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EDITORIAL

Last time I wrote to you, we talked about Learning Courageously. Thank you for your positive feedback and support in this area. This week, I would like to approach a second value. Because we are Christ's image bearers, we: Strive for Excellence.

This is a much-used phrase and can be used almost as a glib response at times. As PVCC is a Christ-centered community, let us explore together what it might really mean to strive for excellence.

Let's break this down and really think about it. The root of the word strive, comes from the Greek word – agonizomai, from which the English word – agonize is derived. This gives you the heart behind striving. To strive is to put serious effort into something, to press into it and to work hard to make something happen over a long period of time. Striving takes effort, resilience and perseverance and certainly doesn't happen in a flash! The apostle Paul knew what it was to strive. He reminds us in Colossians 1:29 "To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

So, we know that we are working hard toward something – excellence – but what does that mean? Is it coming top of the class or first in a race? Perhaps for some. Could you come last in a race and still be striving for excellence? Yes – you can. Matt Hann says that "Excellence is not a set level of quality or perfectionism. It's an ever-changing dynamic in both our personal journey and the collective journey of our teams."

The key word is - striving. To reaching toward the highest level of skill, knowledge, character development and emotional intelligence that each individual is capable of at the stage of life and circumstances that they are in.

There are some students for whom just turning up to class is quite a feat some days. It requires striving and is the highest level they can achieve at that time. For others, getting an A in a test takes very little effort. For that student, excellence means pushing themselves to gain deeper understanding, providing fullness in their test answers and giving more than is minimum for a grade.

We don't strive in our own strength. We are, as Christ's image bearers, given gifts, talents and traits. We are raised in families and in communities who help us to foster those things and finally it is each individual's own responsibility, to take what they have been given, to work with the circumstances around them and to take hold of the opportunities presented, to pursue, strain, endure and strive

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toward being the most developed in character, knowledge, skill and value-filled person that they can be.

Lily McDonald

Deputy Principal



RELAY FOR LIFE

What a wonderful night PVCC's annual Relay for Life was on Friday 28 April! The Secondary Senate did an outstanding job putting together the entire event.

Starting with a whole college assembly in the Multi Purpose Hall to reflect on the meaning of the event and how funds raised are used to fight back against cancer, students then walked in their year levels behind the inspiring banners they had made to the Primary oval to start completing laps together. With beautiful weather, a magnificent sunset!, a well-planned set up and a variety of engaging activities and entertainment throughout the evening, there was something for everybody.

In fact, it was the best attended Relay For Life at PVCC for many years, and **over \$13,000 was raised - a fantastic community effort!**

One of the highlights was again the commemorative hour from 9-10pm, with Mrs Fiona Naccari sharing her powerful story through cancer, and time for reflection by candlelight for many families and individuals in our college community whose lives have been touched by cancer.

A big thanks to all who were involved and came to support the event. We are looking forward to seeing it continue to go from strength to strength in coming years.



PVCC Community Relations & Secondary Senate



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Newsletter



Camp Australia News!

On May 2nd, the finals of the Camp Australia National Handball Competition took place. It was the biggest handball competition ever run in Australia, and ran across seven states.

The championships started late in Term 1 with 4,600 children participating in Your OSHC competitions, and over 9,000 competitors battling it out during our Rocketeers Autumn Holiday program. Rebecca Ramsay took the prize as the PVCC Handball Champion and went on to play in one of 12 Regional Finals held across the country with chance of winning the grand prize of \$1,000.

Rebecca played at the Regional Finals held at Marymede Catholic College. She demonstrated focus and endurance in both victory and defeat, and after several knockout rounds, made it into the Grand

Final. She was the only girl to qualify, scoring enough points throughout the day. The final match was fierce and intense, but Rebecca gave it her all and played excellently against some talented competition.

Unfortunately, she didn't take the grand prize, but to make it into the top 4 Handball players in the North region of Victoria is an outstanding achievement in itself. We are all very proud of her.

So, congratulations Rebecca!



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.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.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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EARLY YEARS CANTEEN

Parent volunteers are needed to run the Early Years Canteen on Tuesdays from 10:45-11:30 am.

Parents must have a valid Working With Children Check. If you're interested or would like further details please contact Margaret Vella at reception on 97177400, margaret.vella@pvcc.vic.edu.au.

EARLY DEPARTURE

As part of day-to-day life, we understand that there are times where students need to leave school during the day, to attend medical appointments and emergency situations.

