



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 25th March 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

Principals Report

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 Thursday 4th April (Year 10-12) and Wednesday 1st May (Year 7-9). All families have been notified of the booking process through Compass and the timeline for making these bookings. 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

I have observed and spoken to a number of students regarding their safety when waiting for buses at the end of the school day at the bus interchange point. Students must remain behind the fences and only enter the bus from the designated points in the fence. There have been occasions where students have run up the actual roadway to skip the line or even more dangerously stood on the roadway attempting to stop the bus where they are standing instead of letting the bus pass to the pick up point. These practices must cease for their own health and safety.

Furthermore my usual reminder re the buses. Unfortunately, there are still students who seem to think that the bus is a free service. This is not the case and fines will be issued by authorised officers if students are caught travelling without a valid ticket (Myki). The data collected is also used when deciding how many buses are required. Another good reason to swipe on.

Pedestrian Crossing

The crossing at the front of the school became automated in late February but unfortunately there have been a number of issues re the lights not operating. Thankfully the automation did not result in the removal of the crossing supervisor. His work over the outages of the crossing signals has been nothing short of amazing in ensuring that our students have been able to safely cross the road. I have thanked him on behalf of the school community but I also thank the students for their adherence to his instructions during these times and the parents who are driving at this time.

I have been in constant contact with the appropriate authorities to express our concerns at the outages. I have been ensured it is a priority to identify and rectify the cause of the problem.

Canteen

I have been asked by students, parents and staff re the opening of the canteen. The canteen itself is leased to a company. Under the terms of the lease it is their responsibility to appoint a manager. This has proved to be difficult for them through Term One. As I have been throughout the term, I am in dialogue with them as to the progress on this appointment and I will keep the school community informed of the progress

Bike Helmets

I am still concerned with the number of students riding bikes to and from school without bike helmets. (Even to the point of the helmet hanging from the handle bars and not on their head). This is not only a risk to their health and safety but against the law. I ask all parents that if your son/daughter rides a bike to school to ensure they have a bike helmet. Students who ride without a helmet are warned that we will impound bikes and release them when the student can produce a bike helmet to wear when riding home.

Looking Ahead

To our college community I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. I encourage our Year 12, along with all students, to take stock of their efforts for the term, consolidate their knowledge and plan how best to tackle the challenges ahead.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2019

March	
27th	Year 12 Camp Returns 29 th March
April	
3^d	Year 7 Immunisations
4th	Senior Parent Teacher Interviews
5th	End Of Term 1
23^d	Return to school Term 2 Starts
24th	Year 12 Formal
25th	Anzac Day
26th	Curriculum Day
May	
1st	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
7th	Open Night

Junior School Report

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YEAR 7

It was disappointing that we had to cancel our annual camp to Coonawarra, due to the fire conditions in that part of Victoria. However, we are exploring other options and hope to have an alternative organised soon.

NAPLAN – 2019

Emails have been sent to all Year 7 and Year 9 parents in relation to NAPLAN 2019. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced the transition from a paper-based to an online assessment. Our school is making the transition in 2019. From 2020, all schools across Australia will conduct the NAPLAN tests online.

Please see the following links for more information:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

All students will have the opportunity at school to become familiar with the test format prior to the official NAPLAN period in May.

June Sainsbery

Assistant Principal- Junior School

Senior School Report

Senior School

As Term One nears an end, senior school students have numerous important upcoming events and activities. Year 12 camp is taking place 27-29 March at The Summit Camp in Trafalgar East. The annual camp is opportunity for year 12 students to bond as a year group, set goals, have fun and challenge themselves to step outside of their comfort zone. Students are expected at school by 8:15am on Wednesday 27 March so rolls can be marked, and buses can be loaded to depart on time. Buses will return on Friday 29 March by 3:00pm. Year 12 formal is also fast approaching. Information has been provided to all students and posted on Compass. It is very important to note that tickets MUST be purchased by Monday 1 April. No tickets will be available after this date.

At the same time as Year 12 camp, the Year 11 Futures program will run. This program is focused on pathways and wellbeing. This program includes visits to tertiary institutions, the Fit-2-Drive program, English sessions and mental and physical wellbeing workshops. Attendance to this program is compulsory

During Learning Journey,s Year 10 students will take part in the Road Smart program. This program is funded by the Victorian government and facilitated by VicRoads. The focus of this session is Victoria's graduated licensing system and the Toward Zero vision. Katrina Amon, the Parkdale Secondary College Koori Leader will also run a Deadly unit presentation, with the focus of racism in sport. Work experience is also fast approaching and students need to ensure they have all paperwork completed and submitted on time. Construction Induction Card (CIC) training has been booked for May 2nd for any student intending to work in the construction industry. This is a requirement to be working in any capacity on a construction site. Any student interested in this must see Ms Jenkins in the Careers office.

The nature of these activities rely on student participation and probity and expectations on student behaviour are very high.

Senior School Parent/Teacher interviews will be held Thursday 4 April. This is a very good opportunity to have a short discussion with teachers about student progress and have students reflect on their learning so far and develop strategies for improvement moving forward.

