

TERM 2 Newsletter

MADE FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE STUDENTS

4th Edition 24th June 2022

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Principal's Report

Respect Effort Responsibility

School Vision: Every student will be supported through high quality teaching and learning practices in achieving successful outcomes and a pathway of their choice.

Strive for Success - Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

Term two 2022 is significant in that we have been able to return to a much more normal structure and embed a consistent approach to on-site learning. This year for the first time since 2019 we have been able to run an Exam week on-site and give students valuable experience sitting exams in a formal arrangement. I think students have benefitted from this experience and it will prepare them for the VCE exams at the end of the year. We have also seen more students participating in school sporting teams and being able to compete with other schools, I encourage all students to take part in extra-curricula activities and enrich their experience here at PCSSC.

On Friday 17 June I had the pleasure of accompanying three of our Student Leaders to the Wyndham Sports Leaders Breakfast where they had the opportunity to listen to sports and business leaders for the local Wyndham Community speak about their journey and experiences in Leadership. The Leaders who have attended have written an article for this newsletter so please take the time to read it and share in their experience.

We completed the School Review on Wednesday 1 June and I look forward to being able to present the final report to you some time next term.

The PCSSC Annual Report to the Community has been endorsed by the Department of Education and Training and we have been given permission to share it with our school community. I have posted a copy to the school website, please take the time to have a look at the report. Here is the link to the 2021 PCSSC Annual Report to the Community

http://pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au/assets/pdf/2021_PCSSC_Annual_Report.pdf

On Friday 7 June the Secretary to the Education Minister, Jenny Atta, the Deputy Secretary David Howes and the Regional Director Chris Thompson, visited the college for a chat and a tour. We met in the conference room over morning tea (a shout out here to Mel Ruskin for organising and coordinating, particularly her home-made scones which were definitely the highlight) and discussed a wide range of issues. Thank you also to Shaun and Kate for their support during this meeting. When asked what would be at the top of my wish list I said a Performing Arts Centre with an auditorium, I also emphasised that this would also be a community facility. Let's wait and see what comes of the conversation.

In Term 3 I am taking some leave, Mr Shaun Sleep will be Acting Principal while I'm away.

Have a safe and relaxing break, if any of our parents and students are travelling we wish you a safe journey and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.

Christopher Mooney

Blue Award 2021

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT





Principal

Monash University Excursion

On June 6, 20 Year 12 students and 1 Year 11 student attended Monash University Clayton campus. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to see the facilities and courses offered. Students heard from many current students from various faculties and gathered resources in their course interest areas.

Visiting Monash University was an amazing experience. It has equipped me with the necessary skills I need to better prepare for my future at university. One of the major highlights was being able to meet a range of current students at the university and learn about their experiences at Monash and how they got into their respective courses.

Alamgir Ali









Year 12 WRS Fundraiser

On June the 7th we raised \$442 to raise awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and research into treatment. All 4 Senior Year 12 WRS classes worked in smaller groups to come up with recipes, budgeting and planning as well as making flyers and promoting the event. The group I was a part of, included Jhy and Gigi.

On the day, our teacher Mary Dimech-Hill was also a huge help as we got into the kitchen and started cooking up as we knew the soup would take a long time to make on the day. After cooking I started setting up cups as my group poured the soup. My role when planning was to make sure we had everything ready and no missing items and to handle the money on the day. Overall, this project was a little bit hectic as we had students absent, however, this taught us how to adapt in different situations and learn how to deal and improvise. I learned many skills and some new skills, such as:

- Communication
- Time management
- Budgeting
- Money handling
- · Cleaning and sanitizing

The biggest issue was making sure everything was cooked before the event started. Overall, we had a great day and we thank all the staff and students who bought food and raised money for a great cause.

Aluel Deng







Year 12 VCAL WRS Go Karting Excursion

On the 10th of June the Year 12 VCAL WRS students and teachers went for an excursion at Ace Karts Sunshine for Go karting from 9-2pm. The reason we went go karting was an opportunity to learn OHS on the roads and achieve a better understanding of skills required including following safety rules. Go karting was a good experience for those who haven't experienced it, particularly competing with your friends.

Nouha El Bob







Café Exchange Program

During Term 2, students from Years 10 and 11 have been participating in the Café Exchange Program – a collaborative endeavour with Laverton Youth. Students have learnt skills necessary in hospitality and have taken place in the creation of some tricky recipes. Students have also worked with members of Laverton Youth to build social and life skills.

One highlight of the program was the Barista Course that students undertook towards the end of term, with students receiving their certificate in this.

