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EDITORIAL

2020 is over and every part of our being wants to be done with the restrictions and changes and move into a normal 2021. However, we have seen how quickly things change so until the vaccine renews our trust in planning, we will always be working with a plan B in mind.

However, for students, school is looking much more normal than last year. For now, masks only need to be worn on buses etc. but assemblies and activities with only PVCC staff and students are almost the way they were. That feeling of freedom will be a big boost to the energy for our activities and celebrations. Unfortunately, that means parents will not yet be able to be part of all the activities we are used to.

I am very optimistic about this year. Last year was very uncertain for school leadership and there was little support for schools from the government. The Board chose to be hopeful and move ahead to support our school community through some modest fee reductions for all, assistance to families in need and honouring support staff and local employment through continuing with contracts. The decision to keeping moving forward with care has meant that we, now, do not have to play catch up with our strategic plan for this year. The secondary walkways project is underway with much digging and preparation in the secondary area. Already we can see how it will improve our college with better all-weather access and give us more covered outdoor-learning areas that can also be used during breaks.

This year we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary. Imagine, 40 years ago, the first classes started after much planning and fundraising. The dedication of a small group of parents has made our present-day college possible. That is worth celebrating.

Staffing in 2021

Firstly, Lisa Watkins has been appointed as Head of the Senior Sub-school. Lisa brings a strong knowledge of Plenty Valley culture, an understanding of our staff team with excellent rapport with our students.

Daniel Symons has joined our secondary team as our new Head of Learning and Teaching in secondary. Dan was a student at PVCC and also did some practice teaching here. There is a rumour that he is related Michael Symons who was also a past student of Plenty Valley.

Jennifer Langford is joining the Plenty Kids team as a co-educator. Jennifer de Silva joins the primary teaching team, while Carla Barrett and Marly Lucas join our education support team.

It is going to be a good year with a strong staff team, time to catch our breath from last year and a year of celebrating our beginnings.

John Metcalfe

Principal



Drop Off on the First Day of School

- Preps and new primary families in Years 1 & 2 – Please park in the sealed carpark, walk across the crossing, and enter the Early Years Building via the side gate. You will be required to sign in at the side gate, and staff will direct you to your child’s classroom. At 8:45am, Prep parents will be invited to enter the classroom, have a photo with their child, collect a special gift, take a minute to say goodbyes, and exit the classroom to return to the carpark.
- New primary families in Years 3-6 – Please park in the sealed carpark and walk your child/ren to the door of their classrooms.
- New secondary families Years 7-12 – For students who are not confident to make their own way to their year level locker areas, please park in the sealed carpark and walk your child/ren to the General Office Reception.

Carpark Flow on the First Day of School

- Existing college families in Years 1 & 2 – The Kiss and Drop area* will be in use until further notice. Please use this if you must, however we would love to encourage independence in the Early Years students, so you are also welcome to park in the sealed carpark and students can use the crossing and enter the building through the side gate.
- All parents – Please reverse into car spaces in the sealed carpark, as this allows for an easier egression into the flow of traffic.

*The college will be encouraging Prep families to be the predominant users of the Kiss and Drop area at the rear of the Early Years Building from the second week of school onwards.

Pick-up on the First Day of School

- Prep parents - Parents will need to wait at the side gate until it is opened by a staff member. Once inside the Early Years yard, parents can wait for their children at the Early Years basketball ring. Teachers will deliver children to parents at this location once the bell has gone. Please be reminded that parents are not permitted to enter the building at the end of the day.
- All parents – Please allow plenty of time and supply grace and patience to all carpark users!

“COVID-Normal” Instructions until further notice

- While the bubbler taps have been turned on once again, all students are reminded to bring their own **water bottles** to use throughout the day.
- Secondary students must carry **masks** with them at all times.
- Parents must remain in the carpark at drop off and pick up times, however they are permitted to meet and chat in small groups in the carpark, where all individuals remain socially-distanced (1.5 metres apart)
- Parents and caregivers cannot attend college assemblies or sporting carnivals as spectators. Please see the blurb on ‘Parent Volunteers’ for more information on how to be involved in upcoming events.
- Student mobile phones must remain in lockers throughout the school day.

