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EDITORIAL

FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

I believe in studying the lives of heroes. I also believe that is a biblical idea.

When I was a cricket loving boy, I was fascinated by the story of Douglas Jardine, the infamous English cricket captain who devised a plan to defeat the man who is unanimously regarded as the greatest player of all time, Don Bradman.

He was perhaps a strange choice of hero, a flawed leader with questionable tactics, but what struck me was his resolve in the face of enormous opposition from all sides. He was willing to endure hatred, rejection and personal loss in order to win.

In the Apostle Paul's epistle to the Hebrews, he urges his audience "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (NIV, Hebrews 12: 1-3)

The previous chapter lists this heroic cloud of witnesses – Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab and goes on to say the Old Testament scriptures record the lives of other heroes whose number are too great to describe (v32)

Church history is also replete with heroes, some well-known, others less so. Luther, Bonhoeffer, Liddell, Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa and Corrie Ten Boom are some that come to mind from the modern era.

None of these people had easy lives. They were normal people just like you and me. They all faced enormous opposition, wrestled with doubt, had to overcome rejection and suffered various forms of loss for pursuing their God given calling.

Those losses were sometimes reputational, relational or financial.

Jesus faced the ultimate test – crucifixion on a cross. How did he do it? By focussing on the joy set before him. For our Saviour, that joy was promised on the other side of death if he could run his race with endurance and faithfulness. He did.

That is also the promise made to us. Let us be inspired by the example of Jesus and the heroes that have gone before us.

Have a blessed term break.

Peter Bain

Business Manager



CALENDAR DATES

18 July
First Day of Term 3

18 July
PK Wallaby Group
First Day Term 3

19 July
PK Joey Group
First Day Term 3

20 July
PK Possum Group
First Day Term 3

26 July
Primary
Commonwealth
Games Day

1 - 5 August
Year 9 City Cite

2 & 4 August
Year 12 Parent
Teacher Interviews

4 August
Year 10 2023 Subject
Selection Information
Night

A poster for a primary evening event. It features a background of abstract, flowing shapes in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. A white musical note is visible. The text reads: 'PRIMARY AN EVENING WITH OUR PERFORMING ARTISTS Music, Media, Dance, Drama, Audience Participation, Food. SAVE THE DATE 18th August, begins at 5:30pm Eltham Community Centre'.

A poster for a secondary evening event. It features a background of abstract, flowing shapes in shades of red, orange, and blue. A white musical note is visible. The text reads: 'SECONDARY AN EVENING WITH OUR PERFORMING ARTISTS Music, Media, Dance, Drama, Audience Participation, Food. SAVE THE DATE 11th August, begins at 6pm Eltham Community Centre'.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mission Morning Tea

Last week PVCC hosted our first mission morning tea, to honour those families in our community who are currently involved in mission work or who have been involved in mission work in the past. In doing so, these people have sought to fulfill the Great Commission - “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:19-20).

These families and students shared their experiences about what it is like to serve the Lord out on the mission field and we were privileged to hear some truly amazing stories of far away cultures, of the work being faithfully done by people on mission and the amazing way the Lord is working in the world. Thank-you to all the parents, students and staff that attended to make it such a warm and rich event.



Relay for Life donation

\$15,765.65! 🇺🇸

This was the amount raised at the Relay For Life back in April and last week, during the Secondary Chapel, our captains Adelaide and Isaac presented a giant cheque to Andrew from the Cancer Council. They are very grateful for the contribution from our community to support those impacted by cancer and further cancer research.



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TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday 6 August from 6:45pm to 10pm

Where: In the PVCC gym or library – location to be advised dependant on numbers.

Who: All parents, staff, secondary students and alumni welcome.

Theme: Commonwealth Games – feel free to dress up representing a country, sports person or anything else Commonwealth Games related. There will be prizes for best dressed and best dressed table!

