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EDITORIAL

Our Year 12s finished lessons last week. We farewelled them with a wonderful graduation and celebration day given our circumstances. A change in the lockdown conditions and the quick and hard work of our community relations team, Mr Siatskas and their helpers made it possible. I would like to thank them on behalf of the students and their parents.

I spoke to the Year 12 students about legacy. Along with all the changes and the celebrations that we have all missed this year, our Year 12 students have also missed opportunities to lead the college. They only had one term at school, not much time to create a legacy.

And yet they did leave a legacy.

Their most challenging school year was during a most challenging year for Victoria, and yet they did not lose themselves in self-pity and chose to not to be self-focused, sad or entitled.

In a year when we would have understood if they complained, they usually chose not to.

In a year when they had only a little time at school, they took the initiative to be involved in exploring what was possible in finishing well.

Their legacy is this: to endure and to refuse to give up.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 is often quoted at Year 12 graduations. In this setting, in a 'normal year', these verses are taken a little out of context. Through Jeremiah, God was speaking to a people in exile undergoing very difficult times. He was letting them know that there were still more difficult times ahead. But eventually things would not just improve but be good if they would call on His name. This really is the truth in context for our graduating class this year. And God's words can be trusted. He has good plans for each one of our Year 12s.

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

John Metcalfe
Principal



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CLASS OF 2020



“If ever there was a cohort who could weather the challenges of 2020, it was this one.” This was just one of the accolades delivered by Mr John Metcalfe in his speech to the Year 12 Class of 2020 at their Transition Ceremony last Thursday.

For many weeks, it was looking uncertain that any kind of celebration would be possible, but we continued to pray, and watched the school covid-19 operating guidelines laid out by the state government shift, sometimes on a daily basis. On Thursday 29 October, the graduating class was “transitioned” out from their years of formal schooling at PVCC, and into the wide world.

While some traditions were still present - bagpipes played by Alumnus Stuart Foy (albeit via video!), and students dressed in their traditional all-black attire with gold stoles - the event looked markedly different from any other year. Students embraced the socially-distanced seating arrangements, and the absence of handshakes when accepting their awards and certificates.

But the biggest difference was the absence of our wider PVCC community; teachers, other students, and the loved ones of our graduating students. The 90-minute event was live-streamed to family and friends at home, and into the surrounding classrooms for fellow PVCC students to see.

Following the ceremony, Year 12 students enjoyed a lunch outdoors with teaching staff, then proceeded to let their hair down for muck-up day frivolity on Friday 30 October. Colorful dress-ups, a Year-12’s-only concert, food trucks, trolleys of lollies, a mechanical bull, and even their own “merch” rounded out the final week of school for the students.

And just in case anyone was wondering, no, the college is not a Covid-19 testing site! Well played, Class of 2020!

You are a truly courageous bunch of young adults and we are praying for you, not just in the coming weeks as you undergo exams, but well into the future. May God’s peace and spirit go with you.

Mardi Anderson
Head of Community Relations



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YEAR 12 AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS:



Science (Physics) - Samuel C



Health and Physical Education
Jenna L



Visual Arts - Kalina M



English, Humanities - Nicola P



French, Specialist Mathematics
Charisse R



Health and Physical Education
Patrick S



Food Technology - Nicole W



SPECIAL AWARDS

The ADF Long Tan Award: Chloe S

Awarded to a student in Year 12 who has demonstrated an outstanding capacity to lead the students in a range of pursuits and who has served as an excellent role model for all of our students.



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Ben Pettingill Resilience Award: Lachlan M

This award is in honour of a past student, Benjamin Pettingill who, in spite of losing his eyesight at the age of 16, persevered with character and determination to ultimately achieve the highest. Ben inspired other students with his dedication and his positive outlook on life. His ability was never overshadowed by his disability and his remarkable achievements, at school and in his adult life. It still inspires students. This award is now awarded to students who, like Ben, demonstrated perseverance and determination.



