



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 19th August 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

Academic Breakfast

This was held on Friday 9th August to celebrate the high achieving students in Semester One. It was wonderful to see so many students rewarded for their hard work and be recognised in front of their families. These students have worked extremely hard and upheld the college value of aspiration and lived the motto of "strive and achieve" by putting in the effort to achieve excellent results.

Mid Year Music Concert

Congratulations to all students who performed at this night. A wonderful display of musicianship and team work from all. It was really pleasing to see the determination to 'get it right' and the smiles on students faces when they did. Well done to all and to the Music and Instrumental Music staff for their work with the students.

Student Bike Riding to and from School

I have had a number of reports from concerned members of the public regarding the poor road sense of students when riding to and from school. Cutting corners, weaving between cars, failing to stop at signs, riding with headphones and being oblivious to their surrounds. Unfortunately bike riders are not indestructible. A collision with a car will not end well for the bike rider. Please take care and ride within the laws (including wearing a helmet) and stay safe.

Sport

Our Junior girls football team and the Intermediate girls soccer team have both qualified for the State finals to be played in the coming weeks. We look forward to the matches and hopefully success on the day.

Car Parks

Unfortunately I must again remind parents that the car parks at the front and rear of the school are not to be used as pick and drop off zones. There is signage indicating this. Additionally the rear (basketball stadium) carpark should not be used as a turning circle to go back down Waratah Avenue. These requests are made with student safety at the forefront of our thinking.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3 - 2019

August	
22nd	Year 10 Koorie Day
26th	Athletics Carnival (Dolomore Reserve)
September	
3rd	Year 6 into Year 7 Information Night
6th	Curriculum Day
12th	Year 12 VCAL Presentation Evening (6.30pm Start)
20th	Last day of Term 3
October	
7th	Term 4 Commences

Senior School Report

Senior School

The course counselling process is now complete. It was pleasing that students were organised and well prepared for these discussions. It is a huge task with the number of students we have, and I thank students, parents and staff for their cooperation in completing this as efficiently as possible. The discussions with students around their aspirations makes this logistical challenge a very rewarding one for staff and we hope it has generally been informative and smooth for all. We will now begin work on the formation of the subject blocks and student allocations. It is foreseen that that confirmation of allocations will be provided to students in early Term Four.

Year 12 students have also been considering their pathways and we hosted a VTAC and Careers expo at the College on Tuesday 13th August. Major tertiary institutions, apprenticeship boards and educational service providers attended to provide information about courses and pathways they offer. A representative from the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre presented on the process for applying for courses using the VTAC system. Very few schools have the privilege of hosting an event of this size with so many providers attending, and I thank our Careers team for the organisation of this. A key priority is to ensure all students transition to a positive pathway and this certainly provides students with the opportunity to be fully informed of the options they have for further education and training.





Michael Tuck
Assistant Principal- Senior School

Welcome to Your Library at Parkdale Secondary College

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY - BOOK WEEK 2019

As part of our lead up to Book Week for this year the library in conjunction with the English Department organised for authors to visit the school to deliver presentations then writing workshops for our Year 7s & 8s.

The Year 8s heard from Will Kostakis and Nova Weetman. To say that the presentations and workshops were a success is an understatement. Both authors had the students utterly focussed and engaged for the duration of their presentations. Both authors shared their experiences of becoming people who wrote for a living but most importantly they clearly conveyed the message that writing from experience, the things that happen in your day to day life, does make for potentially great material. In this way they could make writing something that is accessible to all.

The Year 7s heard presentations from Scot Gardner and Kirsty Murray. Both these writers have published extensively here in Australia and overseas. Once again the students had an incredibly positive response and the writing workshops were great fun and produced some highly creative and clever writing.



Kirsty Murray speaking to Year 7 students 2019.

Pauline White & Sue Flavin
Teacher Librarians

The Melbourne Career Expo

On July 31st, 30 Year 12s attended The Melbourne Career Expo held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre in South Wharf.

The expo offered free career advice, inspiring and informative industry panels, employment opportunities, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, free seminars and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study within the private education sector, TAFE and Universities.



