



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 20th May 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

Open Night/Tours

The college Open Night was held on Tuesday 7th May and was extremely well attended by potential enrollees and their families. There were an estimated 750 people in attendance as we showcased the academic and co-curricula programs of the school. There were many staff, students and parents from the PFA present to answer questions and I thank them all for their important role on the night. Additionally we have received some great feedback from families that attended.

My most recent school tour was very well attended, continuing the trend of the amazing interest in the school from the community. Families of grade Six parents have now submitted their Year 7 2020 preference forms to their primary school and this information will be passed onto us in due course. We await to see how many students have selected Parkdale SC as the school of their choice.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

These were run over two days/evenings and were both very well attended. Parents were able to engage with their child's teachers and discuss progress and listen to advice on how their child can take the next steps forward in their learning. Importantly, on many occasions, the child was present through the interview giving their viewpoint and hearing the advice being given. A great example of the three way communication which is important in the learning journey. I encourage keeping these lines of communication open throughout the year, not just at these formal occasions.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN program is currently running and will conclude on Friday 25th May for the Year 7 and Year 9 students. The format had changed this year with all students completing the NAPLAN program electronically. There were trials to identify any issues with the process. Unfortunately, the first day resulted in numerous connectivity problems which were not anything to do with the college. We have now switched to the paper alternative to complete the remainder of the NAPLAN. My thanks to Mrs June Sainsbery Assistant Principal, Ms Helen Bardolph Junior School Admin Officer and Mr Luke Bayley IT manager for their work in planning and implementing the electronic process and then the seamless way they have converted back to the paper method. The results of these assessments are released in September.

Car Park

For safety reasons I remind parents that the car parks are not to be used as drop off and pick up areas for students. Please organize with your son/daughter to be picked up/dropped off from other areas.

U turns in Warren Road

I have observed a number of parents performing U turns in Warren Road outside the school during the drop off and pick up peak times. This is a dangerous practice and I ask all parents, for the safety of the students and other road users, to not undertake this manoeuvre.

Bike Helmets

Despite frequent requests to students, and the simple fact that it is the law that bicycle riders wear a helmet, I am still being contacted by concerned members of the community that students of the college are riding bicycles without helmets. It has even got to the point where a student was seen riding along with the helmet dangling from the handle bars.

The Assistant Principals and myself have been doing before school yard duty and have not had to impound bicycles on many occasions because the rider did not have a helmet. It appears that some students arrive and leave school with the helmet on and remove it when they have left the vicinity of the college. This is a dangerous practice and I will

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reiterate the fact that it is against the law. We are only concerned for the safety of our students and again ask that all students wear their bike helmet at all times when riding.

A final reminder that we will impound bikes of students not wearing helmets. Bikes will be secured and returned when the rider can show us their bike helmet.

Year 12 Theatre Studies

My congratulations to the Y12 Theatre Studies class and their teacher Ms Elise Tebbutt for their production of 'Inheritance'. The students were responsible for the casting, production and direction of the performance as well as the acting. They can be very proud of their efforts.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2 - 2019

May	
20th -24th	Naplan Week
20th	VCAL Expo Night (6.30pm Start)
27th-29th	Year 9 Camp 1 (A-F)
29th-31st	Year 9 Camp 2 (G-L)
June	
3rd-14th	Year 10 & 11 Exams Commence
10th	Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)
17th-21st	Year 10 Work Experience

Junior School Report

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NAPLAN 2019

We were one of many schools around Australia that experienced connectivity difficulties with the on-line platform. As a result, we switched to paper tests from day two. There have been media reports that students will have the opportunity to re-sit the writing test. Specific information regarding this will be emailed to Year 7 and 9 parents when we receive official notification. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days up to and including Friday 24 May 2019.

YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 students are looking forward to going on camp next week. This camp not only offers challenges to students from an outdoor activity perspective, but guest speakers challenge students to reflect on who they are and what they stand for. Forest Edge Camp, in Neerim East is a beautiful setting, though it can be a little chilly!