A huge thank you to Laverton Youth for facilitating this program and we are hopeful that this collaboration can become a permanent fixture at PCSSC.



School Wide Positive Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students receiving the most School Wide Positive Behaviour points across the Year 11 cohort. We commend your demonstration of Respect, Effort and Responsibility. Well done!



Careers

READY SET DESIGN

RMIT is hosting a Ready Set Design Workshop to assist with folio preparation Year 12 students interested in design, fashion, architecture and art can attend this free event.

Location: RMIT City Campus - Building 80 (Swanston St)

Date: Thursday, June 30 (school holidays)

Check-in time: Begins at 12:30pm Event time: 1pm - 4:30pm

This event will run during the school holiday period and asks students to

attend independently.

Link to Register:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ready-set-design-workshop-2-folio-bytes-tickets-338737080727?
aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=51cfbc83df&mc_eid=41f81fe425

ATTENTION UNIT 3 & 4 STUDENTS: VCE REVISION LECTURES

SWOT Week Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July, 2022, The University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus SWOT Week is a biannual VCE revision program run by the Student Welfare Outreach Program at the University of Melbourne with the aim of providing opportunities for VCE Unit 3/4 students from underrepresented schools in Victoria. The interactive sessions will complement your studies, providing you with resources and guidance from top VCE graduates. This is also a chance for you to experience university life and meet peers from around Victoria.

Registration: https://events.humanitix.com/mid-year-swot-week-2022

Enquiries: swot@muhi.org.au

Mary Dimech Hill

LRC Message

Games, ping pong and cards are available during break and lunch. Just bring your student card or see Deborah to borrow items and return them before class commences.

Just a reminder that laptops, chargers and calculators are available on a daily loan basis unless other arrangements have been organised. Please return equipment to the LRC by the end of the day.

Overdue notices have been sent out to students, could you please return items to the LRC.

There have been many new books purchased this month which are on display and available to borrow. I am currently expanding our Manga and graphic novels section; new titles this month are: Kaiju no. 8, My Isekai Life and A School Frozen in Time. If there are any titles that we do not have in our library collection, please let me know.

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Deborah

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Sustainable Waste Management

An introduction was coordinated by Melissa Patsuris our Alumni Program Manager with Hariz Ahmad from Class of 2014 and myself to offer support to PCSSC with setting up a sustainable Waste Management System.

Hariz Graduated from Environmental Science at Melbourne University and works for Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group as a Resource Recovery Officer.

Hariz, Melissa and I met on Thursday 2 June providing us with targets to work towards, aiming at goals to implementing a perpetual Sustainable Waste Management System.

Hariz has offered various contact network website to support in setting up an everlasting system.

Focus on a whole school approach. Set up a Team to meet quarterly.

Allow students to take ownership, introduce a competition amongst Advisory Groups, begin by coordinating a Waste Audit,

create a campaign slogan ie. Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Marisca Van Der Zwaan



Shade Sails 700's East Side of Building

The Poles have been installed and the Sails are being custom made





Year 12 Media Top Screen Excursion

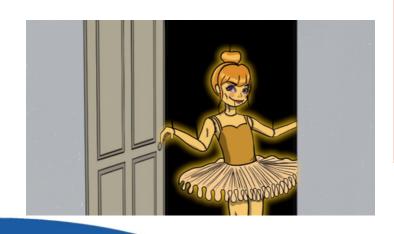
On the 6th of May, the Year 12 Media class went on an expedition to ACMI to watch Top Screen. Top Screens is an annual event run as part of the VCE Season of Excellence, which celebrates the highest performers across the various arts-based subjects in the state, with Top Screen focusing on the top performing Media films.



In the dark cinema of ACMI, we watched a series of 16 different short films created by the VCE students from all around Victoria. I personally found the animated short film Strings the most memorable, a short narrative regarding a little girl who was enchanted by an evil puppet and was lured to her performance. The beautiful rhythmic string music and wonderful illustrations of the animation were really captivating. The word "strings" immediately reminds me of the expression 'strings attached' which implies a dark catch to anything that appears beautiful, which is my interpretation of the moral of the narrative. The short film did not disappoint, the girl who followed the puppet to watch her dance was enchanted by the puppet's evil magic and became a puppet herself, which was the cynical catch of the short film.

Many other short films we watched took a more comical approach giving us all a good laugh. I found the whole experience very entertaining, being able to enjoy a day in the city with my class, and I wish I would be able to go again. The experience was valuable for the whole class, as it allowed us to see what is possible when it comes to our Media productions, and spurred forth our imaginations when planning for our own work.