Michael Tuck

Assistant Principal- Senior School

Careers

On Wednesday March 13th, Year 10s in the Careers unit of Learning Journeys were fortunate to have Georgie Parker as a guest speaker. Georgie is former Olympian and played over 100 games with the Hockeyroos. Georgie is currently utilising her Journalism degree and is working in the media while also playing with Collingwood in the AFLW. Georgie shared her Career Journey and spoke about balancing her life around study, sport, travel and family. Year 10s heard about how much Georgie valued work experience not only when she was in high school but throughout her Career as she used it to gain an insight into fields of work that were of interest to her and to make valuable connections and networks. Year 10s took away many useful messages including the importance of following your passion rather than following a path that you feel is expected by others.



Laura Della Fortuna
Careers

Art Blitz

Artz Blitz 2019 - MONSTERS AND BEASTS

On Friday 15th March 35, students took part in the City of Kingston Art competition. The students stayed at school from 4pm Friday until 10am Saturday, creating their responses to the theme. Students could either create a 2D or 3D art piece or a written response. The students all did an amazing job, with Bianca Sharp winning an award for her written piece. The work selected is on display at the City of Kingston G1 and G2 galleries for the next month.



Liz Fairley
Learning Area Manager

Wellbeing

Year 7/8 Parent Social Night at Oscars Hangout

On Friday March 15th a number of dedicated year 7 & 8 parents, including some Parents Association parents, were hosted by the Chaplaincy Support Committee at Oscar's Hangout for a fundraiser night for Chaplaincy/Wellbeing. We had a fun night of getting to know new people, eating some tasty food and had an hilarious auction of items including beauty product hampers, activities for kids and a voucher for Woodlands Golf club. Thanks to Steve Turner (dad of Charlie 10M and Daisy 8E) for helping the items to be auctioned, and to Joanne Oakes, Jess Oakes (Chaplaincy Support Committee) and Nicole Moffat (Parents Association) for making the night possible with their support and provision of auction items.



Wellbeing Continued

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

To support the Chaplaincy Program within the Wellbeing Team.

\$1/1 ticket

\$2/3 tickets

Tickets available at recess and lunchtime outside canteen.



Raffle will be **drawn** at Lunchtime outside canteen **LAST DAY OF TERM 1, Friday 5 April, 2019**

1st Prize – Easter Egg Hamper (\$50 value)

2nd Prize – Lindt Chocolate Egg Box (\$15 value)

3rd Prize – Lindt Chocolate Bunny (\$5 value)

Sue Parkin

Chaplin

Generations in Jazz

On Friday, March 15th the music department, under the guidance of our newest staff member Mr. Kevin Nguyen, put on a sausage sizzle to raise funds for Generations in Jazz. Many music students got involved by performing in the amphitheatre, where we had a wonderful turnout of students and staff there to support them.

Following the successful sausage sizzle, a number of music students, parents and staff donated their time at the Mordialloc Rotary Club's annual Gnome and Fairy Festival. The day involved a lot of face painting done by some very talented music students (Camille Challinor, Poppy Clout, Abbey Gratton, Amelie Larkin, Renee Hicks, Charlie Turner and parent Teri Milner), and performances from the Jazz Band. We also had a few students step up to do some songs as soloists (Ollie Culshaw, Declan Hannaford, Tom De Graves and James Williams). Thank you to everyone who donated their time for this event. We look forward to participating again next year!



Kaela Raku

Instrumental Music Coordinator

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Another digital resource that is available to you through the library homepage is the Wheelers E-book collection. We have well over a thousand titles in electronic form. The e-book platform also has audio books. There is a username-student id and password - Library1 required on login. Follow the simple instructions below and start reading.



Pauline White and Sue Flavin
Teacher-librarians

Parents Association

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Our Parkdale Secondary College Parents Association held their AGM on 13/3. The following members were nominated and voted into positions for 2019.

President - Nicole Moffat
Vice President and Treasurer – Sally Chiappetta
Secretary – Sharan Kafoa.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May at 7.00pm in the College Staff Room. It's very relaxed and new faces are always welcome. If you haven't yet become a member and would like to, forms are available at the school office, on the website or at our next meeting.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS

PSC Parents' Association, while not a fundraising body, like to support the school community whenever we can. Thanks to the Ritchies Community Benefit Program we are able to fund a weekly fruit box in the Senior Centre for students to have a healthy snack while studying after school.

For this to continue we need your support!!

If you or your friends/family shop at ANY Ritchies in Victoria, NSW or Queensland and use a community benefit card/tag linked to Parkdale Secondary College, Ritchies donate money back to our school.

If you would like to support Parkdale SC and don't already have a CB card/tag please collect one next time you shop at any Ritchies store and nominate Parkdale Secondary College.

Thank you ☺

UNIFORM SHOP

Parents Association Continued

The College is now using the online service *Sustainable School Shop* to enable parents to buy and sell second hand uniform items.

Sustainable School Shop has been provided with the College's uniform list to help families buy/sell the correct items. Once you are registered, you'll start to receive emails detailing current available stock.

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

Here is our current stock list..

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/parkdale-secondary-college

Please see the Introduction Letter and User Guide for further information and guidance.
http://www.parkdalesc.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_zoo&view=item&layout=item&Itemid=122

Warmest regards,

Nicole Moffat

PA President