2021 CALENDARS

Calendars were handed to students in the final days of Term 4, 2020. If your family has yet to receive a 2021 Calendar, they are available for collection from the General Office Reception area. Please also feel free to ask for a copy for Grandparents; if spare copies are available, we are very happy to share.

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. 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.



EARLY YEARS CANTEEN

Prep to Year 2 students can access the EY Canteen on a Tuesday and a Thursday during recess and lunch. Please see the attached menu.

[Early Years Canteen Menu](#)

Monday 1 February
Students Commence

Wednesday
3 February
No Preps at school on
Wednesdays during
Term 1

Thursday 4 February
Primary Meet the
Teacher Evening

Thursday 4 February
VCE Info Night

Monday 8 February
Year 7 Swimming
starts

Tuesday 9 February
Primary Year 3-6
Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 9 February
Year 7 and 9 Info
Night 6-7pm

Tuesday 9 February
New Parents' Dinner
7-9pm

Thursday 11 February
Secondary House
Swimming Carnival

Monday 15 February
to Friday 19 February
Year 7 Camp

Monday 15 February
Primary Helper
Session Workshops

Tuesday 23 February
College Photo Day

Tuesday 23 February
Plenty Kids Session
Helper Workshops

Wednesday
24 February
Year 7 Immunisations
1st visit

Friday 26 February
Relay for Life Event

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Primary School families are reminded of the Meet the Teacher evening next Thursday 4 February. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher/s, hear year level specific information and see your child's new 2021 classroom.

Two sessions are available 7-7:30pm and 7:30-8pm (repeated presentation).

Please note that due to Covid protocols a limit of 20 people can be in a classroom at one time. So we recommend that only 1 parent from each family is represented on the evening. No students are required to attend.

Please remember to wear your mask and sanitise on entry to the classroom.

We look forward to meeting you all on Thursday 4 February.

Rebecca Matthews

Head of Primary

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Welcome to the 2021 school year! We trust that all our college families have had a restful and enjoyable break.

The Business Office staff are all back on deck after the break and are working hard to get through your emailed account enquiries. We thank you for your ongoing patience during this very busy time and ask you to please take note of the following.

- To qualify for the early payment discount, full payment of fees will need to be made by 12 February 2021. **No early payment discount is provided for payment of fees received after 12 February 2021.**
- Direct any technical and **payment plan issues** directly to **FACTS on 1300 322 871**
- ⇒ Examples include: changes to payment plan frequency (for example fortnightly to monthly, etc) and bank account or credit card changes.
- Send an email to accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au if you need to **change any items on your account** (these requests must be made in writing)
- ⇒ Examples include changes to your child's bus usage, music tuition charges or queries relating to fees charged on your 2021 account.
- For **bus service** requests please complete a [2021 Bus Application form](#) and forward it to accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au, further information about this service, including casual use of the bus service, bus route stops and maps, can be found [here on our website](#).
- ⇒ New students who have completed a 2021 Bus Application requesting use of

the bus service can commence using their required bus from the first day of Term 1. New students must type their name into the BusMinder screen when boarding the bus for each trip. Once student cards are issued, these must then be used to tap on and off the bus service.

- ⇒ Current students are required to use their 2020 student cards to tap on and off the bus service and can commence using the 2021 student cards when they are issued.
- **Conveyance Allowance forms** for the college bus service or private car travel can be completed and forwarded to the Business Office for submission to the state government for assessment, they can be found on our website [here](#). Car Conveyance Allowance rebates are applied to family accounts at the end of each term, and Bus Conveyance Allowance rebates are applied at the end of Term 1 to reflect the annual bus fare inclusive of the bus conveyance allowance.
 - **CSEF Allowance forms** - the Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Allowance is available for application for students of families holding a valid means-tested concession card or for temporary foster parents. For more information about the CSEF Allowance and eligibility criteria visit [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](http://education.vic.gov.au)
- ⇒ If you have applied for the CSEF Allowance in 2020, a new application form for 2021 is not required unless a new student has commenced at the college in 2021, or your family circumstances have changed resulting in a change of name or concession card number.
- ⇒ For new applicants, please email the Business Office at accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au for an application form. **Submissions close on 24 June 2021.**
- Further details regarding the above can be found in the [PVCC 2021 Business Terms](#) which was sent to all families late last year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 will be distributed next week.



