



**Plenty Valley**  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge

# COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Issue 11

June 29th, 2017

## DIARY DATES

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Primary Term Awards  
Assembly  
Friday  
30/06/17  
2:30pm

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Friday  
30/06/17  
End of Term 2  
3:20pm

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Staff Commence  
Monday  
17/07/17

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CEN Conference  
Monday-Tuesday  
17-18/07/17

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Students Commence  
Term 3  
Wednesday  
19/07/17

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Careers Expo  
Thursday  
20/07/17

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Prep - Yr2 Swimming  
Thursday  
20/07/17

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VCE/VTAC Info Night  
Thursday  
27/07/17

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Year 3 at school camp  
days  
Thursday - Friday  
27-28/07/17

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Quarterly School Fee  
Payments Due  
Friday  
28/07/17

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## EDITORIAL

### Changes and a Reminder

#### Change to Improve Practice

During this last semester, we have taken time to evaluate how a number of things are being done at PVCC. We have begun a process of change.

Teaching is a demanding role. Very few jobs require the employee to make the number of decisions per day that teachers do. There are up to 27 students in a class and teachers are expected to know exactly how each of them are performing and have a plan that assists students in taking the next step in their learning journey. Curriculum constantly changes and so does best teaching practice. There are also 27 families who all have different opinions on how we should be doing your jobs better.

It is a demanding role that we at Plenty Valley are committed to doing well. This year we have begun a new process where teachers reflect on their practice against the widely used *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers*. Staff collect evidence that demonstrates how well they have met these standards and set goals for their professional development so that they are continually improving.

#### Change to Improve Delivery

The Board and Executive of the College have been considering the structure of the College.

One of my main roles over the last semester has been to observe carefully and ask dumb questions. The information I have gathered has formed a basis for a review of our structure. We are planning to move to a College structure that addresses the developmental levels of our students as they move through the College and that reinforces College priorities which are supported and implemented by an Executive team that operate across the whole College. This "One College" model will build on our many existing strengths and develop staff teams that specialise in meeting student's academic and wellbeing needs targeting the different stages of their development.

More information will be made available next term as we solidify our plans.

#### Change to Beginning the PVCC Journey

It is hard to miss our Early Years building rising from the concrete slab and starting to take shape. The good news is that the less than expected rainy

days means that we have all but got through the often delayed stage and are on track to finish on time. "Plenty Kids", our new kinder will be starting from the beginning of the year with four year olds able to enrol for 3 to 5 days a week during school hours. We are in talks with Camp Australia and believe that before and after school care will also be available for those families who wish to take that up.

As planned, the Prep to Year 2 section of the building will be opened at the beginning of Term 2.

### **Change to Uniform**

Did that get your attention?

I have had two requests from students to consider some uniform changes. The requests came from upper primary students and from Year 8 students and were delivered in an appropriate and respectful way. The requests both included slacks for girls but there were a number of other considerations with regard to uniform that can also be considered.

To that end **I am calling for volunteers to form a uniform committee to consider potential uniform changes and formalise recommendations for the Board.** I envisage that this process may take four or five evening meetings. If you are interested in volunteering please email our Executive PA, Athelia Du Preez ( [athelia.dupreez@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:athelia.dupreez@pvcc.vic.edu.au) ).

We will continue to strive to maintain a nice looking, reasonably priced and long-wearing uniform.

At their last meeting the Board approved a new optional style of hat for Primary students that does not require an under-chin string to keep them on and these should be in stock ready for next summer.

### **Reminder – Car Park**

We have excellent car parking facilities at Plenty Valley. There is easy adequate parking for almost all our events. That is unusual for a school and we are very grateful for these facilities.

Unfortunately, when we have many children attending our school there will naturally be pressure for time and space at delivery and pick up times for our precious children. **Please allow adequate time to carefully and safely use our parking and drop off facilities** and if you are running late do that with grace and consideration and still obey the rules. Accidents happen when people do unexpected things.

**Please do not drive up the drive to the roundabout near the College office** even if you are running late. The extra three minutes for your children to walk up to the office to sign in late will make little difference to their day. We are trying to keep cars away from our students and that includes driving beyond the car-parks during school times.

