



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Tuesday 10th March 2020

Principal's Report – David Russell

Principal's Report

The end of February and the assessment cycles are now in full swing. Students should be receiving feedback on their performance from their teachers. This will include ways to improve their future performance. Students need to be absorbing this information and putting it into practice for future tasks. A question I always ask and one you should always consider is 'What are you doing to improve?'

Events

A very successful ESP Camp concluded on Wednesday 4th March. Thank you to Sarah Hughes, Director of ESP, for the organisation of the camp and to all staff who attended over the three days.

The College Swimming Sports were held at the Carnegie Swimming pool on Thursday 27th February. The weather was cooler than previous years but still enjoyable, with great enthusiasm and participation by the students. Wurnet were the overall winners of the house competition on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Vanessa Leslie for her leadership of the day. We are certainly looking forward to another day of fun and competition at the School Athletics carnival in April.

Many students have been involved in the summer round robin interschool sports competitions. Thank you to all of the teachers and students who have volunteered their time.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

I encourage all parents/guardians to take the opportunity to discuss the progress of their son(s)/daughter(s) at the parent/teacher/student interviews that will be held on Tuesday 24th March (Year 10-12) and Thursday 16th April (Year 7-9). All families will be notified shortly of the booking process and timeline. There will be no classes on the dates mentioned. Interviews will run from 1.00pm – 8.00pm with a break between 5.00-5.30pm.

Buses

My usual reminder re the buses. We have had the authorised officers in attendance over the last week checking students have swiped on with their Myki at the beginning of their journey. Unfortunately, there are still students who seem to think that the bus is a free service. This is not the case and fines have been issued. The data collected is also used when deciding how many buses are required. Another good reason to swipe on.

Bicycles

Again a reminder for students to wear helmets and follow the road rules when travelling by bicycle. These are two things that can save your life and prevent serious injury. We have already had number of near misses in 2020. Please be safe on your travels.

Dangerous Behaviour

We have been alerted to a number of different activities which get filmed and then uploaded to various social media apps that have been copied by our students. Unfortunately this has seen a number of serious injuries sustained by students. I ask all parents/guardians to speak to their son(s)/daughter(s) regarding this and the inherent dangers and risks involved and the possible consequences.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2020

March	
11th	STEP Astronomy Evening
16th-18th	Year 7 Camp (A-G)
18th-20th	Year 7 Camp (H-N)
24th	Year 10-12 Parent Teach Interviews (Curriculum Day)
25th-27th	Year 12 Camp/ Year 11 Program
27th	Term One Ends

Junior School

It has been relaxing to have a long weekend and I hope everyone was able to get out and about and enjoy the lovely weather. Labour Day, celebrating the hard won victory by workers to secure an eight hour working day over one hundred years ago, is a timely reminder for us to take stock and make sure we have balance in our lives. Eight hours work, eight hours recreation and eight hours rest. There has been a lot of focus on the importance of sleep recently and it is very important for our students to ensure they have sufficient, uninterrupted sleep, as this improves their capacity to focus and learn during the day. I know that many parents find it challenging to ensure their children are getting enough sleep, and making sure that mobile phones and laptops are not in bedrooms. The following links are worth a read.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-30/mobile-phone-use-late-at-night-causing-teens-problems-study-says/8572682>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/entertainment-technology/digital-life/responsible-phone-use>

Junior School Student Leadership Team Report

With the year 7s well and truly settled in, the past two weeks have been massive for all the junior school year levels. Our annual swimming carnival was a major success, with records being smashed by the younger year levels and participation at a high.

As well as having an extremely eventful day at the swimming carnival, last week the year 8 and 9 ESP students travelled to Phillip Island for a 3-day camp, full of sweat, fun and soggy schnitzels. After two days of non-stop sport, the high-performance staff at BASE conducted a fitness test for all athletes. In addition to this packed week, the students as part of STEP will be able to gaze at the stars on Wednesday this week, a special event held by the STEP staff.

In Year 9 the opportunity of being a part of the World Challenge trip was introduced to us, the number of students putting their hands up to be able to experience the adventures and challenges of Mongolia is outstanding. With only three weeks left of the term it really shows how well not only the Year 7s have familiarised with Parkdale, but also the Year 8s and 9s filled their roles as leaders to the younger years and conquered all the early challenges they undoubtedly faced. A big congratulations to everyone on a great start to the year.

Tara Dando Junior School Captain



June Sainsbery
Assistant Principal- Junior School & Wellbeing

Senior School

Term One is quickly getting away from us and we have many important events approaching. For year 12 students, year 12 camp and formal are just around the corner. Camp is held in the last week of term at The Summit in Trafalgar East and is a great opportunity for team building, inspiration and a bit of fun. Year 12 formal is held at Merrimu Receptions Wednesday 15th April. Both events are highlights of the year for our year 12s and students need to ensure they are organised with returning permission/medical forms, payment of tickets and organising interviews for formal dates by the due dates to avoid disappointment.

Running concurrently with year 12 camp, the year 11 'Futures' program is held in the last week of Term One. This is a three day program involving the Fit2Drive program, a visit to a tertiary institution for a tour, a guest speaker and team building activities. Attendance to this valuable program is compulsory.

