

Principal's Message

Time and Seasons.

This is a thought-provoking issue to many as we fail to understand the time and seasons of our lives and what we ought to be doing. First and foremost, may I point out that time is an equalizer; we all have 24 hours in a day, 30 days in a month and 365 days a year. What determines and makes the difference is what we choose to do with that time. Someone said and I quote, "This world is run by tired men" tired in the sense that others who make things happen they spend hours on end working, others work so hard that they can only afford to sleep for 4 hours a day. All considered everyone who maximizes and manages their time well has succeeded and others who have mismanaged their time have also failed. In the same 24 hours others will succeed and others will fail, the determinant is time. I also came across this proverb, "20 children do not play together". Literally taken it does not make sense. One may also think there is a possibility for 20 children to play together – debatable! However, the thought am trying to share is, not all of us will ever succeed at the same time. Our Seasons of life are different. If you look back, friends or colleagues you were with in high school have gone ahead and already achieved big things and probably you still struggling with your Diploma studies. Don't relent. Your season is coming and you will make it too. How do we then tie Time and Season together, realise that it will not all work at the same time and also I believe one needs to stay focused on the goal. Use the obstacles you encounter to propel you even more to want to achieve your goal and also maximize your time, use your time well and plan your work well. I want to encourage you the sky will be the limit if the limit is not yourself.

Enjoy reading this issue of Pacific Reflections!



Pradip Dhakal

Principal

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EVENTS AT PCT

Awards and recognition for Pacific College

The College is proud to be nominated as the Winner and Finalist in the prestigious local awards- 2018 Local Business Awards. The College was selected as Finalist in the following category:

2018 Cumberland Local Business Awards- Outstanding Education Service

This recognition is testimony to the outstanding service and excellence in education that we are proud to provide our students. On this occasion, we sincerely thank all our students, alumni, staff and well-wishers for their ongoing support.

Details on Cumberland awards can be found at www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au



Brekky day

We all deserve a littler break!! Pacific College of Technology organized again the brekky day Term III 2018 for students and staff, the college offers a lot of food, juices, sweets, and fruits for everyone that join us for this delicious little break at the end of Term.

Excursion trip to Newington Armoury

As part of our social and cultural experience of Australia for overseas students, the College organized an excursion trip to Newington Armoury. The trip was full of fun and excitement. The students were very happy to explore this historic attraction near Sydney Olympic Park. The students found the trip refreshing, informative and worth



Anzac Day

The public holiday is to remembrance the anniversary of the first military action fought by New Zealand and Australian force that happened during the First World War. What you could have done: Play the game of two-up! "After paying your respects at a solemn service, take part in another time-honoured ANZAC tradition by taking a bet in a game of two-up. Two-up is a game in which coins are spun in the air and bets are laid on whether they fall on heads or tails. This game is only legally playable throughout NSW on ANZAC Day. Pubs and clubs across all of NSW engage in the tradition. In Sydney, the areas of Balmain, Newtown, The Rocks and Sydney's East are particularly renowned for hosting large two-up tournaments. The Australian Hotel in The Rocks features one of Sydney's biggest outdoor two-up arenas where you can play from 12pm on ANZAC Day. The game's association with ANZAC Day originates from the First World War where two-up was played in the trenches and on the troop ships."

For more information go to:

www.sydney.com

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Courses offered at Pacific College

FNS60215 Advanced Diploma of Accounting

52 Weeks

FNS50215 Diploma of Accounting

52 Weeks

FNS40615 Certificate IV in Accounting

52 Weeks

CA60215 Advanced Diploma of Network Security

52 Weeks

ICA50415 Diploma of IT Networking

52 Weeks

ICA40415 Certificate IV in IT Networking

52 Weeks

BSB61015 Advanced Diploma of Management

52 Weeks

BSB50415 Diploma of Business Administration

52 Weeks

BSB40515 Certificate IV in Business Administration

26 Weeks



Do not forget to download PCT APP!

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WHY CHOOSE PCT?

For your next course or if you have relatives wishing to Study in Sydney, Pacific College of Technology Pacific Reflections www.pct.edu.au October 2018 Pacific College of technology is your college of choice. Why choose PCT?

Two times award Winning College of the Cumberland Local Business Awards

Finalist in The Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence

Award winning principal as Business Person of the year

Conducive learning environment equipped with cutting edge technology

Flexible Class time tables Evening including weekends Voted 2nd Best in Australia by the ISB ranking Australia HEVET 2016 as the most supportive and best education provider

Pacific College in response to market trends and demands has introduced New Subjects namely.

