



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 5th April 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

Principal's Report

Staff

We have welcomed Ms Jordi Thomson in the last couple of weeks, to complete our staffing for 2019. Ms Thomson is teaching Year 7 English and Literacy Support.

Social Media

There are many uses of social media, capacity to disseminate information and for people to keep in touch. Unfortunately despite the number of workshops and reminders by teachers, there have been too many instances where this media has been used inappropriately by students. With the upcoming holidays and more leisure time, I ask all students to 'think before sending/posting'. The impact on the receiver can make a significant effect on that person's health and wellbeing.

Year 12 Camp

A very successful Year 12 Camp program was run 27th – 29th March. The feedback from the campers was very positive, although they were somewhat tired on their return to school on Friday. Thank you to Mr Scott Rumble, Team Leader Year 11/12 and the Year 12 coordinators, Mr Jamie Cumming and Ms Vikki Moragiannis, for the organisation of the camp and to all staff who attended over the three days.

As always seems to be the case with Term One before you know it the end of the term is upon us. So many different activities occur and when mixed in with the usual excitement of a new school year with different classes and new faces, time seems to fly by. So, to our College community, I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the challenges of Term Two on Tuesday 23rd April. Enjoy the break.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2019

April	
5 th	End Of Term 1
23 rd	Return to school Term 2
24 th	Year 12 Formal & Parent Association Meeting
25 th	Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
26 th	Curriculum Day
May	
1 st	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews (1pm-8pm) (Curriculum Day)
7 th	Open Night (6.30pm Start)
9th- 10th	AEP Dance Camp

Junior School Report

Junior School Report

Term One seems to have flown by so fast. Our **Year 7s** have settled well into the routine of high school. Many students are actively involved in extra-curricular activities (ESP, STEP, Music, WIN) and have embraced these new opportunities to pursue their passions. We have been able to secure a camp venue for week 2 Term Three. Further information is being emailed home.

A reminder that winter uniform is required from Monday 6 May. The first two weeks of Term Two are a 'transition period' and either summer or winter uniform may be worn.

Thank you to all who attended the **NDIS information evening** this week. Many people were able to find out important information and what different services they can access. If you have not registered with the NDIS and are not sure whether or not you might be eligible, you can check the NDIS site.

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/booklets-and-factsheets>

We continue with our preparation for **NAPLAN ON-LINE**. On Wednesday 24th April we will be conducting a Practice Test with 7A – 7E. Students will be required to bring their laptop fully charged, charger and headphones on that day. All other Year 7 and 9 students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the test format prior to the test period in May.

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>

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Term One break.

June Sainsbery

Assistant Principal- Junior School

Senior School Report

Senior School

It has certainly been an exciting and full end of Term One.

I was lucky enough to attend Year 12 Camp for the first two days. Wow! We really have an amazing group of year 12 students. Firstly, I congratulate our students on the way in which they participated in all aspects of the camp. They certainly took advantage of the opportunities presented, pushing themselves into new and different challenges and supporting each other through these challenges. I am extremely proud of the way in which all students conducted themselves. There was a real sense of warmth and cohesion amongst the students and school and camp staff commented throughout the camp on what a wonderful group of students we have. I'd also like to thank the school staff involved in the camp. As much we all enjoy it, it is time away from home and essentially responsibility for a large number of students night and day.

At the same time as the camp, Year 11 students were involved in the Futures program. Again, student behaviour was excellent, as expected, and it was pleasing to hear that students who attended gained much insight into tertiary studies from the trips to various institutions. The Fit2Drive program allowed students to gain a greater insight into road trauma and safety at a vital time as they are learning to drive. The physical and mental wellbeing sessions were a fun and informative way to end the program. Sonya Karras presented to all students in the final session on safe partying. Sonya provides invaluable insight in risk taking behaviours in a highly engaging, humorous and poignant style. While students in attendance were engaged and gained valuable insights and information in areas of life we don't always have the opportunity to delve into, it was disappointing that some students 'opted out' of the program through absence. Staff invest significant time and resources into these events and the focus on pathways and wellbeing is invaluable at this time for Year 11 students.

Senior School Report Continued

I ask that parents support these events and experiences offered by not approving unnecessary absence from these programs. I again thank staff involved in the organising and running of this excellent program.

I hope all students and families have restful break. Students will have holiday homework and study to complete and it is important to balance school, personal and family time over the period to ensure that students take a break but also maintain connection with their learning. The senior team is looking forward to welcoming students back for Term Two and working together to ensure students make the most of their time at Parkdale.