- Christophe Lee, 12H





Wyndham Sports Leadership Breakfast

At 7:30 am on the 17th of June, Erin Fisher (12I, Demons House Captain), Mahalia Senense (11C, Iroquois House Captain), and Charlie Withers (10A, School Council Student Rep), joined Mr. Mooney at the annual Wyndham Sports Breakfast Leadership event, where we learned how to develop our skills as leaders. We were able to listen to some inspirational speakers who have paved out a career in sport.

The speakers whom we were able to hear from were:

- Emma Kearny, team captain of North Melbourne Football Club
- Michael Barlow, former AFL player and the current Werribee FC Coach
- · Stephan Wall, Wyndham City Council CEO, and
- Ayuen Akot from Wyndham Basketball Association

Their stories were absolutely inspiring, teaching us that being a leader isn't just about being successful but having failed opportunities, which will allow us to learn how to become the best versions of ourselves, and that even if we failed, we have also tried, which is what makes a great leader.

The event was extremely valuable to attend, and we would like to thank the school for allowing us to participate, and thank you as well to Mr Mooney for joining us for the event.

- Erin Fisher, Demons House Captain, 121







Message from the SRC

What a semester this has been, and an eventful one indeed!

This semester, the students undertook our semester 1 exams - some for the first time, and some only for the second time. Students were able to do an excellent job when it came to following protocols and practicing for our Year 12 exams.

Additionally, the whole school was able to participate in some exciting events, such as athletics, the Big Freeze event, IDAHOBIT Day, and various lunchtime clubs occurring around the school, such as the music club and theatre club. We look forward to organizing more lunchtime clubs and activities for all to participate in.



There was a small negative in the overwhelming positive semester for the students, and that is the condition and use of the toilets. The SRC would like to condemn the use of the toilets for any negative purposes, such as for loitering, as a place to hang out, or for the purposes of vaping. Please ensure that use of the toilets is limited to appropriate reasons, and we would also like to encourage students to keep the toilets in a clean and tidy condition. This is a space that we all share, so please ensure that you are doing the right thing.

Term 3 is a huge term for the SRC. Some of the events we have organized at the moment are:

- The return of our annual Gratitude Week
- Teacher vs student games
- School Captain elections
- The launch of our school's LGBTQI+ club

We wish to encourage all students to join the SRC - please do not hesitate to attend meetings if you have an idea for an event, suggestions for change around the school, or would just like your voice to be heard. We meet in Room 603 at lunchtime every Wednesday, and we hope to see you there.

- Aidan Mccarroll, Year 11 Captain

Big Freeze

Each year, the charity FightMND hosts a Big Freeze event - wherein people volunteer to get dunked into cold ice water, in order to raise money for a currently incurable and devastating disease known as Motor Neuron Disease.

Thanks to the following staff and students who bravely volunteered for this amazing cause.

Students: Alamgir Ali, Erin Fisher, Alena Lobas, Stacey Morgan, Gigi Pitcher, Maddy Morrison, Aleks Blanusa, Anthony Trajkovski, and Ben Whitehead.

Staff: Ryan Phelan, Ryan Baldwin, Joel Crothers, Elise Fisher, Allison Mcclelland, Deb Borg, Tracey Buckley, Sarah Plant, and Chelsea Caines.

As a team, Point Cook Senior managed to rise over \$6000 - well past our goal of \$5000, which is an extremely great achievement. We hope to make this an annual event, in support of FightMND, to one day find a cure for Motor Neuron Disease.

c.sas., Seniors.

Erin Fisher 12I Demons House Captain





IDAHOBIT Day

On May 17 2022, Point Cook Senior Secondary College ran an event for the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, also known as IDAHOBIT Day in the theatre.

Students were allowed to participate in a range of activities and these events included things such as bracelet making, having their faces painted by various talented students of the school, as well as badgemaking, where they were allowed to demonstrate their allyship or pride to the LGBTQ+ community, all while the Netflix adaptation of Alice Oseman's 'Heartstopper' was displayed for the students to watch. Heartstopper was picked to play through student input, chosen because of its depictions of both feelings of pride and prejudices the LGBTQ+ community faces daily.

Overall, the event was extremely successful. The vast number of students alone greatly exceeded 2021's IDAHOBIT event, and the student engagement when it came to being able to watch or participate in events was high. Unfortunately, there were several students throughout the entire event being disrespectful to the community within the theatre, which made a number of the students uncomfortable. This was dealt with swiftly however and was merely a small negative moment during an overall positive event. After the removal of these students, the event ran for a bit longer, before being concluded with the official establishment of a future LGBTQ+ Club for the school.

