



Issue 21

13 December 2018

DIARY DATES

Thursday
13 December 2018
Students Finish Term 4

Friday
14 December 2018
Teaching Staff Finish
Staff Lunch

Wednesday
30 January 2019
Students Commence
Term 1

Wednesday
30 January 2019
Parents Morning Tea

Thursday
31 January 2019
Preps Commence

Thursday
31 January 2019
Parents Morning Tea

Monday
4 February 2019
Year 7 Swimming

Tuesday
5 February 2019
Student Photos for ID
purposes

Tuesday
5 February 2019
VCE Info Night

Wednesday
6 February 2019
Student Photos for ID
purposes

EDITORIAL

As I write the final Editorial for 2019 the College abuzz with activity. At schools the intensity of activity winds up toward the end of term.

Early Years students are making Christmas decorations as they learn about the true meaning of Christmas, Year 6 are coming down from the high of their excellent exhibition night and counting the proceeds for donation to their nominated charities, secondaries are participating in a week and a half of Headstart already getting their heads into next year and most importantly there is a volunteer group of parents working on an appropriate Christmas thank you to our hard working staff.

Christmas is always a busy and exciting time. I find it hard to adjust from the whirlwind of activity to the quiet reflection of Jesus' birth. I guess it was not much different on that first Christmas when Joseph and Mary had no choice but to travel to Joseph's home town while Mary was heavily pregnant. They arrived to a lack of welcome from Joseph's relatives because of the shame of marrying a pregnant girl. Even the commercial accommodation was non-existent.

Jesus, God, chose to start his life in a smelly cattle trough, rejected by relatives, in a dirt-poor occupied country. As a family they had to flee for their lives from political moves that threatened Jesus love. Why would you choose that?

Christmas is not about the baby Jesus it is the preface : life as our example, death to make our relationship with God possible and resurrection to prove he did it. Jesus came to earth to be human, to show that there is a better way that involves self-sacrifice for others and fulfilment by being who God created us to be.

I pray you have a blessed Christmas and contemplate the baby who only came to earth do die so we could be all that we were created to be.

New staff for 2019:

Each year our team changes due to changes in structures or needs in particular areas. We are pleased to welcome new staff to our team next year to

replace those leaving or on leave.

Mardi Anderson - Registrar

Mahnee Barry – Kinder

Suné Burger - PE

Grace Lin - Prep

Bradley MacDonald – English

Margaret Vella – Science

Annelie Zuccolo - Media Studies/Art

We are saying farewell to these teachers:

Stephanie Boshoff (English) – moving to a permanent position

Karen Freeman (Kinder) – spending more time with her family

Chris Green (Christian Education) - pursuing other opportunities

Michelle Irving (PE) – contract finishing

Danielle Lichoudaris (Media/Art) – spending more time with her family

Angela Metcalf (Education Support) – contract finishing

Denise Chapman (EY) – filling in for Brie Kent who will be back

And these support staff:

Athelia Du Preez (Registrar) – moved into a different position in another school

Brenda Edwards (Education Assistant) – contract finishing

Jenny Maccarone (Education Assistant) – contract finishing

Andrea Wright (Education Assistant) - contract finishing

Staff are taking leave:

Regina Brownley – all 2019

Todd Mahoney – all 2019

Lucille Warwick –Term 1

It is always sad when there are changes. We wish our leavers God's blessing in the next stage of their journey and to see what he has in store for the new team.

John Metcalfe

Principal



iPad Orders for 2019

Any families wishing to order their iPad through CompNow (College supply partner) can now place orders online through their PVCC Order Portal: <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/pvcc>

Orders will be shipped directly to the address given at order time. It is recommended to get in early as stock levels do vary at Christmas time and can lead to delivery delays.

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1

Student Free Day - Tuesday, 29 January 2019

Students commence - Wednesday, 30 January 2019

Preps Commence - Thursday, 31 January 2019

Term ends Friday, 5 April 2019

(Easter weekend 19-22 April 2019)

Term 2

Students commence Tuesday, 23 April 2019

Term ends Friday, 28 June 2019

Term 3

Students commence Monday, 22 July 2019

Term ends Friday, 20 September 2019

Term 4

Students commence Monday, 7 October 2019

Students finish Thursday, 12 December 2019



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Make a mini soccer table, cool science experiments, race solar powered cars, put on a show with shadow puppets, outdoor games, awesome excursions, and HEAPS more.

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P.E & SPORT – TERM 4

Kinder & Early Years Sports Day

Throughout this year the prep, 1 & 2 students have been practicing and developing their fundamental movement skills in Physical Education. To celebrate their learning and achievements, the year 6 students designed a fantastic Sports Carnival for them to participate in. This was a great way for the year 6 students to take Action and share their learning with the community for Exhibition. The Kinder kids also joined in the fun and hopefully it has helped them feel prepared for starting Prep next year! The Prep and Kinder Sport Carnival was on Friday 30th November, run by 6N and the Year 1 and 2 Sport Carnival was on Monday 26th November, run by 6G.



Early Years Football Star Academy

This week the year prep and 1/2 students got the opportunity to participate in the Football Stars Academy, while in P.E! The students had a great time learning new soccer skills and games, off some fantastic coaches. Flyers with more information went home with students if they are interested playing soccer outside of school.

