



Point Cook Senior

TERM 4 Newsletter

**MADE FOR THE COMMUNITY,
BY THE STUDENTS**



**6th Edition
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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 4 has been a wonderful term so far with plenty happening across the whole school.

Our annual arts festival, MADFEST, returned after a COVID induced hiatus and it was a fantastic event. The showcase of student work across visual and performing arts was a brilliant display of how hard our students and staff work to ensure they produce high quality pieces. One of the many highlights was the return of a drama performance with a number of our talented students putting on Alice in Wonderland. Overall, the night was a reminder of how the school community can work together, enjoy and celebrate achievements.

Our Year 12s have formally finished classes now and celebrated the end of their time with a final countdown and Celebration day. In a reflection of the kind, caring young people that they are, they celebrated in style, enjoying the time with friends and teachers in a mature manner. A number of the students are now finished school completely and are marching off to the very bright futures in work or further study. For those doing exams, we wish you well and hope that all the study, late nights and hard work pays off.

The Valedictory evening will be our grand finale with these students and an opportunity to formally recognize their 13 years in education. I am sure there will be tears and cheers from family and friends as the student's schools experience comes to an end. It's always a wonderful night where we are able to reflect on achievements and look forward to the bright futures these young people have ahead of them.

Exams are also occurring for our Year 10 and 11 students. This is an opportunity to show how much they have learnt over semester 2 and put an exclamation mark on the year as a whole. It's also a great way to develop some effective practices that will hold them in good stead throughout the rest of their time with us and beyond into other educational settings.

As we look ahead to 2023 and beyond, the start point for our year 10 and 11 students is the upcoming Orientation weeks. This is a timely opportunity for them to reflect on the year they have had, set some goals for next year and start to interact with the curriculum and learning experiences that they will have next year. I encourage them all to jump in with 2 feet and use the orientation program to ensure their course is a good fit for them and their pathway.

Shaun Sleep
Acting Principal

Blue Award 2021

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Year 12 PDS

Last Friday, Mr. Lazaric's Yr 12 PDS Class hosted a Fundraiser for "R U OK? Day" with a Sausage Sizzle during Lunch. It was a great day out for everyone enjoying their snags out in the sun, bringing everyone together and socialising. It capped off a week of hard work for every student, who are now heading into their last week of term 3, and for some, their last day here at PCSSC.



Year 10 Community Applied Entrepreneurial Projects!

During Term 4, Year 10 students are required to practically implement their Community Applied Entrepreneurial projects that they spend approximately 7 weeks working on. These projects are design to foster community engagement among students, encouraging them to be proactive members of our local community.

Three Year 10 groups from Miss Baker's CAEP class attended local schools in Point Cook and conducted lessons. All three groups thoroughly enjoyed their teaching tasks and were successful with their learning intentions. The lessons included teaching social/collaboration skills, teaching sign language and teaching students about the negative impacts of bullying, particularly in relation to racism. These Year 10's would like to extend their appreciation to Point Cook P-9 College and Carranballac P-9 College for allowing them to run their teaching projects at their schools.

Other projects implemented have included running a "lunchtime cinema" where students from PCSSC could provide a gold coin donation for entry to watch movie and eat popcorn at lunch. Donations were then submitted to the Australian Red Cross Foundation. Another project had two students run a Kahoot in advisory class designed to foster student interest in a new sport. The students then surveyed Kahoot participants in order to gauge whether a new interest had been sparked. Additionally, two groups volunteered to help improve our local community through a rubbish clean up – one group specifically focusing on cigarette butts at the Town Centre, and the other group spent time walking around the local streets surrounding PCSSC to aid in keeping our immediate environment clean.



Theatre Club

This year has been a very exciting one for the Theatre Club. Not only was 2022 its first year of operating, but we actually managed to put together a school production, in just over a term! Thanks to the immense effort put into planning, by Mr Karaoutsadis and Miss Doh, Point Cook Senior's production of 'Alice In Wonderland' was a (self-proclaimed) hit! I am immensely proud of the work that our talented cast and crew put into this production. Being the first real theatrical event at the school in many years, this production meant a lot, not just to myself, but also everyone who was involved. I'd also like to thank all the parents, friends, and classmates, who came out to support us. It was such a wonderful experience, especially after the ordeals of COVID, and it was a blessing to be able to perform this year.

I would highly recommend, if you're a student interesting in the performing arts, or just somehow who wants to join a bunch of cool people and have fun, to come along to one of our Theatre Club meetings next year, or even sign up to next year's production...if we have one (my fingers are tightly crossed). It has been a privilege to serve as Theatre Club Captain for 2022, and I hope there is another year ahead of us, filled with even more performing opportunities, and many new faces to share the stage with, in 2023.

Aaron Sinclair 111



Victorian Basketball Bronze Medalists!

The Point Cook Senior Boys basketball team walk away as podium finishers in their Basketball Victoria 3v3 championship tournament at the State Basketball Center. The following students Elika Tutagalevao, Maehe Paraha, Bailey Robinson and Ryan Neil dominated in the tournament. Finishing with a 7-1 record. The boys showed their incredible team chemistry, leadership and determination making it all the way to the Bronze Medal match, where they won on a game winning AND1 free throw make by Maehe Paraha, Incredible! Finishing 3rd out of a league of 30 schools from all around the state of Victoria. Mr.Noonan could not be prouder of your accomplishment.