OPEN NIGHT and PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

Open Night is an opportunity for us to showcase the many wonderful programs that we have on offer at the college. I would like to thank Kayla Lilburn 7K and Liam Van Deursen 7F who addressed the parents and prospective students. They spoke about their experience moving from primary school to secondary school. They did a terrific job.

I would also like to thank the following Year 7 students who have assisted me on Primary School visits. The students answered questions from the Grade 6s and were able to reassure them that there are lots of resources to support their transition to secondary school.

Janaly TANGATA
Shazneen NISHA
Liam GALJAR
Lucas PITMAN
Fin BOADEN
Drew McCLURE-ROLINK
Conor McKANE
Olivia PRICE
Lauren JOSIC-UNDERHILL
Brian LIM
Charley LAI
Katya SHEPHERD
Samik SARKAR
Jazz BALDRY
Vinay HIREMATH
Shreyash GADAKH
Leila TEBB



UNIFORM REVIEW

College Council is currently undertaking a review of the uniform – you can provide feedback by completing the survey available in the insight section on Compass. Survey closes Friday 25 May.

June Sainsbery

Assistant Principal- Junior School

Wellbeing

Wellbeing News

As parents, it can be very difficult to stay ahead of the game when it comes to our children's phone and internet security. This week, an ABC news article highlighted one of the risks of iPhone ownership with this news grabbing headline: "Cyber flashing is the new iPhone safety threat as AirDrop used to share porn, explicit content"! Fortunately, this is an area that we can address quite easily by having a conversation with our children about checking the settings on their phone. If you aren't aware, airdrop allows you to share photos, screen shots, websites and virtually any content from your phone. When used appropriately it's a great little sharing tool. However, there are risks that the wrong type of content can be shared by strangers onto your child's phone in public spaces. The three settings associated with this feature can be accessed by going into the settings app, general and then airdrop. If you click on RECEIVING OFF, it means that the airdrop setting is turned off and you cannot access this feature of the phone. The next level of security access is CONTACTS ONLY which means that only contacts that you have saved in your phone have permission to share things to your phone. Finally, if you have the EVERYONE setting checked, it will mean that anyone within your vicinity can airdrop any kind of material on to your phone. Unfortunately, some students have been subjected to inappropriate content being shared to their phone because they have unknowingly had their settings checked to EVERYONE. Exposure to this kind of material can be very upsetting for someone who is not expecting it and does not know where it originated from. I encourage all families to have a conversation with their children and to manually check their children's settings on their phone. As always, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's wellbeing please contact a member of the wellbeing team.

htCyber flashing is the new iPhone safety threat as AirDrop used to share porn, explicit content - ABC News
(Australian Broadcasting Corporation)
www.abc.net.au

Australian online safety experts warn about a rise in new digital phenomenon known as cyber flashing, where explicit and abusive images are anonymously sent to strangers through iPhones.
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-05-12/cyber-flashing-porn-sent-to-iphones-using-airdrop/11092974>

Lousie Vickers

Wellbeing Coordinator

AEP DANCE CAMP 2019

The students apart of the AEP DANCE Program attended Dance Camp on the 9th and 10th of May. The Dance Camp included students partaking in dance workshops and using different types of materials to incorporate into their own choreographed routine. On Day 1, students attended a contemporary dance workshop at Chunky Move in the City which included using their creativity to design their own routine and they also learned a modern contemporary dance routine. Day 2 consisted of students completing a hip hop workshop and later watching a contemporary dance show by The Sydney Dance Company at the Arts Centre. The show also included Q&A with the dancers and producers where the students could ask the professionals questions about the dancing and production of the show! It was an eventful two days travelling into the city with lots of dancing!

