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## EDITORIAL

Every year brings something new.

40 years ago, way back in 1981, I was looking forward to my last year of university. I had completed my degree in Physical Chemistry the year before and was about to embark on a Diploma of Education that would unleash me upon unsuspecting maths, science, chemistry and physics students. The previous three years were occasionally fun, and I learned a great deal, developed some good laboratory skills, almost took up an honour's year working on the cutting-edge Flinders University electric car program and developed an interest in these new compact personal computers. As I look back it was an exciting time of innovative technology growth. But all I have ever wanted to do was teach and 40 years later I am still interested in other things, but I still love schools, kids and teaching.

At the same time, I was considering my career opportunities, a group of parents from the Doreen and the surrounding area were rejoicing at the beginning of Doreen Christian School. The move to the present site was still months away but the school, which was to later be renamed Plenty Valley Christian School, was underway with 15 students. The previous 10 or so years had been a hard slog following the original vision, raising money, finding land and finding a way through council red tape to allow a school on to its present site. With the distractions and challenges these parents forged ahead because they loved kids and had a vision for a school that offered a quality education with a strong basis in the gospel truth of serving the Lord by serving others. Many of the early pioneers and workers did not even see their own children at the college but grandchildren did attend.

I am grateful to be able to lead this college in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Lord through partnering with families. After beginning in demountable classrooms in 1981, 40 years later we are undertaking a significant refurbishment of the secondary section of the college improving access, covered areas and covering verandas. There are so many geographical challenges with the work site in the middle of our secondary school, but we look forward to the big difference it will make to our teaching and caring for students. And there are even more plans in

the years ahead.

Buildings and facilities change over 40 years, but the vision for a school that is genuinely based on a Christian worldview is still strong and guiding our plans.

John Metcalfe

Principal



## EXPO DAY

EXPO DAY is only 6 weeks away!

PVCC has a rich history of hosting carnivals, car boot sales, trash and treasure markets, and many other wonderful community events on our property here in Doreen. This year, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our college, we are harkening back to days gone by and hosting “Expo Day” - a major event for the whole PVCC community on Saturday 27 March\*. From 12pm-5pm, the college oval will be teeming with carnival rides for kids of all ages (and big kids too!), food vans, dodgem cars, inflatable fun houses, roving entertainers, student performers and much more.

**EXPO DAY**

PLENTY VALLEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
**40 YEARS CELEBRATION**  
SATURDAY 27 MARCH  
12PM-5PM

CARNIVAL RIDES  
ROVING ENTERTAINERS  
FOOD VANS  
CAR BOOT SALE  
PONY RIDES  
OPEN DAY EXHIBITION  
PVCC MUSEUM

The carpark behind the MPH will transform into a car boot sale – an Edsmart notice will be sent to all families in the coming week seeking keen participants (spaces will be limited and a small fee will be charged to secure each booking). Inside the MPH, visitors will be taken on a journey through PVCC’s 40 years, and an exhibition of our current, school will be on display.

There are so many opportunities to be involved! Please contact the college office if you would like more information.

\*The college is going to great lengths to ensure this is a COVID-Safe event. We will proceed as long as Government regulations allow us to do so.

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## CALENDAR UPDATES

- Early Years Prep-Year 2 Walk-a-thon has been moved to **Monday 29 March**.
- Junior Year 3-6 House Cross Country has been moved to **Tuesday 30 March**.
- Relay for Life event has been moved to next term, **Friday 30 April**.

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## PRIMARY PARENT VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

For Primary parents wishing to help out in the classroom or at special events when covid restrictions allow.

Monday 15 February 2021

Early Years Building – please sign in at reception

9:00 - 10:00 am or 6.30 - 7.30 pm

RSVP not required

\*\*If you have completed a workshop in the last 2 years you are exempt from having to participate this year.

\*\*Please ensure you update your WWCC with the college office if necessary.

In line with current covid restrictions **masks** must be worn when indoors and social distancing requirements applied.

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## 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 **updated menu**.