Please remember to follow the procedure for early departures, as the college has a legal duty of care for all our students. It is important not to text your child during the day (and they should not have their phone with them during school hours).

To ensure good communication and the safety of all students:

An email should be sent to the classroom/homegroup teacher, and copying in the general office (office@pvcc.vic.edu.au), indicating the time the parent/guardian wishes to pick up the child and the reason for the early departure. Without a written note, the child will not be allowed to leave the classroom. To avoid disruption to classes, students will only be called over the PA system during recess or lunchtime.

1. If an adult other than the parent/guardian is to pick up the child, this should also be clearly indicated. Proof of identity will be required in these circumstances.
2. The adult collecting the child should report to the General Office (for junior, middle and senior years students) or Reception (for early years students) and request that the child is called to the office/reception foyer. Parents should not go to the classroom.
3. Students are to be signed out using the iPads at the General Office or Reception.

We thank you for working together with college staff, to ensure that students are safe and learning is not compromised.

Friday 14 May
NAPLAN catch-up

Friday 14 May
Vic Careers Show

Monday 17 May
Early Years Athletics
Carnival

Tuesday 18 May
OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 19 May
Year 10 Morrisby
Testing

Wednesday 19 May
National
Simultaneous Story
Time

Tuesday 25 May
Plenty Kids Photos -
Joey Group

Wednesday 26 May
Plenty Kids Photos -
Possum & Wallaby
Groups

**Monday 31 May -
Friday 4 June**
Year 7 Camp

**Monday 7 June -
Friday 11 June**
Year 10 & 11 Exams

Wednesday 9 June
VCE GAT Exam

Monday 14 June
Public Holiday
Queen's Birthday

**Year 10 Work
Experience**
Monday 21 June -
Friday 25 June

Primary French Day
Monday 21 June

COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN

It's just over a week away until our Colour Explosion Fun Run event on Friday 21 May, for Plenty Kids and Primary students!

What time will the run take place and how long will it take?

Plenty Kids 11:15am – midday (Joey's have the option to take part if a parent or guardian chooses to bring them along and supervise their child).

Primary from 12pm – 3pm, class times advised next week

Each class will run for approximately for 15-20 minutes together through a series of fun obstacles around the Primary oval. The event will be run by our Parent and Friends Group, community relations and teachers, with parent volunteers.

What should students wear?

A white T shirt (or light coloured t-shirt) is best so the colour shows up. Old pants, socks, and shoes are also a good idea as they may get colour powder on them as well. Students can come to school dressed in their running gear, ready to go (apart from Year 5 and 6, who should come in their sports uniform ready for Interschool sport with a change of clothes for the Colour Explosion). Students should bring a change of clothing for after the Colour Explosion Fun Run. Sunglasses will be provided to all students on the day for eye protection, as well as a bright headband/sweatband to wear if they wish.

Is it too late to start or continue to fundraise?

Definitely not! Fundraising can take place until Friday 21 June, 2 weeks after the event. It's easy to get started setting up a safe online page for your child at www.myprofilepage.com.au and sharing the link to family and friends.

Sponsorship booklets have been handed out in each class, spares are available at reception if needed.

Can all children participate?

The funds raised from this event will do toward improving play facilities so we would love all children to participate in fundraising, as there are great incentive prizes to be earned too. However, even if children are unable to raise funds for the event, they are still welcome to participate.

Is the colour safe?

The colour powder used in our event is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and

environmentally friendly.

What if my child needs to opt out?

If children wish to not be squirted with colour, due to concerns of asthma or allergies or any other reason, they can bypass the colour stations and will not be squirted. Children who do not wish to be squirted may also choose to wear a bright coloured T shirt (instead of a white one) as a way to still be colourful on the day and to signal that they do not wish to be in contact with the powder. Face masks will be provided for any student who wants to wear one.

Can I come to watch or volunteer?

Yes, we would love to have parents and family come to watch the event! All visitors are required to sign in at reception and watch from the designated viewing area. If you'd like to volunteer and have a Working With Children's Check, please advise via the consent form.

What happens if it rains?

However if weather conditions are wet, stormy or very windy we may need to postpone the event to another day. The forecast is looking fine at this stage thankfully!

We can't wait for the **brightest** day at school!



