>

Please refer to the user guide sent via Compass for how to access the parent/carers portal and how to utilise the funds.

## STUDENT EARLY COLLECTION PROCESS

We have seen an increase in early collection of students recently and would like to inform parents and carers of the process that must be followed in order to arrange safe collection of students from the College.

What needs to be done prior to collecting a student early:

Parents/carers are required to call the office prior to picking up students early from school. Previously we have encouraged parents/carers to inform their child's teacher to let them know of the early collection. While this is helpful, sometimes teachers do not have the opportunity to check their emails prior to your arrival.

Please call the college on 03 8348 7100 with enough notice for the administration staff to inform the child to collect their belongings and come to the office prior to your arrival. Students can only be collected during certain times and by certain people so please ensure this is adhered to when calling to inform the administration staff - see below.

When students can be collected:

Students cannot be collected during recess and lunchtime due to safety risks associated with students accessing classrooms without supervision. Collection during recess and lunch also causes significant interruption for students on the alternate timetable who are in class, learning.

The times students are not to be collected are listed below for your reference:

PREP-YEAR 4 - Recess: 11:10am - 11:30am - Lunch: 1:10pm - 2:10pm

YEAR 5-YEAR 9 - Recess: 10:20am - 10:40am - Lunch: 12:20pm - 1:20pm

We understand that emergencies and unforeseen circumstances do arise, and of course we will be able to accommodate these situations when they occur.

Who can collect a student early:

Only a Parent, Carer or Emergency Contact is able to collect a student from the College. If you require a family member or close friend to collect your child as a once-off, please call 03 8348 7100 or send an email to [point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au) informing us of the name of the person who is collecting your child. If you require a family member or close friend to collect your child regularly, please contact the office to add this person as an emergency contact.

Anyone who is collecting a student early, and is not a parent or carer, must present their ID and complete a Student Early Collection Form from the front office prior to collecting the student.

If you have any questions in regard to the above process, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 03 8348 7100.

# WEEK 6 & 7 OF TERM 4!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



On Monday 11th November, we held our remembrance day ceremony and paused to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. As we gather in remembrance, let us reflect on the courage, strength, and selflessness that define those who served. Their legacy lives on in the peace we enjoy today.

May we never forget their sacrifices and always strive to uphold the values of justice, liberty, and hope.

## YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP



During Week 6, Our 5/6 students set off on their trip to Canberra.

Our students got to meet the governor-general of Australia, Sam Mostyn.

They got to design their own city at the National Capital Exhibition & then hopped over to the National Museum of Australia to explore Tony Armstrongs Extra-Ordinary things, where they viewed some ordinary items around Australia with Incredible stories.

Our students also had the opportunity to speak to a Vietnam War veteran, which was a very special privilege.

Other incredible activities included visiting the Museum of Australian Democracy and Parliament House, The Mount Stromlo Observatory, Cockington Green, Canberra Reptile Zoo, Questacon and much more.

We hope everybody had a wonderful time and we are so proud of our students for representing PCC.



On Thursday 14th of November, our 1-2 Students had their school sleepover! They enjoyed lots of mini-tabloid sports activities, had a delicious Pizza dinner and enjoyed watching movies with their classmates. We hope everyone had lots of fun and we are so proud of our students for their behaviour and enthusiasm while participating.

## 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:** If a trilogy means three novels what is the word for four related books?

**Question 2:** What type of powder was used by wizards to travel using fireplaces?

**Question 3:** What boy discovered that he was the modern day son of the Greek god Poseidon?

**Question 4:** Who was the tortured vampire that knew he shouldn't love a human girl?

**Question 5:** Who popped down a large rabbit hole under a hedge in 1865?

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Where in the world have you travelled and what was your favourite place?**

I've travelled to Europe and America, my favourite place would be Italy because of the food.

**Why did you choose to come and teach at PCC?**

It was a great opportunity to start and develop the Athlete Development Program.

**If you won \$1,000,000 - how would you spend it?**

Go on a massive holiday and fly first class.

**Imagine you've been chosen to represent your country in a global competition. What sport or activity are you doing?**

Basketball.



**Where did you grow up, and what was it like?**

I grew up in Werribee. I really enjoyed it.

**What's one of the biggest risks you've taken in your career? How do you feel about having taken it?**

One of my biggest risks was not pursuing a basketball scholarship in America and I feel happy I didn't take it as I have a family now.

**What's a piece of advice your parents or grandparents gave you that you want to pass on?**

Manners cost nothing but get you very far.

**If you could have one superpower today, what would it be, and what would you use it for?**

Teleportation so I can go anywhere I want.

**What are you most looking forward to achieving at PCC?**

Students excelling and succeeding in the Athlete Development Program and developing great role models and leaders.



	Nov-25	Nov-26	Nov-27	Nov-28	Nov-29
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Year 9 Camp				
		Indonesian Culture Excursion			
<b>Week 9</b>	Dec-2	Dec-3	Dec-4	Dec-5	Dec-6
		Year 9 Graduation	Year 6 Graduation		Prep Breakfast
<b>Week 10</b>	Dec-9	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13
		Statewide Transition Day		Christmas Concert	Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea
<b>Week 11</b>	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20
	Prep EOY Celebration	1/2 EOY Celebration Adventure Park EOY Celebration	3/4 EOY Celebration		Last Day of Term

We are **LEARNERS**

We are **RESPONSIBLE**

We are **RESPECTFUL**

We are **SAFE**

## 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

We know it's early, but we want to help you stay ahead of the game!

Be sure to mark these key dates for the 2025 school year in your calendar so you're ready for everything ahead.

Attention Prep families! Please be aware that the Term 1 schedule for Prep is different from the rest of the College - please see the second image!

### TERM 1

TUE 28 JAN CURRIC. DAY (NO STUDENTS)  
 WED 29 JAN PREPS & YEAR 7 RETURN  
 THU 30 JAN ALL STUDENTS RETURN  
 MON 10 MAR LABOUR DAY  
 FRI 4 APR LAST DAY OF TERM 1

### TERM 2

MON 21 APR EASTER MONDAY  
 TUE 22 APR FIRST DAY OF TERM 2  
 FRI 25 APR ANZAC DAY  
 FRI 6 JUN CURRIC. DAY (NO STUDENTS)  
 MON 9 JUN KINGS BIRTHDAY  
 FRI 4 JUL LAST DAY OF TERM 2

### TERM 3

MON 21 JUL FIRST DAY OF TERM 3  
 FRI 19 SEP LAST DAY OF TERM 3

### TERM 4

MON 6 OCT FIRST DAY OF TERM 4  
 MON 3 NOV REPORT WRITING DAY (NO STUDENTS)  
 TUE 4 NOV MELBOURNE CUP DAY  
 FRI 19 DEC LAST DAY OF TERM 4

## PREP SCHEDULE TERM 1

**WEEK 1:** WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

**WEEK 2:** MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

**WEEK 3:** MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

**WEEK 4:** MONDAY - FRIDAY  
(HALF DAY FRIDAY)

**WEEK 5 ONWARDS:** MONDAY - FRIDAY

PREP TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS OF WEEKS 2 AND 3.

BookLit Pop Quiz Answers:

1. Quartet
2. Floo
3. Percy Jackson
4. Edward
5. Alice (In Wonderland)