11th August, 2016
Principal’s Message

Dear Families and Friends,

Greetings from hot and sunny Singapore. On Sunday 31 July, we left a cold wintery day in Melbourne to arrive in the hot and humid climate of Singapore. Our girls have been immersed in problem based learning at the Republic Polytechnic School since the get go. An institution of 15,000 students with schools in Applied Science, Sports, Health and Leisure, Engineering, Information Technologies and Design and Hospitality, with State of the art facilities including three fully functioning restaurants, an airplane hangar with its own Learjet, flight simulator, repair labs, state of the art science laboratories and Olympic sized pools and outdoor adventure facilities. The girls are presented with a problem at the beginning of the day and through research, collaboration with others, application of skills to new contexts, critical thinking, creativity and quality control they find a solution by the end of the day. These problems form part of a major project for the semester. Our girls come back each night excited to tell us about the study and posed problems of the day.

We have also been able to include some wonderful cultural and sightseeing experiences too. We have been to Universal Studios, the Singapore Flyer, similar to the Melbourne Star, Gardens by the Bay, Ubin Island, the Kranji War Memorial and the Changi Chapel and Museum. I look forward to sharing more about this trip with you on our return. There are some photos included in the Lantern.

You may have also noticed that the College has launched its new website and has returned to the original school name. In most circles and to most people outside of the College, we are still best known as Presentation College Windsor. In looking at revamping the website and raising our digital profile, it seemed best to be identified by what we have been known for, over many, many years. We will still use PCW as an acronym and will still use PCW Melbourne for attracting our international students. We are proud of our history and Presentation heritage and particularly proud of our new website. I hope you enjoy perusing it.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

Filina Virgato
Principal
Prayer: Pope Francis visits Auschwitz

Pope Francis on his recent visit to Auschwitz prayed in the cell of Polish priest and Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who died at Auschwitz after taking the place of a condemned man. The visit falls on the 75th anniversary of the day Kolbe was condemned to death.

During WW2 Maximilian Kolbe helped shelter 2,000 Jews; he was eventually arrested by the Nazis. When 10 men were sentenced to starve to death in Auschwitz, he had pity on one who had a family. Maximilian offered to take his place. That man survived. He led the others in prayer and Mass every day. He survived for several weeks, eventually being killed by lethal injection. He is the patron saint of prison and prisoners.

Christ has no body now but yours. no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”
Amen
This Edition of the Lantern:

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Dear Principal, Staff, Students, Parents, Supporters, Board,

Many thanks for the final liturgy on July 19th. It was, as always, a splendid occasion. Thanks for all the years of good experiences, particularly the Simply Sharing Masses.

Next Sunday’s Second Reading is about Abraham, Journeying in faith, not knowing where it will go. It is a great image for this time as we work out what to do with all we know, or can discover.

Good luck for that to all of you. And I suppose for me, because I am not finished yet.

Thanks for the welcome, and for the challenges that young people provide to keep us alive in mind and spirit. Please don’t stop.

Barry Moran
Parish Priest
It’s official! The average human’s attention span is now less than that of a gold fish! What technology is doing to our kids’ attention spans

For years we have mocked the goldfish and laughed at its expense. We all know how pitiful the attention span of the goldfish is. I have stopped laughing after a recent Microsoft Canada report found that the average human’s attention span is below that of a goldfish (8 seconds versus 9 seconds).

How is this so?

Satya Nadella sums it up with “We are moving from a world where computing power was scarce to a place where it now is almost limitless, and where the true scarce commodity is increasingly human attention”.

Higher TV watching at 3 years of age is associated with ADHD at age 7 (Scarmeas et al., 2001; Swing et al., 2010). Four year olds were randomly assigned to watch Spongebob Squarepants or to draw for 9 minutes. Children watching the fast paced cartoon performed significantly worse on executive function tasks such as planning, organising, remembering things, prioritising, paying attention and getting started on tasks (Lillard & Peterson, 2011). Even more concerning is that attention span-persistence at age 4 significantly predicted maths and reading achievement at age 21 (McClelland et al, 2013).

