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EDITORIAL

When you live in Darwin you forget about “down south” seasons. In the “Top End” trees drop leaves all year round and different plants bud at different times all through the year. You lose track of hot and cold seasons and the rhythm of winter blues and sunny rebirth.

This winter has been one of the “bluest” on record due to the effects of both weather and virus.

As I enjoy my no-more-than-an-hour walk around, the now very familiar, streets and tracks near our house, I look for changes. Leaves sprouting on bare sticks. Buds gradually swelling and the hint of colour pushing into view. Wattles and field plants sharing their bright yellow and strong perfume with us all.

Gradually our world seems to be coming back to life.

The pattern of creation repeats itself – from the darkness the light emerges.

Jesus left this life and voluntarily stepped into the darkness of death. But following the pattern he set from the

beginning of time he broke the power of death and bought us the promise of eternal life and light. Just as sticks of winter are reborn into green, life filled leaves and flowers, humans have always been intended to return to real life from our frustrated and empty existence through his death and return to life.

The established rhythm holds true. As we near the end of our winter of COVID the buds are visible. The signs reveal spring, sun and freedom just around the corner. I am sure you are looking forward to the sunshine as much as I am.

God bless.

John Metcalfe
Principal



THE HEART OF COMMUNITY

Having recently started in the role of Community Relations Officer here at PVCC, it has been heart-warming and reassuring to discover more about how the college is caring for our community of students, families and staff in this difficult and uncertain season.

During these periods of remote learning, a variety of staff from different areas within the college have mobilised to form several teams: a Student Wellbeing team, a Families Wellbeing team, and a Staff Wellbeing team. Staff in these groups have actively been contacting their members of the college community to check in and have a conversation to see how people are going through this challenging time.

It is fantastic to see the college community banding together to encourage one another and gives me a great sense of hope coming into this role at PVCC and working with all of you. Whilst I have already felt warmly welcomed by many colleagues, parents and students, I'm looking forward to getting to know many more of you in due course and continuing to support and build this wonderful PVCC community.

Jessica Patterson

Community
Relations Officer



COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

The PVCC Board would like to invite you to a Community Information Evening via Zoom on Wednesday 16 September, 7:30pm-8:30pm.

This will be an opportunity to hear from the College Board and Executive directly regarding the impact COVID-19 has had on the college, and highlight the ways that we have come together as a community to navigate this year.

We will also use the evening as an opportunity to introduce new members of staff and new board members to the wider college community. There will be a short question time. Questions will need to be submitted prior to the meeting; please email feedback@pvcc.vic.edu.au to ensure your question is received ahead of time and can be responded to throughout the course of the evening.

An RSVP invitation will be sent via Edsmart. If you will be attending, a Zoom link will be sent to you next week with login information.

Kind regards,

Val Ciacia, Board Chair

ONLINE SAFETY

THE PARENTS WEBSITE WEBINAR

With the issue of the online safety of young people at the forefront of our minds this week, Independent Schools Victoris (ISV) is hosting a webinar for parents and carers on the subject this coming Monday 14 September, between midday and 1:00 pm.

Virtual Childhoods – keeping our kids safe online will be presented by Caroline Ellen, a social worker, parenting coach and founder of Stronger Safe Kids. The event is free, but registration is essential. Full details are available [on The Parents Website](#).

This is the latest in a series of webinars presented by ISV's The Parents Website to support parents, carers and their families during these challenging times.

FROM THE LIBRARY



I need your help Secondary students

I would really appreciate suggestions for book purchases in the Secondary library. It is time to revitalize the collection, but as I am not seeing and talking to you at the moment it is

difficult to gauge what you would like me to purchase. If you have any ideas can you please email me with your suggestions?

pearl.fearnwannan@pvcc.vic.edu.au

CAPS

Caps are now available to all secondary students as part of the college sports uniform. These caps can be purchased from either the Early Years reception or General Office reception from Term 4. Cost \$15.00 per cap.

Students may choose to wear the Hybrid Bucket Hat or the Secondary Cap to outdoor sport activities. Note: Caps are one size and adjustable.



UNIFORM

The uniform shop will be taking online orders for postage only from next week, 13 September.