- Jazzy Sandaver, Gender Diversity Captain, 11A





BREAKFAS everyone is welcome - CL

Our Breakfast Program has been supporting students in need for 11 years now!

> Not only does our program provide students with a fulfilling breakfast to start their day with, but it also improves student wellbeing, supporting their outcomes.

> > Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a free breakfast and a carefree environment to start their school day.





Join us and build positive relationships with staff and students!

when? Fridays 8:00am-8:30am

REMINDERS

KEY DATES

- 11 Jul Term 3 Commences
- 15 Jul Winter 2 Sport Day Seniors
- 20 Jul Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Information Evening
- 20 Jul Year 11 into Year 12 Parent Information Evening
- 21 Jul Advisory Program Day 2
- 21 Jul Year 12 TIS Excursion Deakin University
- 27 Jul Year 10 Course Counselling No Year 10 Classes
- 29 Jul Year 10 into 11 Course Counselling Forms Due
- 29 Jul Year 11 into 12 Course Counselling Forms Due
- 1 Aug VTAC Applications Open
- 3 Aug Year 9 into 10 Open Night
- 4 Aug Year 12 VTAC Parent Information Night
- 9 Aug Winter 2 Inter-school Sport Intermediate
- 19 Aug Year 9 into 10 Course Counselling Forms Due
- 22 Aug Year 12 SEAS & Presentation
- 26 Aug STAMP Testing Saturday
- 31 Aug Hobson Bay Division Athletics Carnival
- 7 Sep GAT No Classes for Unit 3 & 4 Students
- 12 16 Sep Year 12 Practice Exams
- 14 Sep Year 12 VTAC/SEAS Support Evidence Due
- 15 Sep WMR Athletics

15 Sep Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening

16 Sep Parent Teacher Student Conference - Morning

16 Sep Term 3 Ends

3 Oct Term 4 Commences

7 Oct VTAC SEAS & Scholarships Close

13 Oct Year 10 Work Experience Form Due

18 Oct Year 12 Last Day

31 Oct - 4 Nov Year 11 Revision Week

1 Nov Melbourne Cup Day

7 - 11 Nov Year 11 Exams Week

7 - 11 Nov Year 10 Revision Week

7 - 11 Nov Year 10 Camp Week

7 - 11 Nov Year 11 VCAL Work Experience Week

14 - 18 Nov Year 10 Exams Week

14 - 18 Nov Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 1

21 - 25 Nov Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 2

24 Nov Valedictory

28 Nov - 2 Dec Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Week

28 Nov - 1 Dec Year 9 into Year 10 Orientation Program

20 Dec Term 4 Ends

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REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance information is available on Compass, including the option to approve absences and input requests to leave early for an appointment.

Late Arrival To School

Students are requested to use the Compass card to sign in at the Compass Kiosk at the front of the school.

Students who do not have cards can report to the attendance office.

Early Leave

Parent approval is required for any student requesting to leave early.

This can be done either by having parents enter approval on Compass or contacting the attendance office.

Students are required to provide a medical certificate when absent from a VCE class or assessment

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Majority of our communication 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 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:

- 1. go to the College's homepage: www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au
- 2. click on the Compass Portal icon

OR

directly go to Compass login: https://pointcooksenior-vic.compass.education/

If you are having trouble accessing your account,

click on the "Can't access your account" 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 or see the 'Compass Help' page on the school website.



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Community health centres

Information, referral, counselling and support groups

9377 7100 cohealth (North/West/CBD) cohealth.org.au

5367 2000 Dierriwarrh Health (Bacchus Marsh, Melton dihs.org.au Caroline Springs)

9296 1200 **IPC** Health (Brimbank, ipchealth.com.au Wyndham, Hobsons Bay)

Income support

Ring Centrelink on 136 150 and ask for an appointment with a social worker

Emergency accommodation

Crisis Contact Centre 1800 627 727

Yarra Community

1800 825 955 Housing

Melbourne Youth Support 9614 3688

Support for victims/survivors of sexual assault

WestCASA 9687 5811 9635 3610 CASA House Victims of Crime 1800 819 817

Support for men who want to change their behaviour

Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491 MensLine Australia 1300 789 978 1300 543 396 LifeWorks

Other useful services

1300 134 130 WIRE 1800 551 800 Kids HelpLine Parentline 13 22 89 Relationships Australia 8311 9222



Women's Health West

P 9689 9588 E info@whwest.org.au W www.whwest.org.au Current as at July 2016

Life without family violence



English

If you need an interpreter

First ring the Telephone Interpreter Service

13 14 50 (24 hours)

24 HOUR EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE - 000

SAFE STEPS FAMILY **VIOLENCE RESPONSE** CENTRE

1800 015 188

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS AND COUNSELLING LINE 1800 806 292

