



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 20th September 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

NAPLAN

These results have now been distributed to the parent/guardians of the Year 7 and Year 9 students. We are currently analysing the results as a school. It would appear that overall we are above the state mean, with the exception of writing, We have followed the state trend of our results being lower than the previous year. This is something which will form the basis of discussions moving forward and what we can do to change this trend.

Year 7 2020 Information Night

This was held on Tuesday 3rd September. It was a pleasure to welcome the 2020 Year 7 cohort of students to the College. As was the case for the 2019 year 7 cohort, the number of applications far outweighed the number of places we could offer. In fact, the group commencing in 2020 will be the largest Year 7 intake in the history of the College. This happened even though the DET has redefined enrolment zones for schools across the state. This is a terrific endorsement of the college, the programs that we run and the teachers that work at the college. We look forward to working with these students and their families in the years to come.

Year 9-12 Subject Selections

This process is now concluded. We are currently working on the blocking grid so as to maximise the first choices of students. This is an extremely complex task and there are inevitably problems that cannot be resolved within the confines of the initial student selections. In year 11 and 12 if subject selections cannot be accommodated then students will be spoken to by the senior school team. In year 10 and year 9 if elective choices are not available, students will be placed into one of their reserve choices in the first instance. If this does not resolve the issue then the affected students will be consulted. This process is almost complete and now the task of allocating teachers classes has commenced. From this our staffing requirements for 2020 will be known. We can then advertise for teachers to cover any shortfalls. It is hoped this process is concluded early in Term Four.

Building Report

Taylor and Oppenheim have been appointed as the architects for the development. They have commenced work and are currently analysing our building entitlement against our current enrolment and what we actually have in place now. This work is very important as it will have a direct impact on what can be included in a rebuild without going over what is determined as our building entitlement. They have also commenced interviewing groups (initially staff) to ascertain a clear picture of what is desired in the new building(s). This process will involve all members of the school community through the consultation phase.

Sport

The Intermediate Girls soccer team competed in the state finals round robin on Monday 2nd September and after qualifying for the state final came up against a very good team from Northcote High School. The girls played a brilliant match and were crowned State Champions after a 4-0 triumph. Congratulations to all team members and the coaches Mr Adam Austin and Ms Erin Brown.

The Kingston division athletics were held on Thursday 5th September in windy conditions. Over 30 students have qualified for the region championships to be held in week One of Term Four and we wish them well as they strive to qualify for the state finals.

School Holidays

The September school holidays are nearly upon us. As with each year there will still be staff and students in the school during this time. In particular year 12 students will be completing practice exams in the second week of the term break. As I said to the Year 12 cohort, earlier this week it really is the holiday in name only. The SACs are done and now the focus is on the upcoming final examinations.

I take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a safe and relaxing break.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 - 2019

October	
7th	Term 4 Commences
14th-18th	Year 8 Rubicon Camp
15th	VCAL Expo (6.30pm Start)
16th	Art Show Opening Night (7pm-9pm)
17th	Art Show (6.30pm-8pm)
17th	Parkly Does (7pm Start)

Junior School

Term Three always feels like the longest term, probably because of the weather and the absence of any public holidays. The students, however, have worked hard and maintained their optimism throughout. This week the Year 9s participated in 'mock' job interviews. This process enabled the students to practice the skills they will need when they are job seeking in the future. Many Year 9s already have a part-time job, and over the coming months many more will be seeking one. There are many benefits to having part-time work. It enables students to become more independent financially and requires them to take responsibility for managing their time and commitments more effectively – basically assisting them in the transition to adulthood.

Term Four is exciting for all students as we finalise assessments and coursework in the first seven weeks, then begin 'Rollover' on Monday November 25th at that time all students will roll up to the next year and begin their studies for 2020.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful Term Three break.

June Sainsbery
Assistant Principal- Junior School

Senior School

It is hard to believe that we already three-quarters of the way through another year! We've certainly had a very full term and I'm sure students are looking forward to the break.

