

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The end of semester one is always a busy and exciting time. It is usually punctuated with exams, work experience, Community Action Project presentations, the Science Fair, a broad range of sports and cultural events, and semester one reports. This first semester has been no different.

We have just completed a very successful exam period. The quality of our students' preparation and effort has been pleasing. As well as taking this opportunity to consolidate their semester's learning, our Year 10 and 11 students have been able to gain very important practice for the year 12 exams that most of them will be sitting in the next year or two. Effective decision-making and time management in an exam situation is a skill in itself, and it is very useful for our young people to start developing this skill from year 10 onwards. When they reach the high stakes exam process at year 12, we want them to be ready. Similarly, the week before the exams were held was mostly a revision week, and our teachers' focus during this week was on teaching their students how to revise effectively for exams – again developing skills and understandings they can carry with them into exam situations in years to come.

Our Year 10 students have also just completed a week of work experience. We have been very excited by the high number of students who sourced meaningful and thoughtful placements for the week, and by the feedback from both students and employers. Students were followed up during their work experience week with a visit or a phone call from one of their teachers or a member of our careers and pathways team – the comments from employers about our students' demeanour and endeavour have been very positive.

It has also been a significant time for sporting events and competitions, and for extra-curricular activities. As you progress through this newsletter you will read of a range of sports (including inter-school competitions and our own college athletics carnival), enrichment programs in English, the Year 10 Science Fair, the student leadership camp at Phillip Island, and a range of other events.

Of course, it is also report time. Student reports will be available via Compass by the end of the day on Friday 24 June. I am delighted

with the progress shown by so many of our students in these reports but also recognise that a handful of students have not yet fulfilled the goals they set for themselves at the start of the year. Naturally, all of us can always aim for even better. I would encourage all our students and their parents or caregivers to read over those reports carefully, noting and celebrating the successes (and the unique collection of successes that each individual student achieves), but also to note the areas for improvement – the next opportunities to strive for even greater outcomes. I would highly recommend reflecting on the indications of effort contained in each report and carefully contemplating the teacher comments, which in almost every case will provide suggestions for those next steps. I would also ask that you consider together the attendance indicators on the reports. There is a significant body of research that suggests that students who attend more frequently achieve more highly. I would be hoping that all of our students would be at school well over 90% of the time – the closer to 100%, the better will be the learning outcomes.

In closing, I would like to wish all members of the school community a wonderful mid-year break. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your families and friends. May you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable two weeks. We look forward to our students' return on Monday 11 July.