These services may be able to help you

Family violence support services

Women's Health West provides information, counselling, crisis and court support for women and children affected by family violence P: 9689 9588

W: whwest.org.au

inTouch Multicultural Centre Against

Family Violence supports women from diverse backgrounds who are experiencing family violence

P: 1800 755 988 W: intouch.asn.au

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal

Women's Services provides support for Aboriginal women in relation to family violence P: 9482 5744

W: emhaws.org.au

Community legal services

communitylaw.org.au

Brimbank	8312 2000
Flemington/Kensington	9376 4355
Footscray	9689 8444
Melbourne	9328 1885
Melton	9747 5240
Moonee Valley	9376 7929
Werribee	9749 7720

Magistrates courts

Broadmeadows	9221 8900
Melbourne	9628 7777
Sunshine	9300 6200
Werribee	9974 9300

Other legal services

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal

Service 1800 105 303 8622 0600 Women's Legal Service

1800 681 614 Court Network

RE-CYCLE YOUR CYCLE



Bicycle Donations Needed

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD, UNWANTED BICYCLE YOU NO LONGER NEED OR USE?

Preserve the environment and donate it to the **West Metro**Community Work Team's Fix the Cycle Program!

In the program young offenders are taught to repair, refurbish and overhaul old and disused bikes.
Once completed, the bicycles are donated to community members who most benefit from a sustainable method of free private transport, such as teenagers coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and refugee families who are newly settled in Australia.

For donations contact the CW Team on: 1300 389 518

Westmetro.communitywork @justice.vic.gov.au





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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone or SMS

your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

Email

WerribeeSP@ thesmithfamily.com.au

Online

saverplus.org.au

Find us on Facebook

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^{*} many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.



BOYS TOURNAMENT

Friday 1st of July, 10am - 4pm Eagle Stadium, 35 Ballan Rd, Werribee

BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE WINTER SLAM TITLE!

Full Court 5 on 5 • 3 PT Competition • Special Guests!

TOURNAMENT PRIZES: MELBOURNE UNITED MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE + MORE!

PLUS: MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS, LUNCH, DRINKS & MORE!

Players must be involved in secondary schooling or flexible learning to enter the tournament*



REGISTER YOUR TEAM HERE:







GIRLS TOURNAMENT

Friday 1st of July, 10am - 4pm Eagle Stadium, 35 Ballan Rd, Werribee

BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE WINTER SLAM TITLE!

Full Court 5 on 5 • 3PT Competition • Special Guests!
• Female referees • Private courts

TOURNAMENT PRIZES: MELBOURNE UNITED MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE + MORE!

PLUS: MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS, LUNCH, DRINKS & MORE!

Players must be involved in secondary schooling or flexible learning to enter the tournament*



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HUDDLE HOLIDAYS

The perfect holiday program for 8-18 year olds

Transport + lunch provided!

JUNIOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS



Latitude 28.06.22 Heidelberg 9.30am - 2.15pm



Ice Skating 30.06.22 **ICEHQ** 8am-1pm



Snow Trip 05.07.22 Lake Mountain Alpine Resort 8am - 6pm



Huddle Picnic 07.07.22 The Huddle, Arden St 12pm - 3pm



SCAN QR CODE **TO REGISTER**

SENIOR 13-18 YEAR OLDS



Winter Huddle Slam 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament 01.07.22 Eagle Stadium 10am-4pm



Invicta Athlete Day Cooking, Exercise, Giveaways & more! 06.07.22 Avalon Airport Oval (The Huddle - Werribee) 11am-3pm



The Race 07.07.22 North Melbourne Football Club, Arden St Oval 12pm-2pm



Cinematics 08.07.22 The Huddle, (North Melbourne Football Club) 6pm - 9pm



SCAN QR CODE

*Please note, activities are subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions. Alternative options will be arranged if and when appropriate. The Huddle will follow advice from the State Government regarding vaccination status at the time of the activities.













Join us as we celebrate 100 K!

Since inception in 2010, The Huddle has engaged with over 100,000 young people.

We are inviting all current and past participants, staff, volunteers, and partners to join us at Arden St and stand together as we form a '100K' on the oval and celebrate the achievements and contributions of young people in the community.

There will also be fun activities and giveaways for everyone, including Henna, OMGYOGA, North Melbourne Arts Bus, Circus Training and more.

WHEN: Thursday, July 7

TIME: **1.30pm**

WHERE: North Melbourne Football Club,

204-206 Arden St, North Melbourne VIC 3051

TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE, CLICK HERE