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COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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EDITORIAL

The end is nigh!

I am sure we are looking forward to the end of 2021 and a better 2022.

The past two years have been difficult because the goal posts kept changing, we were restricted, and we didn't know what the future will bring. Of course, this is what life has always been like. It is just that this period magnified all those things that do worry us from time to time.

Personally, if I don't ever have to listen to a premier's news conference telling me that some new rule will apply to schools from tomorrow, it will be too soon.

I thank our college community, parents, students and staff, for all the work, endurance and grace to ensure our students received meaningful learning opportunities through the remote learning times. Next year we will have extra wellbeing staff and programs in place to meet the needs of our students in the new year. The extra education support that we put into place this year will continue next year as we catch up.

I am reminded that in 30 BC Israel was a poor occupied country with precipitous local rulers that were OK with massacring babies if they felt threatened. It was into that dangerous, confusing, unsafe world that Jesus chose to be born. The first act of his human life was to become a political refugee. As Dr James Allan Francis puts it:

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

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While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

May you find the time and the peace to celebrate His birth with loved ones this Christmas.

And come back safely.

John Metcalfe

Principal



Graduating Class of 2021

EDIFY 2021: ISSUE #3 – THE FUTURE

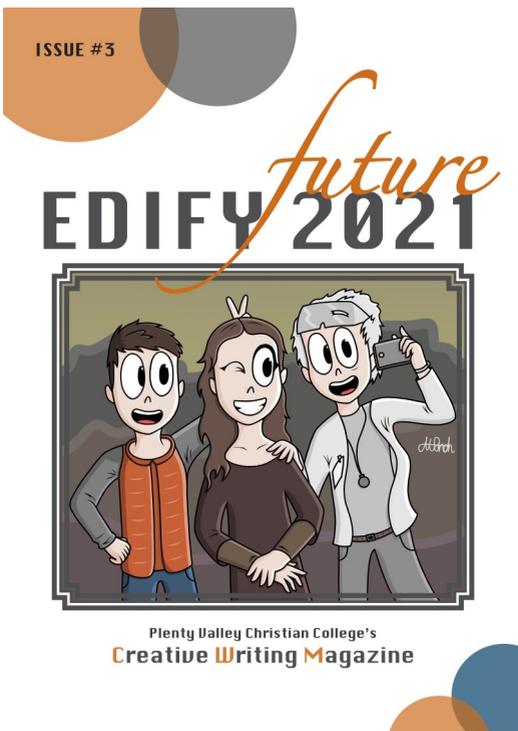
Once again our amazing team of editors and writers have put together an awe-inspiring issue of Edify: Creative Writing Magazine. It's our biggest yet!

In another difficult year, writers from across all walks of life at PVCC have contributed amazing pieces exploring the theme of The Future. While lockdowns have delayed the finalising of this issue, the editors have worked tirelessly throughout the year to make sure this issue reflects the amazing effort of our writers.

Congratulations must go to the writers who put their hand up to contribute their literary artwork, photographers who have taken some beautiful snaps, and the editing team for balancing their Year 10 and VCE studies, as well as this magazine. Editors, Isaac A, Nate H, Nyah B, Abi W and Mariam D, have really driven this issue and made it all happen.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories of 2021 and delight in the various aspects of The Future explored in these pages.

Michael Symons



[Edify Issue 3 - click here to download](#)

CALENDAR UPDATES

- Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 8 December now starting at **6pm**



The uniform shop Uni Hill Bob Stewart will closed on Thursday 23 December at 5pm and reopen on Tuesday 4 January at 9am.

Please visit the college website for more information:

[Uniform Information - Plenty Valley Christian College - Private Christian School Melbourne \(pvcc.vic.edu.au\)](#)



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.