Darryn Kruse

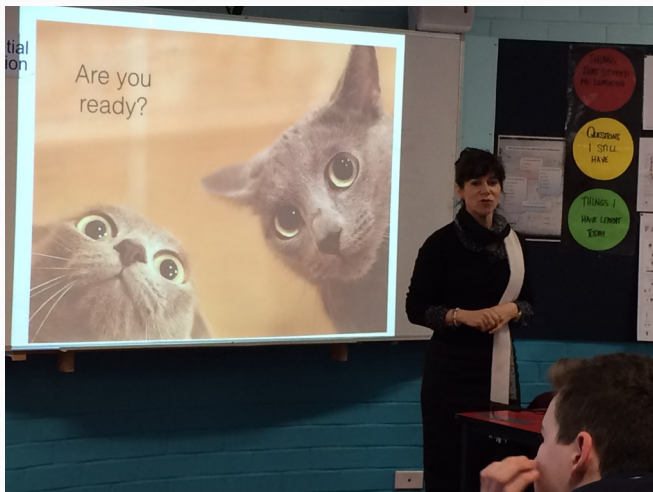


Skytrail Activity at the Student Leadership Camp



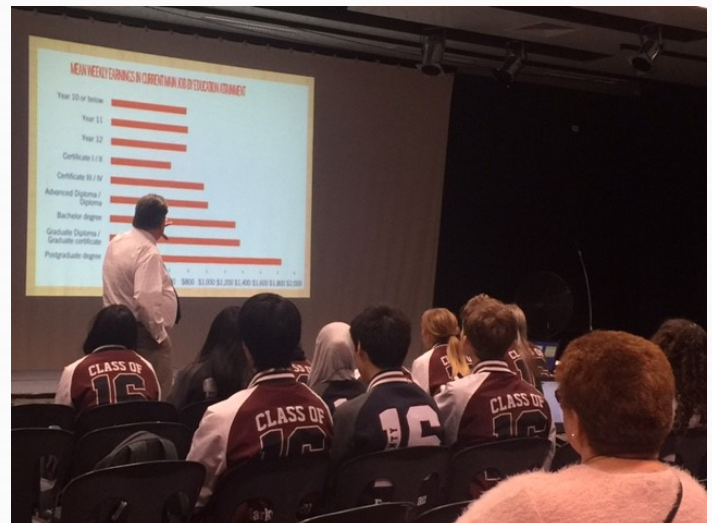
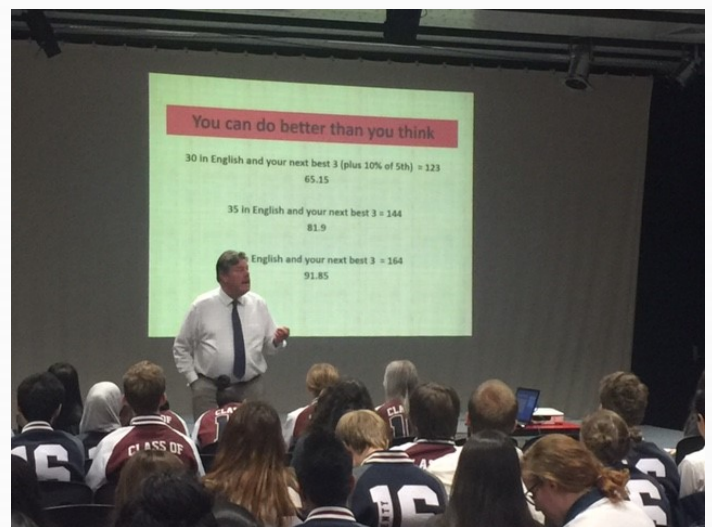
## Year 12 English Enrichment Program

High achieving Year 12 English students have been invited to take part in the inaugural English Enrichment Program. Aiming to ensure students stay motivated and challenged in order to reach their full potential, this program entails eight intensive fortnightly afterschool seminars run by Bridget Quinn, an expert teacher from *Ticking Minds*. Students have responded very positively to the program and are already applying a variety of strategies to enhance their written responses. This program is not only developing the status of English amongst the student population, but it also endeavours to improve overall student outcomes.



## Year 12 English Chief Assessor Visit

Bob Hillman, the Year 12 English Chief Assessor, presented a very inspiring lecture to Year 12 English students. He endeavoured to improve both the confidence and motivation of students and he shared key study strategies. On behalf of the English Faculty and Year 12 English students, thank you Bob for visiting our school and we look forward to seeing you next year.



## Year 12 English Practice Exam

Year 12 English students recently sat their first 3 hour practice exam. Many students attended and their responses are currently being assessed by Boobooks Education, a professional assessing company. Well done students for your efforts and please consider and take on board the feedback you will receive at the start of Term 3.



## Science Fair

*“Most of the time I've worked in labs if I didn't encounter something in a week entirely unexpected and surprising I'd consider it a lost week. Lots of that is due to mistakes and stupidity, but it could open a new line of inquiry. Something really good turns up once in a hundred times, but it makes the whole day worthwhile.” Lewis Thomas*

On 25 May PCSSC kicked off the first Science Fair of 2016. There was plenty to get involved with. There were many student displays and Victoria University students were assisting with science demonstrations. We had plenty of visitors stop by to show their support toward the hard work that students put into their displays. Though three projects were the standouts I would like to congratulate all of the students who tried their best to come up with an idea that challenged their way of looking at the world. Science is a wonderful area of study where you can question the world and figure out the answers yourself.