So how do we fix this? This is dire!

Limit Electronic Devices

It has been found that an office worker gets only 11 minutes between each interruption, while it takes an average of 25 minutes to return to the original task after an interruption. This is happening to our kids too as they keep their phones in their pockets and sit in front of ipads and computers. It’s better to give a task a dedicated time slot to solely focus on your work and ignore the irrelevant. Technological devices that are within reach can easily lure you in to decrease your attention span.

So try to designate technology time. Limit TV viewing, limit social media and gaming. Provide opportunities for reading books, sitting with nature, playing with pets and sharing family time.

It’s time to reclaim our attention!

Dr Julie Andronaco MAPS
Musical:

CBC & PCW present
with St Mary’s Primary School

BUGSY MALONE
a fun and colourful musical set in 1920’s New York

Script By: Alan Parker
Music By: Paul Williams

Tickets
www.trybooking.com/MJQH
(or search using keywords bugsy malone)

Wed 24
Thu 25
Fri 26
Sat 27
Aug

Entertainment
show starts
7:30pm

light refreshments available
pre-show and intermission
Singapore Trip:

Kranji War Memorial

Republic Polytechnic

Ubin Island
Singapore Trip: (cont.)
Year 8 News: Graffiti Presentation
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 August, 2016

On Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} August the Year 8 cohort participated in a presentation by Youth Education, sponsored by the City of Stonnington. The presentation was fantastic. The presenter, Xavier, was engaging and extremely informative about graffiti education, peer pressure and taking responsibility for your mistakes.

Xavier engaged the students when discussing how to make the right decision when placed in a situation where there is a wrong decision to make too. He really empowered the girls to be themselves, set goals, show love, be resilient and have personality.

There was a large focus on social media and the impact of hiding behind a screen and how a bad behavior can become a ‘habit’. Xavier spoke about how choices can affect your mental health and cause stress and anxiety.

I really hope the girls enjoyed the presentation as much as I loved listening to it. I truly believe that every student walked out with at least one piece of information that allows them to build resilience and positive self expression.

\textbf{Natalie Tommasini}  
Year 8 Co-ordinator
Year 9 News

It has been a busy and exciting start to the term for our Year 9 students. They continue to be involved in a range of extra curricular activities and represent themselves and school proudly. Here is just a snap shot of some of the programs and activities:

Wellsprings

The experience of Wellsprings can best be described as an eye-opener to a world I had not engaged with before. When we arrived, I was briefed on the women that were helped, the history of the large home and what we were to be doing that day. Fridays were used to focus on English conversations. On the 29th I sat in a class with Ms Braiden and Lily as we listened to five women from four different continents. They spoke in different languages yet all learnt English, they were all different ages, yet shared the same struggles and they all had difficult pasts but joined together at Wellsprings to give themselves a better future.

If ever given the opportunity, I would return to Wellsprings, so I could once again listen to these amazing women who unknowingly became my role models.

Stephanie Vieceli

We were fortunate enough to spend morning tea with the women of Wellsprings and get to know them and some of their stories. I found this the most beneficial part of the day. There were girls that had only been in the country for 6 months. Before they came, they spoke no English and with the help of the volunteers at Wellsprings I was able to have a conversation with them. While speaking to many of the younger women I found that a common desire of theirs was to attend school and receive an education. This was a huge eye opener for me as school is something that many of us take for granted yet there are people who can only dream of an education. After morning tea we were given the opportunity to sit in on the English classes. This was an amazing opportunity as we were also given the chance to speak with the older members of Wellsprings and hear about their journeys.

We all left Dandenong feeling very humbled and privileged to have met such inspirational women and to have spent the day with them. The Year 9s will continue to work with Wellsprings as a group and will be visiting for our Community

Debating

Being in debating during Year 9 has helped me with a lot of things, such as my public speaking skills, learning to improvise on the spot and working as a team as we organise our arguments together to achieve maximum effect. It’s been a great experience that I’d highly recommend to help with Public Speaking.