CALENDAR DATES

Monday & Tuesday
6 & 7 December
Year 7 Orientation

Tuesday 7 December
Orientation Day

Wednesday
8 December
Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday
8 December
College Presentation
Events

Wednesday
8 December
Wallaby
Dress-up day

Thursday
9 December
Joey & Possum
Dress-up day

Thursday
9 December
Secondary Fun Day
Excursions

Thursday
9 December
Last Day of Term 4

CANTEEN



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2022 TERM DATES

Term 1 starts

Monday 31 January 2022 (Prep, Year 7 and Year 12 only)

Tuesday 1 February 2022 (for all other year levels)

Term 1 ends

Friday 8 April 2022

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April 2022 - Friday 24 June 2022

Term 3

Monday 18 July - Friday 16 September 2022

Term 4

Monday 3 October 2022 - Thursday 8 December 2022



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 at the end of the term, as you will not have access to Seqta after the term has ended.



RECEPTION HOLIDAY HOURS

The school office will close for the summer holidays on Friday 17 December 2021 at 4:00pm and will reopen on Monday 17 January 2022 at 9:00am.



ORIENTATION DAY - TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

All primary students are invited to wear casual clothes on orientation day, Tuesday 7 December.

Students attending Year 7 Orientation are also welcome to wear casual clothes on both of the orientation days.

All other secondary students are expected to be in full school uniform.

REMINDER - MASKS ON BUSES

Any student aged 12 and over is required to wear a fitted face mask on public transport at all times (unless they have an exemption). This regulation also applies to school buses. Please remind your child to comply when they travel on a school bus.

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/more/coronavirus-covid-19/wearing-a-mask-on-public-transport>



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Newsletter

The banner features the Camp Australia logo on the left, the word 'Newsletter' in large black font in the center, and two stylized starburst shapes on the right: one with a green and white triangle pattern and another with a purple and yellow wavy pattern.

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The banner includes the Rocketeers logo, a photo of children in red shirts cheering with their hands raised, and a 'MISSION IV' badge.

A message from your Coordinator

I can't believe that we're only a few weeks out from Christmas, and the end of the school year. With the holidays fast approaching, now's the time to start thinking about the Rocketeers, which kick-starts on Friday December 10th. We'll be doing a stack of fun activities over the summer, as well as going out on excursions again — Yey, they're back!!!

With that said, we still have a few exciting weeks of Term 4 left at *Your OSHC*, where we'll be celebrating Christmas, doing Christmas-themed cooking and craft, and possibly some water games (if the weather permits)! Have a great week!

Stu — *Your OSHC* Coordinator

Activities coming

- Christmas Wrapping Competition
- Dance Challenge
- Christmas Ornaments

What's on the

- Apple & Cinnamon Muffins
- Mini Pizza
- Nachos

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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Your OSHC. www.campaustralia.com.au **ROCKETEERS**

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STARTER PACKS

Thank you for supporting our starter pack activity. Thank you also to the teachers who have been very generous as well. Our delightful Year 5 quality control team are starting to assemble the starter packs.



EARLY YEARS SPORT CARNIVAL

Another wonderful day for the Kinder, Prep, Year 1 & 2 students on their sport carnival, ably run by the students in 6B. The students completed rotations of 10 different activities including tiggy, skipping, bouncing, kicking and the locomotion.



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SECONDARY SPORT

Middle School EISM Friendlies

Students in Years 7 – 9 have totally enjoyed their three EISM social matches over the last few weeks.

It was wonderful that these students have had some semblance of interschool sport and each match has been played with terrific spirit.

Last Thursday the Year 8/9 boys played at Mt Scopus in Burwood and enjoyed wins in boys' Netball A & B and softball. The girls played onsite at school and also won in Netball A & B. The girls' soccer at PVCC was an exciting match with a 4 – 4 draw and Emma E from Year 8 scoring a hat trick!

On Monday this week the Year 7's played Donvale CC with the girls playing here and the boys onsite at Donvale.

Girls' softball had a fantastic match winning their first game 7 – 2 with Bella O and Claire P taking excellent catches to dismiss Donvale batters. The boys' netball team had another win but in a much closer game this week edging out Donvale 16 – 13.