Michael Tuck
Assistant Principal- Senior School

IT at Parkdale

IT Maintenance during the holidays

Critical systems **will** remain online (Compass and emails)

Senior Centre will have heavy disruptions due to Vivi installs and repatching of cabinet

Printing offline due to updates for Apple environment

Library and K area heavy disruptions due to switch replacement

Projectors offline due to filter cleans

ClickView outages due to update of security

IT staff will be here available from :

1st Week : Monday-Friday 7:30am – 4:00pm (8th April – 12th April) (Warrick, Gayan and Luke)

2nd Week : Monday, Tuesday 7:30am until 4:00pm, and Wednesday 7:30 until 12:00 (Luke)

Luke Bayley
ICT Manager

Careers

Year 11 University Tours

On Wednesday March 27th, the year 11s attended a University tour. Students could select to visit RMIT and Torrens University or spend the day touring Deakin University.

The students that attended RMIT toured state of the art facilities before competing in an amazing race around the campus. In the afternoon students participated in hands on workshops at Torrens University.

At Deakin University, year 11s heard the journey of a number of current Deakin students and then toured the campus and viewed facilities such as the new sport science precinct, media hub and robotics lab.

A great day was had by all year 11s and they walked away inspired for their pathway after Parkdale Secondary College.



BGKLEN Careers Expo

On Thursday March 28th, year 10 VCAL students attended a Careers Expo organised by the Bayside Glen Eira Kingston local Learning & Employment Network. Students spoke to a range of exhibitors from a variety of industries including the ADF, Racing Victoria, The Simon Black Academy, Skills Plus, Freight Careers and Bendigo Bank. There were a range of hands on activities for students to try their hand at including a simulation and analysis of a Mercury outboard motor and tyre changing competitions. Students enjoyed a great morning at the expo, which allowed them to create valuable links and collect useful resources to help guide their pathway planning.



Senior Girls Basketball

On Monday April 1st, the Senior Girls Basketball team became the Southern Metropolitan Region champions. The team played 5 games and ended the tournament undefeated! The girls displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the whole tournament and are excited to move in to the next stage of their pursuit to become state champions!

Team members: Kayla Welsh, Hayley Catherine, Kyra Dalman, Hayley McCormick, Ash McKenna, Ayda Guclu, Tayla Vernon, Judith Momtaze, Krissi Dounis, Gena Andriakopoulos.



Chilln' with the Chap

Are you getting enough exercise?

One of the key elements to a healthy lifestyle is exercise. It does not have to be heavy exercise, but light exercise a couple to three times a week is beneficial to cardiac health as well as general wellbeing. Getting the muscles moving and blood flowing round the body aids physical and mental wellbeing. It helps to oxygenate the brain allowing better study concentration and releases all those healthy endorphins for feeling good about yourself.

If you play a team sport, this is also great for wellbeing as being part of a team working towards a common goal creates relationships and community.

If you have a dog, get out and walk the dog. It gives you time to clear your head and breathe in some fresh air, as well as changing the scenery for something different. Time and busyness are often hindrances to exercise, but it is by far and away one of the best ways you can spend your time to feel good about yourself and do your body a favour as well.

Get out and exercise as it will make a difference to how you feel (in a positive way) and keep you fit and healthy at the same time. It will also help with getting to sleep if this is an issue for you, as your body will be more physically tired and will rest and sleep more easily.

There are no downsides to exercising!

Happy Easter! (after you've eaten all your Easter eggs - walk them off 😊)

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Are you interested in the wellbeing of your children? Do you enjoy meeting with others and being part of a dynamic team? Do you have skills in fundraising or event running? Are you a parent looking for a way to give back to the community through your school environment?

The Chaplaincy Support Committee are looking for interested parents or friends of the school, to be involved with their fundraising and support of the Chaplain. If this sounds like you, then please contact Susan

parkin.susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au for more info.

Thank you, Susan Parkin (Chaplain)



Sue Parkin
Chaplin

Year 11 Frencultural Excursion

“The Year 11 French class went on an excursion to Palace Cinema Como to see the movie “Au bout des doigts” or In Your Hands. The movie was an enjoyable and heart-warming experience as we followed the story of a young pianist called Mathieu. Mathieu started off as a minor felon with a passion for piano. Due to a circumstance, Mathieu joined the Conservatoire. He must then go through hardship to come out on top. The storyline was captivating and exciting as there was always a turn of events. After the movie the Year 11 class went to a French café, where we had the chance to eat some traditional French meals. Overall, this excursion was a great experience and a good opportunity for the students to enhance their French and discover French culture.”

