Principal’s Report

The end of last term saw the retirement of Maree Vinocuroff following fifteen years as College Principal and thirty nine years in total at Patterson River/Seaford Carrum High. On the final day of term, we held a whole school assembly in which students and teachers alike took the opportunity to reflect on a range of memories and wish Mrs Vinocuroff well for her retirement. Mrs Vinocuroff was instrumental in improving the facilities and learning outcomes for students here at Patterson River Secondary College and her positive influence in these areas will be felt for years to come.

The Department of Education in conjunction with the College Council are currently engaged in a selection process for a new Principal, with the aim of the new Principal beginning at the start of Term 4.

Hairspray the Musical
What a hit! Hairspray the musical was performed to sold-out audiences with rave reviews. The entertaining, social commentary set in 1960’s America was an excellent platform for over a hundred students to develop and showcase their talents. The production was the first to be held in the new Performing Arts Centre, which given the professionalism of the performance was a fitting way to begin the next chapter of the school’s involvement in the performing arts. I am already looking forward to the next production!

Congratulations to all of the students involved, some of whom are destined for a lifelong involvement in the performing arts. Many thanks go to the staff who put in countless hours above and beyond their normal roles which include Hannah Witteveen, Craig Waldron, Jennifer Molloy, Steve Mitchelmore, Kenton Smith, Kristy Ackland, Margaret Griffiths, Rachel Crowe, Susan Marshall, Holly Cooper, Maree McCormack, Melissa Royale, Paul Robinson, Rosemary Ash, Rohan Bevan, Seana Latham, Carmel Huggard, Lauren Battle, Chris Kloas, Barb Smith, Janet Mitchell, Patricia Bernardo, Heather Bartle, and Peter Friedl. Many other staff helped backstage and front of house during the performances. Thank you also to the parents who sewed costumes and to other members of our College community who gave their time to help and also to the numerous schools who provided resources and support.

Parent Teacher Interviews
VCE Units 3 & 4 and Year 12 VCAL Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 30th August from 3.30pm - 7pm. Parent Teacher interviews for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 will be held on Thursday 8th September from 12.30pm - 7.30pm. Bookings for interview times will be available on Compass in the week prior.
Principal’s Report Continued......

Course Counselling
Senior school students are currently involved in the process of investigating and picking courses for 2017. With many subjects and programs on offer, this is often a time consuming process. In order to assist, each student is assigned a course counsellor who has an in depth knowledge of subjects and courses. These teachers are supported by senior school coordinator Leigh O’Brien and Careers Coordinator Amy Joseph. Parents are encouraged to liaise with their child’s course counsellor or level coordinator if they have any questions or concerns about the process.

Child Safe Standards
Following the Victorian Royal Commission into child sexual abuse, the Victorian Government has released the Child Safe Standards.

Schools are required to complete a self-assessment against the new standards and make changes to become compliant by the end of the year. Our school is in the process of making some minor changes to current policies and procedures in order to accommodate the changes.

The safety of children is of upmost importance to the College and I encourage all parents to view the video message from the Education Minister James Merlino. The Child Safe Standards will be of particular importance for any parents who are closely involved in other organisations that involve children.


Biggest Morning Tea
On Tuesday 19th July, VCAL students organised a Biggest Morning Tea for staff and senior students as a fundraiser for Cancer Council Australia. The students did an amazing job in organising food, decorations and donations.

School Review
The College is currently in the process of a school review and self-evaluation which all schools complete every four years. As part of this process, we will be inviting parents to complete an online survey to gather feedback to assist in our self-evaluation. Your input will be important for helping to set the direction of the College over the next four years.

Community Connexions
This term sees Year 9 students involved in spending time in a range of different community organisations. I have been amazed at the diverse range of settings that students have organised and thank them for being such great ambassadors for the College. I am sure that the experiences will have a long lasting positive impact on the students involved.

Daniel Dew
Acting Principal
Australia and New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge
Patterson River Secondary College has participated in the state championship of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge for the fourth consecutive year.

Our students qualified amongst six hundred and seventy nine students and thirty three schools across Victoria and performed exceptionally well throughout the whole competition.

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**SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

**Father’s Day**

**Great gifts available!**

*FROM 29th AUGUST 2016*

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8E Rubbish Free Lunch Day

Dear Students, Staff and Parents of PRSC,

On Friday the 2\(^{nd}\) of September, we will be having a rubbish free lunch day. We encourage you to bring nude food (no wrappers). Posters will be put up around the school to raise awareness. There is far too much rubbish on the school grounds and it needs to change in order to save the environment.

The school cleaners are working very hard to pick up rubbish after school. To make their lives easier, we can just stop bringing rubbish. Photos will be taken before and after the day to see if this makes a difference. If this works, it will hopefully become a more regular thing sometime in the future.

How do you bring nude food? Fruit is a great idea if you can just bring it to school whole like an apple or a banana. You can also bring fruit cut up in a container. As well as making the environment cleaner, eating more fruit can also improve your health. Another way to cut down on the school’s rubbish is to buy bigger packets of things like chips, then you can put some of the chips in a container and bring them to school.

We ask that you try your hardest to bring nude food, but if it is just not possible, please put your rubbish in the bin.

Kind Regards,

The students of 8E
Our 2016 production of Hairspray was a great success with the cast and crew performing 5 shows in 3 days to a sellout audience! We could not be more proud of the students’ enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to exceed even their own expectations.

