



Club Newsletter

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Visit the clubs' web site, www.users.on.net/~pvscc/index.html

Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

Mondays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Making a 'Scrapbook' using software,. Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster <u>Windows Live Movie Maker.</u> 11.30am- 1.30pm Tutor Bryan Blake
Wednesdays: 9.30am to 11am Using the Software (Gimp) Tutor Tom Lehane.	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making , Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner.
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV. Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	Fridays: Tutor Jim Tiberi Class time 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Using Microsoft Office suite



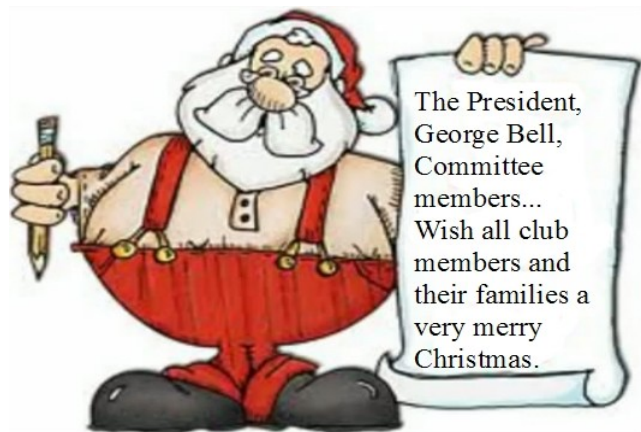
Christmas Break

The computer club will close over the Christmas break. The last class will be Friday 9th of December 2011. Classes will resume on Monday 30th of January 2012.



Club Newsletter Email Addresses

It has come to my attention that club members believe that Newsletters are sent by the editor. The newsletter editor emails a notice to the Penrith Valley Seniors Computer Club Inc email address with a copy of the newsletter attached, with information that it can be download from the web address mentioned in the notice. The editor does not have a copy of all club members email addresses. Any emails you receive that did not contain a BCC (blind carbon copy) and list all members email addresses are not the fault of the newsletter editor.
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Christmas Party



The computer club's annual Christmas party will be held on.....
Wed 14th December in the dining room,

11am to 1.30pm. You will need to place

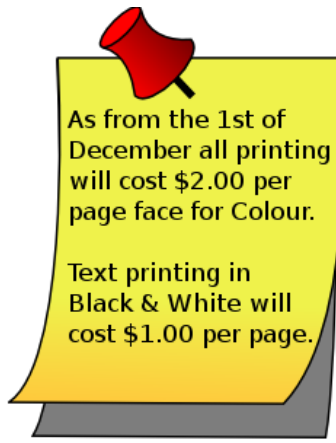
your name on the participant list at the class attendance table so organisers can provide for the numbers attending...The Christmas Party is free.



Reminder.

Over the Christmas break all computers will be cleaned of all folders, including images that are not related to the operating system or software that the club has installed.

Any software you may have been working with, Excel, Microsoft Word and photographs in Paint Shop Pro, you will need to make a copy the files before December the 9th.



As from the 1st of December all printing will cost \$2.00 per page face for Colour.

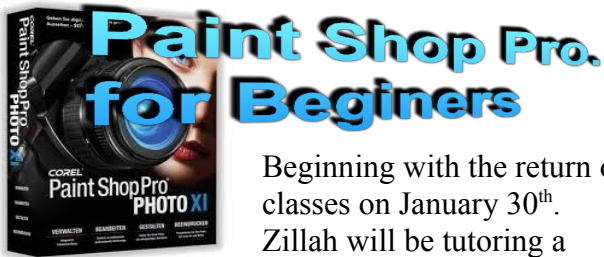
Text printing in Black & White will cost \$1.00 per page.

As shown by the 'Post-It' notice that print cost on both club printers will now be charged at the rate of \$2.00 for colour printing per page. If colour printing is required on both sides of the page as in the case of printing birthday cards, Christmas cards or any other type of double sided printing the cost is \$2.00 for each side.

Printing of black text or images will cost \$1.00 per page.

The same applies to black text or images, double sided printing will cost an extra \$1.00.

It is regretful that prices have been increased but the running cost of quality colour printer cartridges has also increased.



Beginning with the return of classes on January 30th. Zillah will be tutoring a beginners class on Paint Shop

Pro. On Mondays. Start time 11.00 am.

Paint Shop Pro is a photo editing program that will enhance your photos.

With very few people now using film cameras, digital photograph brings new challenges to the user.

In the past when you had your film developed. The photo developing machine would make automatic adjustments to adjust you prints for good results.

Digital cameras have inbuilt software that adjust white balance, colour enhancement, focus, shutter speed and aperture settings.

But some times things go wrong. Heavy shadow on a persons face where the camera adjusted to the light behind the subject or the flash produced red-eye to the persons' eyes.

Zillah will teach you how to correct these problems in your photographs.



ZIP is a very popular compression format supported by many popular programs such as WinZip and PKZip, and recent versions of Microsoft Windows. ZIPping can often reduce the size of many files significantly. This doesn't apply to all files.

Pictures in popular formats such as .jpg or .gif are already compressed. As are .mp3 audio files. As are all popular movie formats. Depending on the type of compression being used, compressing an already-compressed file at best does very little, and at worst makes the file bigger.

Due to the compression formula needing to build a small database for uncompressing the files.

So there's typically no advantage to ZIPping a photo, a movie, or an MP3.

The one time it can be handy to ZIP compressed files is if you want to take several files (for example several pictures) and combine them into a single file for a single download. People still need to unZIP before they can see them, but it can be simpler to download one file rather than several.



The 'Tablet' has made a big affect on laptop sales. The primary advantage of the tablet PC is that it is lighter than most laptops for sale. They are also smaller in sizes, the tablet

can be laid flat on the working surface.

They run the same software as computers.

This is one of the reasons Microsoft's Windows 8 is been programmed for both desktop computers as well as the modern computer 'Tablet'.

Eventually the 'Tablet' will take over the laptop and may threaten the desktop computer.

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