Emmy Yates and Alice Walker from 7L both attended the Dance Camp

“I really liked the hip hop workshop because I got to try a different style of dance than what I usually do” – Emmy

“I enjoyed the second day where we got to do some hip hop and learn a routine. We also went and saw the Sydney Dance Company perform two different dances. I enjoyed it and had a lot of fun both days!” – Alice



Marisa Di Paola
AEP Dance Coordinator

Generations In Jazz

Generations in Jazz – 2019

We want to celebrate the amazing achievement of our Parkdale Secondary College Music students.

Members of the Jazz band and Comp choir once again trekked to Mount Gambier to compete with other schools across the nation in one of the biggest jazz festivals in Australia.

The weekend was spent watching other amazing students and some of the best international jazz artists in the world. and of course, to compete.

Generations In Jazz continued

Once again, our students came out exceeding all expectations. Both groups played to a high standard.

Highlight, Jazz band placed **2nd out of 50 other schools** in their division!

Needless to say, they are absolutely ecstatic and we are very proud of them. We are already looking forward to next year.



Dimitri Willenberg
LAM Performing Arts

Year 10 French

Year 10 French students learn how to be healthy

“On the 7th of May a group of year 10 students had a visit from an astute French woman who came to talk to them about health, culture, problems in today’s society and ways to live a long and happy life. Marie-France Laval, fussy eater specialist, dietician-nutritionist and counsellor and home economist, gave the students an opportunity to explore the international as well as national health. She spoke both French and English to the class which would benefit both Marie and Year 10’s in expanding their speaking and listening skills. The main message Marie wanted to communicate with the students is that there is absolutely no need to be on a diet. Eating a broad variety of foods promotes good health and helps to protect against many chronic and cancerous diseases. Preparing food at home is most definitely the way to go in the case of what is better for one’s overall health. Home cooked meals contain more nutrients and health benefits than standardised prepackaged or frozen food. At the moment, the year 10 French class is studying *la santé* (health) in order to understand both the French and English ways of not only staying healthy but living a pleasant life. These skills will assist them in the future when entering the real world.

Written by Sara Bayhan.”



Eva Wylie
French Teacher

THE READING PROGRAM AT PSC
What skills are being developed?

In the previous newsletter we wrote about how we work to support students to select a 'Just Right' book. Once all students have selected a book they feel they will enjoy and so have a good chance of reading to completion we work with them to monitor their enjoyment and, most importantly, their understanding of the book.

Through these weekly reading sessions we aim to have students develop the skills to:

- Sustain focus/concentration on a book thus developing key thinking skills
- Self-manage so that they always arrive at the reading session 'ready to read'
- Get to know themselves as readers so that they are capable of making good choices of books for reading

Our observations of the reading classes are that the majority of our students are very capable of doing all of these things. It is always a great sight to see how many students come into the library before school or at lunchtimes to borrow a book so that they are 'ready to read' when they come in for a reading session. Furthermore we have noticed that the students are picking up on the language and will talk about books as either being 'just right' or not. Recent articles in the media have raised concerns around the impact of screen time on young developing brains. An article that appeared in The Age (May 3) offered the views of a leading neuroscientist, Professor Susan Greenfield, who was in Melbourne for talks with the Department of Education about this issue. The article concluded with these words from Professor Greenfield,

She advocated minimising screen time and more time on activities that have a sequence of events to rewire our brains.

Sport, cooking, sharing meals, physical games and playing music all do this but reading books and stories was "best of all", she said.

I have added the link to the Age article for anyone interested in reading the piece in full

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smh.com.au%2Fhealthcare%2Fhow-screen-time-is-turning-adults-into-volatile-three-year-olds-20190502-p51jiv.html&data=02%7C01%7Cwhite.pauline.p%40edumail.vic.gov.au%7Cb2f0d9554ea046f07d9608d6cf514818%7Cd96cb3371a8744cfb69b3cec334a4c1f%7C0%7C0%7C636924345354948643&sdata=iJQAtDWwGKvV8ivu2XOSPycaxJgNHfByFcBYdjBmHg%3D&reserved=0>

Pauline White and Sue Flavin
Teacher- Librarian

Host Families

Host families for our sister school. Osaka Nishi High School

Nishi Senior High School students are going to be here once again. A group of 17 Japanese students will be arriving on the 24th of July 2019 for a week to experience the Australian way of life.