Our winners this semester thought through their ideas and showed understanding of scientific terminology as well as the scientific method. First place went to Karmen Liaw with her *Gummy Bear* experiment. Second place went to Nick Parnis and Monique Comito for their *Elephant Toothpaste* experiment. Third place went to Cloe Mula and Zahra Shahriar for their *Strawberries* experiment. Every science fair our principal also judges to find what he thinks to be a deserving project; due to her innovation, reflective capacity, clarity of presentation and observance of the scientific method, Holly Whinnen won the Principal's Choice award.



A special thank you must go out to the Point Cook Town Centre's Grill'd and our very own canteen for their support and generous donations which went towards the prizes.



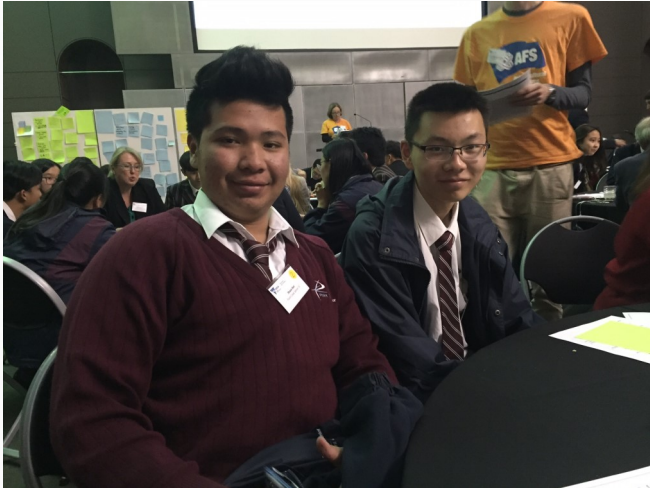
Congratulations to you all and thank you for such a wonderful finish to the semester.

Melissa Chapman, Science Learning Area Leader

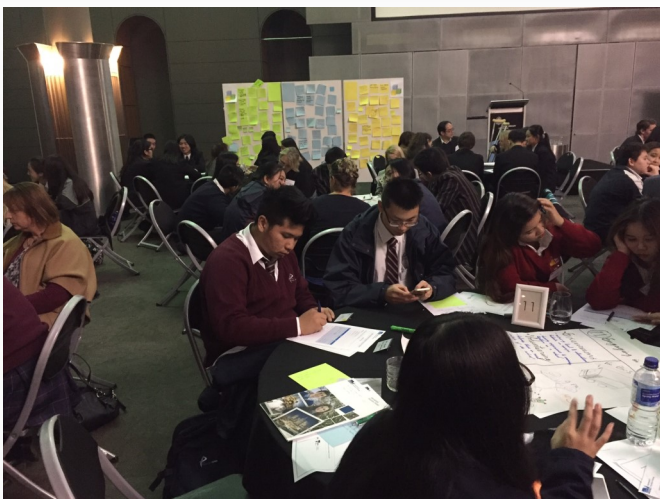


## International Student Forum

On 31 May Sothyro (Shawn) But and Linyan (Alex) Zhu represented Point Cook Senior Secondary College at the International Student Forum which was held at the State Library of Victoria.



The International Student Forum provides a platform for international students from across Victoria to come together to share their ideas on how the international student program can be enhanced to empower students, to build school pride and to help develop global citizenship and intercultural capability in the school community.



The students were addressed at the opening of the forum by the Hon. Judith Graley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Education Minister and Deputy Premier.

They then participated in a series of activities where they were asked to share their ideas on how they could help their teachers and local students enhance their relationships with each other and devel-

op a strong sense of school pride, encourage all students to actively contribute to the school community and how to strengthen intercultural capability and develop responsible global citizenship. Shawn and Alex worked diligently throughout the day, made some new friends from other schools and brought some exciting ideas back to Point Cook Senior Secondary College.

## Year 11 Early Uni Pathway Program

Recently Dr Karen Charman came out to the school on two occasions to inform the Year 11 students about the Early Uni Pathway Program (EUP). The program is designed to give students an insight to university life. The Year 11 program will run next term for 10 weeks on Wednesday afternoons commencing Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of July. Students will attend Victoria University and undertake a unit of study. The program is designed to exposure students to lecture style teaching, tutorials, practical classes and become familiar with campus facilities.