Sanghai (Sunny) FAN
Year 11 student achieved Level 5 in Piano



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Senior Girls Basketball

The Point Cook Senior girls basketball team represented our school at the Basketball Victoria 3v3 championship tournament at the State Basketball Centre. Students Kordelle Hawea, Summer Moses, Gizelle Tolerton-Vaeluaga and Dorota Matiu, played hard all day against some established basketball programs from all around the state. Their effort was rewarded with a nail-biting final game win against Lillydale High School. Great job girls!



Year 10 Basketball

Point Cook Senior's Year 10 Basketball Team performed in the Western Metropolitan Regionals finals today (2nd round).

The boys grinded all the way to the Regional Grand Final beating out the 7 other best schools in the Western Region. With a huge Semi Final Win over Lakeside 47-29.

The Boys went down in the Grand Final by just 12 points. 12 points away from making States! An amazing runners up effort, full of determination, teamwork and gut running. Mr. Noonan and the entire school community is very proud of you all.

Point Cook Senior Basketball raised 5 Pennants in 2022.



Mr Noonan

Alumni

Are you or someone you know a past student of Point Cook Senior College and would like to join the ever-growing Alumni program? We love hearing from our past students and celebrating their achievements. If you would like to hear more about the program please email our Alumni Program Coordinator, Melissa with a brief biography: Melissa.Patsuris@education.vic.gov.au



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LRC News

Term 3 was extremely busy with many students borrowing resources including our board games and playing cards. These proved to be popular choices especially during the cold, wet weather.

Latest new releases: Dancing barefoot, A magic steeped in poison, where you left us, Nothing more to tell, The first thing about you, Triple threat, Better than the movies and Relentless.

Latest graphic novels: Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and Secret reverse.

Just a reminder for all overdue items to be returned, especially laptops, chargers, cameras and calculators. Email reminders of overdue items are sent on a weekly basis.

Finally, I would like to wish all the year 12 students the best of luck with their future endeavours and it has been a pleasure meeting many of you in the LRC.

Deborah



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New Uniform Items

Point Cook Senior are pleased to advise that there are now 2 new school uniform items available for purchase from Noone.

- A dark blue windcheater with small front zip and school logo for \$57
- A dark blue zip up puffer vest with school logo for \$69

Both of these items have been endorsed by School Council and can be worn on a daily basis, as part of the already existing school uniform policy.

Noone is situation at 54 Old Geelong Road in Hoppers Crossing, right next door to Spotlight.
Phone: 9749 0543



Year 12s Semester 1 Academic Awards



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WRS CITY EXCURSION

BY KEZIAH MAGELE

TASK - USING OUR COMMUNICATION TEAMWORK AND LISTENING SKILLS TO PLAN A PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE CLASS TO COMPLETE

PROJECT - NAVIGATING OUR WAY THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CITY AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE CLASS TO GET THE ACTIVITIES DONE, SUCH AS LOOKING AT STREET ART AND MAKING OUR OWN WAY TO MELBOURNE CENTRAL TO COMPLETE A COMPETITION OF CLASS BOWLING.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS USED

- COMMUNICATION
- TEAMWORK
- PLANNING
- TECHNOLOGY
- INITIATIVE
- SELF MANAGEMENT

WHAT WENT WELL

- well behaved
- listened to all instructions
- no wondering off
- we all got through the day without any issues
- we met up at the times miss asked us too

LOOKING AT STREET ART



BRIEF SUMMARY

WE MET AT FLINDERS STATION AND LEFT AT AROUND 9:40 WE THEN MADE OUR WAY TO THE SMALL STREET ART LANES AND TOOK A FEW PICTURES. AT 10:40 WE ALL MADE OUR OWN WAY TO MELBOURNE CENTRAL FOR OUR BOWLING GAME AT STRIKE AT 11:30. WE FINISHED BOWLING AT 12:20 AND WE THEN HAD 2 HOURS TO GO OFF HAVE LUNCH CHILLAX AND COMPLETE A FUN LITTLE SCAVENGER HUNT AROUND THE MALL. AT 2:20 WE GOT DISMISSED IN THE CITY.

THE BREAKFAST everyone is welcome CLUB

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!

where? Room 312

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

REMINDERS

KEY DATES

- 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** Year 12 Valedictory
- 21 - 25 Nov** Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Week
- 6 Dec** Year 9 into Year 10 Orientation Day
- 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

***Attend Today,
Achieve Tomorrow***



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.



Community health centres

Information, referral, counselling and support groups

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

Djerriwarrh Health 5367 2000
(Bacchus Marsh, Melton djhs.org.au
Caroline Springs)

IPC Health 9296 1200
(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 Housing **1800 825 955**

Melbourne Youth Support **9614 3688**

Support for victims/survivors of sexual assault

WestCASA 9687 5811

CASA House 9635 3610

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

LifeWorks 1300 543 396

Other useful services

WIRE 1300 134 130

Kids HelpLine 1800 551 800

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

Women's Legal Service 8622 0600

Court Network 1800 681 614

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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Contact

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your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

Email

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

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