



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 11th May 2020

Principal's Report – David Russell

On Monday May 11th the Premier of Victoria held a press conference regarding the restrictions in place due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In relation to schools he stated that they are 'working towards face to face teaching before the end of Term Two.' This would be a gradual staged return. He also stated details of this return will be released in the coming days. As a result of the announcements made we will be continuing with the current online/remote learning environment for the foreseeable future. Therefore, for our school community, we will continue with the structures and procedures that are currently in place. As always I will update the school community as changes come to hand.

I take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their support of the directive that 'all students who **can** learn at home **must** learn at home.' I also thank you for the support of the teaching staff and your children through this unprecedented time.

IT issues

Our IT team lead by Mr Luke Bayley, have been working extremely hard supporting students, parents and staff through this online/remote learning period. This has included issuing loan devices, internet access issues, addressing Compass problems for parents, general IT advice and problem solving.

To stream line our processes can I please ask that you contact the IT team via the following email addresses depending on the nature of the assistance required.

For loan device and internet access assistance please email Parkdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au

For all other IT assistance please email helpdesk@parkdalesc.vic.edu.au

David Russell
Principal

Junior School Report

We are now in Week Five and have settled into the routine of remote learning. Today, the government has announced that we will be able to visit family and friends in small groups, and I am sure this will be well received news for many people.

This week Our Year 7s are participating in a Wellbeing Day tomorrow, Tuesday 12th May. The focus of the Wellbeing Day is 'digital wellbeing'. The students have been given a timetable to follow and details were released to students on Friday and also in this morning's assembly.

All students are reminded to check in at the Year Level Assemblies each week. Important information is disseminated to students via the assemblies, as well as providing an opportunity to listen to the Year Level Coordinators.

I encourage all students to keep up the good work, stay focused and ensure they contact their class teachers or Year Level Coordinators if they have any questions or require any additional supports.

June Sainsbery
Assistant Principal- Junior School & Wellbeing

Senior School Report

There has been a lot of important information that has been communicated over the past fortnight and I'm sure there will be a lot more in the coming weeks. Below are the key pieces as relating to each year level/pathway.

VCE

- The VCAA have advised that Unit 4 Study Designs have been reviewed and condensed and these are now available on the VCAA website. (<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/Pages/vce-study-designs.aspx>).
- VCE Examinations will run in December. A timetable will be released shortly.
- There has been no change to unit 1/2 study designs and schools will make adjustments to ensure all outcomes are able to be met.
- Year 11 (Unit 1) Semester One school-based examinations have been cancelled.

VCAL

- VCAL outcomes have remained the same, but the timeline for completion has been extended to be in line with VCE completion.
- Structured Workplace Learning is currently postponed until Term 3 with alternate tasks to ensure Outcomes can still be met being delivered remotely.

Year 10

- Year 10 Work Experience has been cancelled.
- Year 10 Semester Two examinations have been cancelled.
- Semester Two will begin first day Term 3, Monday 13th July.

With the news that school may resume for at least some students this term, it is important that students continue to work hard to complete learning tasks set by teachers, so they are up-to-date and ready to continue learning when face-to-face classes eventuate. Students who are able to maintain routine and focus will find the transition back to school much easier. Students, if you have found that your routine has slipped, work on rebuilding good habits, especially sleep, so you are prepared for when classes do resume.

Michael Tuck

Assistant Principal- Senior School

Welcome To The Library At Parkdale Secondary College

New Dyslexia and General Comfort Settings Available for our eLibrary

Did you know Parkdale's eLibrary has an App which allows users to adjust eBook settings to support struggling readers, whether it is due to Dyslexia, Visual Impairment or any other condition that can create roadblocks to reading traditional print books. The options now guide readers, popping up front and centre to ensure the eBook is able to be read immediately with settings that are matched to the individual reader's needs. These settings will remain with that user until they are changed. It will follow them on every device the user logs in to. How does it work? As soon as you start reading chapter 1 of your eBook - prompts will pop up automatically to offer several options for: Background Colour | Font Style | Text Size | Letter and Line Spacing. You can click on each option to sample it before you select your choice. Please view the video for a more detailed explanation.

Please find the link below!;

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Pauline White- Teacher

Sue Flavin- Teacher

VCAL

Dear PSC VCAL Community,

Following Week Four update, emailed to all parents/guardians and students, this is a friendly reminder that all students should be checking the following daily:

- Daily **lesson plans** on Compass for instructions about online check-in during remote learning
- PSC student **emails** (and replying to emails from teachers/support staff)
- Compass **learning tasks** (for overdue work or work that needs to be re-submitted)

Also, please note changes to the following events:

- **Mid-year work experience** for VCAL students has been **cancelled**
- **Semester 1 VCAL Expo** (originally scheduled for May 18th) has been **postponed**. New date for remote expo to be confirmed.

Amy Palfreyman
VCAL Coordinator

Kingston Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st in their respective events at the Kingston Swimming Championships on Thursday 12th March. Some remarkable results!!!

YEAR 7

Keira James, Jemma Holt, Jemma Daniels, Hayley Parker

13 Yr Freestyle Relay Team

Jemma Holt 13 Yr 50m Backstroke & Butterfly

Hayley Parker 16 Yr 50m Backstroke

Jemma Daniels 12-20 Yr 100m Breaststroke

13 Yr 50m Freestyle

12-15 Yr Individual Medley

YEAR 8

Summer Bailey 14 Yr 50m Butterfly

Liv McKie 20 Yr 50m Butterfly

YEAR 9

Louanna Daniels, Shaedyn Aylen, Paige Holt, Liv McKie (Year 8)

15-16 Yr Medley Relay Team

15 Yr Freestyle Relay Team

Record time of 2:11.97min – Previous record 2:15.57min (2017)

Shaedyn Aylen 16-20 Yr Individual Medley

Meg Webster 16 Yr 50m Butterfly

Louanna Daniels 12-15 Yr 200m Freestyle

Age Group Champion 12-15 Yr 100m Freestyle

15 Yr 50m Freestyle, Backstroke & Breaststroke

YEAR 10

Boyd Wieringa 16 Yr 50m Freestyle

Kingston Swimming Championships Continued

Josh Ayles 16 Yr 50m Backstroke

YEAR 11

Steph McKie, Lily Clucas, Jorja Palazzolo, Meg Webster (Year 9)

17-20 Yr Medley Relay Team

20 Yr Freestyle Relay Team

Lachlan Shepherd 16-20 Yr 200m Freestyle

Age Group Champion 16-20 Yr 100m Freestyle

17 Yr 50m Butterfly **Record time of 27.92s – previous record 28.54s (2019)**

17 Yr 50m Freestyle

Record time of 26.59s – previous record 28.25s (2017)

17 Yr 50m Backstroke

Record time of 32.48s – previous record 32.65s (2017)

Jorja Palazzolo 17 Yr 50m Freestyle & Butterfly

Steph McKie 20 Yr 50m Freestyle, Backstroke & Breaststroke

Age Group Champion

Jack Webster 12-20 Yr 400m Freestyle

Record time of 4:48.52s – Previous record 5:02.88 (2018) set by Gaius Robertson-Christie from Parkdale SC

Vanessa Leslie

Carnivals Coordinator

Textiles

Whilst we are all adjusting to our new classroom environments, Year 7 have shown an abundance of creativity whilst working on their 'Trashion' practical task in Textiles. Ms. Scott and myself have been amazed with how resourceful students have been when creating their outfits. Well done 9



Amy Dallas
Textiles Teacher