Year 12 VCAL students have completed their formal classes and are ready to take their first steps in life beyond Parkdale. The Year 12 Presentation Evening was held 12th September. Students presented their journey thus far and their future aspirations to parents, friends and staff members. It certainly makes you proud of the college when you see these students take themselves out of their comfort zones and express themselves in this way. There was quite a bit of emotion on display from sadness at the reality of leaving school to the excitement of the reality of leaving school! Congratulations to all members of the Senior VCAL class of 2019. Formal recognition of all year 12 students will take place next term with a whole school assembly and Valedictory dinner.



Unit 3/4 VCE students are in the home stretch to their final exams. During the term break, practice Unit 3/4 exams will take place in the senior centre supervised by external supervisors and under VCAA conditions. Students are expected to attend and attempt the exams as they would if they were the 'real thing'. Whilst the practice exams are tightly compacted across a few days, this experience is invaluable in honing exam technique and determining areas for improvement in the lead up to the examinations.

I hope all students have a safe and enjoyable break. I look forward to a successful final term.

Michael Tuck
Assistant Principal- Senior School

Reminder!

Enrol Now! Don't miss out - get enrolled now enrolments close soon.

Join one or more of our extra-curricular student enhancement programs in 2020. AEP Dance, Instrumental Music, AEP Music, ESP, STEP and WIN. For further information and to enrol now, go to the Parkdale Secondary College website and select "student enhancement".

Programs

PARKDALE
SECONDARY COLLEGE

AEP

Arts Enhancement Pathway (AEP)

- Dance
- Music



Elite Sports Pathway
(ESP)



Instrumental Music

STEP
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING PATHWAY

Science, Technology, Engineering Pathway (STEP)



Writing is Necessary (WIN)

Tim Thompson
Engagement/Enhancement Coordinator

Year 7 French students worked on the topic of 'Pets' in Term 3 and were very fortunate to welcome several guest speakers throughout the term.

7E and 7A welcomed Yariv Ben Yosef from 'Dogs for Life' thanks to Melissa O'Loughlin, Heidi's mother in 7E; she is a foster carer for an assistant puppy dog. Puppy Roxy is trained to assist an epileptic child. Students participated in an interactive session where they understood that the service dogs, 'Les chiens d'assistance' are not simple dogs, they are working dogs, helping people with different disabilities.



Then 7G and 7F had a special visit from Brad Giggs from 'Canine Services International', and his two well-trained dogs, Kana and Snapp. Brad is a dog bite prevention consultant, professional dog trainer and a media commentator. He explained how to train dogs in foreign languages; the actual word is insignificant, it is the cue that is of significance.

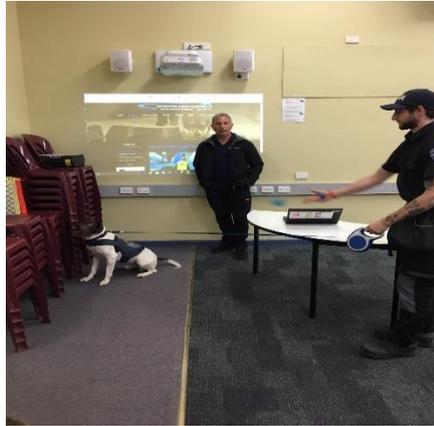
Students worked on the French dog training commands used for obedience such as 'assis' (sit) or couché (down) ici (come) or debout' (stand) only to name some. As with any language, the word is only part of the understanding, it is also linked to the emotions and expression attached to the word.



Year 7 French Continued

And finally, 7B, 7C and 7D met detector dogs CEO, Chris Christopoulos and Pierre. They came along with Remy, a three years old German pointer.

Chris explained his passion for dogs to the students and how dogs are trained to recognise smells, like narcotics or explosives. He made a demonstration in front of the Year 7 students and then asked some of the students to give instructions to the detector dog. We learned detector dogs need at least six months training to be able to perform and must not to be afraid of people and environment changes.



Lucie Cheron, Annie Haddad and Sandra Boutselis
French Teachers

Year 7 & 8 French

Parkdale Secondary College is experiencing virtual reality in French

French Year 7 and 8 students have started to use the language app 'ImmerseMe' created by a New Zealand entrepreneur, Scott Cardwell.