Year 5/6 Sport Finals

The Basketball boys team played off for 3rd in a three way play off, last Friday at Diamond Valley Stadium. They played amazingly but unfortunately lost to Diamond Creek East by 1 point and finished 4th.

Congratulations on your effort and team work!

Sally Park

Primary Physical Education & Sport Coordinator



High Tea in Literature

Our year 11 Literature class had a class party to celebrate the end of the year – with a twist. After devouring one of Jane Austen’s most delectable novels we planned a worthy celebration. We prepared for a high tea complete with festive garments, dashing accessories and elegant china ware. There were brownies, small sandwiches, panacotta, cup-cakes, chocolate pretzels and of course, tea.

There were spillages and there were tong malfunctions, but literature concluded with both students and teacher in the best of spirits. It was both scrumptious and pompous – similarly to this superfluous description. J

By Lizzie



Senior School Writers’ Retreat

On Wednesday, the Senior School Writers’ Retreat was held for Year 9-11 students at the Upper Plenty Convention Centre. Students who enjoy writing creatively were invited to come and spend the day writing, sharing and developing their writing skills in beautiful bushland surroundings.

Students and staff shared their original pieces; poetry, short story, songs and various other works.

Students sought to capture the moment in words while looking out over a view of mountains, they planned and collaborated on a ghost story, they distilled their language and wrote 6-word memoirs and they laughed and cheered as peers read their works aloud.



You know something is a success when students begin asking when the next Writer's Retreat would be held, but they'll have to wait until next year!

Thanks to everyone who organised and participated, and special thanks to Sam Cathie for allowing me to share his work 'If you love and feel you have a soul'.

If you love and feel you have a soul

(A poem from the perspective of a blind person)

Some say eyes are the window to the soul.

What does that really mean for me?

Do I have no soul?

But what about the delicate chirps of the birds and the calming heat of the sun.

If I love and feel, don't I have a soul?

Do people think I have no soul?

But what about the songs I love to hear,
the chocolate I devour and the jokes that make me laugh.

If I love and feel, don't they know I have a soul?

Do people see my soul?

But what about the carols I sing so loud, the jokes
I make and the Christmas tree in my lounge room.

If I love and feel, can't they see my soul?

Do people think I can't see their soul?

But what about the people I've hugged,
the tears I've wiped away, and the gifts I've given.

If I love and feel, can't I see their soul?

Some say eyes are the window to the soul.

No! Eyes are not the window to the soul.

Eyes cannot hear the birds nor feel the sun.

Eyes cannot listen to a thousand harmonies nor taste an explosion of flavour.

Eyes cannot echo a charming chorus nor make one laugh.

Eyes cannot comfort the sad nor appreciate family.

If I love and feel, you can see my soul.

If you love and feel, I can see your soul.

If I love and feel, I have a soul.

If you love and feel, you have a soul.

-Samuel Cathie 2018

Keep your eyes peeled for a Writers' Club happening next year!

Michael Symons

Head of English



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.

[CANTEEN ROSTER - CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

Contact Wendy or Denise in the Canteen if you can help.

Have a look at the canteen menu online - [CLICK HERE](#)

CANTEEN MENU UPDATES

- * Sushi will be available from the canteen every Wednesday . **These orders HAVE to be placed by 12.00pm the Tuesday before.** Available flavours are Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna and Vegetarian.
- * Cold treats will be available from the Early Years Canteen at **lunch time every Thursday.**
- * Spaghetti Spirals are a new addition to the menu
- * Frozen yogurt will be available to purchase from the canteen [for years 3-11] at recess as well as lunch.

Flexischools App

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| Thursday, 17 January 2019 | 10:00am - 2:00pm |
| Friday, 18 January 2019 | 10:00am - 2:00pm |
| Tuesday, 22 January 2019 | 10:00am - 2:00pm |
| Thursday, 24 January 2019 | 10:00am - 2:00pm |
| Saturday, 26 January 2019 | 10:00am - 2:00pm |

All new items can be exchanged if need be, provided they are returned with a receipt.

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

Our direct number is: **9036 7354**

Lydia Ross

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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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Find out more at: <https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-prevention/sun-protection/be-sunsmart/>



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**DOREEN
COMMUNITY**
CAROLS

16th December - Collingrove Park
5pm - Christmas Festival
 jumping castles - face painting
 food trucks - live music
6pm - Community Carols

CHRISTMAS
UNBOXED
 AT MILL PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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| <p>FESTIVAL</p> <p>Sunday 16th December BBQ x Coffee Van Live Petting Zoo Local Police Visit Market Stalls Live Christmas Carols</p> <p>FREE ENTRY from 4pm Perfect for friends & family</p> | <p>SERVICES</p> <p>Invite your friends to our special Christmas services throughout December!</p> <p>Sunday 2nd 10am Sunday 9th 10am Sunday 16th 10am Sunday 23rd 10am Christmas Day 9:30am</p> |
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for more information: millparkbaptistchurch.org.au or facebook @millparkbaps
 contact the office with any questions: 9436 8797

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Community
Christmas Carols

24TH DECEMBER

5:30PM PICNIC, 6:30PM CAROLS

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