Once you've made your selections, you can order through the LOOP page:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Please order by: **Friday 12 February 2021**

CANTEEN



Place your lunch order online through Flexischools - [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>

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents and caregivers play a vital role in the running of the college. Term 1 presents many opportunities for volunteers to help onsite and at various offsite events. All parents wishing to volunteer in any capacity at any college event must hold a valid Victorian Working with Children Check, and a copy of this must be on file at the college Reception.

Upcoming opportunities to volunteer:

- Parent volunteers are needed to run the Early Years Canteen on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45-11:30am and/or 12:30-1:45pm. Parents must have a valid Working With Children Check. If you are interested or would like further details please contact Margaret Vella via email: margaret.vella@pvcc.vic.edu.au.
- Parents and caregivers will be needed to help at the Primary 3-6 House Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 9 February. Please watch for correspondence from Sally Donaldson for ways to be involved.
- Parents and caregivers will be needed to help at the Secondary House Swimming Carnival on Thursday 11 February. Please see page 14 of this newsletter for instructions from Helen Padgett. Volunteer places will be limited – PE staff will contact you if you are a successful volunteer candidate.

Please watch the newsletter each fortnight for more ways you can be involved as a parent or grandparent in this wonderful community!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

This group of valued parents (and friends!) help on a semi-regular basis to draw our community together, run special events, fundraise, and will be a pivotal part of our 40th year celebrations this year. The first meeting for 2021 will be next Tuesday 2 February from 2-3pm in the ELC staff room. If you are interested in being part of this group, please come along next Tuesday. RSVP to Jessica Patterson by 4pm Monday 1 February via email: jessica.patterson@pvcc.vic.edu.au.



MUSIC TUITION

Enrolments for instrumental music lessons are open until mid-February. Please download the Music Tuition 2021 document from SEQTA if you are yet to apply.

PVCC would like to welcome two new instrumental music teachers: Matthew Young (voice) and Malini Chidzey (violin). We are thrilled to have their experience and expertise and are excited for what they will bring to the music department this year.

INTERVIEW WITH NEW STAFF MEMBER DAN SYMONS

Job title:

Head of Learning and Teaching



Job before arriving at PVCC:

Head of Campus at Preshil Secondary School

What was your favourite band 10 years ago:

Good question! I think I was immersing into Christian music at that time, with particular affection for Sons of Korah, although I've always taken great pleasure in the fact that Mumford and Sons were growing in popularity at the time.

What is your favourite holiday destination:

My first instinct is to say Lorne. My grandparents used to own a house right up the back and close enough to wander down to the Erskine River walk. Every day we would wake up among the rainforest bird calls and make our way down to that track, whether to explore further towards the falls or head to the beach to spend the day in the waves. I still remember playing Monopoly in a sun-drenched room, watching kookaburras thump snakes on treetop branches, and eating creamed honey on toast in the dew-scented summer mornings. It was, and remains, the stuff of childhood fantasy and I long to recapture a little bit of it when I go down with my own children.

Do you have any hidden talents:

I know the lyrics to too many Red Hot Chili Peppers songs. I am also a half-decent tennis and Dota 2 player (ask your kids).

What was the best thing you did over the summer break:

After volunteering at the amazing [Family Camp in Philip Island](#), we took the ferry over to Queenscliff and journeyed onto Bimbi Park in Cape Otway. The highlight of this leg was doing the Otway Fly Zipline Tour.



What footy team do you go for/What is your favourite sport:

I'm a lacklustre Hawthorn supporter with enduring affection for the Cats. I used to be very passionate about watching tennis, but nothing seems to feel right since Pat Rafter retired.

What has been something that has pleasantly surprised you lately:

How much space we have at PVCC! Coming from a school where we had to scrape together every square inch for COVID-safe classrooms in Kew, being able to stretch out and look out into the hills is liberating for the soul. I also cannot express how grateful I am to be working in a Christian community again; having been and gone

and now returned, I can tell you that it is so easy to take for granted the grace woven into the fabric of Christ-centred cultures.

