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## EDITORIAL

Last week I ordered the ingredients for our Christmas Day lunch. My daughters are begging me to let them put up the Christmas decorations, and I will probably relent this weekend even though it is way too early! My friends from Sydney are coming down to visit and will celebrate with us very soon, and I will finally be able to visit my family in NSW in just a few weeks. I can feel the joy beginning.

The air of change is swirling and after a long hard year of covid –the simplest of freedoms and traditions seem overwhelmingly good. As Victoria emerges from lockdown like a butterfly from a chrysalis, we think of our SA neighbours heading back into lockdown. Covid has again reminded us that we are vulnerable and that our way of life is sometimes precarious. And yet, the bible tells us that our God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He never changes. He is constant. He is stable, reliable, faithful and never vulnerable. God promises to hide us under the shadow of His wing when the winds of change threaten to push us over. It is interesting that He doesn't always stop the storm, but instead gives us a place of refuge and safety to abide in while it passes.

Our college was founded by a faithful group of families who wanted their children to be educated in a way that helped them to see God at the centre of everything. These families sacrificed much, so that we could enjoy the fruits of their labours today.

I have spoken to a number of people recently, who have reflected that PVCC has been a place of community during covid. They have noted that PVCC staff have cared continuously and sought to give their best, even under such trying circumstances. I believe that this is the work of our amazing God in and through us all, providing a place of refuge from the storm. Sometimes the rain and wind have lashed us, but through it all, we are together and safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of the PVCC community. To our parents who have stuck with us and supported us as we pivoted wildly! Thank you for taking on the role of home educator, even when you were snowed under with your own work and difficulties. Thank you to our wonderful students, who have endured, persisted and learned together, even though they were apart. Thank you to our staff who have dug deep, given a lot from this deep place, and continued to serve our students.

2020 has been a wild ride – and not one we ever chose to ride on, but God has ridden right alongside us and knows when we smiled, cried and sometimes screamed silently. He listens and loves throughout it all.

May I encourage you, as we approach Christmas, to seek the truth of the season once again and reflect on the gift of Jesus that our father God sent us.

Lily McDonald

Deputy Principal



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PVCC: 1981 – 2021



If ever there was a year to get involved in the PVCC community, then 2021 is IT! Throughout the year we will be commemorating the college's 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, marking the occasion from day one at our annual Dedication Service, and threading many other celebrations through the course of the year. A special week of activities is planned for March 22-27, culminating in a whole community Expo Day on Saturday 27 March, and later in the year we will be hosting a formal event to coincide with the completion of the Secondary Walkways renovation project – a ribbon cutting ceremony during the day and dinner in the evening.

We are now calling on parents who would like to form a working group to bring all of these celebrations to life in 2021. We can't do it without you! If events excite you, if you love working as a part of a fun team, and if you are passionate about our college, we want you to join us! Please register your details here <https://www.pvcc.vic.edu.au/parent-helper-sign> and a member of our Community Relations team will get in contact with you.

Mardi Anderson

Head of Community Relations

### ALUMNI

The college will be launching a new Alumni Program in 2021. If you are a recent graduate, past student, past teacher, or a member of one of our founding/first families, and you are unsure if the college has your up-to-date contact information, please email it through to [feedback@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:feedback@pvcc.vic.edu.au). We are very keen to hear from you and include you in the launch of this exciting venture next year.

Jessica Patterson

Community Relations Officer

### Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 24 November

3:45pm - 5:00pm, Primary Library

Card Sales only (no cash)

Range of sizes, reasonable prices

Please contact Jessica Patterson for more details

[jessica.patterson@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:jessica.patterson@pvcc.vic.edu.au)



## FROM THE LIBRARY

### STUDENT ACCESS TO ONLINE TV AND VIDEOS THROUGH PVCC SUBSCRIPTION

PVCC provides access to “ClickView” which is an online platform providing educational video content for Students.

Your child has access to thousands of educational videos on ClickView

#### Content for every year level and subject area

- Our primary video library contains 1000’s of Australian-made educational videos, lesson plans, classroom activities and Blake resources.
- New video releases are produced in conjunction with Australian teachers and added to the library each month.
- ClickView also gives you access to over 20 renowned Australian and international educational producers, as well as free-to-air TV content. There’s plenty to choose from at each learning level across a huge variety of topics.
- Browse a list of the primary videos produced by ClickView for Junior, Middle and Senior primary classes: <https://www2.clickviewcommunity.com/au-primary-miniclips-full-list>

