

NEWSLETTER | 09.06.23

Diary Dates

Term Two Focus: Creativity

May

Week Eight

Mon 12 th	Public Holiday – King's Birthday
Tue 13 th	7pm Peter Pan Jr. College Production
Wed 14 th	11:45am and 7pm Peter Pan Jr.
Fri 16 th	Yr 5/6 Interschool Soccer

Week Nine

Mon 19 th	ySafe Cybersafety Workshops
Mon 19 th	Yr 9-12 Pathway Information Night
Tue 20 th -22 nd	VCE Course Counselling
Wed 21 st	Wacky Wednesday
Wed 21 st	2024 Prep Families Afternoon Tea
Fri 23 rd	VCE Subject Selection Forms Due
Fri 23 rd	Casual Clothes Day Fundraiser
Fri 23 rd	Term Two Concludes 2:20pm

Term Three Focus: Justice

July

Week One

Wed 12 th	Term Three Commences
Fri 14 th	Yr 7-10 Boys Netball

Week Two

Mon 17 th -20 th	Yr 9/10 2024 Course Counselling
Tue 18 th	Yr 12 Enviro Excursion
Tue 18 th	Yr 5/6 STEM Incursion
Wed 19 th	Yr 5/6 Netball
Thur 20 th -21 st	Yr 5/6 STEM Incursion
Fri 21 st	100 Days Prep
Fri 21 st	Yr 9/10 Subject Selection Forms Due

Week Three

Tue 25 th	7pm VCC Music Recital
Wed 26 th	Student Free Day – Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur 27 th	Secondary Wellbeing Day (TBC)

August

Week Four

Mon 31 st -4 th	Yr 10 Work Experience
Mon 31 st -3 rd	Yr 9 Kinglake Camp
Mon 31 st	Yr 1/2 Science Excursion
Wed 2 nd	Primary Athletics Carnival
Fri 4 th	Yr 9 Rest Day

2023 College Production

Peter Pan JR.

Join us for our 2023 College production of Peter Pan Jr. where over 70 of our talented students will take you on an adventure filled with pirates, brave girls, and the boy who never grows up. The show is sure to delight audiences of all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sessions:

- Tuesday 13th June 7pm
- Wednesday 14th June 11:45am and 7pm

Tickets:

- Adults: \$15
- Pensioners: \$10
- Students & Children 18 and Under: \$10
- Family – 2 Adults, 2 Children: \$45

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/8C8RU>



Please note all primary students will attend Wednesday Matinee Performance

New Creatures

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: The old has gone, the new is here!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Consider the butterfly. What once had been a caterpillar, through the process of metamorphosis, has become a new creation. The transformation was not immediate, as the process took time. And if the caterpillar could talk, it might have asked what was happening. Why did it have to go through a dark season of isolation inside the chrysalis? However, when the butterfly emerges, the new creation is glorious! No longer confined to crawling on the ground, the butterfly now knows the freedom of flight.

Our redemption, that newness in Jesus, changes us just as the caterpillar was changed. Because of Jesus, our old mistakes and priorities are wiped away. What was important to us before, just isn't as important after we come to know Jesus. We have been given a new heart and we have a new view of the world because we are new creatures – no longer crawling in sin but flying with Christ Jesus!

We still need to stand strong against sin, but we are freed from its control and tyranny. Redeemed believers are open to God's ongoing transformational work in their lives so that they can enjoy the freedom that comes with the forgiveness, love, and grace that God continuously pours out onto His people!

Upcoming Events

King's Birthday Public Holiday

A reminder to all VCC families that Monday 12th June is the King's Birthday Public Holiday. Our administration building will be closed however Peter Pan Jr rehearsals will be held all day in the auditorium for participating students.

Primary Interschool Soccer

Year Five/Six Interschool Soccer has been rescheduled to Friday June 16th due to Wet Weather. These teams are training on Wednesdays at lunchtime. Please note students are NOT required to wear their PE uniform for the whole day on their training days; they may bring PE clothes to change into at lunchtime. Selected students will be travelling to the events in school time and will return in time for buses. Students should bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Updated Operoo forms will be sent this week. Please contact Richard Murphy (richardmurphy@vcc.vic.edu.au) if you have any questions.

Student Cybersafety Workshops

On Monday 19th June all VCC students in Years Three to Ten will be participating in a ySafe cybersafety workshop. There will be four separate workshops during the school day, with two-year levels together per workshop. The ySafe presenters offer insights from clinical child & adolescent psychologists, ex-police officers and teachers. ySafe's award-winning team of cybersafety experts have provided online safety education to over half a million students across Australia. Parents are reminded that our School TV link on our VCC website is well worth visiting for helpful cybersafety videos for parents: <https://vcc.vic.schooltv.me/channel-newsletter/315>.