Charlotte Carnes
Year 9 News (cont.)

**Rypen**
As Year 9 students Rypen Camp is one of the great things that we have the opportunity to nominate for. Rypen camp is a leadership camp for students between the ages of 15 and 17. This year 3 girls are being sponsored to go on this 3 day camp. To get in to this camp all of the girls that wanted to apply for the camp had to go through an interview process. It was pretty nerve racking having a formal interview with my Coordinator and Deputy Principal but I’m glad I did it. Having the interview process was very helpful for future jobs as well. The camp hasn’t happened yet but I’m really looking forward to it as it is a great opportunity to be involved in.

Carla Destito

**EACHTRA Badge**
I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to put forward a design for the 2016 Eachtra Badge along with any other students who wanted to enter. I decided to do this because of my love for designing and creating. I used watercolour as a main element in all 4 of my designs and this gave me the chance to experiment and work with new materials. I enjoyed collecting inspiration and began to incorporate what I thought would be in the Year 9s best interest along with the meaning and origin of Eachtra, which is Adventure. I was lucky enough to have my design elected and I am thankful my badge is able to be worn as a symbol of Year 9 2016.

Kayla Doan

**Bright Sparks**
On Friday the 29th of July, I was lucky enough to participate in the Bright Sparks Program at PCW. This program consists of PCW students leading a number of primary school groups through a series of activities. The whole point of the exercises was for people participating to be aware of the issues that are facing our world and coming up with a number of ideas to stop these issues. The primary school students were such a pleasure to work with; and in some cases I even felt like they were teaching me more that I was teaching them since they had such an amazing amount of knowledge and were so imaginative when it came with coming up to ideas to stop the issues. It was such an amazing experience and I got so much out of it.

Pia Fullaondo

The students are also to be commended for the mature and engaged manner in which they approached their subject selection for Year 10 in 2017. Many met with our Pathways Coordinator to discuss their options and future pathways. Many are involved with our upcoming Music Showcase, Drama Production of “Party Spirit” and the CBC/PCW musical.

Community Service is just around the corner, and we look forward to sharing our “EACHTRA” journey with this impressive group of young women.

Diane Braiden
Year 9 Coordinator
Year 10 Debating

Inter-school debating has come to a close for another year! PCW Melbourne students have been involved in this competition for many years and have demonstrated some ability in the area. The Debating Association of Victoria encourages in young people the skill of being able to sustain an argument, a skill, I am sure, many parents have encountered in their daughters!

The fifth and final round for the 2016 season was held on Tuesday evening, 9th August, at St Kevin's College. Wins and marginal losses characterised the final competition with Best Speaker of one debate awarded to Year 9's Ava Wansbrough. Congratulations, Ava.

This year we have entered up to three teams at Years 9, 10 and 11 levels. This says a great deal about the students' enthusiasm. Overall, it has been a vibrant and enjoyable season of debating against a range of colleges in the region. It has also been an engaging social experience for the students.

This year many teachers have supported the girls in their efforts, led ably by Ms Demi Cartledge as organiser of the PCWM debating program.

Well done to all involved!

Liza Kwan, Olivia Arcaro and Nina Jenney
Music Camp

Towards the end of Term Two we had over 100 students attending our annual Music Camp at the Rutherford Park Retreat near Daylesford. Music Camp is our opportunity to spend some focused time away from the routine of school to rehearse and refine our repertoires leading up to our Music Showcase. The Year 12’s organised an excellent Trivia Night, the highlight being the excellent Lip Sync battle where the staff and students faced off. We were treated to sunny but very cold frosty mornings and with fireplaces in each rehearsal room we were kept very warm. During the days the students are busily rehearsing in their bands and ensembles, stopping only for lunch or a quick cup of tea. That’s what Music Camp is about – Music of course but also food and friendship! We are looking forward to next year’s camp already. A huge thanks to all the staff who attended!