Caltex Best All-Rounder Award: Talia A

Awarded to a final year student who has excelled in the classroom, on the sports field and in his or her contribution to their community.



Dean Spedding Award: Zac K

In memory of Dean Spedding, past student. Presented to a student who loves sport and demonstrates perseverance regardless of the outcome.



McEwen Award: Phoebe M

Presented to a student displaying outstanding school citizenship.



MMM Australia Award: Justin S

For Christian Service. Presented to a student who has excelled in the sphere of practical workmanship.



Principal's All-rounder Award: Mitchell S

An encouragement award given to a student who has shown significant personal, spiritual or academic growth, commitment to their own learning and a significant contribution to the college and its community throughout the year.



VCAL Achievement Award: Shannon D

Presented to a student who has demonstrated a high level of interpersonal skills, independent action and achievement of tasks that required decision making and leadership.



BOOKLISTS

Booklists for 2021 are available on the college website - <https://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au/about/parent-resources/booklists>.



Based on parent feedback, we have changed suppliers to Campion Education.

Resources need to be ordered online and home delivery will be to your chosen address.

UNIFORM SHOP - UNI HILL STORE

Please visit the Bob Stewart website for the opening hours.
<http://www.bobstewart.com.au/store-info#store-uni-hill-store>

Families can now book appointments and get in early for next year:

<https://bookings.bobstewart.com.au/uni-hill-store/>

The uniform list and policy are available on the College web



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REPORTS ON SEQTA

A reminder to families of Year 12 students and families leaving at the end of term, to download all the reports from Seqta.

This needs to be done before the last day of term, 10 December 2020. After this date you will not have access to your child's information on Seqta.

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 25 November, 7:30pm

Please RSVP by Wednesday 18 November to Lisa Bootlis lisa.bootlis@pvcc.vic.edu.au if you will be attending. The link



to the Zoom meeting will be forwarded closer to the date.

**Friday
6 November
Year 10 Real
Industry Job
Interviews**

**Tuesday
10 November
VCE Exams
start**

**Tuesday
17 November
Plenty Kids
Info Night**

**Tuesday
17 November
3yo Kinder
Photo Day**

**Wednesday
18 November
4yo Kinder
Photo Day**

**Friday
20 November
Year 11 Exams
start**

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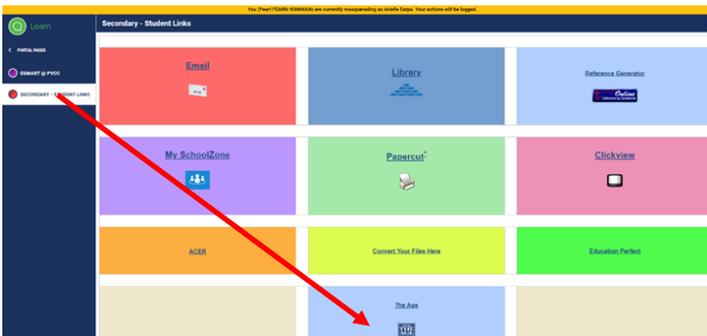
Remember: “The Age” Subscription is Available to All PVCC Students and Staff

We now have a full subscription to the online edition of "The Age" available to every staff member and student at PVCC. It spans from 2006 to the current day, every newspaper. “The Age” Library Edition delivers a fully searchable digital replica experience from a trusted newspaper of record. You are able to search, save, email and print articles that you select. You only require your college login details. Todd Sprague has kindly placed the link on Seqta.