What is your deep hope for the students of PVCC:

I love this question. Ultimately, I hope that students at PVCC, from ELC to alumni, are exercising their faith to make a positive difference in the world.

One of the more desperate needs in the world today is empathy for people who think differently to us. Polarisation and political tribalism threaten to divide, where groups of people use shorthand, derogatory language to dismiss the views (and identities) of other groups. Some people have fallen down conspiracy rabbit-holes, and some people sit in judgement over people who have fallen down conspiracy rabbit-holes. I hope we can truly learn to love one another by listening well. If Jesus himself humbles himself to regard our own faulty and incomplete thoughts (Hewbrews 4:15), it might be something we should aspire to do for others.

EDIFY: CREATIVE WRITING MAGAZINE

Hello aspiring writers!

It's time to get your pencils out and begin drafting your next piece of writing for the next issue of Edify!

Edify is a creative writing magazine for the people of PVCC. If you love to write and you are a student, teacher, parent or somehow associated with PVCC, we'd love for you to send your piece of writing in for consideration in our magazine.

Submissions must address the theme and can be in many styles and genres: stories, poetry, articles, reports, descriptions, academic papers and many more.

The theme for the 2021 issue is: The Future.

So get writing and we look forward to seeing what you produce!

The Edify Team

michael.symons@pvcc.vic.edu.au

FOOTLOOSE AUDITIONS!

We are going to start our audition process on Tuesday 2 February. There is information and audition lists in the window of the Secondary Music Room.



To be involved you must sign up for a lunchtime listed that is convenient for you. There are a variety of days for each type of audition. You must also collect the audition scripts and sheet music and you **must practise** before your audition. There is also a website for you to visit so you can hear the music.

<https://footlooseauditions.weebly.com/song-selections.html>

We will be using this for your audition so it is important that you **practise reading all the scripts and singing the song you have selected** in reference to the website above.

We will be auditioning generally this time, rather than auditioning for each character, however you will have the opportunity to tell us which character you are interested in, and this should influence your song choice for the audition.

At this stage our rehearsal schedule will include Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes and Monday after school. This will need to be confirmed.

EXCITING AND BUSY TIMES ARE AHEAD!

Jo Roberts and Lucy Watson

Production Team

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 27 March, 12pm - 5pm at PVCC!

Watch this space for more exciting developments over the coming weeks!



SECONDARY WALKWAYS PROJECT UPDATE

The capital improvement project for our secondary school is well and truly underway. While the end result is going to bring tremendous improvements to our learning and outdoor spaces, the next few months are going to be a challenge for students and staff as they navigate their way around a significantly impacted environment.

The map shows the area of the secondary school now blocked off and in full construction mode. The barricades must be respected by all staff and students; the construction zone belongs to the construction company, and any staff or student found behind the safety barricades is at risk of trespassing. For everyone's safety,

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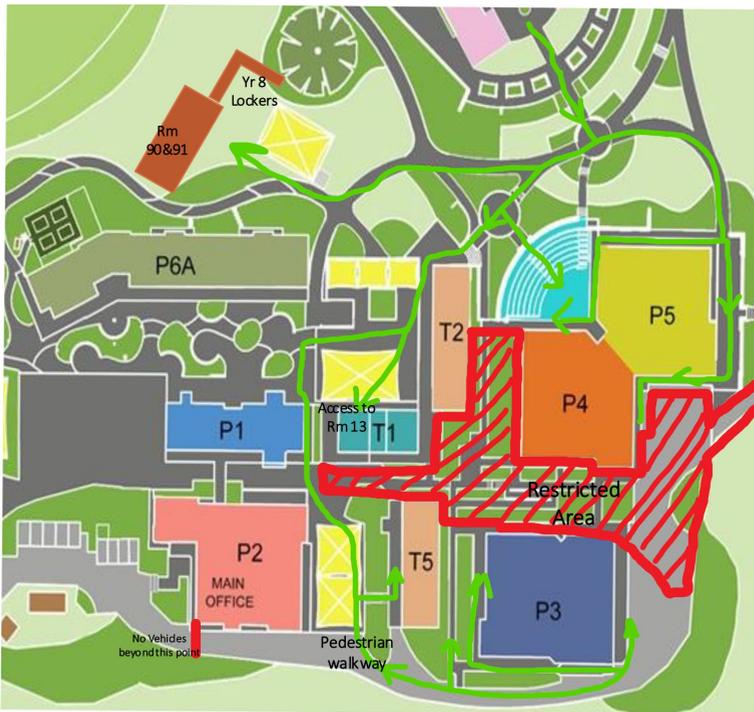
it is paramount that all signs are obeyed.

