



Plenty Valley
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Issue 8

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COMING UP

Wednesday - June 5th
Primary Division
X-Country

Friday - June 7th
Secondary Exams Start

Monday - June 10th
Queens Birthday Public
Holiday

Wednesday - June 12th
VCE GAT

Monday - June 17th
Secondary Headstart
Begins

Wednesday - June 19th
Mission Trip Parent Info
Night

Monday - Friday
June 24th - 28th
Year 9 SCIP/Wollangarra/
Urban Mission

Monday - Friday
June 24th - 28th
Year 10 Work Experience

CALENDAR UPDATES

Secondary Recital will
now be on **October 28th**

Primary Recital will be
held on **November 11th**

EDITORIAL

Some Survey Feedback

Thank you to the 263 parents who completed the Parent Feedback Survey. We have begun to process the information it provided. The data that we have worked through has already proven useful and will provide some detailed information for the Strategic Plan.

While the more detailed analysis is happening, I can give you some overviews.

So far I can tell you that:

- 263 responses is a pretty good response rate
- this editorial part of the newsletter is read by two-thirds of respondents so a section of our community will not get these results.
- 93% of respondents are satisfied with the College and still provided useful suggestions on how we can improve
- respondents loved many aspects of our College including our values, our staff, the care we provide, our great students and the community we are
- parents would be ecstatic if we could lower fees, increase the subject selection, have smaller class sizes, enough parking for all parents, fix Yan Yean Road, accelerate all students and build an indoor swimming pool

I put in the last dot point to illustrate that when you ask for ways to improve you get many divergent answers. We look for themes and we know that is where we need to respond.

There are a few issues that were raised that we are already working on. For instance:

- Opening the Northern Gate to reduce traffic at the Yan Yean roundabout. The College is not permitted to use that gate for general use. We received permission for builders to use it while the Early Years building was under construction because generally the builders were using it at non-peak times. There are no turning lanes for traffic turning into the

College so using it would cause further congestion. As we have begun conversations with VicRoads about the widening of Yan Yean Road, we have been talking to them about multiple entrances to the College and how to improve traffic flow. This will coincide with a review and reconstruction of our carparks.

- A number of secondary parents (and students) are feeling like we are only spending money on the Primary section of the College. The refurbishment and moving of primary facilities are part of plan to create extra space for secondary so that we can begin to refurbish secondary areas without having to fit it all into school holidays. While it might look all primary at the moment it is being done with secondary in mind.
- Improving communication is a focus of the survey and we are keen to make the system work for both parents and teachers. It was nice to have a couple of parents acknowledge that there has been an improvement this year but we are looking for even more as your suggestions and data help us improve even further.

Strategic Plan

One of the respondents to the recent survey commented that they had given feedback before and nothing happened. I can understand that. In 2018, parents were asked wide-ranging questions about the College in a longer survey. The results of that survey have formed the basis for the development of our new Strategic Plan. I must apologise that you have not received feedback from that survey but I can assure some things have already changed because of your feedback and the Strategic Plan will address areas of concern as well as build on the areas of strength that you identified.

Staff have also feed into the Strategic Plan via a similar survey and some brainstorming activities. This term working groups began to pull all the information together to identify the larger strategic goals and develop strategies to meet those goals. In the next couple of weeks, those Working Groups will send their work to the Strategic Plan Committee who will present and overview to the Board. The Board will then refine the plan at a Board Retreat and develop the *Draft Strategic Plan*.

By the Middle of Term 3 the Board hopes to publish the Strategic Plan for the next 3 to 5 years. After that comes the hard work of putting strategies in place to achieve our Strategic Goals.

Child Safety

Part of having a Child Safe School is publishing a code of conduct with clear expectations for behaviour for students. At Plenty Valley we try to encourage children to act in a way that is consistent with College values, respect for others and respect for the College. This forms the basis for our student Code of Conduct documents which are all available on the [College website](#). These are:

Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy – overall rationale and policy

Code of Conduct Overview – a flow chart summarising the Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy

Code of Behaviour Policy (Secondary Classroom) – particular expectations of secondary students

Further information regarding Child Safe for schools can be found at <https://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafefor/Pages/schools.aspx>

John Metcalfe - Principal



PVCC Parents Prayer Group

From Chris Griffin, parent coordinator of the 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:

June 13th 7:30pm June 27th 7:30pm

For any questions please email Chris on pe_chris@hotmail.com



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SCREENAGERS

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

MONDAY 17
JUNE 2019

STARTS
7.00PM

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Join us for a viewing of *Screenagers*, a documentary about growing up in the digital age. After the documentary we have guest speaker Judi Fallon from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, who will discuss strategies about parenting in the digital age including any questions raised by the documentary. Her expertise and passion is to make a difference in the lives of children by helping to keep them safe, smart and responsible in the cyber world.

There is no charge to attend but bookings are essential. Contact community@ivanhoe.com.au to reserve your seat.



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The PVCC Primary Library has changed

The Primary library and the Pop-Up library have joined together again. The new location is in the refurbished portables along the main College driveway. We are in the process of furnishing both rooms and expanding our collection into the second room.

Primary Library FAQs

How many books can I borrow at a time?

Prep students: 2 books

Years 1 -6: 4 books

How long can I borrow my books for? 2 weeks

However, if you would like more time to read a book you can renew your loan as long as no one else has reserved it.

Can I reserve a book? Yes. To do so simply go to the College homepage and scroll down to “Quick Links”.

Select “Library Catalogue” then on the next page select “Library Catalogue”.  Login and select “Library Portal”. Search for your book and use the tick.  All done.

Book Returns Books can be returned at any time by students or parents. At present Primary book returns are best made during the library session allocated to each class. Otherwise, books need to be taken to the senior library. We are hoping to install a book return chute in the Primary library door within the next few weeks to facilitate easy returns. We will tell you as soon as this has been completed.

Overdue books

When you receive overdue notices you may have noticed that the cost of the items is listed. This is just FYI. We are not asking for you to pay for items if you cannot find them. Our library policy is that students are not generally required to pay for lost items unless they have lost more than three, at which point we believe there needs to be some accountability.

Similarly, we do not issue fines for overdue items. We just send out reminders to parents so they are aware of what items are due to be returned.

However, if there is an issue with any item listed we would very much appreciate a quick email or phone call. Then we can make efforts to find the item elsewhere and remove it from your child’s overdue notices.

Online Access

If at any point in time you would like to know what your child has on loan or if they have any over dues you can get them to logon to the Library website (www.pvcc.concordinfiniti.com) or follow the links on the PVCC portal webpage (<https://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au/portals/student-links>). Students in Years 3-6 can use their College username and password to login to the Library and their loan details are listed in the ‘My Profile’ tab. We’re currently determining the best way for the Prep – Year 2 parents to access their student’s loans. Watch this space for more news.

If you have any queries feel free to ring the library staff or email:

cathy.walsh@pvcc.vic.edu.au

pearl.fearnwannan@pvcc.vic.edu.au

What We Do at OSHC!

Arts & Craft, Physical Games Activities, Challenges

This term at Before/ After School Care, the children have been having tons of fun — don't believe me, just ask the kids!

Here at OSHC Plenty Valley, the staff work tirelessly to provide a stimulating, engaging and enjoyable After Care program. We run daily art and craft/ sensory activities/ challenges, including slime/ playdough making — which the kids really love. We also offer 'themed' activities, the most recent being Mother's Day focused, where the children got a chance to create personalized gifts for their mums. Just the other week, we also organized a fashion show, where the kids got to show off the dazzling outfits they'd been creating — I think we have some future designers in our midst! We also offer outdoor play (if the weather permits), physical games and group/ social-skill building activities, as well as a chance to use our Wii during allocated screen/ technology time.

On top of all of this, we also provide a healthy snack in the afternoons (usually comprising of fruit and a savory treat), and breakfast in the mornings — cereal and toast.



When – Every morning 6:45 to 8:40am/ 3:20 to 6:30pm every afternoon

Where – Room 1, just opposite the school reception

How to register - You must be registered to attend. Registration is **FREE!** You can register an account via our website www.campaustralia.com.au.

How to book - Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our parent portal pp.campaustralia.com.au. We always recommend making your bookings in advance.

If you would like to learn more about our OSHC service, feel free to pop in and give us a visit and our program Coordinator will be available to answer any questions. If you prefer to call us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

Have a great week ☺

The OSHC Team, Plenty Valley!

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PRIMARY SPORT

5/6 Winter Sport

See below the results and who won best and fairest for each game.

Round 2 v Glen Katherine playing at PVCC

Netball A: Loss (Jenna C)

Netball B: Loss (Tahlia S)

Softball Boys: Won (Sam C)

Softball Girls: Loss (Emily C)

Soccer Boys: Loss (Aaron R)

Soccer Girls: Loss (Gabby M)

AFL: Loss (Josh)



Round 3 v Apollo B playing at PVCC

Netball A: Won (Shelby E)

Netball B: Won (Hannah C)

Softball Boys: Won (Mikael E)

Softball Girls: Loss (Esther M & Olivia C)

Soccer Boys: Won (Isaac M)

Soccer Girls: Won (Bella O)

AFL: Won (Angus W)



District House Cross Country

The District Cross Country was on Tuesday May 28th. 60 of the Years 3-6 students were selected from the House Cross Country and represented our school against 9 other schools at Bundoora Park.

Congratulations to the students listed below who finished in the top 10 for their race and have qualified to go onto Division, which is on Wednesday June 5th. Thank you also to our parent helpers!

Olivia G – 4th
Shelby E – 10th
James K – 9th
Matthias P – 8th
Claire P – 3rd
Lachlan S – 3rd



Early Years Athletics Carnival!

On Tuesday May 21st the year Prep, 1 & 2 students demonstrated their learning by participating in the Athletics Carnival! The Year 6 House captains showed great leadership by organising, setting up and running the event for the younger students. The students earned House points by competing in modified versions of the; javelin, shot put, long jump, triple jump, relays and sprints. Well done to all the students involved, the House points results are below...

1st: Meers - Blue House – 940 points 2nd: Schippers - Red House- 850 points
3rd: Upton - Green House- 820 points 4th: Crichton - Yellow House- 710 points

Sally Donaldson

Primary Physical Education & Sport Coordinator



FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Dates to Diarise in Term 2

- Year 10 Initial Subject selection preferences – June 14th - 17th 2019
- Year 10 Work Experience – June 24th 2019 – June 28th 2019. Placements should be finalised and completed Work Experience Arrangement forms to be returned by the end of May.
- ACU – Community Achievement Program – applications open – May 1st
- Latrobe ASPIRE applications open – June 1st (see information in the Careers Newsletter).

Our Careers website has a wide range of information for all ages and stages in the career journey. Find it at: www.careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au

I am more than happy to assist students and parents. Please call the school or email me at 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

Check out some new hot food items from the Canteen - perfect as special FRIDAY treats, and for warming up tummies on these cold days! Lunch orders close at 8:30am daily through the FlexiSchools app.

GREAT NEWS - the SPECIAL FRIDAY MENU is now available on WEDNESDAYS as well !

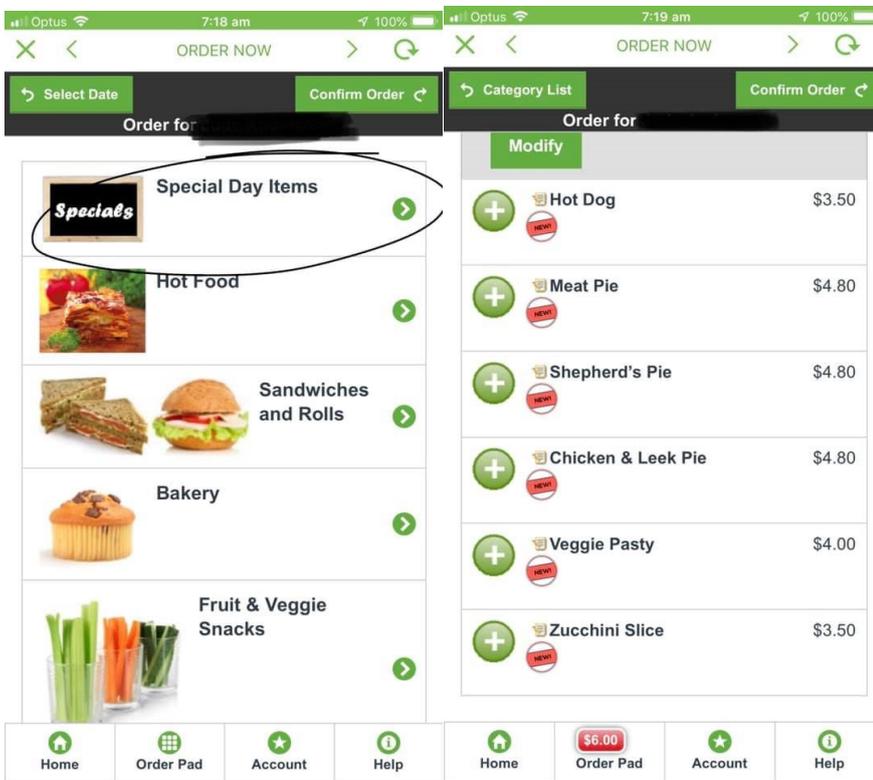
Have a look at the canteen menu online - [CLICK HERE](#)

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.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.flexischools&hl=en>





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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.

Have a look at the canteen roster - [CLICK HERE](#) and contact Wendy or Denise in the Canteen if you can help.



UNIFORM SHOP

Shop Hours Term 2:

Mondays	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesdays	8:00am - 2:00pm
Thursdays	12:00pm - 5:00pm
First Saturday of the month	9:30am - 12:30pm

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Lydia Ross

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Our aim is to encourage children to play basketball & more importantly have fun!

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Shooting drills
Dribbling drills
Passing drills
Team work

Term 2
Wednesday/Thursday
4pm - 5pm
\$10 per session
4-7 yrs

COME & STOCK UP ON WINTER READING



OXFAM DIAMOND VALLEY

Winter Book Fair
Saturday 15 June 8am-5pm
Most books: \$2.50 (adults) and \$1.50 (children)

Eltham Senior Citizens Hall
Library Place
903-907 Main Road Eltham
(Melway ref: 21J5)

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Going Bananas 2019

Knights of the King

WED 3, THU 4, FRI 5 JULY

Plus Family Fun Night Friday 5 July, 7pm
Holiday Program for Primary School Children

stjohnsdc.org.au/GoingBananas

FREE Doreen Event

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY FESTIVAL

Interact with native animals
Connect with nature and take an adventure with eco explorers
Play in the kids recycling truck
Discover water bugs and make your own nature art
Traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony

Purchase a sizzling sausage from your local Scout group. Don't forget to bring your own MUG to purchase a hot coffee.

Sunday 2 June, 11am-3pm
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