The performance was a culmination of 6 months’ work by our cast, band, crew and production team. The word that comes to mind when I think back on the entire experience of bringing this story to the stage is ‘passion’ - the performances could not have been produced without it. Throughout the journey I have been constantly surprised, delighted and overwhelmed by the enormous amount of passion, dedication and commitment from each and every person involved. The hard work from everyone is impressive and I’m enormously proud to think that we have completed a professional show that requires talented dancers, actors and musicians. Hairspray is a challenging show that has scarcely fast to no scene changes, speedy tempo musical numbers and several interchanging panoramas. At every rehearsal the students amazed us- from learning lines to performing them in character, learning songs from a book and then singing them live with the band or even remembering everything their character has to do for the 2-hour show.

Many of the students have said the production has been like a little family and that’s what being part of a high school musical is - it’s the same feeling that you get when you join any club or team; you all joined for roughly the same reason so there’s no need for an awkward search for common ground. It doesn’t take long to establish new friendships and to strengthen old ones. A high school production may seem a bit of an “airy fairy” activity but, if anything, it’s that “oddness” that makes it unique and entirely memorable. Anything is possible.

To all the team – you have my humble and overwhelming gratitude. Thank you to all the staff who continue to go above and beyond for the College and the students. I cannot list and thank everyone in the cast and crew, but I do hope that every single one of you, whether you’re a ‘grape-viner’ in the ensemble, a talented musician in the band, background-filler, Seaweed Crew member or a Corny Collins’ dancer, know that you were fabulous and an integral part of this musical.
PRSC Youth Day

The day was a great success with students throughout the school participating in a range of activities offered at both lunch and recess. Activities included, African drumming, Mario Kart, table tennis, island footy, badge making and much more.

The Year 7 students presented their Anti Bullying campaign which included a range of videos, posters, songs and artwork. It was fantastic to see the creative displays of how we can stamp out bullying in our Community.

A very big thank you to all involved. A special mention to the VCAL students who assisted in organising the BBQ, table tennis, Mario Kart and sports activities for the year 7 Students. We were also very fortunate to have youth workers from both the City of Kingston and City of Frankston to assist.

The Year 7 students were also commended for their excellent behaviour, it was fantastic to see them all so engaged throughout the program.

Mrs. M Foster
Year 7 Program Manager
# Tertiary Institute Open Days

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**Past Student in Australian Olympic Basketball Team**

A very big congratulations to past Patterson River student Ryan Broekhoff who is playing in his first Olympics for the Boomers Basketball team. What a huge accomplishment. We wish Ryan all the very best for the games.
**College Sport Report – Term 2 Recap**

With Term 2 our most hectic term for Interschool Sport it was incredibly pleasing to see such fantastic results from all year levels across many of the sports on offer. Term 2 is home to our big three sports AFL Football, Soccer and Netball in which we have the highest student participation levels across all year levels. With seven schools making up the Northern Peninsula Division almost all of our College teams finished in the top three schools in their individual sports and we had three of our teams win through to the Peninsula Playoff matches to verse the winners of the Southern Peninsula Division.

**Northern Peninsula Division Interschool Sport Results**

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A MASSIVE congratulations goes out to all students involved in all of the teams representing the College as you have all done the College proud.

**Southern Region Cross Country**

We also had our College based and Interschool levels of Cross Country which saw our biggest team of 13 students progress through to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Championships which was an excellent result. The regional championships were held at Ballam Park and again we had some fantastic results. Each student had to finish in the top 12 students at Division level and each race at Regionals had 100 students competing from all schools in the South East Melbourne zone. Our best performances came from Ash in year 10 who finished 25th in the 16 year girls event and Jenna and Emily in Year 8 who were consistent in their efforts. For the boys it was excellent to see our senior boys of Auster, Griffin and Seb putting in fantastic races in their age groups and representing the College well.

**Division Playoffs and Southern Region Championship Matches**

Our two year 7 girls’ teams and senior boys soccer team qualified for the Southern Regional Playoffs with all teams competing against Mornington Secondary College for the right to take their place at the SMR Championships. Unfortunately our Soccer girls lost in overtime but played an amazing brand of team soccer to be in the match right up until the finish. Our Senior Boys and Netball girls won comfortably to progress to the Regional Playoffs.

Early Term 3 saw our two remaining teams venture out to their respective venues for the Southern Regional Championships which was ultimately the finish line for both teams. The Netball girls played fantastically well beating Keysborough Bankside SC but couldn’t keep that form against the Parkdale SC. The Soccer boys played two incredibly heated matches but ended up with one draw and 1 loss which stopped their impressive run.
Looking ahead to Term 3

This term the Interschool Sports on offer include Basketball, Table Tennis and Hockey. We are hoping to see many students attend training sessions to prepare for their interschool sport carnivals towards the end of term. Division Athletics is also coming quickly in the last week of August which will see approximately 75 students competing against the other schools within our division.

Another big term ahead in the sporting arena - Go Eels!

Cameron Cox
College Sport Co-ordinator

Year 7 Netball B Team

The Year 7 Netball B side were very excited to represent the College at the Southern Metropolitan Regional finals on Wednesday 3rd August.

The girls blitzed their first final beating Keysborough College 25 to 1. Our second game was tough against Parkdale, the girls played an excellent standard of netball throughout the game with an outstanding and fierce last quarter. Unfortunately Parkdale came away with the win.

It has been a privilege to coach these girls who have shown great sportsmanship over the three days that I have spent with them for each of our sports days. I am one very proud coach.

Mrs Maree Foster
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Using our parent portal on Compass you will be able to:

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