



Plenty Valley
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Issue 3

7 March 2019

COMING UP THIS TERM

- Mon March 11th Labour Day Public Holiday
- Thurs March 14th EISM Div 3 Swimming
- Sat March 16th Open Morning
- Tue March 19th Secondary House Athletics
- Wed March 20th Company GM/AGM
- Thurs March 21st Junior School House X-Country
- Mon March 25th EISM Champions Swimming Carnival
- Mon March 25th Prep-Yr 2 Swimming Program start
- Tues March 26th Student Free Day
- Tues March 26th K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wed March 27th Preps @ school

EDITORIAL

I was on yard duty in the Multipurpose Hall during lunch. There were 35 young men playing basketball or indoor soccer in there. It was a nice feeling as the boys navigated five different play spaces. One group in particular caught my eye. There were four Year 10 students playing half-court basketball against a dozen younger secondaries. The Year 10s were taller than the others and could have dominated the game even though they were outnumbered. What they chose to do was to use only enough of their natural advantage to make the game fun for them and for the younger boys.

It was a lovely example of using gifts (in this case height) to serve rather than pursue a self-centred goal. I love it when I catch these little examples of the core of PVCC in action. You do not see something like this happen in secondary schools very often because schools have traditionally been places where individual needs and performance trump the community need.

One of the first things we ask when we meet new people is, "What do you do for work?". When you ask a child what they want to be when they grow up, you will mostly receive answers that are about jobs. I want to be a train driver, a hairdresser, an architect ... our culture likes to define people by what they contribute to the economy and many kids pick this up at a very young age.

As adults we need to remind ourselves that those Early Years children are aspiring to jobs that may not exist by the time they finish their first round of tertiary education. The skills they will need in order to navigate the adult world and training beyond school will be less about individual knowledge and more about character, teamwork and transferable work skills.

At Plenty Valley Christian College, we want our students to choose to be well rounded individuals with the natural God-given gifts and developed skills that make them reliable, respected and respectful team players who work hard to be as good as they can be for the sake of their teams or community.

That can only happen if they understand who they are and where they come from.

*My child, will you treasure my wisdom?
Then, and only then, will you acquire it.
And only if you accept my advice
and hide it within will you succeed.
So train your heart to listen when I speak
and open your spirit wide to expand your discernment—
then pass it on to your sons and daughters. Proverbs 2:1, 2*



John Metcalfe
Principal

Change of Date for Presentation Evening 2019 to Tuesday November 19th.

We have recently been offered the opportunity to change the date of the College Presentation Evening so that more Year 12 students can be involved. The Presentation evening occurs at the end of the VCE Exams and we want to take the opportunity to honour the end of their schooling for our senior students.

If you use the paper calendar, **please change** the date of the **PRESENTATION EVENING** for Years 3 to 12 to **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19th**. The electronic calendars have been adjusted.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMPANY MEETING

Do you support [The Vision and Values](#) of the College and desire to serve our community through an active membership of the PVCE Company?

Then why not join in at the next company meeting on **Wednesday March 20th, 7:30 pm** at Plenty Valley Christian College.

This meeting will be held in rooms 211 & 212 next to the Multi Purpose Hall.

You can drive and park at the rear of the Multi Purpose Hall by using the bus shelter road that leads to the back of the hall. All families are welcome to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting will count as Parent Participation (3 hours per family).



Plenty Kids Early Learning Centre is in need of casual relief staff in the following roles:

Download an application form from the College website,
by clicking on the links below:

- [**Assistant \(Diploma Qualified\)**](#)
- [**Early Childhood Teachers**](#)



PVCC Parents Prayer Group



As parents we entrust our children's education to the school and the teachers, but we choose PVCC strategically for the Christian worldview and nurturing environment. We desire for the best for them and realize that prayer forms a part of that. So we pray !

The parents' prayer group meets roughly fortnightly while school is on, and we pray wherever the spirit is leading. There is lots of stuff going on in the school, in all sorts of different places from the strategic, high level stuff to the small stuff in the playground, and our desire is to earnestly be aligned with God's heart and praying His will into the school. Come join us if you're likeminded.

Venue: the Conference room (next to the general office)

Meeting dates for Semester 1:

March 14th 7:30pm April 4th 7:30pm May 2nd 7:30pm May 16th 7:30pm
May 30th 7:30pm June 13th 7:30pm June 27th 7:30pm

Chris Griffin is the parent coordinator. For any questions please email Chris on pe_chris@hotmail.com

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Kinder to Year 12 parents will have an opportunity for an interview with their child's teacher on Tuesday, March 26th.

Another opportunity will be available on Thursday, March 28th.

Parents will receive an email shortly with login details to book online.

Also a reminder that **Tuesday, March 26th** is a **Student Free Day**. Interviews commence from midday on the Tuesday.



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STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday, March 26th

Parent Teacher Interviews

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

CSEF Applications – 2019

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per eligible student is \$125 for primary school students, and \$225 for secondary school students.

Who can apply:

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

There are two criteria that must be met:

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

Criteria 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school (CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled).

How to submit an application:

Closing Date for Applications – Friday, June 21st

Please Note: If you have applied for the CSEF in a previous year, you do not need to complete an application for 2019, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments** – your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply at Plenty Valley Christian College in 2018
- **Changed family circumstances** – such as a change of custody, name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at Plenty Valley Christian College in 2019

Please complete the attached [Application Form](#), and submit together with a copy of your concession card attached, directly to the Business Office, or by email to accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au by **Friday, June 21st**.

For more information, please see the attached [CSEF Information Flyer](#), or visit

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

PRIMARY NEWS

PRIMARY SPORT

Congratulations to Sally Park who married Jesse on March 1st - now MRS DONALDSON!