School assembly



## Student Leadership Camp

Over three action-packed days at Phillip Island, an enthusiastic and committed group of students and teachers participating in Point Cook Senior's first Student Leadership Camp. As well as completing physical challenges like ropes courses and bush walks, the Year 10 and Year 11 student leaders worked on their public speaking and entrepreneurial skills as well as completing important project planning to implement their plans back at the school. We also got to see the Little Penguins which was a treat! A big thanks to Principal Darryn Kruse and AVID/STAMP Coordinator Ameer Dunne for assisting with this camp. It was a really great time to learn new skills, get to know and appreciate the leadership group and set high goals for our future plans. We can't wait for next year's Leadership Camp to be even bigger and better!

Laura Newman  
Student Engagement Coordinator



## Western Region Cross Country

Three students travelled to Brimbank Park to compete in the Western Region Cross Country against a number of other schools on Wednesday 8 June. Kirk Shanahan and Zachary Sbotto competed in the 5km event while Abeny Dak competed in the 3km event. All students are to be congratulated on their effort and the fantastic behaviour and encouragement shown to others. The outstanding performance of the day was from Kirk Shanahan, who finished 4th in the U20 boys event and will compete in the state level competition at Bundoora next month. Well done Kirk, Zach and Abeny.

Brianna Bunworth



## Basketball

Basketball at Point Cook Senior has been very successful so far in 2016. Our Senior Girls and Boys Teams both competed in the Regional Inter-school Sport Tournament where both the Girls and Boys B Teams won a couple of games on the day. The Senior Boys A team have competed in both the Victorian Championships State Qualifier and the Inter-School Sport Tournaments and won both. So far the Senior Boys A team is undefeated with an 11 - 0 record and will compete in both the Western Regional Schools Tournament and Victorian Championships at the state level at MSAC in the city in July with the hopes of qualifying for Nationals later in the year.



## News on the Senior Boys Soccer Team

On 11 May 2016, PCSSC Senior Boys Soccer Team had their first tournament of the year. We had four teams to play against and were on the field for over three hours. It soon became obvious to us that we were the best team and could definitely beat everyone. We were actually pretty nervous and had to keep giving each other constructive criticism as there were many things to improve on each period. In the end we did actually win the tournament. We were very proud



and happy to have found positions to suit everyone's strengths. Now we're working towards the regional tournament in July.

Melissa Chapman





## Senior Boys Netball

On 23 June, Point Cook Senior Secondary Senior Boys Netball travelled to Williamstown High School. Although keen to play, the boys were underprepared due to Year 10 and Year 11 exams being held the week before. While fighting for every point and trying their absolute hardest, the boys lost 45-4. Although the scoreline suggests a thrashing, the boys were extremely sportsmanlike and played like true professionals, never letting their heads down. After the game, the boys reflected on the loss and are keen to get into training for the next competition.





## Point Cook Senior Athletics Carnival 2016

It was another tremendous day for the Point Cook Senior Athletics Carnival which was held on Friday 27 May. The students were quite excited as we were holding the event at a new location (Moonee Valley Athletics Track). The atmosphere was sensational, with all students dressing in their house colours and the year 12 students making the event so colourful with their fancy dress costumes. We had many participants showing off their amazing athletic talent and joining in on the exciting Advisory activities. It truly was a wonderful day for all.

Congratulations to Sabre (Blue House) who were awarded the most house points and congratulations to the following Individual Athletic Champions who accumulated the most points for their house groups;

Year 10 boys	Sam TUIBUA (10D)
Year 10 girls	Carlie MYORS-MOORE (10J)
Year 11 boys	Sean GILLIS (11F)
Year 11 girls	Abeny DAK (11K)
Year 12 boys	Tyrone SIENNA (12A)
Year 12 girls	Keely WARRACK (12B)







## SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS 2016

Congratulations to the following students, who were top achievers in their subjects for Semester 1, 2016.