Pathway Information Night (Current Year 8 – 11 Students)

On Monday 19th June, our annual Pathway Information Night will be held from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. This is a 'must' event for all current Year Eight to Eleven students, so please keep this night free in the calendar. The main focus for the night is the Year Nine and Ten pathway subjects, VCE, VET, and School Based Apprenticeship options that students can choose in 2024.

Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports are currently being finalised by staff. They will be distributed to parents via Xuno in the first week of the holidays. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will then follow on July 26th. A booking link will be sent out with reports.

Upcoming Events

Wacky Wednesday

This year's Wacky Wednesday will be held on Wednesday June 21st. Students and staff are invited to celebrate the theme of "100 years of Disney", and come dressed as your favourite Disney, Pixar, Marvel, or Star Wars Character. Parents are welcome to attend the costume parade in the morning which will be held in the College Auditorium beginning at 9.05am. As this will be a whole school event, seating will be limited, and possibly standing room only for parents. Student leaders will run a variety of activities for primary students to participate in at lunch time. We are looking forward to seeing the imaginative and creative costumes on the day!



Final Day of term Two

Casual Clothes Day

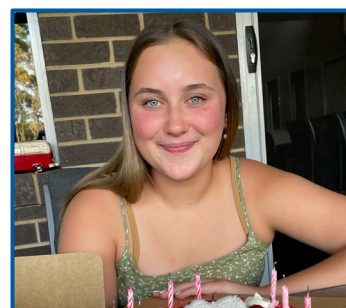
Term Two Concludes on Friday, 23rd June at 2:20pm. This will be a casual clothes fundraiser day for all students.

VCC Bus and Country Bus

Please be advised that VCC buses and Country buses will be running in line with our early dismissal time of 2:20pm on Friday, 23rd June.

Fundraiser for Harriet Caldwell

As a College, we are asking the school community to come together and support Harriet and her family. Harriet is a Year 8 student here at Victory Christian College. She enjoys a variety of sporting activities including Basketball and Netball. She loves to spend time with her friends, family, and pets. Just over a month ago, Harriet was stretching at home, preparing to go to basketball training, felt a pop in her lower back and immediately felt her legs go numb and couldn't stand up. From Bendigo ER, she was transported to the Royal Children's Hospital, where after a full week of testing on the Neuro ward, it was discovered she had suffered a Spinal Cord Infarct (Stroke). Spinal Cord Strokes in children are extremely rare, with only three cases seen at the Royal Children's Hospital over the last 20 years. We ask for you to join us in praying for miraculous healing for Harriet. She has begun her rehabilitation journey and remains in the Royal Children's Hospital, on her road to recovery. Due to the busy daily Rehab & OT schedule, Tim and Rhiann are required to be present and very hands-on with Harriet in the Rehab ward and are unable to run their mobile coffee business, Coffee Storm, to the capacity that they normally would. To support the family with ongoing living expenses and towards the purchase of specialty equipment that will be required to assist Harriet when she comes home, we are holding a special fundraising event on the last day of this term, **Friday 23rd June**. Students can come dressed in casual clothes, and wear something **Green**, Harriet's favourite colour. Homeroom teachers will be collecting money in Homeroom throughout Week 9, with the big fundraising push on the final day. Every little bit helps, so please assist us in supporting this wonderful family who are always generous with their time and support of the VCC and Greater Bendigo Community.



College Information

Impetigo – School Sores

We wish to advise there has been a confirmed case of Impetigo (School Sores) in our Middle School cohort. Parents are advised to please keep their child at home and seek medical advice if symptoms present. A fact sheet with further information can be found attached to this week's Newsletter.

Varicella Zoster Virus - Shingles

We wish to advise there has been a confirmed case of Shingles in our Primary School cohort. Parents are advised to please keep their child at home and seek medical advice if symptoms present. A fact sheet with further information can be found attached to this week's Newsletter.

Emergency Drills

Throughout the year, each school is required to complete emergency drills to rehearse our response to critical incidents. At VCC, we believe these drills are an important part of being prepared for potential risks. We make every effort to reflect on the drill and improve how we might approach possible events such as building fires or bushfires, intruder lockdowns or other threats. In Term One, the College ran a successful fire drill where staff and students responded appropriately and promptly. As the year continues, different drills will be scheduled.

We understand that emergency drills may produce mixed emotions from students and encourage families to discuss the positive aspects of practising our response. In classrooms, age-appropriate discussions will take place prior to any drills we believe need additional attention (e.g., a lockdown.)