Students and staff will need to plan for the impact the blocked pathways will have to their everyday routines. Please see the list below for approximate walk times from various locations around the college to the classrooms in the impact zone:

FROM	TO	APPROX. WALK TIME
Year 12 common room/ lockers	Library Hub/Staff Room	4:10 mins
Gym	Library Hub/Staff Room	3:30 mins
Year 11 lockers	Food Tech Room	3:20 mins
Year 11 lockers	Art/Media/Wood Tech Rooms	3:50 mins

The 2021 secondary timetable now offers a 5 minute gap between periods to allow students enough time to move between classrooms.

A new pair of demountable classrooms have been set up on the hill overlooking the primary oval, and the Year 8 locker area has been moved here also.



New classrooms and Year 8 Locker Bay

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SECONDARY SPORT – 2021

Some Important Sporting Notes!

PE/Sport Uniforms

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct college PE/Sport uniform. It is imperative that your child has the correct uniform to participate in both EISM Sport and PE classes. Many of our interschool EISM teams are supplied with a PVCC specific team uniform. These are loaned to students for the season & should be changed into at recess and then removed after the match if time permits prior to home travel. Any student losing or damaging their team top will be billed for the replacement item.

Correct footwear is also paramount at PVCC. Runners and cross-trainers are the only acceptable types of footwear for PE/Sport. This is not only a safety issue as a reasonable tread on the sole of the shoe is required to minimize slipping but also a practical issue to ensure the foot is reasonably protected and supported.

It is also imperative that your child has their own correct personal safety equipment for their particular sport.

Compulsory Safety Equipment for Sports Include:

Hockey – Shin Guards & Mouth Guard

Soccer – Shin Guards, (boots are highly encouraged)

Football – Mouth Guard, (boots are highly encouraged)

Indoor Cricket – Box

Indoor Soccer – Shin Guards

EISM Interschool Secondary Sport Restructure

The EISM has undergone a restructure in terms of divisions for the 21 member schools for 2021.

Plenty Valley will participate in the North-East Conference of the Eastern Division.

The plan is for Eastern Division to feature the two Conference Grand Finals followed by a Divisional Grand Final the following week for the two Eastern Conference winners.

Advantages of restructure

Hopefully reduced travel time overall within each Conference is envisaged due to generally closer proximity of schools.

Gender neutral sports where boys & girls will play most of the sports offered.

Some new sports have been added and some of the regular sports may have been allocated to a different term.

7 schools per Conference allows for improved competition integrity where all schools play each other once.

Sun Smart

Please make sure your child has one of the school issue hats in order to participate in PE/Sport classes particularly in Terms 1 & 4. It is also recommended that students bring their own sunscreen for times when there is no shade and hats are impractical to wear. Sunscreen is always available from the PE Office for PE & Sport and at carnivals.

Late Returns

In order to continue to provide our students with quality sports competition PVCC participates in the Eastern Independent Schools' Melbourne association. PVCC has the greatest distances to travel within this competition and it is vital that each team play their matches to full time, which means that late returns to school are sometimes unavoidable. This was never a problem for this school in the past, but with increasing traffic and local roadworks there may be the odd occasion when students may miss their buses home if we are running a little late from distant sporting venues. This may require students to make alternative arrangements to travel home. We ask for your full support in this matter. Sport staff will contact the college to report expected arrival times if a late return is anticipated and parents will be contacted by the General Office if required. Students are also able to contact parents from the bus if they are going to be late back.

Please be assured we will not leave your child stranded at the college.

Students are able to wait at the General Office for collection if required.

Lunch orders on sport days

Can I please request that families avoid lunch orders from the canteen on your child's sport day should your child be selected in an EISM team. The previously mentioned long bus trips necessitate a timely departure from school and visits to the canteen prolong this process. Buses cannot afford to wait for latecomers at the canteen and students have been informed of this.

