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Editorial

The calendar tells me that it is my turn to write the newsletter editorial once again, and I must admit, my first thoughts were “not another virus article!” We have all been knee deep in the latest happenings, news, statistics, changes in legislation and trying to anticipate what will happen next. This is happening in our school, in all schools in Victoria, Australia and the world. I’m quite sure it is happening in your home too.

And so what do we make of this time? I have lately been listening to the Old Testament book of Genesis, being read aloud by a man with a lovely, deep and commanding voice. I have found myself intrigued as stories that are so familiar to me, seem to have come alive once again and I am hearing parts that I hadn’t really heard before. Genesis is a book that has larger than life characters, who often seem to roll from one disaster to another!

And yet, amongst all the catastrophes that befall them, the illnesses, floods, diseases, infidelities and some downright atrocious behaviours – God is faithful. God listens. God knows. God loves.

I have noticed, once again, that God often called his people to walk through some pretty tough journeys where, not only their comfort, but sometimes their very lives were at stake. Families were divided, cities pitted against one another, politicians scoring points off one another and natural disasters swept the land. And yet, throughout, God never leaves his people. He calls to them. He guides them. He provides for them. He loves them.

As I ponder what it means to be grateful and thankful during this season, I am reminded of the bounty of God’s love for me. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am comforted as God guides me with his rod and rescues me with his staff.

There will be times during these next few months, when we feel that we have had enough, can’t take anymore and just want to scream. There are also times where we can be still, quiet, our pace - somewhat slowed and we find opportunities to take in the smallest of joys.

As you watch your children learning online and begin to feel frustrations rise – perhaps stop and marvel at the fact that you are there – all together and part of learning time. What a privilege! And if it all becomes too much, that’s ok to feel too.

I encourage you to find the joys that are unique to this time and to ponder the ways that God’s goodness to his children continues to flow through hardship. His faithfulness is always true and can always be counted on.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am comforted as God guides me with his rod and rescues me with his staff .”

Lily McDonald
Deputy Principal



How to borrow books from the PVCC library

“Escape”
A short poem by
Michael Symons,
Head of Languages

Coral Love and Pearl Fearn-Wannan have been setting up a system to allow you to borrow hard copy books during remote learning. (This will include Kinder and Prep students. Login details will be sent to you shortly.)

Below is a set of instructions for you explaining how to remotely access our library catalogue. If you would like to borrow just access the catalogue, select your books and email the titles and authors to... librarystaff@pvcc.vic.edu.au

If we receive your requests by the start of the day on Monday we will have them ready for collection by Wednesday afternoon.

Coral and I will bag your books up and leave them at the Reception Desk in the Early Years Building. When you want more simply repeat the process. You can drop off the books you have finished with when you collect more.

We will be following sanitisation procedures set up by the School Libraries Association of Victoria to ensure the books are virus free when you collect them.

We hope that this can help in some way during this time of isolation.

Don't forget that you can also borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our online library, “**Wheeler's ePlatform**”. I have included the instructions on how to do this below. This facility is not available for our Kinder and Prep students.

You can also access the **Yarra Plenty Regional Library (YPRL)** online library. I have also included instructions for this below.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all when the College reopens. You are missed.

fellow isolators
smile as I
pass by
on daily walks
happy to be free
from comfortable
prisons
joyous faces
of fellow hostages
beam
for that brief
moment
a connection
clear sun or
rain
I escape
to fresh air
grassy tang
bird screech
then home
again
then home
again
then home again

How to access the Libraries



[Parenting] in an Uncertain World

with Dr. Dan Siegel & Nikki Bonus

Get tips from a leading child neuropsychiatrist on how to navigate these difficult times with more presence and connection as a family



The Life Skills Group has made their recent webinar available to share. Dr Dan Siegel and Nikki Bonus look at practical ways to help families, and even ourselves navigate these uncertain times with more presence and connection. It is worth watching.

[Webinar](#)

Celeste Putter

School Psychologist

NEWS FROM SECONDARY SPORT

Hoping everyone is staying fit & well and that we can return to school sooner rather than later!!

Here are the two latest issues of our Sport Newsletter with plenty of suggestions for both a mental and physical break from screen time.



These sport newsletters as well as an online fitness class, sport chat and encouragement for students to partake in any exercise of their choice daily form the basis for our remote sport afternoons delivered at 1pm on the usual sport day. This gives students some

time for a brief break/lunch etc. following class in P4 and then be ready with their chosen activity to meet with sport staff at 1pm and also following their exercise to discuss what they did at approx. 1.45pm.

Sport is optional but all students are encouraged to meet on the sport chat and help motivate each other to stay active for at least 30 minutes a day!

Shout out to Tamara & Charlotte from Year 9 who have been tutoring each other remotely in soccer and karate skills!

Keep those legs moving!

Helen Padget - Head of Secondary Sport

[Sports Newsletter 2020 Issue 3](#)

[Sports Newsletter 2020 Issue 4](#)

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

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.

This week's Newsletter is packed with lots of opportunities to explore various Virtual Careers expos and Information sessions. These sessions are great for all year levels as they identify relevant course information to assist students in their career exploration journey and help them make well informed career decisions.

Careers Newsletter Issue 3

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 email me at helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment.

Helen Madden - Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator



PLEASE NOTE:

The uniform shop will only be open for web orders until further notice. The web orders will be posted to you.

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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www.bobstewart.com.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Remote Learning

<https://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au/online-teaching-and-learning>



Interested in gaining some new skills or improving the ones you already have?

PRACE is now delivering classes remotely, so you can learn in the safety of your own home.

The following classes are still accepting enrolments.

- [Adult Literacy](#)
- [Informal English Conversation Classes](#)
- [Spelling, Reading and Writing for Adults - Evening Classes](#)
- [Certificate III in Education Support](#) (Teacher's Aide) - next course begins 29 May.
- [English as an Additional Language \(EAL\)](#)

Ring PRACE reception on 9462 6077, email office@prace.vic.edu.au or visit our website www.prace.vic.edu.au