Rory Godbold
Music Showcase

Our Annual Music Showcase was held on the 12th of August in the PCW Melbourne College Hall. Over 300 attended the evening and were treated to the excellent selection of talent the College has to offer. Hosted by the excellent Fiona Hall, our Head of English and our Xavier Music Captain, Grace Thornbrough they kept the audience entertained in between items. Highlights from the evening included Clio Theaker’s ‘Andantino con Moto’, Op. 43 on Clarinet as well as solos from some senior vocalists Isabella Oates, Imara Waldhart and Anthea Willcocks.

Our Senior and Junior choirs sung out in fine voice following in a strong tradition of choirs this College has produced, with the senior choirs singing a memorable version of Lana Del Rey’s ‘Young and Beautiful’. Our Symphonic Band ended the night with power and force that almost lifted the roof off the hall!

Huge thanks to our instrumental staff and ensemble leaders Clarissa Miller, Katrina Waters, Ben Dix, Sara Calia and Angela Mallia and David O’Meara (CBC) for making the event possible, along with our Head of Performing Arts Mr Nick Williamson for his excellent leadership of the event. Finally, thanks to all who came and supported our students making the evening such a huge success.

Rory Godbold
Music Showcase (cont.)
Melbourne High School Philanthropy Fundraiser

Each year Melbourne High School has their annual Philanthropy Club’s fundraiser. This year was a talent quest with acts from schools all over Melbourne, with the winning act being awarded a lump sum for the Servants Housing Organisation.

Vy Nguyen (Year 12 College Vice Captain) submitted an entry from Samantha Liang from Year 12 into this competition on behalf of PCW. Congratulations to Sam who was chosen as the winner with her PCW Day "Try" piece.

This is a great achievement for Sam, especially performing in order to raise money for such a good cause. The PCW community is very proud of her.

We would also like to thank Vy for nominating Sam in the first instance.
Art News

Coming Up

Our Art Captains will be running our Mini-Archibald show. Students are encouraged to get creative and create an A3 sized portrait. **Tuesday 16th August is the final deadline for entries.**

PCW Melbourne is happy to announce our **Artist in Residence Cameron Hayes.** Stay tuned for more information including a mini exhibition of Cameron’s outstanding paintings in our new meeting room/art gallery next term. You will also get a chance to see Cameron when he opens our annual Year 7-12 Art Show on **Tuesday 13th September.**

**Year 12 Art and Studio Arts exhibition:** students have, for the second year, the wonderful opportunity to exhibit their final works in the professional setting of Monash University Museum of Art. Year 12 Studio Arts students will be curating this show and learning how an exhibition is promoted and run as part of their Year 12 coursework. This will take place on **Wednesday 12th October at MUMA.** Thanks to Melissa Bedford at MUMA for her support of PCW Melbourne in this exhibition and other partnership work including the DAMP workshop.

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**2016**

**Mini Archibald Portrait Prize**

A3, ANY MEDIUM

Portrait of someone you know personally, self portrait, family or friend

Entries to Ms Mackey or Ms Avril Martinelli

**Entry Deadline:** **Tuesday 16th August**

Early Submissions Welcomed!
“Women of Windsor” Annual Event

Save the Date!

Women of Windsor

Annual Event

Saturday 12th November, 2016

Last year was the inaugural event for the Alumnae group, now known as 'Women of Windsor'.

The panel last year consisted of:

Anna Burke who was previously the Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sister Mary Kavanagh – past Student, Principal and Head of our Boarding House
Judge Katherine Bourke – County Court Judge
Judge Claire Quin – County Court Judge
Erin O'Brien & Vy Nguyen (Leaders in 2016)

Whether you are a regular visitor to the school or returning for the first time since graduation to see what has changed, we are very excited to welcome you to the College for this event.

Please pass this invitation on to other PCW Alumnae who may be interested in attending.

Further details will be available on the website throughout the year
Contact: Trish Chester
85172704 or womenofwindsor.vic.edu.au
Expression Fashion Gala 2016—September 9, 2016

EXPRESSION FASHION GALA 2016

FREE TO BE ME!