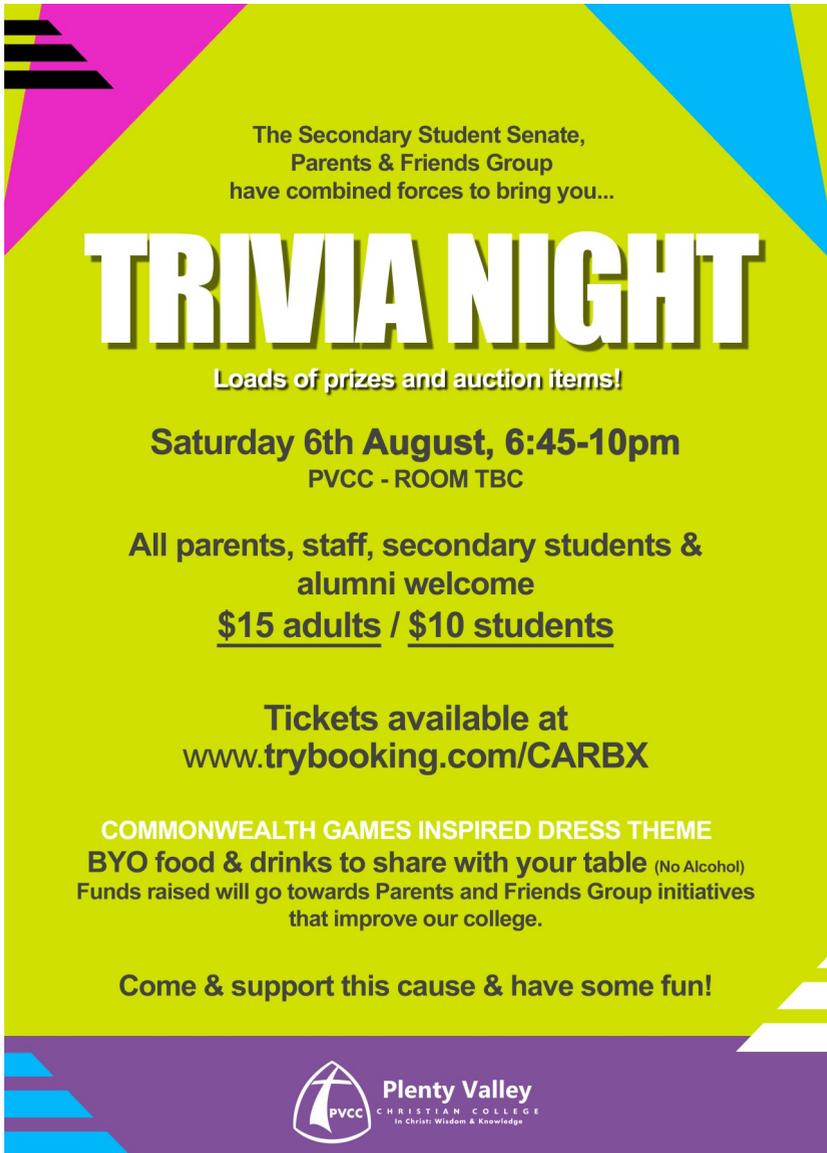
Note: Trivia will cover a variety of subjects, not just Commonwealth Games.

Tickets: Adults \$15 each, Students \$10 each. Please book tickets here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CARBX> Tables of 10

Bring your own food and drinks for sharing with your table (no alcohol).

Funds raised will go toward Parents and Friends Group initiatives that improve our college.



The Secondary Student Senate,
Parents & Friends Group
have combined forces to bring you...

TRIVIA NIGHT

Loads of prizes and auction items!

Saturday 6th August, 6:45-10pm
PVCC - ROOM TBC

All parents, staff, secondary students &
alumni welcome
\$15 adults / \$10 students

Tickets available at
www.trybooking.com/CARBX

COMMONWEALTH GAMES INSPIRED DRESS THEME
BYO food & drinks to share with your table (No Alcohol)
Funds raised will go towards Parents and Friends Group initiatives
that improve our college.

Come & support this cause & have some fun!



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Getting to know... Todd Sprague

Job title: ICT Manager – Systems and eLearning

Job before arriving at PVCC: I was a Network Operations and Project Delivery manager at a Christian computer service provider and was lucky enough to work in many Christian schools, churches, and mission head office as well as corporates around Melbourne.

What do you love most about your role at PVCC? Working in a Christian environment is a wonderful blessing – it’s amazing to see the huge breadth of gifts God has given to all students and staff and the amazing things that can be achieved when these gifts are shared with those around.

What is the funniest thing that’s happened in your time at PVCC? I’ll never forget the day I was called to assist some office staff with a rodent problem, only to arrive to find them on their desks (quite terrified) with “the rodent” in a trap. Upon a closer inspection said rodent turned out to be a mouse teddy – some cheeky person had set them up real good! I’ve still got the teddy above my desk as a reminder – even named it “Alfred”!



What is your favourite past-time? Being in front of computers and technology so much I love just getting away from it all. Gardening and reading (I’ve always got too big a pile of to read books) and even better camping where there is no mobile coverage is brilliant. Combine camping and reading and I’m in my happy place!

Do you prefer coffee or tea? I constantly get reminded by other staff that I’m one of those unusual types – I don’t drink coffee or tea! I will admit to being partial to a hot chocolate. How I ever got into IT without drinking coffee I’ll never know...

What did you want to be when you grew up? All through high school I always wanted to be a Dentist, I even got to assist with a wisdom tooth removal on work experience and thought it was great fun (might say something about my personality)! It was only when my Year 12 Physics teacher pointed out I might get bored in the same room each day and that I always pressed every button in front of me that I looked into computing and biomedical.

What is a great book you’ve read or show you’ve watched recently?