Parent teacher interviews for year 10-12 students will be held Tuesday 24th March (the day before the year 12 camp and year 11 Futures programs begin). This is an important opportunity for parents and students to have discussions with teachers on student progress and strategies for improvement. Encourage all parents/carers to attend with their child where possible.

On a separate issue, with a few cooler days occurring, some students have been in breach of the uniform policy in various ways. Whilst some of these breaches are minor in nature, they are still breaches, and consequences will be enforced unless there is a legitimate reason for the breach that is supported with a note from a parent/carer. I encourage all students to be well prepared for school so we can avoid unwanted negative interactions. If you are aware that your child is wearing items that are not part of the uniform, your support is appreciated in providing a note stating the reasons for wearing the non-uniform item. If this is a long-term issue related to a medical condition, a medical certificate or note from a doctor/specialist must be provided.

Michael Tuck
Assistant Principal- Senior School

2020 I CAN Program

The I CAN Network is Australia's first social enterprise founded by people with Autism. They run mentoring programs to empower people on the Spectrum to have an 'I CAN' attitude and inspire their peers with the 'awe' in Awetism. Last year saw a successful implementation of the program at Parkdale Secondary College; with 11 students taking part in the mentoring sessions across Three terms.

We are currently looking for expressions of interest for students who would like to be a part of this program. There will be a cost for the program this year (between \$210-\$275, depending on the number of participants). This covers the 10 mentoring sessions, which take place at school on a fortnightly basis, as well as admission into the I CAN Awetism Expo which occurs in September.

If this is something you wish your child to be a part of or have any queries, please email Courtney Hunt (Leader of Inclusion) on courtney.hunt@education.vic.gov.au with your child's name and year level, no later than Tuesday 17th March. Once student numbers have been determined, further information will be provided regarding the program and how it will run in 2020.

Below are some links which provide further information about the program and the success it has had across the state.

Chris Varney TedX <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1HQKB2txgY>

ABC News https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyI7_8rfwng

Courtney Hunt
LT Inclusions

Parkdale Secondary Swimming Carnival

Despite cooler conditions, last week's Swimming Carnival was a great day for all involved with similar numbers in attendance to last year's event. Congratulations to the winning House Wurneet, who were outright victors on the day beating second place Iluka, by over 150 points. Other results are shown below:

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

	BOYS	GIRLS
12-13 Years	Heath Gower	Jemma Daniels
14 Years	Ashar Patel	Summer Bailey
15 Years	Zach Jeanes	Louanna Daniels
16 Years	Josh Aylen	Lauren Butcher Amelie McCann
17 Years	Lachlan Shepherd	Jorja Palazzolo
20 Years	Max Curnow	Steph McKie

NEW RECORDS SET

16-20 Years	200m Freestyle	Lachlan Shepherd	(2009 record broken by 6 sec)
17 Years	50m Freestyle	Lachlan Shepherd	(2012 record broken by 3 sec)
17 Years	50m Backstroke	Lachlan Shepherd	(2010 record broken by 3.4 sec)
17 Years	50m Butterfly	Lachlan Shepherd	(2010 record broken by 3 sec)
15 Years	50m Freestyle	Louanna Daniels	(2018 record)
20 Years	50m Backstroke	Max Curnow	(2011 record)

Good luck to all students who qualified for the Kingston Division Championships next Thursday 12th March.

Vanessa Leslie
Carnivals Coordinator

Welcome To The Library At Parkdale Secondary College

Accessing Parkdale Secondary College Library Website

Students can access the Parkdale Library website from the <http://go.parkdalesc.vic.edu.au/>
To enter the Library website students use their unique student ID, a password is not required. Students can, if they wish, set up a password under their user profile on the Library webpage.

Borrower Dashboard

The borrower dashboard allows students to view items they currently have on loan, see their borrowing history and overdue items. The borrower dashboard is accessed from **my borrowing profile**.

Accessing Reference Websites

The Library webpage is the jumping off point to **World Book**, **Britannica School** and a number of other reference websites. We will provide more information about these in the future.