Celebrating diversity through: fashion, arts, music and dance

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
7PM MALVERN TOWN HALL

$15 + booking fee
Tickets available online at chapelofchapel.com.au

For more info:
Call 8290 7020
youth.stonnington.vic.gov.au

Part proceeds from ticket sales go to:
VCAL Fundraiser

Diabetes Australia
Fund Raising

Program

At Lunch Time
Under the Yr 7-8 sails
Thursday 25th August

Jelly babies
Butterfly lollipop
Pop corn
Jelly bear guess

Monies raised goes to Diabetes Camp Program, Victoria.
Careers News

Career Expos and University Open Days

University Open Days:
These all start very soon and can be a good way for your daughter to get a feel for an institution plus talk to people in the faculty areas in which she maybe interested. I would encourage girls in Years 10 and 11 to go to a few as you have a little bit more time than when in your Yr. 12 study year. A list can be found on the Pathways Wiki.
The website is: http://www.openday.com.au/tertiary/melbourne/

Spotjobs Career Expo
Date: Friday 26th - Sunday 28th August 2016
Venue: Melbourne Exhibition Centre in Southbank.

The SpotJobs Career Expo is the largest and most comprehensive careers event in Australia. The expo showcases career opportunities from large employers, trades to higher education in an exciting, interactive and informative format. All sectors and industries are covered, with the latest career trends and opportunities showcased and ready to be explored. The expo offers free career advice, inspiring and informative industry panels, employment opportunities, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, free seminars and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study within the private education sector and universities. With all career, education and training information under one roof, this event is the first stop for all Victorians seeking a successful future.


Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you want to discuss anything related to your daughter’s study future at PCW Melbourne or beyond.

Megan Larritt
mlarritt@pcw.vic.edu.au
Ph: 8517 2726
### Open Days

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Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to go along to Open Days.
Getting the most out of an Open Day

Most institutional Open Days are held in late July and August (see over the page for Open Day dates). However, you are more than welcome to contact an institution to arrange a visit any time.

What happens on an Open Day?
On Open Day you can visit an institution when it’s at its best. Everyone is there – academics, lecturers, current students and information officers. More importantly, you can talk with academics, lecturers and current students about what certain courses are actually like, and what is required to get into them.

Who should attend an Open Day?
Anyone who is considering studying at a tertiary level in the next few years should attend.

Why should you attend an Open Day?
Apart from the opportunity to obtain course information there are many other reasons why attending an Open Day is a good idea:

You are going to feel more comfortable arriving at a university or TAFE institute on the first day of classes if you have

- been there before.
- What is really involved in the course or courses you are interested in?
- If you have to move away from home, where are you going to live?
- Will you be happier studying in a large metropolitan institution or a smaller, perhaps rural institution?
- What does the place ‘feel’ like? Is it a bustling environment with lots of activity or a quieter, more relaxed campus set in landscaped grounds?
- How are you going to get there? Is it close to public transport or should you start saving now for a car?
- If you don’t know the answers to any of these questions, then you should attend an Open Day!

How to make the best of Open Days
To make your Open Day visits fun and informative, here are some pointers:

- Write down a list of questions you would like to ask about particular courses
- Be there early. Crowds tend to develop as the day progresses
- On arrival, get a map from a central point and ask for directions to the relevant faculties or schools
- Ask questions!
- Don’t spend the day collecting printed information only. Use the opportunity to speak directly with academics before applications close
- Introduce yourself to Selection Officers if you feel it is appropriate, but don’t be pushy
- Check out the residential colleges, if available. After all, it is you that will be living there.
- Walk around the campus. Have a good look! See what sporting facilities and other services are available.
- Enjoy the visit!

