



# PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Principal's Report – David Russell

As I sat to write this article, I reflected on how quickly time moves as we are already at the end of the fourth week of term. Hopefully, students have embraced the notion of challenge, that they are trying something new, challenging themselves and striving for their best effort in everything they do. Taking the easy option may seem a good path at the time but it is an opportunity missed.

### School Council

As advised in the first newsletter of the year, February sees the holding of school council elections. At the close of nominations there were four nominations for the four available parent member positions:

Mr John Bamfield

Ms Josie MacDonald

Ms Nicole Moffatt

Ms Tina Richardson

I therefore declare the above named parents duly elected to school council for two years.

At the close of nominations there were two nominations for the two student member positions:

Ms Heidi Preston

Mr Ollie Walters

I therefore declare the above named students duly elected to school council.

The first meeting of the new council is the meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. I look forward to working with these elected representatives on school council.

### Road Safety

I have written on a number of occasions regarding students being aware of road safety on their travels to and from school. In particular, I have commented on students who ride bicycles to school. The first and obvious safety aspect is the wearing of a bicycle helmet. Unfortunately there are still students who think this doesn't apply to them. There are also students who only wear the helmet when near the school. We receive numerous calls from concerned residents who see students removing their helmets and continue to ride with them hanging on their handlebars. The wearing of the helmet is law for good reason. It could be the difference between a knock to the head and a permanent brain injury. The second part is that as a bicycle rider you are expected to follow the road rules. We have had an unfortunate incident this week where a student collided with a car as they were riding down the wrong side of the road and then attempted to cut in front of a turning car. Fortunately, the student was wearing a helmet and was sore but otherwise okay. The driver of the vehicle was naturally upset and shaken by the incident. This whole episode was avoidable if the bicycle rider had followed normal road rules. Please think and be safe when using bicycles.

### Activities Around the School

In referring to challenges and opportunities, a number of co-curricular activities are now in full operation. Over the coming weeks there will be teams at all year levels competing in a variety of sports against neighbouring schools. There will also be the opportunity to compete in the school house swimming carnival on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The ESP, AEP, STEP, Music, WIN programs have all now commenced and the school is a hive of activity before and after school as students take part in these activities. Really, who said, "school is boring!"

**David Russell**  
**Principal**

# IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2020

<b>February</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Interschool Life Saving Carnival
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole School Swimming Carnival
<b>March</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b>	ESP Camp
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	STEP Astronomy Evening

## Junior School

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through term one! With a bit of luck the humidity is behind us and we can look forward to some lovely late summer/early autumn weather. Swimming Sports are this Thursday and the weather looks good – a little on the cool side (19), but no humidity!

It was great to have solid attendance at our 'Meet the Tutor' evening for Year 7 parents, and our Year 9 Information Evening (where the Year 9 program, Morrisby Assessments and CONNECT were discussed). If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact their Tutor Teacher (for wellbeing concerns) or their Subject Teacher (for subject specific concerns).

### Junior School Student Leadership Team Report

What a start to the year it has been so far, full of excitement for Year 7s as they've settled in very well and only good things heard from the year 7 Co-ordinators. As for the Year 8s, everyone is settling into the new year ready to conquer it. And last but not least, the Year 9s have fully adjusted and are all excited for CONNECT and what lies ahead for them in their units.

It has been exciting and busy especially for the class of 2025 (current Year 7s) as they just had their "meet the tutor" night on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and that was a good experience for the parents to get to know the tutor teacher for their children at Parkdale.

The swimming carnival is also coming up and therefore many excited faces around the yard. This year, there will be a fun experience in the paddle pool for fun novelty events if students don't wish to compete in the races. Make sure you come in house colours or sports uniform because there will be a best dressed competition on the day run by the SRC.

More exciting news for the year 7s is that Coonawarra Camp is fast approaching it's always a great one, there's no doubt they're going to have the time of their lives as well as meet some new people in their cohort and get out of their comfort zone. Enjoy the camp year 7s.



Yianni Balatsas Junior School Captain

**June Sainsbery**  
**Assistant Principal- Junior School & Wellbeing**

## Social Media

### **Parkdale Secondary College Social Media**

Parents and carers who follow our college Facebook pages will have seen a post informing them that all PSC Facebook pages for individual programs will be closed at the end of February. Only the official Parkdale Secondary College Facebook and Instagram pages will remain active.