More and more of our seniors are driving to school. It's that time of life. They are parking their cars **in the carpark closest to Yan Yean Road.** Please be aware that these inexperienced drivers are in that area and modify your care in driving accordingly. If there are any concerns please let us know.

### **Reminder – God gives us good things**

As a newbie, many wonderful things about PVCC are very evident. Sometimes those who have been here a while lose sight of those things as the odd not-so-wonderful things create a disproportionate annoyance. In the Bible, we are encouraged to keep our focus on God from whom all good things come. We make a choice about our focus. If we choose to dwell on the annoyances they become huge negatives. If we choose to focus on all the good gifts the annoyances sometimes disappear or at least we have a better perspective as we appropriately address things that need to change. God wants us to notice all the wonderful things he does for us.

*I hope you all have a refreshing break and I look forward to seeing you again next semester.*

**John Metcalfe - Principal**



## PRIMARY NEWS

What magnificent writing from two of our students. Here is an excerpt from their work.

By Bea Waters (9 years old)

The wind blew sharply past the side of my cheek while I was watching the stunning view at the edge of a very steep hill. I was gazing at the mountains with snow at the top. It was Autumn. The leaves were magnificent. The colours were orange and peachy, they could not be any better.

The dew and mist surrounded me in a loving way, it was calm and felt warm and soft like a hot chocolate running down the back of my throat. The sky was dazzling and shining, but all of a sudden the sky went a dark, terrifying navy blue. I quickly flapped my hands over my head, frightened that something was going to come and snatch me up . . .

By Alannah MacRaild (8 years old)

. . . A cool breeze blew as Darla walked through fields of trees and other beautiful plants. About 50 yards away, there was a lake. The soft sound of birds tweeting made her feel welcome. Then a different tweet rang out. "Whoosh!" The wind blew against her face to the pulse of wingbeat. She looked up to see what it was, though what she saw surprised her. A flamingo with a magnificent rainbow tail. A super rare peago!

She ran through the trees and the flowers to the lake to get a closer look. It's tail shimmered in the sunlight, its reflection in the lake as the peago landed.

## PRIMARY MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all performers at last week's Winter Primary Recital. Each and every performer is to be commended on their preparation, confidence and performance. For many it was their first performance ever. Well done to all students.

### **Primary Production Update**

A reminder that our primary productions are on **September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre**. All students from Prep to Year six will be performing on stage on both nights.

HONK JNR (Years 3-6) The main cast has been rehearsing their lines and songs and will be meeting during the school holidays **Tuesday 11th July, from 10.00 to 2.00pm** for further rehearsal.

Grade item rehearsals will commence first week back next term.

Thank you to all those parents who have offered assistance. For those who have offered assistance relating to the performances (such as backstage, transporting props or make up etc., you will be contacted closer to the production with the roster). Any parents with set painting skills would be most welcome! Please contact me as soon as possible. If you haven't completed a [parent helper form](#), please do so asap.

Costuming: Many of our costumes will be hired, though there will be some items that will be required to be supplied. This list will be sent home early next term. In addition, there will be some sewing required so any sewers out there please contact me...yes lots of ducky costumes required!!

All questions or concerns please contact me. We are all starting to get very excited.

**Bettina McMurray - Primary Music**

## NEWS FROM PRIMARY SPORT

### Basketball Clinic

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June was the Diamond Valley Basketball clinic. Students in Year Prep to 6 got to participate in a session with an experienced coach, Matt Stewart. Thank you to Diamond Valley Basketball for running this clinic. Please follow the link to their website if you would like more information. [www.dvbasketball.com.au](http://www.dvbasketball.com.au)

### Regional Cross Country

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June was the Regional Cross Country at Bundoora Park. Matilda Fitzgerald finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 12/13 girls age group at the Division Cross Country and qualified to compete at the next level.

At Regionals she proudly represented our school and finished 18<sup>th</sup> out of 60. Well done Matilda!

### Junior Swimming Program

Next term the Year Prep, 1 and 2 students will be starting their 7 week Swimming Program. The students will be heading to Leisure City in Epping every Thursday, to learn about water safety and swimming techniques. Thank you to all of the parents who have responded to the Parent Helper Paperwork, you will be contacted by email.