GENERAL NEWS



Invictus Games

The Invictus Games is an international adaptive multi-sport event, created by Prince Harry, in which wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans take part in sports including wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, and indoor rowing. The 2014 opening ceremony was attended by Prince Harry, Prime Minister David Cameron, Prince Charles, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, Prince William, and Frederik, Crown Prince of Denmark. The event also included a recorded message from the then First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama. The word 'Invictus' is Latin for 'unconquered' and embodies the fighting spirit of our wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women. They have been tested and challenged, but they have not been overcome. They have proven that by embracing each other and the support of family and friends, they can reclaim their future. They are Invictus. Most of us will never know the horrors of combat. Horrors so great that many servicemen and women suffer life-changing injuries, both visible and invisible, while serving their countries, while serving us. How do these men and women find the motivation to move on and not be defined by their injuries? How can we challenge perceptions and send a positive message about life beyond disability to an international audience? HRH The Duke of Sussex not only asked but answered these questions. On a trip to the Warrior Games in the United States in 2013, The Duke of Sussex saw the positive impact sport could have on the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women. He vowed to take the idea and launch a similar event in the UK. The Invictus Games Foundation was established and in 2014 London hosted the inaugural Invictus Games, at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, with more than 400

competitors from 13 nations. Led by an experienced and deeply passionate board of trustees, the Foundation supports the delivery of future Invictus Games, manages the process of selecting future Games hosts and promotes the importance of sport and physical activity in the rehabilitation journey of wounded, injured and ill service members and veterans. The second Invictus Games took place in May 2016 in Orlando, Florida, and built on the excitement of the London Games with more than 500 competitors from 15 nations. The Games then moved to Toronto in September 2017 and in 2018 will head 'down under'. The Sydney Games will attract 500 competitors from 18 nations to compete in 11 medal sports and participate in golf and wheelchair tennis. The Games will recognise and thank families and friends for their role and the challenges they share in supporting our wounded warriors. Sydney will host more than 1000 accompanying family and friends who'll be in the stands cheering.

Labour Day

Labour Day is an annual public holiday that celebrates the eight-hour working day, a victory for workers in the mid-late 19th century. The argument for the eight-hour day was based on the need for each person to have eight hours labour, eight hours recreation and eight hours rest. Labour Day is celebrated on the first Monday of October in NSW. Most people make this weekend special by enjoying events such as the thrilling NRL Grand Final and Manly Jazz Festival, or simply make the most of the beautiful spring weather by relaxing on Sydney's beaches and coastal walks.



The Melbourne Cup Day

The Melbourne Cup is held on the first Tuesday in November and is one of the most famous horse races in the world. In 2018, Cup Day is on 6 November. The day is celebrated with a public holiday for the state of Victoria. ***(Continued on next page)***

The Melbourne Cup, the race that 'stops a nation', runs over 3,200 metres at Flemington Racecourse and is for no more than 24 horses that are over three years old. On the day it's difficult to know if the public holiday is about the horse race or if it's about the hats and fashion. High society mixes with everyone else and the full-day event has also become known as an urban fashion parade. Although only Victoria takes the day off, around the country most businesses stop for the 3pm (AEDST) race and share 'office sweepstakes', champagne and lunch. Many people who don't normally bet, get into the spirit of the day and buy a two-dollar office sweepstakes ticket on a random horse. In towns and cities across Australia, restaurants are filled with social and family groups taking the opportunity to celebrate the culture of our nation and a mid-week break from normal activities.

On the track, tension is high between owners, trainers, jockeys and punters. Many foreign horses now enter the race. Prize money is over 6-million dollars with the first ten past the post receiving winnings but, no matter the outcome, the atmosphere on Melbourne Cup Day in Australia is always electric

SPORTS NEWS

NRL Grand Finals



The **2018 NRL finals** got underway on the weekend of September 7, ending with a mouth watering NRL Grand Final on Sunday, September 30 at ANZ Stadium in Homebush. Sydney Roosters defeated Melbourne Storms 21 to 6 at a packed ANZ Stadium with nearly 89,000 fans in attendance.

The grand final saw the Sydney Roosters claim the premiership, defeating the Melbourne Storm in comprehensive circumstances.

They dominated the game from start to finish, despite playing with an injured Cooper Cronk.

The game was effectively over by halftime, with the tri-colours leading 18-0. A low-scoring second half saw them stay in front and hold the lead, only letting in a long-range intercept try.

Student Focus

Pramjeet Kaur

Where are you from?

Punjab, India

What made you come to Australia?