#### Engaging and relevant resources for secondary students

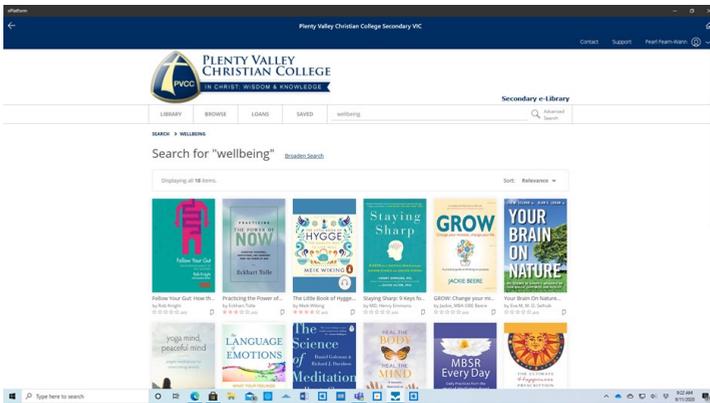
- We curate the best educational videos from the world’s leading content providers and produce our own original videos each month.
- Our videos are mapped to the Australian Curriculum to meet the needs of local secondary schools.
- Videos are supported with printable worksheets that students can use for activities in and out of the classroom.

#### Log in now

- Log in now using your @pvcc.vic.edu.au details: <https://online.clickview.com.au>
- Search for what you’re studying about in class to find videos to support your learning
- Explore [Movies + TV](#) with your family this weekend

Students can’t request titles be added to the PVCC library, however they can access a selection of ratings-appropriate movies and TV content from the Exchange through the [Movies + TV tab](#) once they’ve logged in.

## WHEELERS EPLATFORM WELLBEING COLLECTION

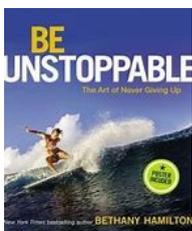


The impact of Covid 19 on our college community this year has created concerns for some students and staff. Celeste Putter, our college psychologist, agreed that it would be a good idea for the library to subscribe to the “Wellbeing” collection in our digital library, Wheelers ePlatform. All you need to do to access this is follow the normal procedures to use ePlatform and in the ‘Search’ box enter wellbeing. The collection will come up on your screen.

Pearl Fearn-Wannan

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## BOOK REVIEW



Be Unstoppable: The Art of Never Giving Up by Bethany Hamilton

An inspiring book pieced together by the courageous surfer Bethany Hamilton. This book is an easy to flip through book for teenage readers. With double page spreads of amazing ocean and surfing images, paired with short, inspiring one sentence quotes on each page, this book is appealing to a wide audience.

Bethany aims to share with readers the promise that God's goodness is evident even in times of adversity. She is transparent about her struggles with depression, insecurity and fear after a shark attack saw her lose her arm in 2003. Her encouragement to others that "God was greater than my hardships" is shown throughout the book. She is passionate about sharing her faith and how it has shaped her perseverance in what matters to her- faith, family and surfing.

"I've had to deal with some big fears: One, my arm's gone, so how am I going to face my future? And two, sharks will always be in the ocean. But I believe we can do amazing things when we focus on our abilities rather than our fears"- Bethany Hamilton

Regina Brownley  
Primary Teacher/Library

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 is available now.

Order online at:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents>

by Monday, 23 November 2020

**NO CASH** accepted at school.

Your order can now be delivered to school.



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## FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

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

### Dates to Diarise

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

[helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au)

Helen Madden - Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator

Careers Newsletter Issue 14

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# Take back your Holidays!

HOLIDAY  
CLUB



Summer Holiday Club bookings open on  
Wednesday, 21st October 2020.

Non-stop action.  
Morning to evening.  
Extraordinary Summer  
Holiday Programs.



Full day of  
adventures  
at HQ

Get hands-on and creative with a day designed around the children's interests, a project-based workshop and more!

- Neon light creations
- Obstacle courses & water games
- Karaoke party
- Vision board mapping
- Hip Hop dance party
- Indian culture & cooking day
- Heaps more!



Embark on  
a journey

Join us on an adventure to visit some new and exciting places. This Summer your children could go to:

- The movies
- Trampoline parks
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Laser Tag
- Tenpin Bowling
- Karate lessons
- Indoor Playgrounds

Please note: we will be following all public health advice, including any necessary cancellations of excursions, etc. We have scheduled lots of fun off-site adventures, but will keep families notified of any changes via email and our website.



