

# THE POINT

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Term Two, Week 4

Monday 28 May 2018

## MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

	Student Name:	Reason for the Award:
7	<b>Brooke Mattingley</b>	For a consistent effort in class and showing excellent leadership skills
8	<b>Mya Greige</b>	For outstanding effort and creative work in Visual Arts
9	<b>Alyssa Tahata</b>	For displaying an excellent work ethic and application towards all of her subjects
10	<b>Michael Ristevski</b>	For his fantastic work across all classes and rising to all new challenges
11	<b>Rokaya Breis</b>	For her excellent application and effort in both English and CAFS
12	<b>Hayley Rowlings</b>	For displaying leadership and commitment towards her studies in Sports Coaching

## ENGLISH REPORT

**Junior Debating News** - A mighty effort from the Year 9/10 Debate team as they battled the experienced talent from Birrong Girl's High School. Year 9 students Jack Pike and Riley Haywood led the charge, framing their argument and discrediting the opposition with flare. Raahat Shaik took notations of what the opposition had claimed and the rebuttals that would counter the whole argument. Victoria Sakis took her place armed only with her arguments, conclusion and confidence. Unfortunately, fate had other plans and the opposition triumphed on the day. We have taken feedback and made alterations to our strategies and are now looking forward to the next round. A big thank you to all the students who assisted on the day and the HSC English Studies class who helped the team prepare. They represented our school with pride and were a pillar of support for the team.



**Senior Debating** - This year we are fortunate enough to have senior teams involved with the **Premier's Debating Challenge** and the **Year 11 Metro Debating Challenge**. On Tuesday 8 May, four Year 11 students competed against Chester Hill High School's B Team. The students, Chris Liu, Jayden Popovski, Domenic Naidenov, and Jasmine Zande, were confident and prepared, winning the debate with style and grace. The Year 11 Metro team competed against Sydney Technical High. Priscilla Spalding, Jayden Popovski, Dang Pham and Samantha Croft debated well and insightfully on the day. It was a close and intense match. Unfortunately, we did not win on the day but they walked away having won the respect of the opposition.

**English Competition**—The English Faculty is organising for students to participate in the ICAS English Competition which is held every year. Students have an opportunity to measure their own achievement in an external testing situation. All participating students will receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The competition will be held on Tuesday 31 July. To enter, students need to pay \$9.90 by 4.6.18. The English Competition is set to be very successful again this year and we look forward to some great results! **One last point for The Point:** students in all years are encouraged to explore the wonderful world of literature by reading widely and regularly!

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TERM 2, WEEK 5A	
<b>Monday 28.5.18</b>	Yr 12 Reports to Students
<b>Tuesday 29 .5.18</b>	ICAS Science Competition Yr 8 Assess - Japanese p3
<b>Wednesday 30.5.18</b>	Yr 11 Camp Yr 7 Assess - Maths p1 IM/IO TAFE Excursion
<b>Thursday 31.5.18</b>	Yr 11 Camp Yr 12 Drama Exc - all day
<b>Friday 1.6.18</b>	Yr 11 Camp Yr 12 Assess - Dance Yr 10 Assess - Japanese Yr 9 Assess - Commerce, Int. Studies Yr 8 Assess - Geography, Japanese

TERM 2, WEEK 6B	
<b>Monday 4.06.18</b>	Yr 10 Assess: Food Technology Yr 7 Assess: Japanese - 7E, 7G Yr 10 Exc - World Trade Skills Show IOI/IO2 YMCA Gymnastics Exc 9am—11am
<b>Tuesday 5.05.18</b>	Yr 12 Assess - Physics p1 Yr 10 Assess - Maths 5.2 p2 Yr 7 Assess - 7R, 7I Japanese; 7R, 7B History
<b>Wednesday 6.05.18</b>	Yr 12 Excursion HSC Legal Studies Day Yr 7 Assess - 7O, 7B Japanese; 7I History
<b>Thursday 7.05.18</b>	Yr 12 Assess - Biology, CAFS Yr 10 Assess - Maths 5.3 p1 Yr 7 Assess - History
<b>Friday 08.05.18</b>	Yr 10 Assess - Food Tech, Elective History Yr 7 Assess - 7Y Japanese IM Class Community Excursion Yr 10 & 11 Immunisation Day 2



## Year 7 Camp

On Monday 7 May we went to our year 7 camp for 3 days at Stanwell Tops. I enjoyed camp a lot and would definitely go again any day! We were separated into 8 groups and did all of the activities with our group. We had an instructor from the Tops with us during all the activities, demonstrating what to do whilst keeping us safe. The activities we did were very exciting and the instructors gave everyone a go and encouraged the people that were not too sure about it to have a try. The activities we did were: the giant swing, the high ropes course, abseiling off a cliff, go-carting without a steering wheel, rock climbing and Survivor, which involved a lot of team effort and communication. After doing 2 to 3 activities each day we had some free time, dinner and then games night. We all had an amazing time! Thank you to all the teachers that came to camp and made it such a fun 3 days.

By Alexia Bebedellis



## PPHS Rugby League Program 2018

This year Picnic Point High School has organised a rugby league program where students from Year 7-12 have developed a mutual understanding and respect for each other, the school and the sport. Mr Strbac has been holding lunchtime training sessions where players have been practicing structure, formation, plays and offensive and defensive strategies. Selected members of this squad reached Round 2 of the University Shield Knockout against James Busby High School. To say we exceeded expectations is an understatement. Those who were playing and spectating agreed that the game had a Grand Final intensity to it. Score 24-24, we missed a field goal on the siren which led to golden point extra time. Here we conceded first points and lost. The opposing team forfeited the next round due to the physical exhaustion they had to endure from our mighty Pandas! Go PPHS Pandas!!!



## TEACHER FEATURE

### MR PAUL BURGESS (Head Teacher Technology & Applied Studies)

Did you know that when Mr Burgess is not at school leading the TAS department, he is continually striving to achieve incredible new goals as an avid trail runner. In the last 5 years, Mr Burgess has moved to running the ultra marathon distances (any run over 42.2kms). Mr Burgess said that he loves the challenge of setting a long term goal that scares you, putting together a training plan, displaying commitment and perseverance and the sense of achievement that is felt when a goal is met. Ultra running also teaches you a lot about yourself; your resilience, your ability to dig deep when things get tough and the mental fortitude it takes to keep going even though everything in your body is screaming at you to stop. A usual training block for a larger event would be 18-20 weeks duration and consist of 6 runs a week with a total weekly distance of 90 to 130 kms.

Running has taken Mr Burgess and his family to some amazing destinations both within Australia and internationally, allowing him the rare opportunity to see amazing scenery that only a very few get the privilege to see. Some of the events that were of greater significance to Mr Burgess included:

- 2016 Ultra trail Australia 100km 13.49
- 2017 Tarawera Ultra Marathon (New Zealand) 102kms 14.33
- 2017 Surf coast century 100km 11.47
- 2018 Ultra Trail Australia 100km 14.38
- 2016 Great Ocean Walks 100km Mixed Teams 1st place 12.34
- 2015 2016 2017 Six foot track marathon
- 2016 Queenstown Marathon



So what's next for Mr Burgess? "Well there is always some crazy adventure in the making but the end goal is to get my name drawn out of the lottery process for Western States Endurance run. An iconic 100 mile (161km) race through the Sierra Nevada mountains in California".