Collection of Students During School Hours

Just a friendly reminder, if you are dropping your child/ren off at school after 8.50am, to drop children at the school office on arrival to sign in so we can mark them as onsite. Please do not use the Bus Zone on Senior School side to drop or pick children up between 8.30am and 4pm as this prevents busses from pulling in safely so children can get off and on. Alternatively, when collecting students during school hours, in line with our child protection policies, it is essential to please present at the Admin Office before collecting children. If possible, prior notice to both the office and your child's teacher would be of assistance to ensure ease of collection, and to avoid delays in getting to appointments etc.

Monopoly – Bendigo Edition

On November 14th 2022, the Bendigo Edition of Monopoly launched, featuring Victory Christian College as one of the properties on the board. The board game was sold out within 2 days of release, and since then, has been very sought after. For those families who missed out on purchasing their very own copy, we are pleased to announce that we have copies available to purchase, from the Administration Office. Copies of the board game will be available to purchase for \$65 each.

Year Eleven - Push-Up Challenge Fundraiser

This week, some Year Eleven students and VCC staff have begun the Push-Up Challenge fundraiser, raising awareness and funds during the month of June to support mental health charities, such as Lifeline and Movember. The fundraiser has provided staff and students with a great opportunity to discuss issues surrounding mental health. If you would like to support our fundraising efforts, please scan the QR code below or email Will Baird on Willbaird@vcc.vic.edu.au



Victory French Club

Learn French the FUN way – through conversation and play! Board games, French stories, songs, and outside games. Food, craft, and role-play! Our French Teacher Tiffany is French. She's multi-lingual and comes from the south of France, you'll LOVE how she inspires the children to speak another language with her beautiful accent!

Our passionate teachers use games, craft, songs, puppets, active games, puzzles, drama/role play, inside & outside activities, lots of conversation and other fun activities – all in French - to get your child using the language naturally & quickly. French Club is held after-school, convenient, affordable & fun – the perfect preparation for Year 7 French.



WHEN: Mondays, 3.30pm – 4.30pm (1hr weekly sessions)

Term 3: Monday 17th July – Monday 11th September (9 x sessions)

Time for a snack after school and straight into French Club Fun!

WHAT: It's a play-based, immersion French program for primary-aged students (P – Gr6)

Cost: \$20 per child per session (+GST)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – Places limited to 10 children.

WHERE: Here at Victory (in the primary classrooms)

Great for beginners AND children who are showing a natural ability in languages! All programs are play-based and delivered in an immersion environment.

Sessions are playful, messy, loud, and full of laughter. The focus is on Fun and learning through play, conversation, and experience. Everyone is welcome! New children can start at any time.

Enquiries to Sally: sal@languagetree.com.au or book online at: www.languagetree.com.au/french/

SchoolTV – Mobile Phone Separation Anxiety



The use of mobile phones and technology in schools has been a highly debated topic internationally, including in Australia. Almost all states and territories in Australia have implemented full bans on mobile phones during class, recess, and lunch times, while allowing students to carry their phones during travel to and from school.

Critics argue that there is no evidence supporting the effectiveness of such bans, but this is a mischaracterisation. Studies have shown the positive impacts of mobile phone bans in schools. One study conducted in 2016, found that banning mobile phones led to an increase in student performance, with test scores improving by 6.4% of a standard deviation. Similar studies from Spain and Norway also supported these findings.

For parents concerned about mobile phone separation anxiety in their children, it is important to acknowledge it as a real issue and discuss the negative effects of phone addiction, such as sleep problems and mental health issues. Gradually introducing phone-free periods at home, setting clear expectations and boundaries, and modelling healthy behaviours can help your child cope. It is also crucial to establish a support network and seek professional help if needed. Implementing mobile phone bans in schools allow for better focus on teaching and learning, minimising distractions, and interruptions.

This Special Report will help address mobile phone separation anxiety and provide guidance on supporting your child's wellbeing during this transition period. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the College for further information or seek medical or professional help. Here is the link to your special report: https://vcc.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-mobile-phone-separation-anxiety

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our recent Students of the Week: Anna Andrews, Adaline Farnell, Arlo Harvey, Primrose Lyons, Levi Renn, Emilee Lovriha, Phoebe Stephens, Ashton Lal, Isaac Nyamupfukudza, Olivia Peel, Madden Herdman, Lauryn Bimenyimana, Zoya Fahad, Dylan Steedman, Hannah Stephens, Mason Lowe, Corben Bell, Emily Krois, Brady Guseli, and Daisy Saunder. Some of the qualities recognised were: having a positive attitude and making great contributions to class discussions, displaying excellent preparations for upcoming exams, and for showing great participation in class activities.