Passionate with languages, Scott allows people to communicate with native speakers in real-life situations. This application offers access to Nine languages.

McGill University and more precisely Kevin Papin did research and showed with empirical evidence that ImmerseMe lowered anxiety, increased willingness to communicate and increased self-perceived communication competence.

Some of the Year 7 French classes were able to meet the founder and experience virtual reality through Google glasses. Even our principal, Mr David Russell, had a go. The IT team and Mr Vito Boglietti, Digital Technology teacher, have also been part of this exciting adventure. Parkdale Secondary School is now in the top five of public schools in Victoria using Immerse Me.



Annie Haddad
French Teacher

kimfletcher

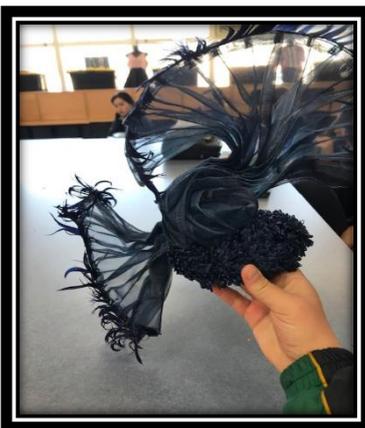
MILLINERY ART



Semester Two textile students are currently working on creating garments for the Melbourne Cup - Fashions on the Field. Students are required to select an end-user that will wear their final garment. They then research the Melbourne Cup - Fashions on the Field, ensuring the designed garments are suitable to wear to such an event.

To help broaden students' knowledge on Fashions on the Field, Kim Fletcher, a well know Melbourne Milliner, visited Parkdale Secondary College speaking to the class about her experience as one of Melbourne's leading milliners. During her visit, she spoke about Melbourne Cup's Fashions on the Field, current fashion trends, millinery and its importance at the Melbourne Cup, and her experience with textile enrichment.

Kim Fletcher has been creating millinery pieces since 1993. Her creations have been displayed in Australia, and internationally in countries such as Dubai, England, Singapore, Japan, and Germany.



Her knowledge about fashion (especially headwear) provided students with great insight into particular styles that will be evident in this year's Fashion's on the Field, along with the techniques and processes used to create certain textile enrichments.

During Fletcher's visit to the college, students were able to see her current collection, touch and try on a range of head pieces, and learn about how certain styles were achieved. Fletcher also spoke of the importance of design brief's and understanding the requirements of an end-user.

Amy Dallas
Textiles Teacher

YEAR 12 VCAL VISIT TO THE RSPCA

On Tuesday 3rd September, the Year 12 VCAL students visited The RSPCA (Burwood East). They had organised a number of fundraising activities to raise money for this organisation and had also organised a donation drive.

They were very proud to be able to present a cheque for \$931.70 and deliver a large collection of donated goods. Thank you to everyone who was so generous in donating items towards the collection. The RSPCA was extremely grateful for all of the generous donations.

Well done to all of the Year 12 VCAL students on an amazing effort, you should be very proud of your efforts.



Kerri Fulton – VCAL PDS teacher

Intermediate Girls Soccer

STATE CHAMPIONS

Well done to the Intermediate Girls Soccer on winning the STATE TITLE coached by Mr Austin and Ms Brown. Smashed it - Won games 3-1, 6-0 & 4-0 in pool, then beat Northcote 4-0 in final.



INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR SPORT

The following students received the Sport Award for Term Three District Sport as judged by their coaches –

Boys Basketball – Spencer Diver

Girls Basketball – Imogen Lamble and Amy Martin

Boys Hockey – Andy Regester

Girls Hockey – Hannah You and Molly O’Neill

Girls Futsal – Lara Bates

Boys Futsal – Luke Vorbach and Brady Pollard

The following teams achieved success in Term Three-

Junior Girls AFL – State Champions

Intermediate Girls Soccer – State Champions

Intermediate Girls Hockey – District Champions (play SMR 25 October)

Intermediate Boys Hockey – District Champions (play SMR 29 October)

Senior Girls Basketball – SMR runners up

Intermediate Boys Futsal – District Champions (no pathway)

Sue Fitzgerald

Senior Sport Coordinator

SMR TENNIS CHAMPIONS - YEAR 7 BOYS 🎾

On Friday 13th September our Year 7 Boys Tennis team won the SMR round of competition! They narrowly defeated Beaumaris SC to reach the final against Mornington SC, who they beat 5 sets to 1! Congratulations to the boys and their coaches Ms Sonneveld and Mr Gargiulo. Good luck at the State Finals in November.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students who will be awarded with their Parkdale SC Athletics Carnival Age Group Champion medals at the upcoming Year Level Assemblies:

- 12-13 Girls - Heidi O'Loughlin
- 12-13 Boys - Sam Stefanec
- 14 Girls - Liv McKie & Zoe McCurdy
- 14 Boys - Zach Jeanes
- 15 Girls - Lauren Butcher
- 15 Boys - Tristan Price & David Dunstan
- 16 Girls - Laura Melatua
- 16 Boys - Bradlee Willson & Isaac Dalby
- 17 Girls - Steph McKie
- 17 Boys - Zac White & Liam O'Neill
- 20 Girls - Karen Haidar & Ash Harvie
- 20 Boys - Les Kosem & Bodie Gardner

KINGSTON DIVISION ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS - RECORD BREAKERS 🏆

Congratulations to the following record breakers for their amazing achievements at the Kingston Division Athletics Championships:

- Rhys Tonkin (17 Years) - Shot Put (15.02m - Record was 13.97m)
 - Javelin (48.15m - Record was 46.15m)
 - Discus (44.14m - Record was 41.91m)
- Zach Jeanes (14 Years) - 400m (1.00:36 - Record was 1.11:00)
- Matthew Emmanouil (16 Years) - 1500m (4.22:07 - Record was 4.29:40)
- Ava Pillay (12-13 Years) - High Jump (1.40m - Record was 1.25m)

Vanessa Leslie

Carnivals Coordinator

News from the Library - What happens in a reading lesson?

Students in Years 7 and 8 have a weekly reading lesson in the Library, while Year 9 students have one session per fortnight.

Where do the students read?

We support students to read in a silent, sustained manner through providing two quiet and comfortable reading rooms within the Library. These spaces are furnished with reading chairs and are placed in the less busy corners of the Library. Book covers and images are placed around the walls of the room to stimulate student interest in our collection.

How are students guided in book selection?

A critical part of the success of the reading program is ensuring students select **Just Right books**. We support students by



Middle school, 12 - G'day, America

Library Webpage displays new books

- Physically separating our collection into a variety of areas such as manga, quick reads, readable nonfiction and graphic novels.
- Developing genre and aged based catalogue searching capabilities.
- Developing our own Year 7 reading website - we have handpicked hundreds of the most loved books and arranged them into genres to make the selection process so much easier for our Year 7 students.

- Opening the Library before, over lunch times and after school.
- Creating new book displays and having theme based displays each term.
- Using a book carousel on our Library website to highlight the latest additions to our collection.
- Having an extensive EBook and audio book collection available to students.

Pauline White and Sue Flavin
Teacher Librarians

Wellbeing

Chilln' with the Chap

When Kids Cry Wolf

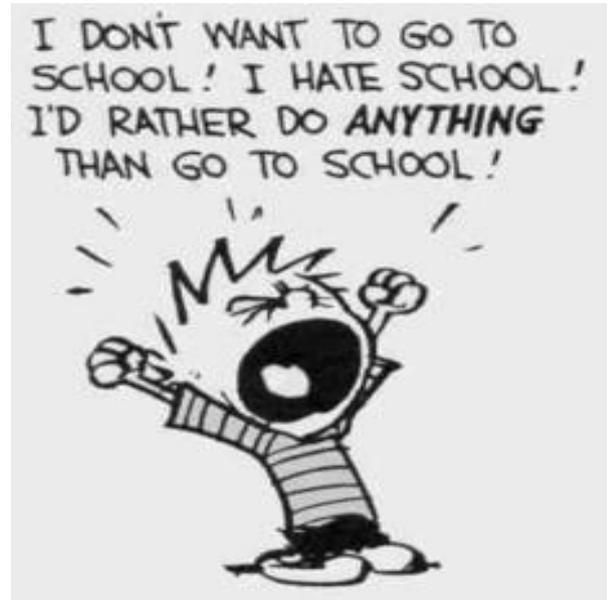
"Mum, I don't feel good. Can I stay home from school today?" It's a phrase some parents hear far too often.