Please consider whether your family would be able to provide hospitality to a young Japanese boy or a girl (aged 15-17 years) in the form of accommodation, meals and friendship. It is not expected that your visitor be given a room to themselves, and meals are normally the same as what your family enjoys.

Our Student Exchange Program with Nishi Senior High School is an important aspect our Languages Program at Parkdale Secondary College. It is a fabulous program enjoyed by the communities of both schools. We would strongly encourage any student from Year 9 to 11 Japanese classes who is planning to go on the Japan Study Tour in 2020 to seriously consider hosting a Japanese student. It is a great opportunity to make friends with Nishi students, learn about the Japanese culture first hand and try out your Japanese language skills.

Please contact your child's Japanese teacher or Ms. Shimazoe if you are interested in hosting a Nishi student.

Toshie Shimazoe
Sister school Coordinator

Year Seven Japanese Incursion

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We participated in a Taiko Drum Incursion ran by professional Taiko players in Japanese in Term One. Throughout the incursion, we learned about different Taiko drums and how they are made. It was fun to learn about chiisai taiko (small drums) and ookii taiko (big drums). The professional artist talked about the significance of taiko drums have on Japan and the special events where drums are played in Japan.

When we played ookii taiko, we had to keep our arms straight and parallel to each other, whereas with the small drums, we sat cross legged making smaller swings with our arms. We also learned about many techniques and rhythms of playing the drums and it was very impressive. Our favourite part of the incursion was playing the ookii taiko as they made deep meaningful sounds. Learning how to master the skill of playing different drums was fun. By the end of the incursion, we learned how to play a rhythm by hitting the drums and tapping the wooden side of the drums with the drum sticks to bring about loud and quiet sound effects. We thoroughly enjoyed the Japanese incursion because it was highly interactive.

Adam Bertrand, Eddie Tulloch & Matilda Phillip



Lakshmi Weerarante
LAM Language

Senior, Intermediate & Girls AFL

Senior, Intermediate and Girl's AFL

Well done to the following teams who won the flag at District Sport and will represent the school at Regional finals:

Junior girls AFL (coaches Mr Mac and Ms Brown) to Emil Masden Res, Mt Eliza Wed 31 July

Inter boys soccer (coach Mr Cumming) to Kingston Heath Tuesday 13 August

Inter girls soccer (coaches Mr Austin and Ms Brown) Kingston Heath Friday 9 August

Inter boys AFL (coaches Mr Mac and Mr Benson) Marriot Waters, Lyndhurst Tuesday 30 July

Inter girls netball A and B (coach Ms Nash) Dandenong Netball courts Tuesday 13 August

Senior girls basketball (coach Ms Collins) Dandenong Basketball stadium Friday 23 August

Senior girls netball (coach Ms Kennedy) Dandenong Netball courts Tuesday 30 July

Sue Fitzgerald
Senior Sport Coordinator

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hello everyone,

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th June at 7.00pm in the college staff room. We'd love to see you if you can make it

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at our **Election BBQ**. We had lots of fun and it means we're able to support Homework Club with some fruit each week, which is great.



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!!!!

Woolworths Earn and Learn is up and running through to 25th June. Whenever you shop at Woolworths you will receive a sticker for every \$10 you spend. Simply attach the stickers to the sticker sheet and once the sheet is full either drop it into a collection box marked Parkdale Secondary College at Woolworths Thrift Park, Dingley or drop it into the collection box at the school reception. Partially filled sheets or loose stickers are also fine. Remember to ask your family, friends and neighbours. If they shop at Woolworths and don't want their stickers, we would love to have them.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

Meeting dates for your diary:

June 12th

August 14th September 11th

October 16th November 13th

December 4th – Christmas breakup

Cheers

Nicole Moffat

PA President

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