Written by Christoper Kirk.



Eva Wylie
French Teacher

Year 7 STEP

Year 7 STEP Astronomy night - 2019

A night with the STARS! On Wednesday 13th March our Year 7 STEP program started with a big bang! Approximately 180 students, parents and staff enjoyed a wonderful night of astronomical celebration. Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society (MPAS) delivered yet another fantastic presentation about space and even brought along a meteorite for everyone to look at and feel. It was really heavy!

After the presentation, we moved outside to the park where MPAS had set up a multitude of different telescopes with varying optical parameters. A couple of our students, who belong to MPAS, also assisted. Thanks Josh Pole and Jay Blanas. We were able to see the moon really close up, Mars, Orion Nebula, and so much more!!!

It was an awesome night of discovery for young and old alike! Did you know that the spaces between the rings of Saturn each contain a moon?

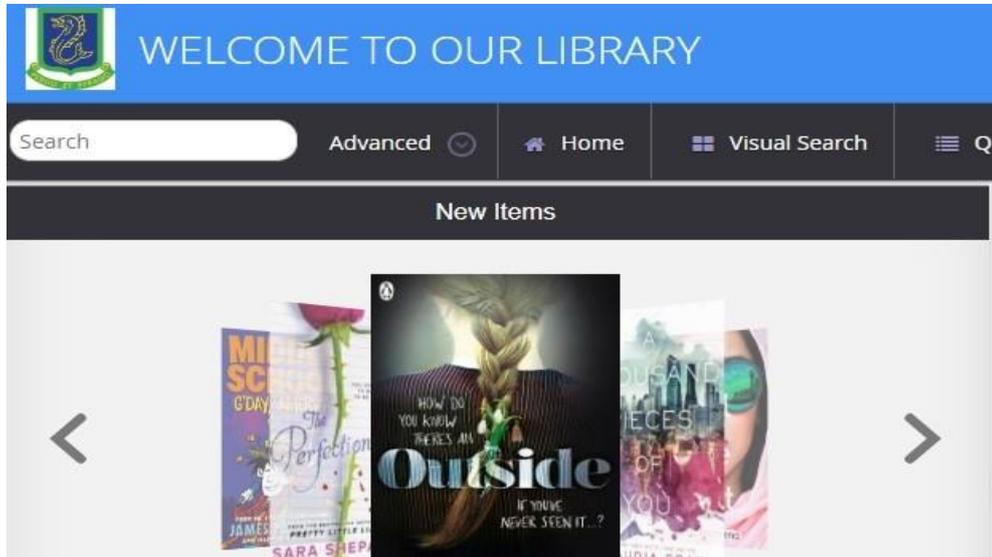
Thanks MPAS and the PSC community for a night not to be forgotten!

Janelle Scott, Lisa Cooper, Tim Thompson & Michael Copley

Janelle Scott
Step Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Over this term we have used the newsletter to highlight the online resources that are available to our school community through the library webpage. Our aim is to encourage you to take the time to go online and have a look. The resources on that page are available to all at home to use once your child has logged into the page. The Library webpage allows you to see the new books displayed on a carousel, this is a great place to keep up to date with recent Library purchases.



JUNIOR SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

All students in 7 to 9 take part in a reading program. At Year 7 and 8 we made changes to how we are monitoring student progress with reading. We are having one to one conversations with every student to monitor how well they are enjoying and comprehending what they are reading. The students' responses have been really heartening. The media writes a lot about declining standards of literacy but at Parkdale we are finding that the majority of our students are experiencing success and satisfaction with reading. Much of that is down to the school making time for the kids to read. With the holidays coming up and kids with time on their hands, encouraging reading (just 20 minutes a day), taking a trip to the local library or bookstore can be ways to overcome the holiday boredom. In the previous newsletter there was feature on the e-books that are available to you through the library webpage. Don't forget audio books are in the e-book collection too.

Pauline White and Sue Flavin
Teacher-librarian

NAB Mini Legend

Let's get Ms Chiocci a NAB Mini Legend!

Hi Parkdale Community,

I'm sure you have all seen the NAB mini-legends ads on your TV screens, with the little Gary Ablett Junior and Dusty Martin running around having a kick!