### YEAR 10 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

#### English

English	Jake Jonas
English [EAL]	Karmen Liaw
Enhancement English	Aericka Bou
Intensive EAL	Karmen Liaw

#### Mathematics & Science

Mathematics	Angelina Ieng
Advanced Mathematics	Alex Zhu
Science	Juan Sadie
Advanced Science	Kyla Canares

#### History & PE

History	Aericka Bou
Law and Politics	Ben Plant
Physical Education	Tamara Douthat
Health Education	Rose Thwin

#### The Arts & Technology

Art	Blanca Padros-Quintana
Graphic Design	Rachel Lam
Woodwork	Tyla Cater
Clothing and Design	Gemma Goulding
Dance	Robyn Hokai

#### VCE & AVID

AVID	Sunny Nguyen
General Mathematics	Kyla Canares
Psychology	Tamara Douthat

### YEAR 11 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

#### English

English	Hasna Zulfa
English as an Additional Language	Caroline Nguyen
English Language	Maddie Muller
Bridging EAL	Koula Etika
Literature	Kyra Ah Fook

#### Mathematics

General Mathematics	Maddie Muller
Mathematical Methods	Caroline Nguyen
Specialist Mathematics	Sohee Kim

#### Science

Biology	Maddie Muller
Chemistry	Caroline Nguyen
Physics	Caroline Nguyen
Psychology	Sarah Plant

#### Business & Humanities

Accounting	Kieran Corrigan
Business Management	Jackson Theodorou
Legal Studies	Maddie Muller
Twentieth Century History	Eryn Skeels
Computing	Ben Tither

#### Health & PE

Health and Human Development	Raymond Wong
Outdoor and Environmental Studies	Manu Tutu
Physical Education	Ameer Nor Azhar

#### The Arts & Technology

Studio Arts	Jessie Caesar
Media	Olivia Fudyma Pritchard
Visual Communication Design	Kristen Atkinson-Leach
Product Design and Technology [T]	Casey van der Riet
Food and Technology	Amina Bai
Theatre Studies	Abbey Prendergast

#### Intermediate Applied Learning

Personal Development Skills	Chris Ho
Work Related Skills	Jaeden Low



## YEAR 12 ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

Top achievers will be awarded at the Year 12 Valedictory dinner.

Congratulations to the following students, who were high performers in their Unit 3 studies for Semester 1, 2016.

### High performance in one subject

- John Acierto
- Insyirah Ahmad
- Ashley Beeby
- Alanah Bernardi
- Chantelle Bolger
- Justin Bonello
- Lian Mawi Bualthang
- Mikaela Burke
- Nadia Burke
- Jennifer Caskey
- Jessica Cawdron-White
- Emily Clarke
- Cole Close-Christian
- Nicole Dahingo
- Fraser Dick
- Minh Do
- Maddison Douthat
- David Eap
- Christian Ee
- Georgia Eleftheriou
- Stacey Fiteni
- Vendel Fresnido
- Rafaella Garay
- Eden Laurence
- Darcy Leadoux
- Lili Lealiifano
- Samuel Lockett
- Summer-Rose Mauheni
- Oguzhan McLaren
- Zakhi Mehta
- Jeremy Micallef
- Maddie Muller
- Vivian Nguyen
- Shaye Parkins-Chilcott
- Georgia Partridge
- Hannah Paynter
- Chloe Pio
- Rebecca Puopolo
- Tayla Roberts
- Jaymie Simmons
- Lauryn Skeels
- Samin Thapa
- Jake Williams
- Amber Wright
- Sabrina Zor

### High performance in two subjects

- Maddison Brake
- Dylan Bruce
- Daniel Jakrzewski
- Hara Jeong
- Alex Miers
- Kiara Montalto
- Josh Orchard
- Vish Patel
- Josh Ryan
- Dylan Simpson
- Kimberly Tapusoa
- James Thomas
- Ainsley Turner

### High performance in three subjects

- Jenni Bou
- Scott Brown
- Chrissy Calabro
- Zi Minn Goh
- Erin Hartney-Mackellin
- Jet Yee Ho
- Jing Fan Lim
- Leanne Lim
- Victoria Stanley

### High performance in four subjects

- Samantha Dizon



## SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS 2016



## SEMESTER 1 SPORT AWARDS 2016





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## School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPBS) at PCSSC

PCSSC is moving to become a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school. SWPBS aims to create a positive school climate, a culture of student competence and an open, responsive management system for all school community members.