Each of the Enhancement programs will have a private group for the communication of logistical information such as schedules or event dates.

All of the wonderful activities our students are involved in, across all programs in the college, will be shared on the official school pages only.

We invite all community members to follow our Parkdale Secondary College Facebook and Instagram pages and to join the private Facebook groups for programs their children are involved in.

There are links to the following groups on the school Facebook page:

- Parkdale Secondary College ESP
- Parkdale Secondary College AEP
- Parkdale Secondary College STEP
- Parkdale Secondary College Music
- Parkdale Secondary College Musical

Parkdale Secondary College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school environment, both physical and virtual, is a safe, supportive and enriching space, which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

The primary purpose of the college social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram, is to both celebrate and promote the achievements of our students and college community and communicate important information to parents and carers. All communication on this page is to model our college values of respect, integrity, resilience, empathy and aspiration. Parkdale Secondary College reserves the right to delete any comment or person not aligning with our values.

As per our Parent Communication Protocols, contacting the appropriate person directly via email or phone, is the best way to address any concerns or confidential matters.

**Melissa Treverton**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Year Nine Report

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

My name is Michelle Lynch and I am the Year 9 Year Level Leader. I am new to the college and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parkdale Secondary School Community for such a warm welcome. As well as a teacher, I am a mum of three children (13, 11 and 9). I live locally and am involved in community sport. Make sure you say hello if you spot me at Thrift Park grabbing a coffee or at a local sporting event!

Helping me to look after your children are three fantastic Year Level Coordinators, Carle Rooks, Michael Copley and Vanessa Leslie (Replacing Steph Chiocci whilst on leave for Term One, Go Pies!). We have had a busy start to the year and it is hard to believe that we are at the start of week four!

Students have settled in well. A couple of reminders regarding locks for lockers, using their planner to record homework and make the most of opportunities offered to them. Be part of something, sport, debating, SRC, Production, the list is long! Information about all events and opportunities are on Compass. Please make sure that students contact and medical details are correct. In newsletters to come we will report on what Year Nine students have been up to.

## Year Nine Report Continued

Please feel free to contact us via Compass, email or phone if you wish to discuss anything. Your first point of call is your child's tutor teacher. The contact details of each tutor teacher can be located on Compass. I look forward to a successful year.

**Michelle Lynch**  
**Year 9 Leading Teacher**

## Wellbeing

Hello Parkdale Community,  
My name is Jake Phin and it is a privilege to introduce myself to you all as the Student Wellbeing Co-Ordinator at Parkdale Secondary College. I am very grateful for the opportunity the college has provided me to continue working within the school community in this new role.

I have always had a strong passion for supporting youth and adolescent mental health and it's something I think we do really well at Parkdale SC.

When I first started here as a placement student in 2015, I was immediately impressed with the support that was available to students, parents and staff. There was nothing like it available to me when I was at school, and school for me honestly wasn't that long ago! It has been, and continues to be, a privilege to work and communicate with such a wonderful and inclusive community.

The Wellbeing team and I have hit the ground running in 2020. We have high standards and will do our very best to continue improving the wellbeing culture of the college. Outside of supporting students and staff, a parent evening will be held later in the term and we are hoping that more information about this event will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Term One will be a period of transition for the wellbeing team, as we look to further add to our wellbeing staff. For any new parents, remember that contacting your child's Tutor teacher is the best first step to engaging with Wellbeing support at Parkdale. They will often be your first point of contact at the college and are able to follow up with relevant staff in order to best support student needs.

I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and to meeting many more of you throughout the year.

**Jake Phin**  
**Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator**

## Mathematics Corner

Dear Students, Parents & Guardians,  
Welcome to the 2020 school year. The mathematics department has been happy to see what a positive start students have had this year. Great motivation and engagement during class and what a great turn-out during JUMP/SMASH!

I have not formally introduced myself as the new Mathematics LAM for 2020. I am truly excited for this opportunity and can't wait for an excellent year.

To best support families, I am happy to field questions or deal with any situations that involve or relate to the following:

- Mathematics Curriculum maps (7-10)
- Mathematics instruction & learning sequences (7-12)
- Mathematics homework (7-12)
- Mathematics assessments (7-12)
- Quick Smart
- Jump & SMASH

### Maths Updates

**JUMP/SMASH.** Every Tuesday after school, the maths teachers at Parkdale help run an after-school tutoring opportunity for any maths student. JUMP runs for any Junior school student (Years 7-9) in W03-W04. SMASH is available for any senior school student taking maths (Year 10-12) in S01.