Student Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all students who are celebrating their birthdays this week! Sienna Bergin, Eleanor Vance, Breana Cooper, Rylie Diss, Lily Renton, Ari L'Estrange, Lucy McLean, Harry Wells, Elizah Davies, Abigail Ead, Misty Matthews-Riley, Audrey Clare, Isaac Hemmings, Ashton Lal, Annemieka Symes, and Gemma Wills.

Congratulations

Chloe Kahaduwa-Poodduwage recently represented Victoria competing in tumbling at the Australian Gymnastic Championships on the Gold Coast. She came 4th overall which is an amazing achievement. Well done, Chloe!



AMEB Music Exams

Congratulations to the following students who undertook Australian Music Examination Board Piano Exams at the end of last year. All students achieved commendable results in their respective levels: Jim Moore C (Pass) Grade 5 Piano for Leisure; Mikayla Lea B (Credit) Grade 3 Piano Repertoire; Olivia Cheng B+ (Credit) Grade 3 Piano for Leisure Repertoire; Eloise Cheng B (Credit) Grade 3 Piano for Leisure Repertoire; Elisha Chidziva B (Credit) Grade 1 Piano for Leisure Repertoire. Mikayla also achieved a High Distinction for Grade 2 Theory and competed in the recent Bendigo Eisteddfod on piano.



Year 5/6 Interschool Hockey

The Year Five/Six hockey team had a commendable performance last Friday at the Sandhurst Primary Hockey Competition. They secured 1 win and 1 draw, displaying great teamwork and resilience. Attackers Liam Sourgen and Alexis Guseli played a crucial role, scoring a total of 7 goals. Despite facing tough opponents, the team's dedication and skills saw them only narrowly miss out on a spot in the grand final. A special mention to the hard running Oscar Lord and the Year Four students Liam, Matilda, and Maggie for their efforts. Thanks to coaches Alicia Christensen and Pippa Symes.

Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country

On Tuesday 7th June twelve students represented the College in the cold, misty rain conditions at the Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country event in St Arnaud. Results: Josiah Bell 7th, Justine Hattingh 7th, Giselle Hattingh 13th, Elijah Forster 8th, Will Robinson 9th, Noah Pedrotti 10th, Joel Riordan 13th, Archie Herdman 20th, Nathan Dunn 21st, Corben Bell 30th, Mathew Arceri 34th. All students produced an outstanding effort on a tough, hilly, wet and muddy course. Well done to Elijah, Will and Nathan who as a team, were Runners-Up in the 15-year-old Boys Team category. Big Congratulations to Josiah, Justine, Will, Elijah and Noah who will progress to the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne on the Thursday 13th July. Honourable mention to Joel and Giselle who just missed going to State Championships by one placing. A fantastic effort by all.



JENNYS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE FAMILY DAY

**SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 12:00PM,
RED ENERGY ARENA**

USE CODE:

50% OFF ADULT TICKET - BRAVES-JENNYS01

FREE CHILD TICKET - BRAVES-INSCHOOL11



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**TAKE HOME
MEALS**

\$8.00 per serve, ready to heat.

All single serve meals come in a generously-sized container (650ml)

15th June Beef Lasagne

To place an order, please text Adrian on 0419 592 433

All orders must be made prior to 4pm on a Tuesday

Collection on Thursdays from the Gymnasium Canteen between 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

Contactless Card payment on pick up requested.



PLEASE NOTE whilst we take great care in safely preparing your food, our kitchen does also produce other gluten products & sometimes gluten particles escape our control & could be a source of contamination.
We also produce items containing NUTS (pesto, brownie & some daily specials) please make us aware if you have any anaphylactic allergies.
GF = Gluten Free Ingredients / GFA = Gluten Free available on request (lunch order only)
V = Vegetarian Ingredients / VA = Vegetarian on request (lunch order only)

2023 TERM 2 – ONLINE CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICH BAR

Toasted Focaccias (GFA)	
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00
Chicken, Pesto, Spinach, Cheese	\$6.00
Spinach, Feta & Pumpkin (V)	\$6.00
Toasted Sandwiches (GFA)	
Cheese	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.50
Ham, Tomato & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00
Salad Rolls (GFA)	
Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$5.50
Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$5.50
Gluten Free Bread	.80c

BAKERY

(one sauce given with each bakery item)

Pie - regular	\$4.50
Pie - small	\$3.00
Party Pie	\$1.80
Sausage Rolls	\$3.50
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Spinach & Ricotta Sausage Roll (V)	\$3.50
Gluten Free Pie	\$5.00
Gluten Free Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Gluten Free Party Pie	\$2.00
Gluten Free Party Sausage Roll	\$2.00
EXTRA SAUCE (Tomato or Soy)	.20c

Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00
Noodle Cups – Beef, Chicken	\$3.00
Gluten Free Noodle Cup – Beef, Chicken	\$3.00

DRINKS

Oak Lite Milk 300ml – Chocolate, Strawberry	\$2.50
Just Juice 200ml – Orange, Apple, Apple Blackcurrant	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Hydrate Flavoured Water – Lemon & Lime, Berry	\$3.50
Juice 450ml – Orange, Apple, Orange Passionfruit	\$3.50
Waterfords Mineral Water	
– Blackcurrant, Passionfruit, Raspberry	\$3.50
Ice Break - Iced Coffee (SECONDARY ONLY)	\$4.50

ONLINE CANTEEN SPECIAL

Sausage Roll	
Oak Lite Milk 300ml (choc/strawb)	\$5.50

OOPS I FORGOT MY LUNCH PACK

Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich	
Apple	
Small Homemade Muffin	
Just Juice	\$7.50

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Weekly Salad Special (GF)	\$7.00
Monday	
Pasta of the Day	\$7.00
Tuesday	
Hot Chip Tuesday (GF,V)	\$3.50
Wednesday	
Burger of the Day	\$7.00
(Alternating weeks of Beef Burger or Chicken Bacon Burger)	
Thursday	
Indian Curry of the Day (GF)	\$7.00
Friday	
Chinese Fried Rice (GF)	\$7.00
(Alternating weeks of Chinese BBQ Pork or Teriyaki Chicken)	

THURSDAY TAKE HOME MEALS

(Pick up Thursday between 2:30 & 3:30, orders close Tuesday 4pm, see newsletter for Weekly Options)	
Weekly Take Home Special (GF)	\$8.00

SNACKS

Apples	.70c
Yoghurt & Toasted Muesli Cup	\$3.50
Homemade Biscuits	.50c
Chocolate Yum Balls	.50c
Gluten Free Cookie	.50c
Homemade Muffins	small \$1.50 large \$3.50
Brownie (GF)	\$2.00
Homemade Slices	\$2.00
Slice or Brownie ½ slice (PRIMARY ONLY)	\$1.00
Smiths Chip – Salt & Vinegar, Original	\$2.50
Zooper Doopers (GF)	.50c



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2023 TERM 2

OVER COUNTER CANTEN MENU

DAILY MENU

Toasted Focaccias	
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00
Chicken, Pesto, Spinach, Cheese	\$6.00
Weekly Salad Special (GF)	\$7.00
Pie – Regular	
\$4.50	
Sausage Rolls	
\$3.50	
Extra Sauce	
.20c	
Steamed Dim Sims (minimum 2)	\$1.00
Noodle Cups (Beef or Chicken) (GF available)	\$3.00

DAILY LUNCHTIME SPECIALS

(Daily Specials are themed but vary week to week. Please check the Specials Board outside the canteen for details).

MONDAY

Pasta of the Day	\$7.00
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TUESDAY

Hot Chips (GF,V)	\$3.50
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WEDNESDAY

Burger of the Day	\$7.00
(Alternating weeks Beef Burger or Chicken Bacon Burger)	

THURSDAY

Indian Curry of the Day (GF)	\$7.00
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FRIDAY

Chinese Fried Rice (GF)	\$7.00
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RECESS SPECIALS

(Rotating daily specials menu)

Cheese Toasties (V)	\$2.00
Ham Cheese Toasties	\$2.50
Mini Pizza	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$2.50
Toasted Pizza Wrap Pockets	\$3.00
Egg & Bacon Muffin	\$3.00

SNACKS

Apples	.70c
Yoghurt & Toasted Muesli Cup	\$3.50
Homemade Biscuits (GFA)	.50c
Chocolate Yum Balls	.50c
Homemade Muffins – Small	\$1.50
Homemade Muffins - Large	\$3.50
Homemade Slices	\$2.00
Homemade Brownie (GF)	\$2.00
Slice or Brownie ½ slice (PRIMARY ONLY)	\$1.00
Smith Chips (GF)	\$2.50
Zooper Doopers (GF)	.50c

DRINKS (GF)

Oak Milk 300ml - Chocolate/Strawberry	\$2.50
Just Juice 200ml	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Hydrate Flavoured Water	\$3.50
Juice 450ml - Orange/Apple/Passionfruit & OJ	\$3.50
Waterford Mineral Water	\$3.50
Ice Break - Iced Coffee (Secondary ONLY)	\$4.50