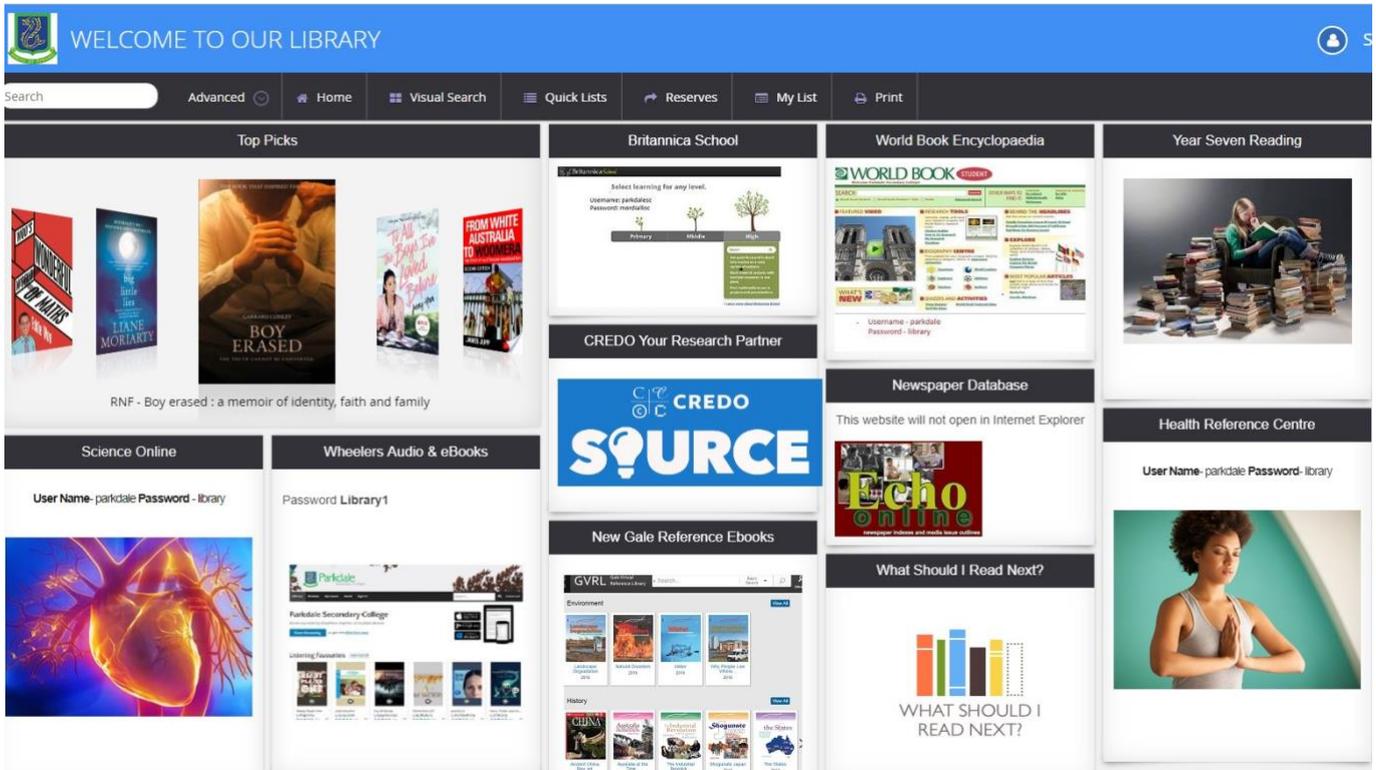
Accessing Audio and eBooks

The Library subscribes to the Wheelers eBook and audio book collection. Students use their unique student ID and the password Library1 to sign into the site. The website can be accessed through the Library catalogue, webpage and through the address below.

<https://parkdalesc.wheelers.co/>

Wheelers have an eplatform App which allows students to download items and read or listen to them offline.

Best Wishes from the Library Team



Pauline White
Sue Flavin

Parents Association

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hi everyone,

Our Parkdale Secondary College Parents Association meets each month to connect with other parents, be updated on what's happening around the school and share valuable family input/feedback to school leadership. It's very relaxed and all are welcome whether you can make it to one meeting or all!

Our next meeting for 2020 will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. Our guest speakers will be Michelle Lynch and Megan Kennedy.

If you would like to join the Association, please complete the form available from the office, website or it was in your enrolment packs. 😊

GAT FOUNDATION – textbook donation

In 2019 we began a new initiative, supporting GAT Foundation... a hard-working Melbourne charity who distributes and rehomes second-hand text books throughout the Philippines.

The collection is currently on hold as we have many books left that we cannot donate due to being over 6 years old. If you can help recycle these please call past the office and offer to take a few home.

Once we have cleared these we hope to get it up and running again for 2020.

NEED TO BUY OR SELL BOOKS AND UNIFORMS?

Sustainable School Shop could be your answer! This excellent service is where College families can buy and sell second-hand uniforms and books. It has up to date booklist information and is easy to navigate.

Click here to register and start buying or selling... www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Here is the Introduction Letter and User Guide...

http://www.parkdalesc.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_zoo&view=item&layout=item&Itemid=122

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Please remember to keep supporting our Ritchies Community Benefit Program. This helps us provide fruit in the Senior Centre for students staying back to study. Link your community benefit card/tag to Parkdale Secondary College at ANY Ritchies in Victoria, NSW or Queensland.

nmoffat@optusnet.com.au

Nicole Moffat
PA President



National Close the Gap Day Community Celebration

FAMILY FUN DAY

Come and join us to acknowledge National Close the Gap Day and launch of the Derrimut Weelam Gathering Place smoke free policy. All welcome.

Saturday
21 March 2020
11am - 3pm
Derrimut Weelam
Gathering Place
(Mordialloc Life Saving Club)
199 Beach Rd, Mordialloc

For more information contact
Chris Edmonds 8587 0289 or
cedmonds@smpcp.org.au

Free activities held throughout the day:

- Music
- Story Telling
- Face Painting
- Jumping Castle
- Bush Food
- Local health and social services information stands

PLUS

11:30 am Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
1:00 pm Traditional Dance

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