Some kids get sick so often that parents don't know when to believe them. They'll complain of a terrible stomach ache in the morning, but be running through the house by noon. Are they crying wolf, or crying for help?

When kids don't want to go to school, there's usually a reason behind it. They could be avoiding a test they haven't studied for, or trying to get out of doing homework. Maybe they enjoy being pampered, or crave parent attention. Or they could be avoiding a school bully.

If your child has a habit of faking sickness, talk to them about what's going on in their school. Ask questions like, "Who do you enjoy hanging out with?" or "What's your least favourite class?" You may open the window to a world of pressures you knew nothing about.

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



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,

Susan Parkin (Chaplain)

Scholarship

Melbourne Theatre Company scholarship - PSC successful again!

It is with pride that we announce that Georgina Davis, Year 10 has been awarded a Melbourne Theatre Company Youth Scholarship. This is a highly coveted scholarship offered throughout Victoria that enables a group of students to participate in one week of workshops with Melbourne Theatre Company writers and directors. The chosen students also view a performance and speak to actors, set and costume designers. The week culminates in a short performance by the students. Georgina wrote an exceptional application and we congratulate her on her success.



Lisa Petty- Drama/Dance

A Night of Musical Entertainment

On Saturday September 14th Dave Hedges, Ashlee Clement and Kaela Raku accompanied the Parkdale Performance Choir and the Parkdale Jazz band for a fundraiser for Chaplaincy at Parkdale Church of Christ.

The performance Choir were amazing led, by Ashlee Clement, and some of the soloists, also accompanied by Ashlee and Kaela Raku (backing vocals) who were fantastic and professional in their repertoire and presentation.

The Jazz band led by Dave Hedges was again an incredible mix of musical talent with solos by a number of talented students.

Ashlee and Dave blew the audience away with their own rendition of “My Funny Valentine” which was spectacular with Ashlee’s voice and Dave’s saxophone. FANTASTIC!

Well done to all, and thank you for spending your Saturday evening entertaining the local community and raising the profile of Chaplaincy.



High school life feeling tough sometimes?

Learn to be a

mental warrior



The Mental Warrior Mental Warrior is a free stress and anxiety management program for secondary school students. Designed by the Anxiety Recovery Centre and the Local Learning and Employment Network, this engaging and popular program is offered to local junior school students during the school holiday period.

The two sessions will provide students with proven and practical strategies that will enable them to manage all the various external and internal challenges they may be facing.

Your child will learn to:

- Manage stress and anxiety with practical strategies and tips
- Develop your knowledge and practices to build a positive mindset
- Learn to use tools for self-care and goal-setting
- Develop their skills in a safe and facilitated group setting

The Mental Warrior program will be facilitated together by Better Place Australia and the Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Local learning and Employment network. Facilitators have extensive experience teaching and supporting youth wellbeing.

FREE during Sept school holidays

Places are limited.
Register now.

Open to year 7 and 8 students

**Monday, Sept 23rd & 30th
1.30pm – 3.30pm**

**Better Place Australia
Level 1, 16 Park Road,
Cheltenham Vic 3192**

To book or for more information, contact:

Renee Callander

0491 153 330

groupprograms@betterplace.com.au

Cazzie Coyle

0409 419 961

projectofficer@bgkllen.org.au



Want to **SLAY**
exam stress?

Be a
**mental
warrior**

VCE



Learn to manage stress and anxiety.

Mental Warrior VCE is a stress and anxiety management program for secondary school students.