<http://www.bobstewart.com.au/>

Students may choose to wear summer or winter uniform until 6 November. All students are required to be in full summer uniform by 9 November.

CALENDAR UPDATE

Important information regarding immunisations from Banyule City Council

The council has made the decision to hold various Mass Immunisation Sessions to complete the **Year 7 and Year 10** program for students at public halls within Nillumbik. The Year 10 program will be conducted mid/late October and the Year 7 program will be held mid/late November. Information will be sent to families soon.

Return to face to face classes in Term 4

Week 1

Monday 5 October - **Kinder** is back for all 3 and 4 Year Old Kinder students.

Monday 5 October - **Student Free Day** for students in Prep to Year 12.

Tuesday 6 October - **Year 11 and 12 students*** will resume a normal face to face timetable, and Year 12s will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 7 October.

Week 2

Monday 12 October - **Prep to Year 2** students return for face to face on normal timetable.

Week 4

Monday 26 October- **All students** back face to face, providing the number of new infections is within the parameters set by the state government.

Please note:

*The **return of Year 11 and 12 students** in Week 1 is not the same schedule as adopted by the Education Department. We believe that this week will give our students studying a Unit 4 subject the time they need to prepare for their exams at the end of the year.

Year 10 students studying a Unit 2 (Year 11) subject will not be attending the College for classes. The set work for the class will be on Seqta and they may arrange to contact their teacher for extra assistance.

Public Holiday

Friday 23 October has been announced as a “Thank-you Day” public holiday on Grand Final Eve. This replaces the Grand Final Parade public holiday that was scheduled during the holidays. So there will be no classes on Friday 23 October.

PRIMARY SPORT

PVCC students have beaten their second fundraising goal in the Jump Rope For Heart program. The initial goal was \$3,000 then it was set to \$5,000. Students have rallied together to now raise over \$5,500. This is an outstanding effort by the students involved in the program. The top skippers are Estelle in Year 1 who has skipped 11 hours, Xavier in Year 2 who has skipped 5 hours and Lila in Year 1 who has skipped 2 hours. The top fundraisers are Estelle in Year 1 who has raised over \$1,400, Isaac in Year 1 who has raised \$400 and Kensi in Year 2 who has raised \$376.

Once again, I want to say a big thankyou to all the families who have gotten involved, raised funds and sent in videos. We have still over one week to go in the program, our “Jump Off Day” is on the last day of term (18 September). It is not too late to get involved if you have not already.

Josiah Garisto - Primary Sport



OSHC

Camp Australia bookings are now open for Term 3 holidays.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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SECONDARY SPORT

Remember what school life was like pre-Covid?

Here's a few reminders of some good times we had at the house swimming carnival earlier this year!

Bring on 2021 for a return to these fun College community events!

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport



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FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE



As we come to the end of Term 3, students are already preparing for 2021 by looking at possible career options. Please see below for some important dates for this term and Term 4. In particular, **Year 12 students considering applying for tertiary courses in 2021, will need to apply through VTAC by 30 September**, to ensure they are paying only the timely application fee.

Year 12 students applying for SEAS/Scholarships, will also need to ensure applications and all supporting documentation is uploaded in VTAC by 5pm on 9 October.

Don't forget to check out the "[Calendar of Events](#)" on our School Careers Website.

Dates to Diarise In Term 3

- Year 12 VTAC timely applications close 30 September 2020
- SEAS/Scholarship applications closes 5pm on 9 October 2020

I am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted at :

helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au

Helen Madden - Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS



Banyule Youth Services is offering a range of exciting events over these school holidays. All events are FREE and all ONLINE!! Including a wellbeing workshop, how to do home recordings, role playing games & art workshops. check out the link below for more information. If you want to know more, please contact them on 9457 9855

Refer to link for details:

<https://www.banyuleyouth.com/school-holiday-events-september-october-2020>



Bring On Spring

Brighten our streets with art that connects us, created from home! Colour your front windows and homes, and bring a smile to your neighbours!

Share a photo or video of your Bring on Spring art, or a fabulous piece you see at [Whittlesea Unites](#) or use #BringonSpringCoW

More information: See [attached flier BringonSpring](#)

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