Last month I attended the International Baccalaureate Global Conference in Yokohama. I was surrounded by over 1000 other eager participants, from 33 different nations – all there with the same purpose – to make our schools the best that they can be.

I was struck by the energy, enthusiasm, passion and dedication of these educators from all around the world.

Our keynote speakers delivered thought provoking oratories on school leadership, the role of Artificial Intelligence and its affect on future work, and the wonder of being an individual and the marvel of unique characters, gifts and talents.

Our lunchtime conversations moved from concerns over individual students, to global politics and everything in between.

I was truly inspired and encouraged that there are hundreds of thousands of people across our world who are working together to educate our students – in the knowledge that these children will become our future leaders and in the hope that they will make our world a better place.

It is bittersweet to think of really – that this shared hope is all with good intent – and yet, without true knowledge of our place in God's plan – that hope is empty.

As I sat, listened and reflected, I thanked God that I am part of the PVCC community, where we share an understanding of God's plan for humanity. That our hope is not empty. That our future is not left to chance. That our children are being shaped, moulded, guided and developed into people who know that their Father in Heaven loves them, has provided a plan for reconciliation through the cross and that they can be sure of their future in Him.

I am dedicated to the future of our children at PVCC, to a culture of reflection toward being ever-improving, always learning and servant-hearted.

To our children knowing who they are in Christ and becoming all that they were created to be in His service. To partnering with parents to raise children who are strong,
confident, resilient, creative, deep thinkers and curious – not because these are buzz words – but because they were uniquely created by their Father and are loved by him.

Lily McDonald - Head of Primary

COMMUNITY NEWS

As you may have heard, we have Light FM visiting us on Monday, 8th of May for a live broadcast from 12-3pm.

You are warmly invited to join us for a bit of fun from 11:30am, with a free sausage sizzle and some prizes up for grabs.

The Light FM crew will be set up in the Primary area, so sign in and wander over and join the fun anytime between 11:30am and 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you here!

Sally Agostino - Community Development
**NEWS FROM PRIMARY SPORT**

**Concord Sport Clinic**

On Monday 24th April, a group of VCAL students from Concord School ran a Sport Clinic for our year 1 and 2 students. The students rotated through three activities practicing their skills and playing modified games, AFL, Soccer and Basketball. A big thank you to the Concord students for running such a fun session for our students!

**House Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 28th April, all year 3-6 students competed in the House Athletics Carnival. The weather was kind to withhold the rain and allowed us to have a really fun and active day. All of the students completed the 8 or 9 athletics events; Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, 100m, 400m and 800m was optional. Well done to all of the students who participated with such enthusiasm and made the day so enjoyable. A BIG thank you to all of the teachers, parent helpers and secondary helpers who made this day run so smoothly!

1st Schippers Red House – 1507 points
2nd Upton Green House – 1495 points
3rd Meers Blue House – 1312 points
4th Crichton Yellow House – 1203 points

**5/6 Interschool Sport - Winter**

The Winter season starts this Friday, May 5th for the 5/6 Interschool Sport. The fixture is needing some last minute changes and will be emailed out as soon as possible. Please see the list below of what students need to pack for the day, depending on their sports.

**AFL & SOCCER**

- Shorts
- Sports team jersey (will be handed out at training)
- Football/soccer boots
- School long socks
- Mouth guards
Shin guards - soccer
P.E polo or House polo
Pants
Jacket
Spare Underwear
Plastic bag for dirty clothes
Wet hand washer in a zip lock bag, in case they need to clean some mud off themselves
Towel
School short socks
Runners

NETBALL & SOFTBALL
Shorts
P.E polo
Spare P.E polo or House polo
Pants
Jacket
Plastic bag (dirty clothes)
Spare runners
Spare school short socks

Sally Park - Primary Physical Education & Sport Coordinator
Code Club is again running this term for students in years 3 to 6. This term the students are learning some basic text based coding (a challenge for some as they learn new keys and symbols on a computer) and then we'll be doing some hands on integration and building their own game controllers to interact with the computers! A banana piano is always a favorite controller.

Below is the schedule for this term - please note the dates where Code Club will not be on. Reminder Code Club runs from 3:30 to 4:30 in Room 115.

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**Internet Safe Training**

As parents it is easy to be unaware and unsure of what your children are doing online and the associated risks. Internet Safe Training provides a series valuable online training courses aimed to educate, empower and support parents and careers to protect children from the risks inherent in today's online world. The College has arranged for all members of the Plenty Valley community to have access to this material. The material is arranged into four simple courses (Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary) and each has a series of short videos and links to excellent resources.

Each course takes around 20 minutes, but can be done in little bites if preferred and covers such topics as communication, rules and boundaries and making wise choices. It is an excellent resource to have at hand to empower you to have wise and informed discussions with your children regarding their internet usage.

The courses can be found at [http://learn.internetsafetraining.com](http://learn.internetsafetraining.com) and you will need to use the password `plentyvcc16`

**Todd Sprague - ICT Integration Coordinator**
EISM DIV 1 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017

The Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park was cold early on Tuesday May 2nd but then it was a lovely sunny day for competition in the EISM Div. 1 athletics carnival.