Learn proven and practical strategies to manage all the various external and internal challenges you face as you prepare for and go through the upcoming exam period.

These essential life skills enable you to move forward more confidently into the future.

Open to all VCE and VCAL students.

**Wednesday Sept 25th & Oct 2nd
10am – 12pm**

**Better Place Australia
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**FREE during Sept
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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

All the students in our Music Department have been working extremely hard this past term and working towards what will be an incredible night of musical talent at our annual Parkdale Does concert. This year the theme is "The Elements". The show is comprised of songs metaphorically and literally relating to themes of AIR, WATER, FIRE AND EARTH!

We have some very talented students at this school and this is a concert not to be missed. We would love to see you there.

Please get your tickets now on trybooking and support the music department and our wonderful music students.

These shows tend to be a sell out so hurry.

Details: Thursday 17th October 7pm – Also at interval our wonderful Art Show will be open for viewing. DON'T MISS OUT!!!

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=546112>

Parkdale Secondary College Presents

PARKDALE DOES

THE ELEMENTS

FIRE

AIR

EARTH

WATER

**BUY
TICKETS
NOW!**

SHOW: THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER 7pm

TICKETS—TRYBOOKING.COM

ADULTS \$25

KIDS U12/SENIORS \$16



**PARKDALE
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

ART SHOW 2019

Opening Night:
Wednesday 16th October
7pm - 9pm
Thursday 17th October
6:30pm - 8pm

**Held in the
Visual Arts Building**



MELBOURNE | 5 - 6 OCTOBER

KOKODA CHALLENGE

2019

WILL YOU RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?

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COURAGE | ENDURANCE | MATESHIP | SACRIFICE

CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND TEAM UP WITH FRIENDS TO TACKLE OUR COURSES THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL DANDENONG RANGES



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KOKODA
YOUTH FOUNDATION

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT BENEFIT THE LOCAL YOUTH PROGRAMS OF KOKODA YOUTH FOUNDATION

KOKODACHALLENGE.COM

Twelve Parkdale Secondary College students were lucky enough to be selected for the trip of a lifetime, to walk the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea in November this year.

The Kokoda Youth Challenge Program runs this special event. The Kokoda leaders takes students on an amazing fourteen day journey, where they explore the trek through significant walking trails throughout Melbourne and surrounding areas. The Kokoda kids walk around 20 Kilometres per day each weekend. The group draw inspiration for their walks from the WW2 diggers who, against all odds, completed the gruelling Kokoda Trek. The Kokoda teens focus on COURAGE, ENDURANCE, MATESHIP & SACRIFICE. Learning mental and physical strengths to get them through some tough conditions.

They are taught the history of Kokoda and the sacrifices that were made by the Australian diggers. Following the groups twelve-day trek in Papua New Guinea, The Kokoda kids will participate in the various community projects throughout 2020. This task being payment for this fabulous opportunity. The Kokoda Melbourne Challenge 2019 is being held on October 5th & 6th in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges and we would love your participation. Get a team together and CHALLENGE YOURSELVES. Please help by keeping this wonderful project going. Keep the story of Kokoda alive! Go to KOKODACHALLENGE.COM to enter, or please feel free to donate, we would appreciate it.

Lousie Vickers
Wellbeing Coordinator

I.T Department

Major upgrades during 1st week of Holidays (23rd-27th September)

The ICT Department will be running a series of major upgrades during the first week of the holidays (23rd – 27th of September)

This will mean that the whole Parkdale network will not be available during this time including:

Compass

Printing

Vivi

Go PSC

Wireless/Internet

Any Department of Education services will not be affected

If you require any resources for this period, please ensure you have downloaded them beforehand as these upgrades cannot be deferred.

As always the ICT Department is here to assist you with anything you need.

Many thanks,

Luke Bayley

ICT Manager

Parents Association

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hello everyone,

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 7.00pm in the College Staff Room. We'd love to see you if you can make it 😊

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:

October 16th November 13th

December 4th – Christmas breakup

Nicole Moffat- PA

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