All about  
convenience

- Over 200 locations
- Enhanced Hygiene and Social Distancing Measures
- Enriched learning in every activity
- Child Care Subsidy is available to reduce the cost for eligible families



Government  
subsidies  
available for  
eligible families

Register at [pp.campaaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaaustralia.com.au)

Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

**Bookings now open**

[www.campaaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

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## 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 Friday 20 November to Lisa Bootlis [lisa.bootlis@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lisa.bootlis@pvcc.vic.edu.au) if you will be attending. The link to the Zoom meeting will be forwarded closer to the date.

## POSITION VACANT

Education Assistant, part time, fixed term for 2021

Please see the [college website](#) for the position description. Applications close Monday 23 November at 5:00pm

## 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

ESTD **BOB STEWART** 1925

*Our family serving you since 1925*



## REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE

Due to COVID safe plans bubble taps cannot be used at school. Students must bring a water bottle each day to keep hydrated.

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property boxes are located throughout the college. If your child loses an article of clothing, please encourage them to check the lost property box themselves the following day. Please refrain from phoning the college to check for lost property items. Clearly labelling your child's uniform assists in the return of lost items.

## LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 10 December 2020

Friday  
20 November  
Year 11 Exams start

Monday  
23 November  
4yo Kinder  
Orientation  
Possum Group A

Tuesday  
24 November  
4yo Kinder  
Wallaby Group A &  
Prep Orientation

Wednesday  
25 November  
Company Meeting

Thursday  
26 November  
3yo Kinder  
Orientation Group A

Monday  
30 November  
4yo Kinder  
Orientation  
Possum Group B

Tuesday  
1 December  
4yo Kinder  
Wallaby Group B &  
Prep Orientation

Thursday  
3 December  
3yo Kinder  
Orientation Group B

Monday  
7 December  
4yo Kinder  
Orientation  
Possum Group C

Tuesday  
8 December  
Orientation Day  
Prep-Year12 &  
4yo Kinder  
Wallaby Group C

Thursday  
10 December  
3yo Kinder  
Orientation Group C

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## SECONDARY SPORT

The 2020 Football Grand Final was played on Tuesday 17 November between two teams created by the Year 11 students. What once started as a 'muck around' game of football three weeks ago, quickly turned into a competitive few matches. The numbers within the Year 11 cohort were lacking so a pre-season draft had to take place. The Year 11 students quickly looked around to the younger talent of PVCC, scouting the likes of Year 10 student Shannon M and Year 9 students Zac C and Jasper B.



The boys took to the oval three times a week and decided on having a trade period to even out the teams. The captains, Brandon M and Marley L organised the Grand Final date to be on the 17<sup>th</sup> as the VCAL students would be finishing up school soon and the Year 11 Exams were quickly approaching. The Grand Final began, and the Red Team jumped out early and took a commanding lead into half time (25-8) after being considered the underdog going into the game. The game continued into the back end of lunchtime where the teams played out a quality game of football. The final scores were: Red – 45 to Blue – 18.

Best on ground award went to Cooper B who kicked three goals and dominated the midfield. Special mentions to Brandon M who kicked four goals. What an awesome day it was to see the PVCC secondary community come together to play a game we all love.

Marcus Barresi

Secondary Teacher - Health & Physical Education

## EISM VIRTUAL X-COUNTRY 2020

All keen students have been running the 3km onsite virtual X-Country course on their regular sport afternoon. They can also run it in their own time but need to substantiate their time, route and distance via an app such as Strava or Runkeeper for each run and show to Mrs Padget.

It is 3km this year for ALL AGE GROUPS.

Students can run the course multiple times to try and better their time.

Medals will be awarded for fastest times for both our school and across the EISM association.

Congratulations to all runners for having a go! We've had some fantastic times run so far!

Here's some pics of our U16 and Open runners.

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport



## 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](http://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](http://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



### SCHOOL REFUSAL WORKSHOP

An online session focusing on strategies to support young people who are either school refusing or showing signs of struggling to get to school.

Lisa McKay-Brown from Melbourne University and Sonja Van Buuren from Travancore School will take us through reasons why young people may struggle with attendance and will focus on things you can do to support a young person with their education and positive engagement at school.

This session will be very practical and will allow time for questions.

Session suitable for parents/carers as well as youth workers and other professionals working with young people 10 to 18 years.

-  **FREE** online event (zoom)
-  Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm – 5:30pm
-  For more information contact Jess Sayers 9457 9983 [jessica.sayers@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:jessica.sayers@banyule.vic.gov.au)

**Bookings Essential:**  
[eventbrite.com.au/e/school-refusal-workshop-tickets-128442538089](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/school-refusal-workshop-tickets-128442538089)



Open to anyone who works with young people in either or both Banyule & Nillumbik (youth workers, housing workers, teachers, centrelink workers, volunteers etc.)



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