### District Athletics

Next term the students selected in the District Athletics team will be training at Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. We are very blessed to have Secondary students volunteering their time to help coach the primary students at their individual events. Please make sure selected students attend as many training sessions as possible.

### Year 5/6 Interschool Sport

This term the year 5/6 students have been competing every Friday against other schools in our District for the Winter Interschool Sport.

#### A DIVISION

Netball A – 7<sup>th</sup>



Netball B – 5<sup>th</sup>

Softball Boys – 6<sup>th</sup>

Softball Girls – 7<sup>th</sup>

Soccer Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> (equal with 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

Soccer Girls – 4<sup>th</sup>

AFL – 7<sup>th</sup>

### B DIVISION

Softball Boys – 6<sup>th</sup>

### Soccer Boys Match Report

Report by Thomas Ciacia, 5H

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June soccer boys faced against a tough challenge of Diamond Creek East.

We won 2 - 0 thanks to our coach Mr. Horton. The goal scorers were Toby and Marcus they were great goals and were well deserved.

The best players were Toby, Joel and Delandt. They played a great competitive game.

Special thanks to match referees: Jayden Pitman and Peter Cherian from Year 10.

We are currently sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> on the table. Let's hope this great run continues. Go Plenty Valley!

### ***Sally Park - Primary Physical Education & Sport Coordinator***



### **Student Led Conferences**

Primary students will have the opportunity to share their learning with parents next term.

Years 3-6 Students Led Conferences to be held on Tuesday, 1st August.

Prep - Year 2 Student Led Conferences to be held on Wednesday, 2nd August.

You will need to book online using the [PTO system](#), details will be emailed shortly. If you experience any problems using the online booking system, please contact the office on 9717 7400 for assistance.

## PRIMARY FRENCH DAY

Bonjour tout le monde!

It is a well-known fact that holding a French day in any school can be a great way to instigate children's passion for language learning and their curiosity about the French language and culture. It gives us the opportunity to both, create exciting ways for children to learn together and cross-phase and ultimately to celebrate our learning together as a whole community: children, teachers, parents, carers and guardians.

This year we are holding French Day on **Tuesday, August 1st**. We are all looking forward to having an enjoyable and fun day as the teachers have planned some great activities to do with the students. There is going to be a Dress Up Parade in the morning so the students get to show off their French costumes.

Stay tuned for more news coming at the beginning of Term Three!

Amicalement,

**M-me Agache**

**French Primary Teacher & Primary LOTE Coordinator**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Earn and Learn is back next month. If you regularly shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers and pass them onto the front office. We buy useful equipment for the students using this program, so we'd love people to get on board. If there is someone who would like to administrate the process (it's simple) please email me. It will count towards parent participation.

Please book our trivia night into your calendar! Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. We run this event bi-annually, and it's a heap of fun. It is student and P & F run and raises money for Relay For Life as well as P & F activities which benefit the students. Go to [www.trybooking.com/PULB](http://www.trybooking.com/PULB) to buy your tickets.

Also, if you have something to donate (a voucher or product of any kind) please let me know, we welcome all donations and will advertise the business on the night and in the newsletter. All school families and their friends and family are welcome to attend.

**Sally Agostino - Community Development**

[sally.agostino@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:sally.agostino@pvcc.vic.edu.au)

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## SECONDARY NEWS

### NEWS FROM CAREERS

#### Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- **Careers Expo at PVCC MPH– Thursday July 20 – Years 9-12  
Students and Parents welcome**
- **Morrisby On-line Assessment Results available – July 20**
- **UMAT2017 – Wednesday 26 July**
- **University / TAFE Open Days 2017 – throughout August**
- **Year 12 VTAC applications – throughout August and September**
- **Latrobe ASPIRE applications are now open! – Applications close: 31<sup>st</sup> August.**
- **VET Tasters – Various dates – Please contact Helen Madden to register.**
- **Year 10 Subject Selection interviews – begin 4<sup>th</sup> August.**



View the latest [newsletter here.](#)

**Helen Madden - Careers Advisor**

## NEWS FROM SECONDARY SPORT



### Australian Olympic Committee Presents the Pierre de Coubertin Award to Victorian Schools and State Sporting Associations

**MELBOURNE, JUNE 23** - On International Olympic Day last Friday, 188 Victorian Senior Secondary School students and State Sport Association athletes were acknowledged with the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin award.