*Not everyone can attend every Open Day and various Institutions hold their Open Days on the same date! If you can’t attend an Open Day and you are interested in a particular institution, you may visit at other times. If you wish to speak to a particular person, it is essential to make an appointment first.*
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Reminders
- **INSIDE MONASH UNIVERSITY SEMINARS** – Final seminars in the series: Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13; Details and bookings: [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** applications for 2017 courses open Mon 1 August; timely applications close 29 Sept (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au))
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS** - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12’s; Book: [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops)

1. **OPEN DAY REMINDER** – Make sure you attend Open Days this year. They are your opportunity to ‘try before you buy’ your university or TAFE course. They commence THIS weekend at Swinburne (Hawthorn), 10am - 4pm. Remember to use Open Day planners before attending. For example, La Trobe University has a handy tool for browsing the Open Day activities and lets you build a personalised schedule to follow on the day. You can download the La Trobe Open Day app which you can use to access your timetable as well as maps to help you get around.

Some Open Day Dates for 2016:
- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Ulysses campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

2. **YEAR 12 NEWS** –
- **VTAC APPLICATIONS** - Applications for TAFE and university courses open on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website on Monday 1 August, 2016 at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). Use Course Searches as it is the primary source of course information. You will also find very useful VTAC videos about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at [www.youtube/vtacmedia](http://www.youtube/vtacmedia).

You can apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course on your list for which you meet the requirements. Don’t forget to check out the Selection Requirements for each course for which you apply. Many use only the ATAR for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form or documents that must completed as well. You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.

You have until 29 September for a ‘timely’ application. After that, the normal application fee of $32.00 rises to $100.00.

- When applying for courses you will be asked for a contact email address. You are advised NOT to use your school email address.
- Some B. Fine Art degrees at the University of Melbourne (Southbank campus) have earlier closing application dates; they close on 31 Aug for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting. For Production, Music Theatre, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts, timely applications close on 29 Sept and no later applications are allowed.
- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – This Scheme allows selection officers at universities and TAFE’s to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants, but doesn't exempt you from meeting course requirements. SEAS doesn't change your educational results or qualifications but enables course selection officers to consider circumstances that may have affected your results or educational progress. There are four categories of special consideration:
  - Personal Information and Location
  - Difficult Circumstances
  - Disadvantaged Financial Background
  - Disability or Medical Condition
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For information about SEAS participating institutions, how to apply (demonstration provided), supporting evidence required (with suggested tips) and other details, see: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and search for SEAS.

3. WHAT IF I DON'T GET THEATAR REQUIRED FOR MY DESIRED COURSE? Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application. ATAR’s sometimes come down on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR’s because of bonus points achieved, or with a successful SEAS application, so you might be surprised.

However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access your course(s)? Many universities offer pathways into university. For example, Deakin has Deakin College, Monash has Monash College, La Trobe has La Trobe Melbourne and Swinburne has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into university.

Many other pathways exist. For example, Monash offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the University of Melbourne offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway. ACU offers courses through ACUCom, and Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some VET providers (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to university.

Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a lower ATAR as a result of their involvement in their communities (eg Aspire program at La Trobe and the Early Achievers Program at ACU).

4. NEW COMMON FIRST YEAR FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT SWINBURNE – In 2017 engineering students will begin their studies with a common first year. The B. Engineering (Honours) will teach students the fundamentals of engineering before they choose their major, ensuring they can make informed choices about their career in industry. Those who enrol in the B. Engineering (Honours) (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. [http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/course/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/course/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/)

5. NEW MAJORS IN HEALTH SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE – In 2017 Swinburne’s B. Health Science will include four new majors. The degree is designed to equip students for careers promoting health and wellbeing. New majors in biomedical and clinical technologies, exercise science and nutrition will be offered alongside a revised major in biomedical science. Student who enrol in the B. Health Science (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. Find a course at: [http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/find-a-course/health/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/find-a-course/health/)

6. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS –
- Find out more about your professional personality, about life after finishing Year 12, and about how to improve your study habits. Check out some of these latest articles featured in the Deakin digital content hub at: [http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-your-professional-personality-the-careers-quiz/](http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-your-professional-personality-the-careers-quiz/), [http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-life-was-like-after-finished-year-12](http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-life-was-like-after-finished-year-12) and [http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/five-ways-to-get-on-top-of-your-study-workload](http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/five-ways-to-get-on-top-of-your-study-workload).
- Also remember to check out the Deakin EXPLORE facility at: [http://explore.deakin.edu.au](http://explore.deakin.edu.au). Find out which course suit your interests, major studies available to you, and how to qualify for a career that interests you, plus a lot more.