**Maths Homework expectations.** In order to consolidate learning and to ensure fluency and automaticity in mathematics, students are assigned exercise problems or revision worksheets on a regular basis. In the junior school, students are expected to complete one Maths Mate worksheet each week. This homework sheet focuses on a wide range of skills that are necessary for students to master in order to be proficient in maths. Teachers then analyse these results to do reteaching and skill-building activities to promote student progress and understanding.

At first, homework expectations can be daunting for some Year 7 students. In general, Year 7 students will be expected to spend about 1-hour per week on homework at this time of year. If students are struggling to complete the tasks or unsure how to answer the questions, they should definitely speak to the maths teacher as soon as possible. The maths staff at Parkdale are a supportive and caring group that are willing to differentiate the work based on student need. We want students to feel supported at school and that they have voice in what they are learning and practicing in the maths classroom.

**Online Cambridge Year 7-10 Textbook Access.** Any Year 7-10 student who has purchased the new 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Cambridge maths textbook can access online materials to help with their study in mathematics. Students will be able to create a student account online following these steps:

1. Visit <https://www.cambridge.edu.ai/go/>
2. Select the “**Create a student account**” option and then fill in the prompting instructions on the following web page.
3. Students should use their school email address to set up their account.
4. The unique access code for each student is located on the inside cover of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Cambridge maths textbook.
5. There are also directions to create an account and access the information for set-up on the inside cover of the maths textbook.

Erika Friedrich

Mathematics Learning Area Manager

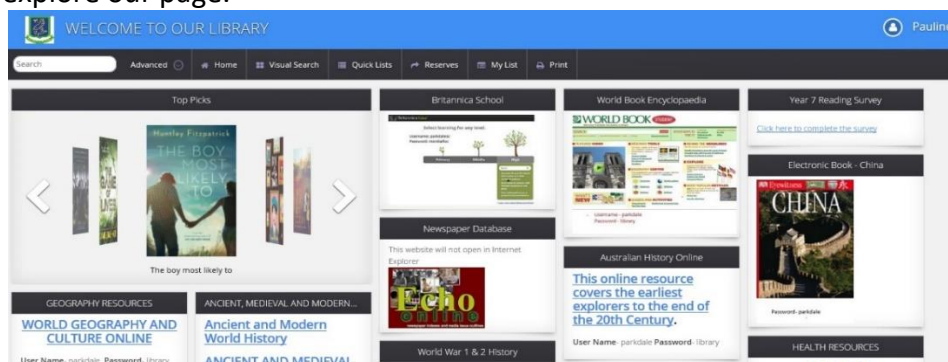
## Welcome To Your Library At Parkdale Secondary College

### USING PSC LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM HOME

Whilst this library has a great physical presence within our school community we also have a great virtual presence too. Have you checked out the library homepage via the Go Parkdale page?

All the library’s online resources are available to you at home too. You need only click on the library icon on the Go Parkdale page and you will be taken to the log in screen. Students enter their student username only (no password needed) and a world of fabulous online resources opens to you.

Families may be particularly interested in Britannica Online. Britannica is a well-respected encyclopaedia and its many excellent features make it a truly useful and accessible resources. If you haven’t done so yet, take the time to explore our page.



Pauline White (Teacher-librarian)

Sue Flavin (Teacher-librarian)

## 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](mailto:courtney.hunt@education.vic.gov.au) with your child's name and year level, no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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=fyl7\\_8rfwng](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyl7_8rfwng)

**Courtney Hunt**  
**LT Inclusion**

## VCAL Fundraiser

### Year 12 VCAL Fundraiser

The year 12 VCAL class is running a fundraiser for Wildlife Victoria on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Lunchtime in the canteen area.

We will be selling donuts, muffins and savoury rolls, they will cost \$2 each.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MONEY AND LUNCH, AS WE HAVE LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE!**

**Year 12 VCAL**



**Kerri Fulton**  
**VCAL Teacher**



Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM  
Parkdale Secondary College  
and

The Derrimut Weelam Place  
present

Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM  
Senior Elder of the Boonwurrung people  
Presenting 'Stories of the Boonwurrung people'.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Light refreshments.