After consultation with students, parents, staff and the wider PCS community, we are pleased to announce the school's value words. These value words will define the behaviours that exemplify our school. The value words selected are:

- Respect
- Effort
- Responsibility

Now that these value words have been determined, the school will be working closely with students to develop behaviour matrices that will outline the behaviours that will demonstrate respect, effort and responsibility in different areas of the school.

A big thank you to the whole school community for your contributions in helping our school develop our value words and achieving the first step of the SWPBS journey.

SWPBS Team



### STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are requested to login into the compass portal to approve student absences. This can be done from your phone or computer.

### LATE ARRIVAL & EARLY LEAVE

All students have been issued with an ID card - they must use this at the kiosk located in the main reception upon arrival when late.

Parents can give prior permission by logging into Compass. If you approve an absence on Compass you are not required to provide a note.

A medical certificate is required if a student has missed a SAC.



## Compass Portal

Just a brief reminder that the majority of our communications with parents at PCSSC are made through the Compass Parent Portal. All parents have a portal account that provides access to reports, attendance information, absence requests and approvals, school photo ordering, teacher email contact, booking for parent-teacher-student interviews, calendar of events, excursion consent/permissions and news items to keep you updated with what is going on.

If you are a CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) recipient, please contact the school before consenting to any event so that we can adjust the costing.

To access your account:

go to the College's homepage [www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au](http://www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au) and



### Compass Portal

Click here to login to the Point Cook Senior Compass Portal

click on the Compass Portal icon.

or directly go to Compass login

<https://pointcooksenior.vic.jdlf.com.au/Login.aspx>

If you are having trouble accessing your account, click on the "**Can't access your account?**" link and follow the prompts to access it using your username, email address or mobile number. If you need guidance on how to navigate the Compass Portal, please contact the school.

## Point Cook Senior Secondary College

Sign in

Remember me

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## **Breakfast Club**

**Where:** Room 312  
**When:** Fridays  
**Time :** 8:00am – 8:30am  
**All welcome**

Point Cook Senior Secondary College would also like to sincerely thank the Bendigo Bank for their ongoing support towards our Breakfast Program.



The Breakfast Program has been beneficial in supporting those students in need and also developing relationships between staff and students. It also improves student wellbeing, supporting them in improving their outcomes. It is with the support and generosity of the Bendigo Bank that this program continues to be successful.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 11 July – Term 3 Commences**
- 12 July – Year 12 Biology Excursion**
- 20 July – Year 10 into 11 Parent Information Evening**
- 22 July – Year 10 into 11 Course Selection Forms Due**
- 25 July – Advisory/Orientation Program Day 3**
- 27 July – Year 10 Course Confirmation Day - No Y10 Classes**
- 27 July – Year 11 into 12 Parent Information Evening**
- 3 Aug – Year 9 into 10 Information Evening**
- 5 Aug – Year 11 into 12 Course Selection Forms Due**
- 10 Aug – AVID/STAMP/AFL Parent Information Evening**
- 10 Aug – Winter (2) Intermediate Sports**
- 12 Aug – Curriculum Day - No Classes**
- 19 Aug – Year 9 into 10 Course Selection Forms Due**
- 29 Aug – Division Athletics**
- 15 Sept – Western Region Athletics**
- 15 Sept – Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 4:00pm-8:00pm**
- 16 Sept – Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 9:30am-1:00pm**
- 16 Sept – Term 3 Ends**
- 3 Oct – Term 4 Commences**
- 19 Oct – Year 12 Celebration Day**
- 26 Oct – Year 12 Exams Commence**
- 1 Nov – Melbourne Cup Day**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**Drama Ensemble performance**

**Year 11 and 12 Drama Students**

**VENUE:**

**Kindred Studios Address: 212A Whitehall St.**

**Yarraville VIC 3013**

**Tickets \$3 – on sale first week term three during advisory**

And Then I Died



**ON THE 15TH OF JULY AT 7PM**

Kindred Studios  
212a Whitehall St Yarraville



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