Year 10 Celebration Evening

So good that the Year 10's could run this event! Well done to those students who did such a fantastic job organising the event and those that helped in decorating the gym. The night went very well with both staff and students enjoying a social event and hitting the dance floor too!



Helen Padget
Head of Secondary Sport and Gym Manager

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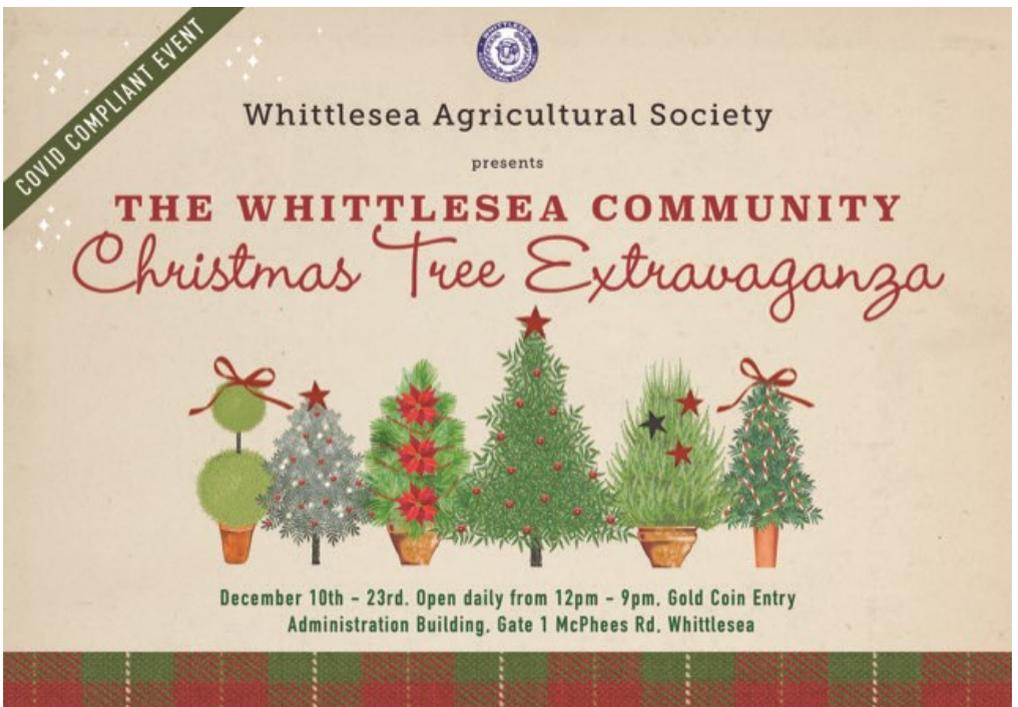
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COVID COMPLIANT EVENT

Whittlesea Agricultural Society
presents

**THE WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY
Christmas Tree Extravaganza**

December 10th – 23rd. Open daily from 12pm – 9pm. Gold Coin Entry
Administration Building, Gate 1 McPhees Rd, Whittlesea

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PRACE encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.
This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding.

*Please note change in dates

LOCATION

Merrilands Community Centre
35 Sturdee Street,
Reservoir

COURSE DATES*

29 Nov to 20 Dec 2021 &
14 Feb to 1 Aug 2022
Alternative start/make up sessions:
7 & 10 Feb 2022
(Plus Wed 16 March, 27 April
& 15 June 2022)

HOURS

Mondays
9.15am - 3.15pm (TBC)

DURATION

24 sessions, 2 workshops &
100 hour placement.
(Excl. Public & School Holidays)

STUDY MODE

Classroom & remote/mixed
mode classes, self-directed
offsite tasks & research,
practical placement and
industry/assessment
workshops.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Moderate computer and
internet and email skills.
English LLN skills at an
industry entry standard.

FEES

Gov. subsidised:
Concession \$180
Full \$900
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