The annual Awards Ceremony returned to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, a fitting venue with much Olympic history as the home of the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games. The awards are funded by the Department of Education & Training and delivered by the Victorian Olympic Council.

Named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, the Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises students who demonstrate academic excellence and sporting prowess whilst exemplifying the Olympic values. Each award recipient must participate in sport and display the Olympic values, in particular, good sportsmanship.

In addition to the awards ceremony an Olympic Academy was held for the students, and an Olympic Forum for Teachers and Sport Administrators.

#### **Pierre de Coubertin Awards Ceremony**

Melbourne's own Nicole Livingstone OAM was MC for the awards ceremony and Rio Gold Medallist Catherine Skinner OAM was on hand to present students with their awards.

#### **Plenty Valley Christian College students at the MCG.**

The day was attended by the 2017 PVCC Pierre de Coubertin Award recipient Euan Olivier and sport ambassadors Alanah Sexton & Joel Griffin all from Year 10. A memorable day & awards evening. Congratulations to Euan!

***Helen Padget***

***Head of Secondary Sport***



**Shop Hours for Term 3**

Wednesday, 19th July 2017	8:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesdays	8:00am - 2:00pm
First Saturday of the month:	9:30am - 12:30pm

The uniform price list and uniform policy are available on the [College Website](#).

Our direct number is: 9036 7354

*Lydia Ross*

**Please mark all uniform items with a permanent marker.**

**All named items are kept at the general office for collection.**



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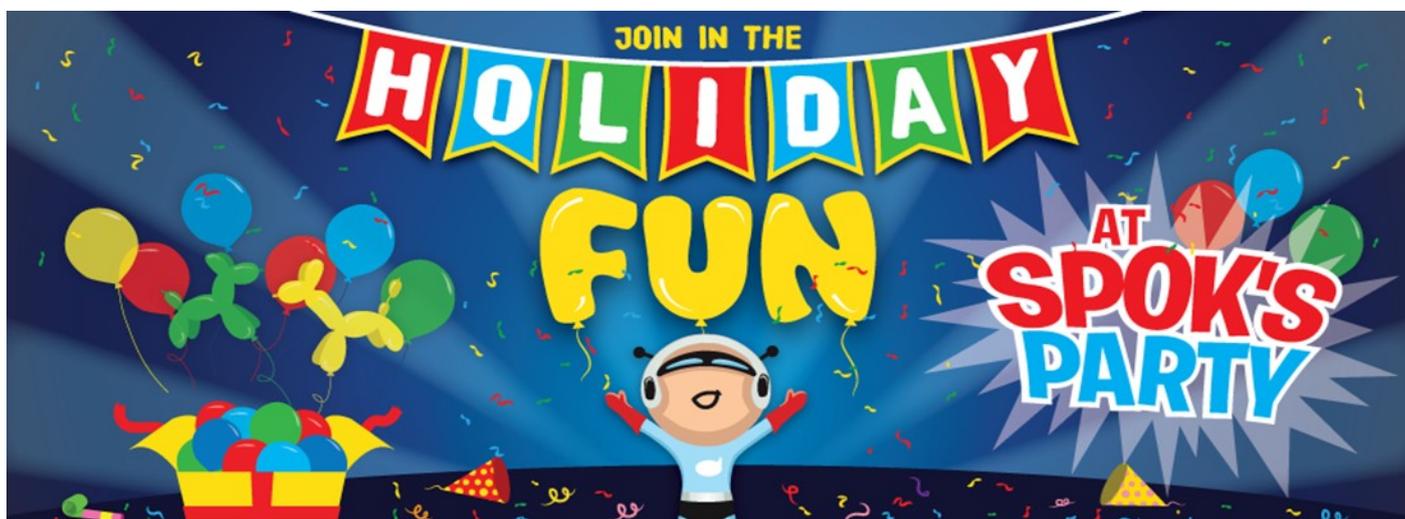
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We look forward to seeing you soon!  
 The Camp Australia Holiday Club Team

## CANTEEN

All work in the Canteen can be counted towards Parent Participation Time. Dad and grandparents are most welcome too!

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

The latest [Canteen Price List](#) 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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