5/6 Inter School Sport – Round 2 v Laurimar P.S

Rounders: Lost (April S)

Volleyball Girls: Won (Meenakshi D)

Volleyball Mixed: Lost (Isaac D)

Cricket: Lost (Gus G)

Hot Shots Tennis Girls: Won (Hannah T)

Hot Shots Tennis Mixed: Lost (Harry H)

Basketball Girls: Won (Olivia G)

Basketball Mixed: Lost (Lachlan S)

Division Swimming

On Monday 4th March, 6 students represented PVCC at the Division Swimming, it was held at Northcote Pool. The students had been selected at our House Swimming and then qualified at the District Swimming to compete on the day. A massive congratulations to all students, see below for results:

Jenna C; 3rd backstroke & 2nd breaststroke

Sam C; freestyle 4th

Julia W, Ayla J, Jayde H & Ella D; freestyle relay 4th

Walk-A-Thon

Students in years Prep, 1 & 2 took part in the Walk-a-Thon on Tuesday March 5th. The students tried to walk or run as many laps of the top oval as possible to earn their House points. The House points were tallied up and the winning House will be announced at the next assembly. These points go towards the Early Years Sport Cup, that is to be presented at the end of the year. The year 6 students also participated in the Walk-a-Thon by encouraging and supporting the younger students. It was great to see so many parents and families out walking or running with the students and being active!

Junior House Cross Country

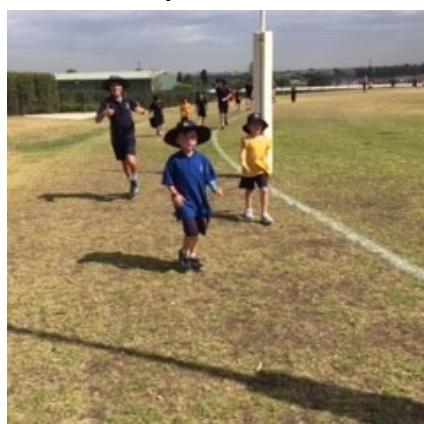
The Junior House Cross Country Carnival will take place on **Thursday March 21st at 9:00-10:30am**. This will be an exciting opportunity for the students in Years 3-6 to test their physical fitness, as they have been practicing their longer distance running in Physical Education this term in preparation for this event. All students who complete the course will earn points for their House teams and the results will be announced at the following assembly. Students with the fastest times from this event will be selected for the District Cross Country team, who will represent our school on Tuesday May 28th at Bundoora Park. Parents helpers who have been contacted via email, please meet at the gym by 8:50am.

Early Years Swimming Program

All students in Years Prep-2 will soon begin their annual swimming program. This year the students will complete an intensive swimming program of 7 lessons during the last two weeks of Term 1. The lessons will be on the following dates:

Monday March 25th, Thursday March 28th, Friday March 29th, Monday April 1st, Tuesday April 2nd, Thursday April 4th & Friday April 5th.

Sally Donaldson - Primary Physical Education & Sport Coordinator





SECONDARY SPORT

Secondary House Athletics Carnival

The Secondary House Athletics Carnival is happening on **Tuesday March 19th**. Get involved and get active!

This very colourful carnival will be held at **Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium** in Epping, with events commencing at 9.30am and concluding at 3pm. The House Athletics is a whole secondary school event and attendance on the day is compulsory. Any student who is unable to attend must **provide a medical note** to the relevant year level coordinator.

All students will be required to arrive at school as per a normal school day and will travel by bus to and from the carnival together. Students have signed up for a variety of track, field & novelty events at house meetings and are looking forward to doing their best for their house. The house which has the greatest numbers of students participating and all events filled usually has a very successful day!

Each house will also decide on a house theme for the Creative Dress competition and perform a War Cry/ Chant for points. House colours only are permitted to be worn on the day (or PE uniform) – no other forms of casual dress please.

Parent support is also very welcome and is an important ingredient for a successful day. Feel free to come along and spectate. If you could possibly help out with officiating duties on the day it would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact me in the PE office and let me know if you can help out either for a full or a half day. You can contact me via phone on (03) 9717 7400 / 0428 230 958 or via email helen.padget@pvcc.vic.edu.au
Thank you in anticipation of a great day.



Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport/Gym Manager



FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE



New Careers Website

We are excited to announce a new Careers website which will provide information to both students and parents on a large range of career related topics. **Please click here:**

<https://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au/careers>

I am more than happy to assist students and parents. Please call the school or email me on helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment.

The Careers Newsletter will be available fortnightly with lots of important information on courses, events and opportunities for career exploration as well as important dates for VCE students.

[CLICK HERE TO READ.](#)

Helen Madden - Careers Advisor

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.

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

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



Flexischools App

Flexischools have now released an app on both Android and iOS which makes the process easier than before. Just search for: 'flexischools' in the app stores.

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Shop Hours:

Mondays	12:00pm - 4:00pm
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Thursdays	12:00pm - 5:00pm
First Saturday of the month	9:30am - 12:30pm

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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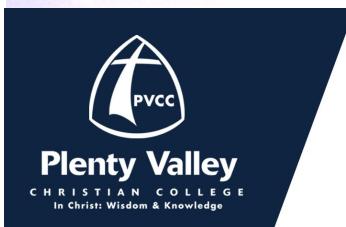


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www.bobstewart.com.au

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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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First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25th February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don't forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it's also **free to register**. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree.

Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25th of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.

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Our intention is that parents feel less alone, better equipped, more hopeful and confident in their ability to respond to challenging behaviours in a way that promotes safety, trust and connection for all family members.

Course runs over two mornings (attendance required for both sessions)

Tuesday 19th and 26th March 9.30am -12.30

Please call intake to secure a place on the number below.

For more information or enquiries please contact:

T.A.R.A Program on **(03) 9450 4700**

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