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PRIMARY PE & SPORT

Year 5/6 Sport

Round 1 v Apollo PS

Netball A – lost (player of the match; Zoe H)

Netball B – lost (player of the match; Kylie M)

Soccer boys – won (player of the match; Abidan R)

Soccer girls – lost (player of the match; Rebecca R)

AFL- lost (player of the match; Nic P)

Round 1 v Greenhills

Softball mixed – draw (player of the match; Abhay)

House Athletics Carnival

The year 3-6 students competed in the House Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 27 April. They rotated through 8 different athletics events (long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discuss, 800m, 100m & relay races) which they had been practicing in P.E during term 1. Ribbons and House points were handed out to the top 4 place getters at each event. Please see the results below.

1st – Shippers Red House

2nd – Crichton Yellow House

3rd – Meers Blue House

4th – Upton Green House

Students will be contacted shortly if selected to represent the college at the District Athletics carnival, which will be held on Thursday 26 August at Meadowglen Stadium.

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff and secondary students who helped make the day run so smoothly!

Sally Donaldson - Primary PE



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FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Welcome to this week's Careers Newsletter! You will find lots of important information in this edition including university experience days and campus tours. Also there is information on different courses available from various tertiary institutions.

Don't forget also to check out our **PVCC Careers website** for important information for students and parents. You can find our site at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au> and view the "[Calendar of Events](#)".

Dates to Diarise

- [Vic Careers Show](#) – Melbourne Showgrounds Friday 14 May and Saturday 15 May
- [Year 10 Work Experience](#) – 21 June to 25 June

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

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Helen Madden

Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator

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SECONDARY SPORT

EISM DIV 2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A great day out in perfect weather for the EISM Div 2 Athletics carnival at the Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park last Thursday 29 April!

Asher A from Year 8 had an awesome day breaking records in the U14 long jump & triple jump and Charley M in Year 11 gained 4 first places including the Open girls high jump and 400m in a great day at the track.

The Open boys had a fantastic win in the blue ribbon 4 x 100m relay final event defeating Eltham College by over a second.

PVCC had many other commendable results and finished 5th overall for the carnival.

Well done to all athletes, staff and parent supporters on a top day out!



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EISM CHAMPIONS' ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a fantastic twilight EISM Champions' Athletics Carnival at Albert Park on Monday this week 10 May!

PVCC had some amazing results including Year 8 Asher A's 4 gold medals in shot put/discus/LJ/TJ + silver in the 100m, Charley M from Year 11 breaking the EISM record in the Open HJ with 1.62m (+ bronze in 400m) and gold for our Open boys' 4x100m relay team in the nail-biting final event! Zach A, Marnus P, Oliver S and Ethan V had qualified fastest and backed it up again in a memorable race! Brooke M from Year 11 and Olivia G from Year 8 also won bronze in the Open and U14 TJ respectively.

Well done to all 19 of our athletes from Years 7 - 12 who qualified for this prestigious carnival comprising the 21 EISM schools!



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EISM SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL B PREMIERS

What a way to cap off a successful senior basketball season!

Our "B" boys' team finally played their EISM Eastern Division GF this week and clinically dismantled Bialik College 69 - 36. This win completed double senior EISM 2021 basketball premierships for Plenty Valley as our "A" boys' team also brought home the silverware!

MVP was awarded to Ethan C from Yr 11 and congratulations to supercoach Matt Quinn and this great team on a fabulous season!

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport



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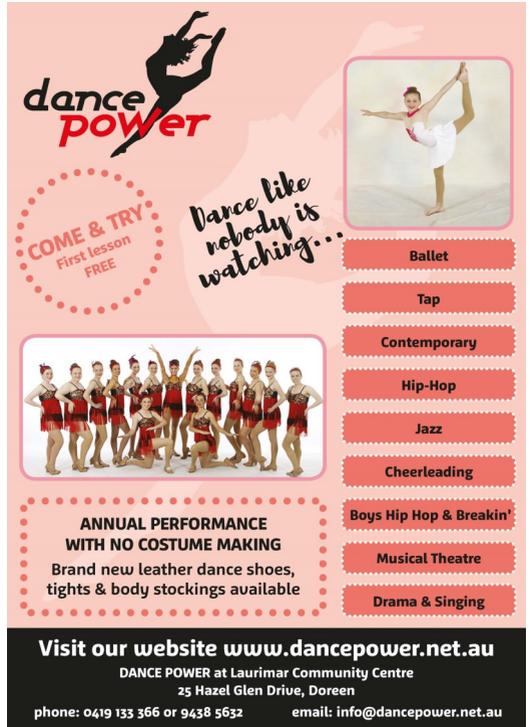
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