Upcoming Term 1 Sport & House Carnivals

Term 1 is very busy in terms of SPORT.

YEAR 7 – Mondays – Swimming & athletics

YEAR 8/9 – Thursdays – Sport Education in EISM team sports & athletics

YEAR 10 – 12 – Wednesdays – EISM summer interschool sport competition

HOUSE CARNIVALS

We have the House Swimming Carnival in Week 2 on Thursday 11 February at Aquarena in Doncaster and the House Athletics Carnival is in Week 7 on Tuesday 16 March at the Meadowglen Athletics Stadium in Epping.

All students will have the opportunity to sign up at house meetings for various activities including the usual swimming & athletics events as well as fun novelty events and event helpers. It is expected that all students can contribute in some way to their house at these compulsory whole secondary school community carnivals. Dress up themes for each carnival are also decided prior at house meetings as well as a house chant for the athletics carnival.

CARNIVAL SPECTATORS Term 1 – Unfortunately there can be **NO SPECTATORS** at our house carnivals for the foreseeable future.

CARNIVAL PARENT VOLUNTEERS Term 1 – Parents able to help out at our sporting carnivals are welcome as usual this term within the event Covid guidelines around social distancing, hand sanitization etc.

There will be a reduced number of parent jobs available (such as being a place judge or timekeeping) as carnivals will run with the minimum numbers of officials required for a workable event to minimize risk. Parent duties will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please contact me below if you're keen on a full day (preferable) or half day to help us out at any carnival(s).

Rebel Sport

If you are shopping at **REBEL SPORT**, please consider supporting the college by participating in the member program which gives valuable funds back to the school for sporting equipment. When making your purchase please state that you are from PVCC and then the college receives 5% of all total purchases made in each quarter as reward \$.

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport/Gym Manager

helen.padget@pvcc.vic.edu.au / 0428 230 958

PVCC SECONDARY HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021

The Secondary House Swimming Carnival will be held at **Doncaster Aquarena Outdoor 50m Swimming Pool in Week 2 on Thursday 11 February**. We aim for every student to take part in at least one event. This is a **compulsory carnival** for all students in Years 7-12. More information will be emailed closer to the event.

Any parent who would like to officiate on the day, please email me at the college (helen.padget@pvcc.vic.edu.au). A full day is preferred given the reduced numbers of parent officials who are permitted to assist this year and to reduce risk. Social distancing & sanitisation etc will be required for parent volunteers as well as a current WWC.

Unfortunately no family spectators are permitted this year.



SPORTS UNIFORM

Year 7 students will need to wear their sports uniform on their sport day (Mondays) and on the days that they have a double period of Health and Physical Education.

Year 7 Swimming starts on Monday 8 February. More information will follow soon.

UNIFORM SHOP - UNI HILL STORE

Please visit the Bob Stewart website for the opening hours.

<https://www.bobstewart.com.au/products/plenty-valley-christian-college>

The uniform policy is available on the [College website](#).

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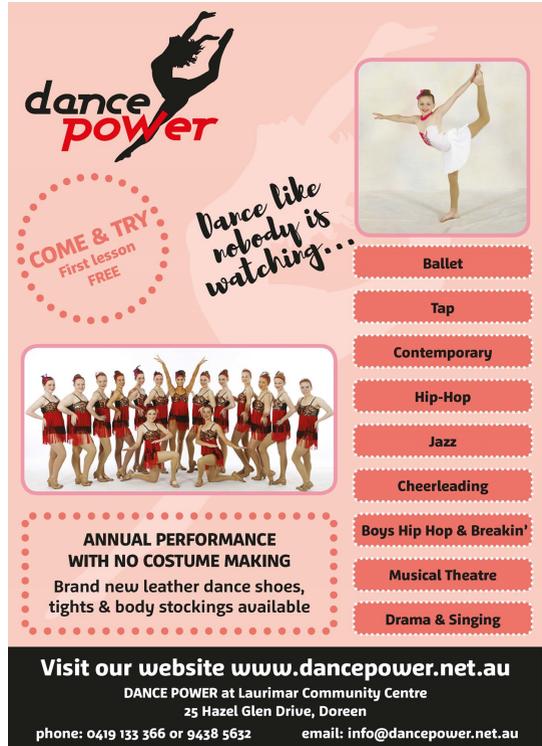
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DIAMOND CREEK WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB DCWFC Pre-Season Training

DCWFC are very excited to get season 2021 started. We cannot wait to see you all come back and have a kick.