Year 9 Morrisby Profile

Deciding what you want to do after school is not easy. Understanding the options available to you in the first place is hard enough, but then working out what your best suited to and how you can achieve your goals is difficult. The Morrisby profile is used as a tool to inspire and offer guidance on strengths and interests and how to find career and study options that suit your style. The profile is then unpacked in a one to one career interview. The year 9s took part in the Morrisby profile on August 6th. Year 9s are now ready to move on to the second phase of unpacking their results!



Year 10 History Excursion

Year 10 Geography Excursion

On Tuesday 6th August, students from Year 10 History visited the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Elsternwick. Here, they were given a wonderful presentation which provided background to the Holocaust in World War II, its causes, and the consequences. This presentation led to a broader conversation about modern day genocide and hate crimes taking place around the world. From there, students had a guided tour of the museum where they learned about Australia's indigenous protestor, William Cooper, saw a model of a concentration camp, and saw artefacts from Jewish families. Our students also had the privilege of listening to two humble, fascinating Holocaust survivors, Joe and Gary. Their stories of resilience, hope, and gratitude, from this most horrible and inhumane period of time, powerfully resonated with the students. At the end, in silence and with reverence, each student waited to shake the hands of the survivors in a moving show of respect.



Natalie Baker
LAM Humanities

Year 10 Koorie Day

Year 10 Koorie Day Thursday 22nd August

All Year 10 students will attend our Year 10 Koorie Day.

The day will consist of a documentary that follows the journey of a young Aboriginal boy over ten years. Students will be involved in a Wayapa Wuurrk session. A session of wellness and mindfulness that is based on Indigenous Australian knowledge and connection to country.

ILBIJERRI theatre company is one of Australia's leading theatre companies, creating innovative works by First Nations artists.

ILBIJERRI creates, presents and tours powerful and engaging theatre, creatively controlled by Indigenous artists.

They will be performing VIRAL, a play about Ally and Kev's life in the flats, a brand new baby and dreams for the future.

Katrina Amon
Koorie Leader

2019 Kokoda Youth Foundation Trek

At the start of this term, all Year 10, 11 & 12 students were invited to apply for the opportunity to take part in the 2019 Kokoda Youth Foundation Trek to Papua New Guinea in November of this year. There was a significant amount of interest shown in the program by the many students who applied. Shortlisted applicants were interviewed and then advised if they were successful. Eleven impressive students from Parkdale were selected for the program. I am excited to announce the students chosen are: Calan Nancarrow, Callan May, Eamair Stewart, Elise Scott, Emma Cacciottolo, Bella Van Deursen, Judith Momtaze, Kaelen Lafituanai, Lachlan Glassborrow, Nicola Jones and Thomas Scott-Harvey.

A huge commitment is required by the participants as there is 17 weeks of intensive training. Every Sunday, students will hike in a variety of locations around the outskirts of Melbourne and every second Wednesday, students will train with the Hawthorn Hawks' strength and conditioning coach and use their facilities.

A huge thank you to the Kokoda Youth Foundation, The City of Kingston and the Hawthorn Hawks for making this possible.

If you would like to follow their adventures on social media please follow Parky Wellbeing on Instagram and/or Parkdale Secondary College Wellbeing's Facebook page.



Louise Vickers
Wellbeing Coordinator

Chilln' with the Chap

Building A Healthy Family

The best way to stay fit is to make health a "family affair."

There's nothing harder than trying to stay healthy when the rest of your family is munching on junk food. If you really want what's best for you and your kids, then get everyone on track to a better life.

Begin by talking about the benefits of a healthier lifestyle. Ask your kids what activities they'd like to see you do as a family, like biking or walking, or just running and playing in the park. Use the time to plan your first outing.

Then go through your cabinets and talk about which foods are good and bad for you. You'll have more success if you get your kids excited about eating a better diet, instead of just springing it on them at dinner time.

Most importantly, see that you follow through with your plans. Let this be your first step in building a healthier family.

Thanks to: <https://www.families.org.au>

Wellbeing Continued

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

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.

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Susan Parkin (Chaplain)

Parents Association

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hello everyone,

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th September at 7.00pm in the College Staff Room. We'd love to see you if you can make it 😊 We are also having a dinner at Cheltenham RSL on 18/8, please RSVP to nmoffat@optusnet.com.au – all welcome.

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.

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:

September 11th

October 16th November 13th

December 4th – Christmas breakup

Cheers,

nmoffat@optusnet.com.au

Nicole Moffat

PA President