Firstly, I came to Australia for higher education as I desire to complete my IT studies am pursuing a Diploma but hoping to achieve a Masters degree.

What is the best thing about studying at Pacific College of Technology?

At PCT, I like everything about the college but the staff and trainers are very helpful.

Could you tell us why you are studying at PCT?

I came to PCT in 2017 because of the record about PCT and friends recommended this college to me..

How could PCT help you to develop in your career?

IT is increasing day by day but with the way the college has designed its training its helping me to improve each each. So I would say let the college continue working hard on the curriculum to help us improve.

What can you say about Western Sydney?

Western Sydney is like a city on its own very livable and manageable.

Do you have some tips to share with someone coming to Australia this year?

I strongly recommend for someone to undertake their studies either back home or in Australia so that when here you can pursue your Masters as well.



Pramjeet Kaur

Staff Focus

Julia Zhou

Where are you from?

Shenzhen, China

What can you share about your home town?

It's a beautiful city full of energy, a lot of multinational corporations and now experiencing rapid development.

What made you come to Australia?

I want to experience something new in this multi cultural country. I also like the beautiful scenery here as well.

What is the best thing about working at Pacific College?

Colleagues treat me like family members, we care about each other, we also always share our joys and down moments.

Could you share your favorite PCT memory?

I really enjoyed the last graduation ceremony held in September. I was able

to see the diversity of the countries where our students come from and the different languages they speak. It was a night of fun, we danced, sung had a lot to drink and eat. I was particularly happy to see Chinese students singing up stage.

What message would like to share with others about PCT?

We have offer practical training and we have a lot of social activities which ensure students have fun while studying.

Which places have you been to in Sydney?

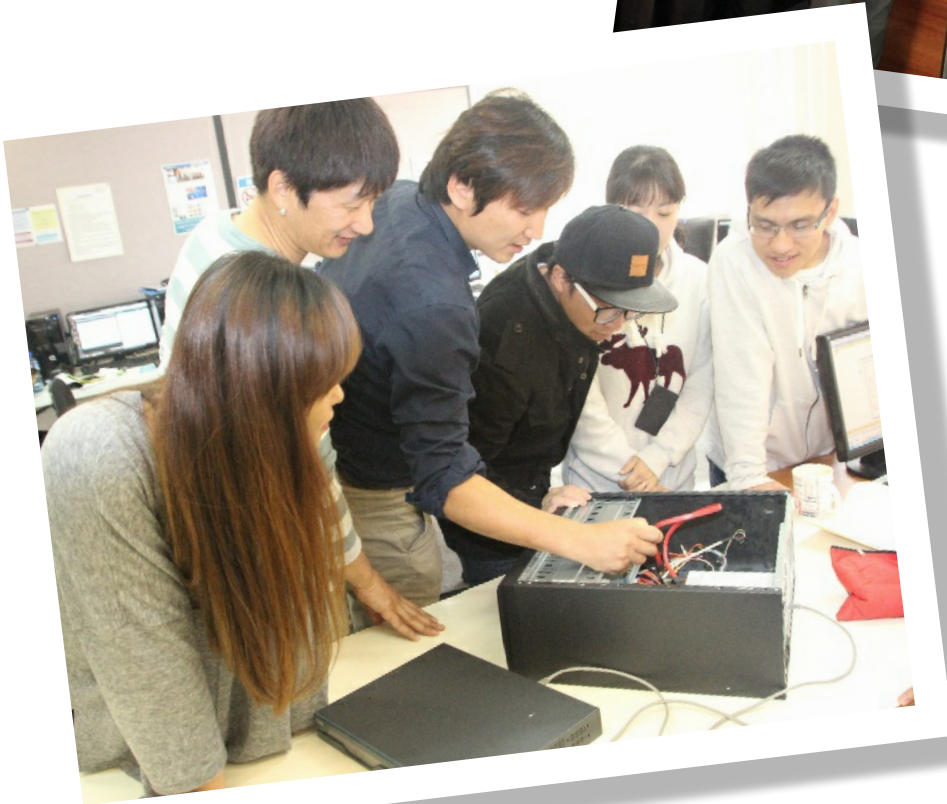
Auburn Cherry Blossom and Blue Mountains

Do you have any tips to share with someone coming to Australia this year?

Comparatively to major cities in China, Australia may be like a village. You may not like it from the onset but once you get used to this place you simply fall in love with Australia and begin to enjoy your life.



Julia Zhou



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It has been a pleasure bringing you this edition of Pacific Reflections; we hope YOU ENJOY READING IT!



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