7. SPOTJOBS CAREER EXPO COMING – This Expo will showcase career opportunities from large employers and trades through to higher education. There will be free career advice, industry panels, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, seminars, and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study. When: Fri 26 – Sun 28 August; Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank; For details and a free ticket see: [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au).

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Upcoming Events

Week Beginning Monday 15th August
Monday 15th August  Mid—Term Break
Tuesday 16th August  Parent Association Meeting @ 7.00 pm
                     SCSA Volleyball
Saturday 20th August  Cheesemaking Course @ PCW
Sunday 21st August  Cheesemaking Course @ PCW

Week Beginning Monday 22nd August
Tuesday 23rd August  SCSA Soccer
Wednesday 24th August  PCW Melbourne Athletics Day

Week Beginning Monday 29th August
Tuesday 30th August  Scholarship Presentation Evening @ 6.00 pm
Wednesday 31st August  Year 9 Retreat / Community Service
Thursday 1st September  Year 9 Retreat / Community Service
                     Science Expo
Friday 2nd September  Year 9 Retreat / Community Service
                     Immunisations

Week Beginning Monday 5th September
Tuesday 6th September  Parent Association Meeting @ 7.30 pm
Wednesday 7th September  Year 7 to 9 Progress Interviews

Week Beginning Monday 12th September
Monday 12th September  SCSA Netball
Tuesday 13th September  Art Show Opening
                     Twilight Open Evening @ 5.30 pm
                     Finance Meeting @ 5.30 pm
                     Board Meeting @ 7.00 pm
Wednesday 14th September  Leadership 2017 Induction Ceremony
Thursday 15th September  Open Morning


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**Canteen Specials**

**Week Commencing Monday, 8 August**

**MUFFIN:** Triple Choc Chip  
**MEAL:** Cheese & Spinach Cannelloni  
**SOUP:** Sweet Potato & Leek  

**Week Commencing Monday, 16 August**

**MUFFIN:** Banana & Caramel  
**MEAL:** Nachos  
**SOUP:** Thai Pumpkin  

**Week Commencing Monday, 22 August**

**MUFFIN:** Honeycomb  
**MEAL:** Lemon Chicken & Fried Rice  
**SOUP:** Minestrone  

Students can place LUNCH ORDERS before school and at recess. They can pick up their orders at the back door and avoid lining up with the crowds at lunchtime.

**Breakfast**

The Canteen is open for breakfast every morning from 7.45 am until 8.20 am.

The following is available for $1.00:

- Ham & Cheese Croissants $3.50
- Plain Croissants $2.00
- Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls $2.00

2 x slices of toast—butter, jams, vegemite and juice

Cereal & Juice or Yoghurt & Juice
Parent Association Meetings

Seventh Meeting: Tuesday 16th August
7.30 pm in the Staff Lunchroom

The PCW Parent Association work hard to encourage social interaction among parents so that they develop a sense of belonging to the school community. All parents are invited to be a part of the Association and come along to monthly meetings or be involved with activities. All meetings will be advertised in the Lantern—College E-Newsletter and dates are also available on the school calendar, published on the school website: www.pcw.vic.edu.au

Once a month the Parent Association meets—hearing from the Principal and/or other members of the Leadership Team and Staff. This unique interaction between the Leadership, Staff and Parents is an opportunity to hear firsthand about developments around PCW and to provide timely feedback to the school from parents.
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School Holiday Day Camp

Activities include:
AFL, Soccer, Drama, Cooking, Art,
Dance, Tennis, Chess, Creative
Writing, Skipping, Basketball,
Zumba, Glee and much more!

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