RSVP by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March [amon.katrina.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:amon.katrina.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)



**Katrina Amon**  
**Koorie Leader**



2020 PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL CARNEGIE SWIM CENTRE – THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

**KINGSTON (RED)**    **ILUKA (GREEN)**    **LIVINGSTONE (GOLD)**    **WURNEET (BLUE)**

The HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL is a **COMPULSORY** school event.

**Please note the highlighted updates to procedures for the Swimming Carnival that are outlined below.**

**WHEN:**

On **Thursday 27 February**, students are to arrive at school at normal time to attend Tutor Group for roll marking.

**TRANSPORT:**

Buses will transport students to and from **Carnegie Swim Centre**. Following Tutor Group, year levels will be called over the PA to board buses at the bus interchange, with Year 7 and 12 students, school leaders and any 200m swimmers called first.

**Students will return to school between 2.30 and 3pm where they will be dismissed on arrival. Students who utilise the school buses will be supervised in W wing until their bus arrives.**



## Parkdale SC Swimming Carnival Continued

### WHAT TO BRING:

Students are encouraged to be creative by dressing up in **HOUSE COLOURS** to show support for their House eg. Iluka can go as Ninja Turtles. At all times, students must ensure they dress appropriately for a school event and for the weather, as it may be hot and students will be outside all day. Alternatively, they may wear sport or school uniform.

BYO lunch, water, towels, something to sit on, hat and sunscreen. A canteen will be open and there will be a fundraiser BBQ organised by the SRC.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING:

In line with the new mobile phone policy, as mandated by the Education Department, students will be required to store their phones securely in their locker as per normal and can retrieve them on arrival back to school at the end of the day. No electronic devices may be brought to the swimming carnivals.

In addition to banned items as per the organiser, no body paint, glitter, aerosols, energy drinks, etc. are to be taken to the Swimming Carnival. Although, students are permitted to wear coloured zinc.

Coloured hair spray is permitted provided it is applied before coming to school and is not brought to the carnival. However, no coloured hairspray is to be worn by swimmers.

Runners or proper covered footwear must be worn at all times. Students can change into thongs once at the pool.

Bags will be checked in Tutor Group prior to departing and any banned items will be confiscated.

### EVENTS:

Students may enter any number of traditional swimming and novelty events ON THE DAY of the carnival by marshalling when the relevant event(s) is called by the announcer and simply entering their name after the race to the recorders.

NOVELTY EVENTS at the Carnival will include table tennis and volleyball competitions, as well as tug of war and relay races in the wading pool.

All participants will gain a point for their House. The overall House winner will be the House with the most points at the completion of the final event.

Age groups are calculated by the age you will turn in 2020. For example, if you turn 13 this year, you will compete in the 12-13 Years age group and so on. Competitors can compete in **ONLY ONE AGE GROUP** for which they are eligible.

There must be 4 members (boys, girls, mixed) to a relay team from the **SAME HOUSE** per age group.

A program of events will be available at the carnival from the announcer's desk, from Tutor Group teachers, on the Compass newsfeed as well as the Parkdale SC Facebook and Instagram pages.

### KINGSTON DIVISION COMPETITION

Where there is more than one heat in each event, winners will be determined by fastest times. These winners will go on to represent the school at the Kingston Division Championships on Thursday 12 March. Emergency swimmers will also be included in the team. Relay teams are formed from the top 4 times in the 50m freestyle in each age group. Students must check the Carnival's noticeboard following the carnival to see if they have made the Kingston Division Swimming team.

**\*\*Students are not to leave the grounds for ANY reason throughout the day. If a student has an appointment, they MUST sign out with Mrs. Leeson at the First Aid station near the gate exit/entrance.\*\***

So come along for a fun day in the sun with your friends, try your best in the events and don't forget you receive a House point just for participating!

**Vanessa Leslie**  
**Carnivals Coordinator**

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.

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 have 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](http://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](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.

Cheers,

Nicole Moffat

[nmoffat@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nmoffat@optusnet.com.au)



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## Location

## Programs

## Dates

Melbourne

Weekend Program

March 7-8

Sydney

Weekend Program

March 21-22

Melbourne

Holiday Program

April 6-9

Sydney

Weekend Program

May 2-3

Melbourne

Weekend Program

May 9-10

Adelaide

Weekend Program

May 16-17

[www.gameaware.com.au/programs](http://www.gameaware.com.au/programs)