This year they are asking the public to vote on a new series of mini's. We would love our own Ms Stephanie Chiocci (Collingwood Captain) to get a mini make-over.

Please take the time to cast your votes on the NAB website or follow the link below. You will need to write a brief (25 words or less) summary of why you think Steph should win.

There are also prizes for the most creative responses.

<https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/more-than-money/sponsorships/afl/nab-mini-legends>

Hopefully we can all work together and get her over the line! :)

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Year 10 Global Students

Year 10 Global Kitchen Students had a Design Challenge to produce a meal idea to add to the Oscar's hangout Lunch menu, here is what Mrs Skaltsis' class came up with..



Korean Bipimbap



Marinated chicken, rice and beans



Spicy Rice Cakes



Burrito Bowl



Pork & Fennel Meat bals with spag



Mac and Cheese



Pizza Pastries



Carbonara



Egg and Bacon Burger

**Gabrielle Skaltsis
L.A.M Technology**

PARKDALE SC SWIMMING CARNIVAL - AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the age group champions for Parkdale's Swimming Carnival:

13 Girls	Megan Vuong
13 Boys	Koebe Nay
14 Girls	Sienna Shepherd
14 Boys	Zach Jeanes
15 Girls	Isla Wenke
15 Boys	Tristan Price
16 Girls	Elise Scott
16 Boys	Lachlan Shepherd
17 Girls	Steph McKie
17 Boys	Max Curnow
20 Girls	Jacqui Moore
20 Boys	Ethan Marshall

SMR – Secondary Swimming Championships MSAC

Congratulations to the 17 students who competed in the SMR Swimming Championships at MSAC yesterday. All students involved represented Parkdale Secondary College proudly, exhibiting excellent team spirit and sportsmanship. It was fantastic to see parents in attendance also! Despite relatively small participant numbers compared with other schools, Parkdale SC finished 6th overall for the competition due to some extraordinary results from a range of individuals and teams as outlined below:

Lachlan Shepherd	2 nd	Boys 16-20 200m Freestyle
	1 st (Record time)	Boys 16 50m Butterfly
	2 nd	Boys 16 50m Freestyle
	5 th	Boys 50m Backstroke
Sienna Shepherd	1 st	Girls 12-15 200m Freestyle
	1 st (Record time)	Girls 14 50m Butterfly
	1 st (Record time by 4 sec)	Girls 12-20 400m Freestyle
	1 st (Record time)	Girls 14 50m Freestyle
	1 st (15 Year Record broken)	Girls 12-15 200m IM
Steph McKie	6 th	Girls 12-20 100m Breaststroke
	6 th	Girls 12-20 100m Backstroke
	5 th	Girls 17 50m Breaststroke
	3 rd	Girls 17 50m Backstroke
	5 th	Girls 17 50m Freestyle
Louanna Daniels	2 nd	Girls 14 50m Breaststroke
	1 st	Girls 12-15 100m Freestyle
Koebe Nay	3 rd	Boys 13 50m Freestyle
Jorja Palazzolo	1 st	Girls 16 50m Butterfly
	1 st	Girls 16-20 100m Freestyle
	1 st	Girls 16 50m Freestyle
Paige Holt	3 rd	Girls 14 50m Backstroke

Girls 12-14 Medley Relay 1st
Sienna Shepherd/Paige Holt/Louanna Daniels/Summer Bailey/Megan Vuong (Emergency)

Girls 17-20 Medley Relay 2nd
Steph McKie/Liv McKie/Nuria Carbonell Rivela/Jorja Palazzolo

Boys 12-13 Freestyle Relay 2nd
Koebe Nay/Jack Meckiff/Adam Corfield/Jamie Si/Matthew Eales (Emergency)

Girls 14 Freestyle Relay 1st (Record time)
Sienna Shepherd/Paige Holt/Louanna Daniels/Liv McKie/Shaedyn Aylen (Emergency)

Girls 17 Freestyle Relay 3rd
Steph McKie/Jorja Palazzolo/Nuria Carbonell Rivela/Sara Bayhan

Swimming Carnival & SMR Championships Continued

Mr Van Pelt and Ms Leslie would like to say how proud they are of all students who attended yesterday. The humble demeanour and work ethic demonstrated by the students was a credit to all involved. Can't wait for the State Finals on Wednesday 24 April!

Vanessa Leslie
Carnival Coordinator

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

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