Location: Diamond Hills Reserve (244 Plenty River Drive, Greensborough)

Training Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Snr's - 6.30pm to 8.30pm commencing 28th Jan.

Jnr's Commencing Thurs 11th Feb.

U10's & U12's - 5pm to 6pm

U14's Red & Blue - 5pm to 6pm

U16's Red & Blue - 5.30pm to 6.30pm

U18's - 6pm to 7pm

New players welcome for all age groups.

For enquiries contact:

Karyn Tait registrations@dcwfc.com.au M: 0419356413

Ruth Bailey secretary@dcwfc.com.au M: 0438051887

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Visit: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars to find more information.

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Term 1

Topic: eSafety’s guide to cyberbullying and online drama

Dates:

Safer Internet Day

- 9 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- 10 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
- 10 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- 15 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

- 22 March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Term 2

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

- 4 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
- 5 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
- 6 May 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Term 3

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

- 28 July 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
- 29 July 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Child Protection Week

- 7 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
- 9 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Term 4

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

- 19 October 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- 20 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
- 21 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



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9AM – 4PM

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My vision for BEYOND YOUR NOW Conference 2021 to ENCOURAGE many who are facing challenging Life Journeys.

In hearing from everyday women of faith who have gone before us through overwhelming challenges, we will gain courage to move BEYOND our own circumstances.

The BEYOND Team is delighted to support Christina's vision. We agree that each of us need friendly SUPPORT and LOVE as we journey through life.

If you, or someone you love is going through a difficult season, BEYOND YOUR NOW Conference 2021 is for you.

All profits from ticket sales to be distributed to the following organisations our speakers represent



'When we come together, we become COMMUNITY. When we share stories and discover others who are on a similar path, we connect and feel a part of something bigger. We can move BEYOND to become encouraging and spur each other on!'

Beyond your Now
HOPE BEYOND YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

Women's Conference
Saturday, 24 April, 2021
9am - 4pm
Whittlesea Secondary College

ABOUT US



BEYOND is inspired by a passion to reach out to people who are hurting due to painful life circumstances. Founded by school chaplain Christina Matthews, BEYOND is here to support you!

Over the past ten years, Christina and her family have opened up their home to provide short and long-term crisis accommodation for people struggling with challenging life situations.

The Matthews family have continued to love and support those affected by family breakdown, mental health issues, domestic violence, substance abuse, illness and loss. This has fed Christina's passion to offer something more to the wider community.

Four women of faith will deliver their personal heartbreaking, yet inspirational stories of HOPE that you will not want to miss!

When we are brave enough to share our stories, we discover we are not alone. Don't miss the opportunity to befriend other courageous women and share your own stories, over a cuppa, in a safe and comfortable place.

We are better together! So, we encourage you to come along and invite your neighbours, sisters, colleagues and friends.



Topic: BEYOND Mental Illness
Speaker: Mariska Meldrum

Mariska is passionate about encouraging other women struggling with mental illness, to live with hope. Mariska herself was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder at 18.

Be encouraged by Mariska's story, BEYOND mental health there is Hope.



Topic: BEYOND Losing a Child
Speaker: Lynda Wake

Author of Heartbreakingly Beautiful and co-author of Beneath the Baobab Tree.

Lyn will share about the loss of her daughter and her legacy BEYOND the trauma and grief.



Topic: BEYOND Domestic Violence
Speaker: Kerryn Robertson

Author of Rekiah's Law

Be inspired by Kerryn's fight for others BEYOND the violence that took her daughter.



Topic: BEYOND Divorce
Speaker: Kathryn Pitlman

Co-Author of My Story, My Song.

Hear Kathy's 'Brady Bunch' story of hope BEYOND marriage breakdown and divorce.

Because we are Christ's Image Bearers, we:
Build Community