[Early Years Canteen Menu](#)

Monday - Friday  
15 - 19 February  
Year 7 Camp

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Monday 15 February  
Primary Helper  
Session Workshops

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Wednesdays  
No Preps during term  
1 on Wednesdays

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Tuesday 23 February  
College Photo Day

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Tuesday 23 February  
Plenty Kids Session  
Helper Workshops

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Wed 24 February  
Year 7 Immunisations  
1st visit

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Tuesday 2 March  
Catch-up & Sibling  
Photos

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Monday 8 March  
Labour Day  
Public Holiday

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Tuesday 9 March  
Plenty Kids Session  
Helpers Begin

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Tuesday - Friday  
9 - 12 March  
Year 5 Camp

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Monday - Friday  
15 - 19 March  
Year 6 Camp

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Tuesday 16 March  
Secondary House  
Athletics Carnival

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Saturday 27 March  
40th Year  
Anniversary  
Celebrations

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Monday 29 March  
Prep-Year 2  
Walk-a-thon

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Tuesday 30 March  
Year 3-6 House Cross  
Country

## CANTEEN CLOSURE

Due to unforeseen alterations to the building schedule related to the secondary walkways project, the college canteen will need to close, effective from the end of lunch on Friday 12 February. While this change will have a reduced impact on our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students, the canteen closure will directly affect students in Years 3 - 12.

### Prep – Year 2 students



For the foreseeable future, we will run an amended lunch order menu for the Early Years students where lunch orders can continue through the Flexischools online ordering app, but only for Prep, Year 1 & 2 students. Early Years students can also continue to purchase small snack items through their pop-up canteen in the Early Years building on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Years 3 – 12 students

To cater for all the snack and lunch needs of our students in Years 3 - 12, a Tasty Fresh Food Company food van will arrive onsite during lunch times from Monday 15 February.

College leadership have given careful consideration to an altered menu and have removed drinks with high sugar content, as well as other confectionary items from the van's menu. The van will service students with fresh sandwiches, pies, salad rolls and wraps, hot rolls, pastries, salad packs, and sushi, and a small range of drinks. Please see below for the proposed menu and price ranges of items.

Our senior students (and staff!) will be happy to know that the food van accepts EFTPOS and cash payments.

Students will be informed of the location of the van before lunchtime on Monday.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding as we navigate the complexities of such a large building project while students and staff are onsite.



**Tasty Food Van Menu**

## NEW PARENT DINNER

On a perfect summer's evening earlier this week we held our New Parent Dinner at the college, welcoming new families into our community.

The night provided many of them with their first opportunity to experience the college in person following many interactions needing to move to online last year. Over the course of the evening they heard about the history and values of the college, foundations of teaching, programs and first hand experiences from members of the board, senior leadership and college captains, while being entertained with beautiful music from some of talented senior students and served by members of our Parents and Friends group, staff and college captains.

It also gave them an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents and staff. A very big thank-you to the many people involved in making the night a success!



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Newsletter

# A warm welcome from Camp Australia

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and to Camp Australia. For those who know us, Camp Australia may look a little different than you remember, but we are still here to provide a supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow through engaging experiences.



## Your OSHC.

Introducing *Your OSHC* by Camp Australia, our tailored Before School, After School and Pupil Free Day experiences. At *Your OSHC*, we aim to inspire your child to grow into who they want to be. They can enjoy intentional experiences guided by our engaged educators, so all children can learn, grow and have fun.



### Welcome

Welcome back to school! Hope you all had a fun & relaxing summer break. We have a huge year planned at OSHC for 2021, and are excited to share it with you all! Have a great week.

### Activities we're running over the next 2 weeks:

- Karaoke (with our new karaoke machine)
- Construction Challenges
- Cooking Experiences
- Playground Games
- Valentine's Day Craft
- Water Activities (if the weather permits)
- Competitions



### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



### What's on this term

- Rocketeers Launch
- Virtual Parent Information Sessions
- Handball Championships
- Plus more to come!

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## COLLEGE PHOTO DAY - TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

You will receive a personalised order form for your child in the next few days. Please place your **order online by 4 March**. Receive a FREE 20x25cm B&W print and bookmark when you order online before photo day!

School Photos are scheduled for **Tuesday 23 February**. (Please note this will **not** include Plenty Kids Kinder children or sibling photos. Further information about this will be sent.)

The students' individual photos taken on the day will double as their identification photos for the 2021 Student ID Cards.

For year 7 families, we realise you may have decided to put off buying a school blazer until term two, so on the day we will assess whether there are enough blazers to take year 7 home group photos with blazers, or whether we will take photos of these three classes without blazers. Every other secondary student is expected to bring their blazer to school on Tuesday 23 February for photos.

Please note jumpers will not be worn for photos, and all other uniform requirements remain as normal, including jewellery, socks and make-up. Hair will need to be tied up as per normal schools days (year 12's may wear their hair down for individual photos only).