Too many to think of one! I’m currently reading *The Air We Breathe* by Glen Scrivener, a wonderful and insightful book on how Jesus underpinned some of the cornerstone of our society today. A great read for anyone.

What is your deep hope for the community of PVCC? That anyone that comes through PVCC will leave with not only a wonderful experience of community and gratefulness at being part of a wholesome education but that they truly know that they are created and ultimately loved by God who has their eternity in mind and will work all things for their good.

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Getting to know... Louise Hunter

Job title: College Nurse

Job before arriving at PVCC: Clinical Educator in pathology, training/teaching staff to take blood, swabs, office management, first aid etc.



What do you love most about your role at PVCC? Seeing the students grow and mature throughout the years.

What is the funniest thing that's happened in your time at PVCC? Not funny at the time but a student was knocked over by a Kangaroo. Fortunately, she wasn't badly injured.

What is your favourite holiday destination? Austria – I loved the snow covered mountains, skiing, the culture and the quaint villages

What is your favourite food? Anything other than seafood.

Do you prefer coffee or tea? Tea

What did you want to be when you grew up? Paramedic

What is a great book you've read or show you've watched recently? Top Gun: Maverick. Not as good as the original, but good.

What is your deep hope for the community of PVCC? I hope that PVCC continues to grow whilst still being a close knit community where we enjoy working and learning together.

PRIMARY PE

Students across all grade levels have worked very well within PE lessons; they have focused on the focus skills for our term learning and have participated eagerly in a variety of activities and games that have allowed them to put the skills into practice. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching all students increase their confidence, and competence, within PE over the duration of the term.

Prep:

Prep students have continued to work on their body movement (dance), with a focus on rhythm and posture. Use these links to access very fun online activities they have enjoyed over the past few weeks. Parents: perhaps you can allow your child to play 'teacher' at some stage over the holidays and run these activities for you?

Warm-up: <https://australianballet.com.au/education-resources/classroom-warm-up-activities>

Body movement activity: Guess the Animal Skin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUsw2toIXUU>

Simple dance steps to support understanding of beat and rhythm: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=In_aYUOYZ1o

Year 1 and 2:

Year 1 and 2 students continued to have a main focus on the ball bounce skill. Ask them to explain the cues/tips they have used in PE to support their learning (pssst – use fingers to push the ball; bounce ball at hip height; bounce ball to the side, and slightly in front, so not to trip over the ball when moving; ‘eyes up, eyes down’; turn their body and move another way when they see someone coming to take their ball off them)

Year 3 and 4:

Year 3 and 4 students have continued to build on their introduction to the aspects of territory style games. They have used hand pass, and catch, to move an object around the play space as well as their foot to pass a ball around the play space. Ask them to tell you about the pass and catch game Bucket Ball. Ask them to explain the cues/tips they have used in PE to support their foot passing learning (pssst – use the inside of the foot to strike the ball, do a short, angled run up before striking the ball, leave a small gap between the opposite foot and the ball prior to kicking it to ensure greater balance). Ask your child to explain the game of Futsal.

Year 5 and 6:

Year 5 and 6 students have had an extended version of the learning the aspects of territory style games. They have used hand pass, and catch, to move an object around the play space as well as their foot to pass a ball around the play space with a focus on attacking (“I pass, I move”), and defensive (search for your opponent as soon as there is a turnover), strategies. Ask them to tell you about the pass and catch game Bucket Ball. Ask them to explain the cues/tips they have used in PE to support their foot passing learning (pssst – use the inside of the foot to strike the ball, do a short, angled run up before striking the ball, leave a small gap between the opposite foot and the ball prior to kicking it to ensure greater balance). Ask your child to explain the game of Futsal. And finally, ask them what they enjoyed about this learning, would like to learn more about and how they can use their learning in their weekend sports.

Division and Regional Cross-Country carnival

The annual Division Cross Country carnival was held on Thursday 9 June; three of our students qualified for this event due to their top 10 placing at the District CC event. Each of the students ran courageous races and I extend congratulations to Jonny S (9/10 years 16th place out of 39 competitors), Chloe F (11 years 10th out of 40 competitors) and Ellie C (11 years 37th place out of 40 competitors – unfortunately Ellie experienced some trouble breathing throughout her race which impacted her result).

Chloe’s wonderful top 10 result saw her qualify for Regional CC where she finished 42nd out of 70 runners; there was literally 12 seconds separating fifteen runners around Chloe’s finishing position, so her run was excellent.

Guy Gurney

Primary PE & Sport Coordinator

SECONDARY SPORT

SECONDARY HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Advanced notice of parent help required

Date – TERM 3, Tuesday 23 August

We have our Secondary House Cross Country Carnival next term and this event will be held onsite. We have been unable to run this carnival since 2019 and I am seeking parent interest to assist on the day.

The event is compulsory for all secondary students.