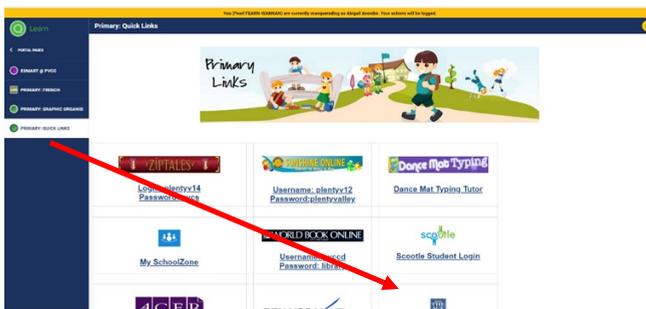
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- Secondary students go to Portal Pages – Secondary Student Links and it is at the bottom of the screen.



- Primary students go Portal Pages – Primary: Quicklinks and it is on the bottom right hand corner of the screen.



It is pretty amazing. I hope you enjoy perusing.

Pearl Fearn-Wannan
Librarian

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BOOK REVIEW

I saw Pete and Pete saw me

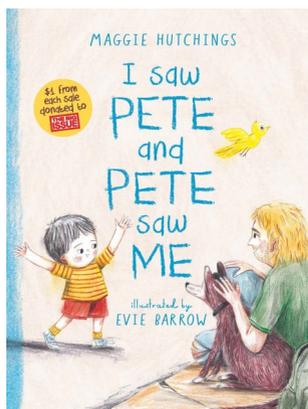
By Maggie Hutchings

A touching picture story book written by Australian author Maggie Hutchings. Maggie is also a counsellor, family-dispute mediator and artist. Her book titled “I saw Pete and Pete saw me” touches on the issue of homelessness and a young boy’s approach to caring for someone less fortunate than himself.

A story about how a young child can impact another’s life and also how their life can be positively changed by caring for others. With the opening line “When you are small and you notice things that grown-ups are too busy to see...” you know it will be a book a child can relate to (and a nice reminder to see things from our children’s perspective).

A great opportunity to chat with your child about what it means to look out for those in need and how their actions can encourage others to do the same.

Regina Brownley
Primary Teacher/Library



SECONDARY SPORT

EISM Virtual X-Country 2020

In the absence of the usual interschool X-Country competition at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster, the EISM are offering schools the opportunity for students to run a 3km track in their own environment and submit their times to the EISM so that age group medallions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd can be awarded across the Association.

All students from the same school will complete the same 3km track where possible – our PVCC course is still TBC but may comprise a 3km track or 3 x 1km loops.

This event is for voluntary sign up and I plan for the keen runners to have the opportunity to run the course during period 5 on a sport day. As it is a virtual X-Country competition, students can run the course multiple times if they like to try and better their time.

Times can be submitted via an activity app e.g. Strava or Runkeeper which also can substantiate that an accurate course and distance has been run.

Sign up at the PE Office! (age groups are taken from 1/1/20)

Helen Padget
Head of Secondary Sport



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5 TENACITY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS

In his latest article, Daniel Merza unpacks 5 tenacity tips to help parents support their child to manage stress and avoid distress so they can finish school strong and create a hopeful future.

Here is the link to the article: <http://www.danielmerza.com/articles/exam-stress-tenacity-tips-for-parents>

[Click here to access a short video for each tenacity tip to also share with parents](#)

CANTEEN

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

Flexischools have 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>

REGISTER



1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.



2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.



3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".



4 Add your students, select their school and class.

ORDER

1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.

2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.

3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.

4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.



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COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS



Create Connect Explore

art therapy group

Discover your creative self, connect with other young people and explore ideas and themes around wellbeing in a supportive group environment.

This is a friendly and accessible space for young people aged 12-25 years who are interested in being creative and connecting with other young people.

No artistic background is required!

We have lots of fun activities and themes running throughout the year book in to make sure you don't miss out!



When

Thursdays
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Where

Online via Microsoft Teams

Contact

Call headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200 for more info or to register



headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health



[Become a Teacher's Aide - Enrolments now open- Certificate III in Education Support \(Begins October 30th 2020\)](#)

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings.

This includes primary, secondary & special development schools & areas of early childhood education.

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