91 students from Years 7 -12 comprised the Plenty Valley team and were accompanied by 5 staff. Our boys’ team performed very well to gain 3rd place in the Boys’ Aggregate and Plenty Valley finished 6th overall.

We had some multiple event winners with Baye Agostino gaining four 1st places and breaking the U/14 long jump record by 4cm with 5.65m!

The following were the best performed athletes on the day.

Baye Agostino – 1st 100mA, 200mA, relay, LJ
James Shearwood - 1st U/13 400m, 100mA, relay
Ethan Vellu – 1st U/13 TJ, 100mB, relay /2nd LJ
Euan Olivier – 1st U/16 100mB, 200mB /3rd in relay
Nathan Adams – 1st U/16 TJ/2nd hurdles/3rd LJ, 100mA, relay
Mikayla Lazic – 1st Open 100mA/ 3rd 200mA, HJ, relay
Zoe Houghton – 1st Open 100mB/ 2nd 400m /3rd relay
U13 B 4 x 100m relay – 1st James Shearwood/Mwaniki Muigai/Ethan Vellu/Sam Whiteley
U14 B 4 x 100m relay – 1st Baye Agostino/Zach Andrews/Oliver Smith/Toby Carpenter

All winners and place getters will be invited to compete at the next level which is the EISM Champions’ Carnival to be again held at Lakeside in a twilight competition on Monday 15th May. The best athletes from all 3 EISM Divisional carnivals comprising 21 schools will be competing in what is a very high standard of athletics.

Many thanks to all staff, athletes and student helpers for making this carnival a great day for all.

Helen Padget - Head of Secondary Sport
FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

The year is certainly moving quickly and we have come to the end of the transition period from summer to winter uniform. As of this Monday 8th May, all students will be required to wear complete winter uniform as outlined in the college uniform policy which can be accessed on the college website through the Parent handbook. This is the standard expected and will be the reference students will be held to.

The link to the parent handbook can be found on the College website:

www.pvcc.vic.edu.au - Our College - Parent Resources

It’s a privilege to partner in your child’s education at the school and we hold true to this agreement. Our desire is to work with you to support this important aspect of the college. The rationale for the school uniform is:

A properly worn uniform
• will enhance the school image and student pride in the College.
• is an indicator of a good school tone.
• is a means of student identification with the College community.
• allows other communities to identify our students.
• diminishes clothing costs, fashion competitiveness and superficial individual differences.
• provides one avenue through which students may learn respect for parental and teacher authority in our community.
• uniform is one expression of the College’s legitimate boundaries.

If there are uniform infringements we will notify you through our SEQTA system or through direct communication via a phone call. If these do occur, it would be great if you can communicate the importance of wearing the correct uniform at school. For the most part, this is not an issue. We certainly appreciate the support.

We hope that this term is a successful one. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Paul Oldman
NEWS FROM CAREERS

- **VCE & Careers Expo** – 4 May to 7 May, Caulfield Racecourse
- **Year 10 Work Experience** – June 26 – June 30th. Please ensure work experience placements are organised and Work Experience forms are returned ASAP!
- **Melbourne Polytechnic Trade Taster Day** – Thursday 11th May – Any Year 9, 10 or 11 students who are interested in learning a trade but are not sure which one, this is a great opportunity to have a little taste of a few. Please email me if students are interested, to register for this event.
- **UMAT Test** – Wednesday 26 July

View the latest [newsletter here](#).

*Helen Madden - Careers Advisor*

This Year the 2017 VCAL Students of Plenty Valley Christian College are currently involved in a community service project known as the “Garden Collective”.

We are currently growing silver beet, parsley, beetroot and chives.

Our gorgeous plants are growing extremely well.
Once the plants have grown to their full capacity we will be donating them to the homeless/less fortunate through Garden Collective.

It is an amazing opportunity to be able to contribute to this project our whole VCAL class loves being able to help.

We have learnt not only how to properly take care and nurture our amazing plants but also what is happening in our community/country, we are also learning about horticulture and also how important it is to care for others and contribute to our community and those in need.

From Jordyn Wirth on behalf of PVCC VCAL.


**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Shop Hours:**

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The uniform price list and uniform policy are available on the [College Website](http://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au).

Our direct number is: 9036 7354

*Lydia Ross*

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**CANTEEN**

All work in the Canteen can be counted towards Parent Participation Time. Dad and grandparents are most welcome too! View the [Canteen Roster](http://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au).

NOTE: Due to Health Regulations, space and safety reasons, we are unable to accommodate any children in the Canteen.

The latest [Canteen Price List](http://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au) is available on the College website.

*Wendy/Denise*

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**VISION STATEMENT**

The vision of Plenty Valley Christian College is to be a learning community with the creative and responsive mind and spirit of Christ.

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**Good Food:**
Each week, Alpha starts with a meal and relaxed conversation.

**Alpha Talk:**
Following the meal, is a short talk exploring various aspects of the Christian faith.

**Discussion:**
In small groups, guests can ask any question and discuss opinions freely with others.
School Sport Victoria Team Vic

Read more on their website at: http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic

View the latest bulletin for School Sport Victoria (Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Netball, Swimming and Volleyball and more) on their website: