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EDITORIAL

As we catch our breath from the busy start to the 2020 academic year, we reflect on the wonderful events we have had thus far, and take an even bigger breath for the many planned activities yet to unfold as we approach the second half of the Term One.

With welcoming a record 78 new students into our Primary School this year, it has been a particularly busy and rewarding time for our staff and families. We have been blessed with new students in most classes throughout the primary school. It has been great to see new friendships blossom amongst students and to witness old ones continuing to be nurtured. With new students, comes new parents and grandparents being welcomed into our community also. It has been lovely having the opportunity to meet many people at our new parents dinner in the first week of term and at the classroom helper workshops. These events, along with parent helpers in the classroom and at our varied sporting events, serve to remind me of the strong community minded families we have in our school, and the commitment families demonstrate in the educational journey of their children.



Our freshest and most enthusiastic members of our student cohort, the Preps, have made the transition to school with great passion and zest for learning. With few tears to be had, it is a great reflection on our families who have prepared their little ones well for the challenges that independence in education provides. We continue to remind parents to encourage their children to pack their readers, hats and drink bottles daily, along with ensuring all uniform items are clearly labelled. Our lost property tubs are bulging at the seams already, with many items unclaimed as they have not been labelled.

COMING UP

Monday, 9 March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday-Friday
10-13 March
Year 5 Camp

Tuesday, 10 March
EISM Div 2 Swimming

Saturday, 14 March
Open Morning
10am-12pm

Monday-Friday
16-20 March
Year 6 Camp

Tuesday, 17 March
Secondary House
Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 17 March
Prep-Year 2 Swimming

Thursday, 19 March
Prep-Year 2 Swimming

Friday, 20 March
Prep-Year 2 Swimming

Monday, 23 March
Prep-Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday, 24 March
Prep - Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday, 24 March
Primary End of Term
Assembly

Thursday, 26 March
Prep-Year 2 Swimming

Friday, 27 March
Prep-Year 2 Swimming

In the Junior School, our Year 5 and Year 6 students are eagerly preparing for their annual camp experiences. Our year 5 students are off to the all-time favourite Mill Valley Ranch camp in the week ahead and our Year 6 teachers and students are in the depths of preparation to travel north to our Nation's capital, Canberra, for a week of jam packed learning and fun. Camps are certainly a highlight of the year for our junior school students and are enthusiastically supported by our dedicated staff and parent helpers, for which we are always grateful. We welcomed back our Year 6 and Prep buddy program this term with our teddy bear's picnic event. Our preps and year 6 students will continue to meet up regularly and develop a strong bond as the year progresses. It was certainly lovely to see our Year 6 students so nurturing and encouraging of the Prep students.



As a result of some fruitful discussions and feedback I have received from parents already this year, a number of new initiatives have been canvassed, particularly in relation to the Early Years playground area. Over the last few weeks our Year 2 students have been stretching their wings at the main school oval at lunchtime. By all reports, students have enjoyed this opportunity to play in the junior school and have responded well to the new rules and safety guidelines associated with movement to and from the oval area. Plans are underway to have a basketball ring and soccer nets installed in the Early Years playground, along with the return of the backyard buddies program, which is supported by our Year 6 students in the Early Years playground. Continued feedback from parents is welcomed.

Plans are also well underway for a back entrance to the Early Years building for families to enter. This will enable families to drop children off directly into the playground in the morning and collect their children from the area in the afternoon. We anticipate this will provide parents with a space to catch up with each other and make important connections with the broader Early Years community.

Our lunchtime clubs program has continued this year in the Junior school. If your children are interested in the chess club or craft club please encourage them to chat to their classroom teachers for further details. Library continues to be open during lunchtimes on Tuesday and Thursdays and afterschool until 4 o'clock where parents can join their children to browse and borrow.

We greatly value student voice and the contribution of students perspective in the decision making process at Plenty Valley. Our Senate Committee has now been established for Semester One and we look forward to the wonderful ideas and contribution from the committee as the year progresses. Our leadership program continues to develop as we invest in staff training and making our leadership program robust and relevant to our student cohort.

Over the next few weeks we will be canvassing interest from our parent community to bring back the parent year level representatives. This role was really helpful in being a conduit between parents in year levels to arrange dinners out, afternoon teas, holiday playdates, a go to person for new families and

providing a means of support for families in need. If you are interested in this role or want to encourage another parent and do it together, look out for a communication coming out soon.

Commencing early next term is our parent coffee and chat morning catch up's. These will take place after school drop off on selected dates and will provide an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents and staff. We look forward to providing a space for parents to connect and develop a supportive network of Plenty Valley Christian College parents and grandparents.

Rebecca Matthews
Head of Primary





There is a local organisation doing amazing work providing support for single mothers and their children, and for those who might be fleeing domestic violence amongst other issues. The organisation is Big Group Hug in Bundoora and they have sent out a call for items in the lead up to winter. As a Parents and Friends Group we'd like to support their cause and make a difference in our local community.

On March 27th (final day of Term 1) we will be collecting new socks, jocks and pyjamas to donate to Big Group Hug, and we're inviting all students in Primary and Secondary to bring an item to donate on the day. Something as simple as a pair of socks or a singlet will make a difference to a child's life this winter. Sizes needed are 2-16, so if you're able to add something to your basket in the next couple of weeks that would be great.

Just a reminder, **only new items please**, and have your child bring them to school on Friday, March 27th. As a school we value community and we nurture godly character, so we feel this ticks some important boxes not only for those who receive the items, but for those who give them.

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 25th**, 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).



Autumn Holiday Club



Bookings are now open for Autumn Holiday Club.

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HOLIDAY CLUB

PRIMARY SPORT NEWS

Interschool Sports vs Diamond Creek East Primary School, February 28th

Boys and girls basketball won, boys and girls hotshots lost, boys volleyball draw and girls lost, boys cricket lost and girls rounders lost.

Division swimming March 2nd

Congratulations to Isaac D, Jenna C, Jayde H & Girls Relay Team (Claire P, Miray A, Alannah M & Jenna C), for top 4 finishes in their division, unfortunately they will not progress to the next round.



Walkathon March 2nd

Well done to all the Prep-Year 2 Students who participated in the school walkathon, a great afternoon overall with lots of students giving it their best. A big thankyou to all staff, parents and Year 6 helpers on the day.

Josiah Garisto - Primary Physical Education

EARLY YEARS CANTEEN

Sales through our Early Years Mini Canteen take place at recess and lunch time on Tuesday and Thursdays. For young children, having the opportunity to buy items from the canteen on their own is an exciting part of school life, and can assist young children's development and understanding of money. A limited number of snack items are available for sale, including icy poles at lunch time. Lunch orders are available online through Flexi schools and are prepared by the main College Canteen.

If you would like to be part of the canteen roster on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Early Years please email office@pvcc.vic.edu.au.

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NO CASH accepted at school.

PRIMARY LIBRARY

The Primary Library will be open Monday and Wednesdays after school until 4 o'clock for parents and students. It will also be open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for browsing, reading and borrowing.

More good news is that we are getting a 'returns dump trolley' that will be stationed in the breezeway behind the library for you to drop library books in when you have finished with them.

Happy Reading!



FROM SECONDARY

How to develop a positive reading culture at home



A common conversation at parent/teacher interviews begins with this question: “How do I get my child to read?”

In an age of screen-based entertainment and busyness, reading has lost its place as a relaxing pastime. Though it doesn't have to be this way. Indeed, to enhance chances of success in school and the wider world, reading is a fundamental set of skills which can be nurtured at home. Moreover, reading is a wonderful way to spend quality time with your kids.

Here are some strategies to developing your own reading culture at home.

- Set aside reading time each night. Children can read by themselves just before bed, or they simply go to bed early.
- Read together. Pick something fun to read – Dr Seuss, Roald Dahl, music reviews, footy match reports or other beloved classics and read a few pages before bedtime or while dinner is cooking.
- For birthdays, take them out on a special trip to the bookshop. They can pick a book as a birthday present, then have afternoon tea together.
- Discuss what you are reading. Model your enjoyment or use of reading in your life, which will prompt discussion of the role reading plays in their life too.
- Read their school novels. Borrow their English novels and read alongside them. You'll be surprised by the conversations that flow from simply being able to discuss the ins and outs of their book with them.

If you choose, reading can be viewed as a chore, but re-framing reading as a means of spending time with your children is very rewarding. Instead of viewing reading as homework, choose to see it as a simple yet profound vehicle to loving your child.

Michael Symons

Head of Languages

NEWS FROM SECONDARY SPORT

Secondary House Athletics Carnival

The Secondary House Athletics Carnival is happening on **Tuesday March 17th**. 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 their house meeting 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



REBEL SPORT COMMUNITY GIVEBACK PROGRAM 2020

Sport is the heart and soul of rebel and our vision is to inspire all Australians to chase their sporting dreams and passion and for many Australians their sporting journey begins either at school or through community sports clubs.

Rebel Community Givebacks is a program designed to allow sports clubs and schools to earn in store credit at rebel to purchase essential sporting equipment. Registered sports clubs and schools are rewarded with 5% back on sales linked to a member or student who is a rebel active member.

How does my sports club or school start earning credits?

- Your members or students need to sign up to be a rebel active member in store or online at www.rebelsport.com.au/account/register and head into their local store to link their account to your sports club or school.

REBEL SPORT HAS PROVIDED OUR COLLEGE WITH HEAPS OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY SCHEMES OVER THE YEARS.

Please support the College by buying at Rebel and quoting our school name to help earn valuable credits for us.

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport



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Shop Hours for Term 1:

Mondays	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesdays	8:00am - 2:00pm
Thursdays	12:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday, 14 March	9:30am - 12:30pm

PLEASE NOTE!

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

Please note that we will NOT be open this Saturday, March 7th as it is a long weekend.

Instead, we will be open on the following Saturday, March 14th, 9:30am-12:30pm

Our direct number is: **9036 7354**

Lydia Ross

UNIFORM AVAILABLE

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DID YOU KNOW THE PLENTY VALLEY UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE TO ORDER **on-line?**



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VISIT THE BOB STEWART WEBSITE
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

CANTEEN

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>



Our school now has a great online ordering system called Flexischools.

All work in the Canteen can be counted towards Parent Participation Time. Dads and grandparents are most welcome too! See the roster - [CLICK HERE](#)

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.

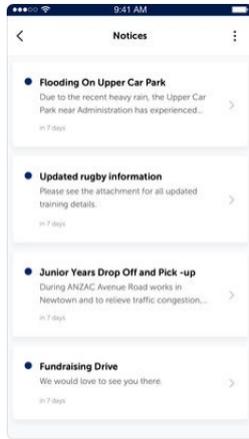
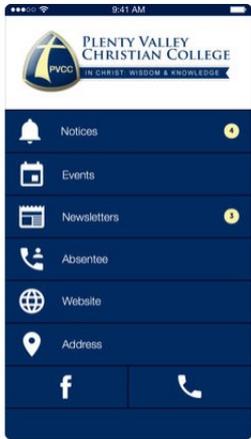


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Getting the most out of the PVCC App!

Screenshots [iPhone](#) [iPad](#)



- See what's happening on the up-to-date College Calendar; never miss an event
- Manage your child's attendance using the **Absentee function** – no need to call the school, simply fill in your absence details inside the App
- When you need more information, the College Connections newsletter and PVCC website are only 1 click away!
- And don't forget to **turn on Notifications** to receive the latest notices from the Office of any day-to-day changes



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NILLUMBIK YOUTH

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Are you aged 12-25?
Do you live, work, study or play in Nillumbik?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AND GET HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AT LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS

Be part of our amazing team of youth event volunteers and make our community events come to life!

Register as a volunteer!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL
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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Nillumbik Shire Council Youth Development Team are looking for youth volunteers for upcoming music and community events.



Nillumbik Shire Council Youth Development Team run multiple youth events across the year and are often looking for youth volunteers to help out on the day.

Youth Development are current recruiting volunteers for:

- Come Together Music and Arts Festival – 14 March 2020 – Edendale Farm, Eltham
- Eltham Food Truck Festival – 4 and 5 April 2020 – Alistair Knox Park, Eltham.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manage and facilitate event activities
- Coordinate performers set times
- Engage with young people in a professional manner
- Be a role model for young people and present a positive "can do" attitude
- Take personal responsibility for own actions
- Assist council staff with any set up and pack down activities as required
- To be alert to issues of safeguarding the relevant people in and around the event, ensuring that their welfare and safety is promoted and safeguarded and to report any incidents to council staff and if necessary security

REQUIRED SKILLS:

- Good communication skills
- Experience working with young people

By volunteering, you can gain real life industry experience and it looks great on the resume.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to know more, you can email the Youth Development Officer Nicola.Clutton@Nillumbik.vic.gov.au 9433 3156

YOUTH



Nillumbik Youth Maker Lab

Nillumbik Youth & Banyule Nillumbik Tech School have partnered to create Nillumbik Youth Maker Lab, an afterschool program for young people to learn new skills & work on projects in areas such as programming, 3D printing, digital design & gaming with support from skilled mentors.

nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au



Details

Who:

Young people aged 10 - 18

When:

Tuesdays 3:30 – 6:00pm
Starting Term 2, 2020

Where:

61 Civic Drive, Greensborough

Transport:

901 Bus from Greensborough station to Civic Dr/Diamond Creek Road.