### Upcoming photo day:

2 March - Sibling photo day and catch-up photos. All sibling orders must be placed before Tuesday 2 March.

## JUNIOR HOUSE SWIMMING

The year 3-6 students travelled to Whittlesea Pool on Tuesday 9 February for the Junior House Swimming Carnival. They had selected which events they wanted to represent their House in the week prior (freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, freestyle relay, noodle relay & kickboard relay) and were excited for the day. For every event that the students competed, they earned points towards their House. These points were collated and the results are below. Students in the 10, 11 and 12/13 year old age group had their heats timed and the fastest times will be selected to represent our school at District Swimming on Monday 22 February.

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff, house captains and parent volunteers who contributed to this day, it was a fantastic day for the school community.

1<sup>st</sup> – Crichton 822 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Schippers 796 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Meers 700 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Upton 628 points



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## SECONDARY SPORT

Early morning swimming training begins on Wednesday 17 February following the house carnival this week.

Training sessions are at 7:00 am at Diamond Creek Pool on Wednesday and Friday mornings until our EISM Div 3 carnival on Thursday 11 March.

All are welcome to attend training run by PVCC alumni Prue Wilson.

Swimmers make their own way to the pool and a bus will bring everyone back to PVCC in time for the school day.

Training can assist your child to improve their times should they be selected in the College team based on house carnival results. Training can also benefit students who would like to try and make the team, as time trial challenges can be swim. Stroke technique, relay changeovers and dive starts are also a focus in these valuable sessions.

As parent permission is required prior to attending swim training, students are required to sign up at the PE Office, receive an info letter and a permission request will then be sent electronically.

Looking forward to an exciting and rewarding swim season!

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport



## Plenty Valley Ballkids at Australian Open

Nathan P and brother Simon were both selected as ballkids for the Australian Open this year and are revelling in the experience!

Nathan has been a ballkid for a number of years at Melbourne Park and has been doing some big matches on the main arenas.



Simon is in his first year and is aspiring to the big time! Nathan is on the baseline and Simon at the net. Well done guys!!

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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

- Year 10 Work Experience 21 June - 25 June 2021 (more information will be sent to parents next week)

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**

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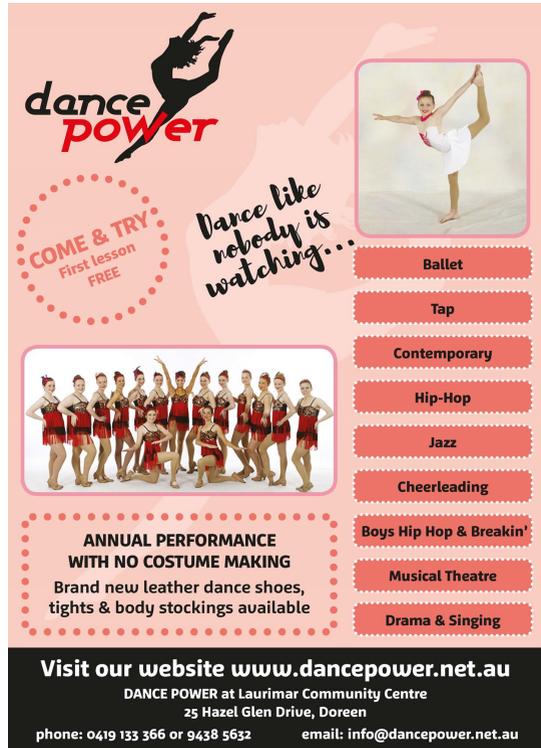
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**YARRAMBAT NETBALL CLUB**

We are currently looking for new players to join our family friendly club for this season, games commence Saturday 13th of February.

We are in need of players in 11&U, 13&U and 15&U age groups.

All abilities are welcome.

Training: Monday nights 4:15pm – 5:30pm

At Yarrambat War Memorial Park, Iron Bark Rd

Games: Saturday Morning's (School Term's Only)

Diamond Creek Outdoor Netball Courts

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or email

[president@yarrambatnetballclub.org.au](mailto:president@yarrambatnetballclub.org.au)

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#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Education assistants/teacher aides
- Support workers (working with children with disabilities)

#### COURSE DETAILS:

**DATES:** Mon 15 Feb. to Mon 13 Sept. 2021  
(with initial half day workshop on 14/12/20)

**DURATION:** 24 sessions, 2 workshops + 100 hr placement

**TIME:** 9.15am to 3.15pm

**VENUE:** Merrilands Community Centre

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- are more resilient - this means change and stress are easier to deal with
- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success - Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Evidence shows that the earlier the intervention the greater the impact - it's never too early or too late to learn how to better connect with your teen and teach them important life skills!

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**When:** Tuesdays 10am – 12pm, from 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb to 30<sup>th</sup> March (six consecutive weeks)

**Contact:** Leah (9450 4728) or Candice (0417 047 426) from Family Services

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