The Start/Finish for all age groups will be on the top oval with the recording area in the gym.

Parent help for the Secondary House XC – parents are most welcome to assist as checkpoint marshalls at one or both sessions of the House XC.

I do require multiple volunteers so please let me know should you be able to assist. My contact details are below.

You will be required to:

- provide a Working with Children check (WWC) - apply now at the post office if you don't have one as it takes a few weeks to process, then lodge a copy of your certificate at the college General Office which can then be kept on file for future events requiring parent assistance
- collect your name tag on arrival at the college from the General Office when you sign in

Times

The Secondary XC day will be structured as follows on Tuesday 23 August

9.50am **Period 2** Years 7 – 9 to run/jog/walk (parent helpers arrive 9.15am to top oval)

12.25pm **Period 5** Years 10 - 12 to run/jog/walk (parent helpers arrive 11.45pm to top oval)



Please note

The cross country is compulsory for **ALL STUDENTS**. A medical certificate and a note from a parent must be given if a student cannot participate in this whole secondary school event. Please give to the HG teacher.

The event is **NOT** optional for VCE students.

Students need to make sure they know what age group they are competing in on the day. House age group lists will be displayed next term on the gym noticeboard. Age is taken as at 1st Jan 2022.

PVCC TEAM SPORTS TOP

If your family has any college team sport tops at home that have been lent to your child(ren), can you please organise to return them to the PE Office or to my pigeon hole in the staff room ASAP?

Those tops in use for current sport teams are of course ok but we are desperately seeking any tops that are from a previous sports team please! These include soccer/hockey/basketball tops, football jumpers, netball dresses and Athletics/XC tops.

Your assistance is most appreciated prior! 🙏



Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport

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Newsletter



Camp Australia Plenty Valley Christian College OSHC – June Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Can't believe we're almost halfway through the year. Time flies!

What's been happening?

We have had a super busy Term 2 at Your OSHC PVCC, and crammed as many fun experiences into the past nine or so weeks!

Slime making was certainly a highlight, so too was creating crystal trees, which the children designed at the very start of the term. We also made a new Your OSHC banner, celebrating community, and ran a stack of crazy games and competitions. One of the most memorable experiences for the children was setting up a mini café, complete with table service, mood music, a show, and a games corner — even the parents were impressed!

With that said, we have three huge weeks of Rocketeers coming up, and some very exciting things planned for Term 3 — so, watch this space. We are also welcoming a baby pet turtle to the OSHC room, who'll arrive early in Term 3 — so, feel free to pop over and see the little guy!

In some exciting news, Dan is returning to PVCC after coordinating at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Primary School for the past eight or so months. We are thrilled to have him back.

We are quite excited about what's in store for Term 3, and with Dan returning to Your OSHC PVCC, we have our biggest and wildest term yet! You won't want to miss it!

Have a wonderful week!

Stu, Dan, & Natalie!



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Find all of the information about the school holiday activities here:
[Youth events - Whittlesea Council](#)



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Net Set Go Season 2

Ages 6-9

Venue: Laurimar Primary School

Mondays 4pm – 5pm

Learn the basics, find your feet & make a bunch of new friends

Begins 25th July

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netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/login

or contact: Sarah LNCnetsetgo@hotmail.com.au



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Increase positive interactions between the parent and their child.

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 - Triple P participant

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For more information:

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WaterMarc, 3 Yantoff Street, Greensborough
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ARTISTS WANTED!

SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW OPEN TO FIND THE HERO IMAGE FOR YOUTHFEST 2022!

*For Artists: 12-25 years old

WE NEED THE HERO IMAGE:

A picture, symbol or character that captures the vibrant atmosphere of **YouthFest**. It needs to appeal to young people aged 12-25, be creative, warm, vibrant, appealing, exciting and original!

SUBMIT A DRAFT OF YOUR IDEA BY 4TH JULY

All entrants receive a gift bag. The winner receives a \$150 voucher and the opportunity to collaborate with a graphic designer.

It doesn't need to be finished, or new, just send us a sketch that can be worked up!

(SOME OF OUR PREVIOUS YOUTHFEST CHARACTERS!)

More information, to get involved or submit:
 Call: (03) 9098 8000
 Email: jets@banyule.vic.gov.au



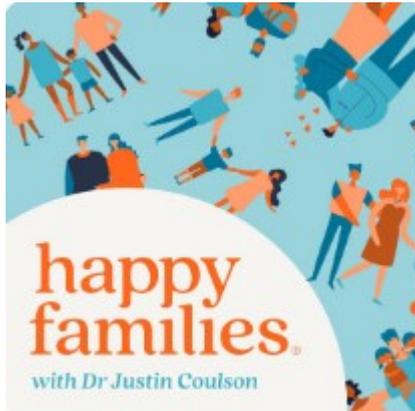
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