



# PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

## Principal's Report – David Russell

I welcome back all members of the school community to Term Three. In particular, I warmly welcome families and students who are commencing at Parkdale Secondary College this term.

### Semester One Reports

Students would have received their reports through Compass at the end of Term Two. To keep a permanent record please download the report and save it on a storage medium at home. Paper copies are no longer produced by the college. It is surprising how many requests we receive from students who have left the college and find they cannot access the reports anymore. This is because, for security reasons, students who leave the college have their accounts deactivated.

Having read the report it is time to reflect on the results and teacher's comments. What can I do to improve is the question you must ask. Concentration in class, completing all set work, expanding your vocabulary and improving sentence structure to add colour and life to your work, practicing exam/test type questions in preparation for this type of assessment. There are always ways to improve. What are you going to do?

### Subject Selections

It is that time of the year when students in Year 8 to 11 will shortly be asked to choose subjects for 2020. Information nights will be held for parents and students and course counselling sessions will be timetabled for students in Year 9, 10 and 11. Selecting the correct subjects is an important process. What is the best course or group of subjects is not necessarily the same for every student. It is a time where choosing a subject because a friend has is not a satisfactory reason. Your teachers and the Careers team have a vast amount of experience in this process and it is prudent to take on board their advice. My advice is always to do the things that you enjoy but keeping as many options open for the future.

### NAIDOC Week

My thanks to Ms Katrina Amon for her work in organising the football match between the Port Adelaide Aboriginal Football Academy and Parkdale SC on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Her work with the Koorie community is unsurpassed and we are privileged as a school community to have such a role model and ambassador as a member of staff. For the first time we played the match on our school oval during school time which enabled both students and staff to witness, and take part in, a number of pre match ceremonial activities and watch the game. In particular, I congratulate the students who played, for the spirit and sportsmanship they displayed both during and after the game. The final scores reflected our first success in three attempts.

**David Russell**  
Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3 - 2019

<b>July</b>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 7 Camp (7A-7G)
<b>24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 7 Camp (7H-7M)
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 9 into Year 10 Info Night (6.30pm Start)
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 into Year 9 Info Night (6.30pm Start)
<b>August</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Space Camp Info Night (6.30pm Start)

## Senior School Report

Pathways is a significant focus of Term Three for all senior school students. During week one Year 10 students have worked on course counselling preparation in Learning Journeys and it was pleasing to see so many students and parents attend our information evening on Thursday. Individual course counselling for year 10 students occurs on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of July and bookings can be made via Compass through parent accounts.

During the VCE Program year 11 students were given an overview of the course counselling process and relevant information for their progression from year 11 to year 12. It is important that students are accessing relevant information, such as the VTAC website, to ensure they are making sound decisions for their final year of school. Individual course counselling for year 11 students occurs on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of July and bookings can be made via Compass through student accounts.

At the same time as the year 10 and 11 students were working on their 2020 Parkdale pathways, year 12 students were considering their post-school options with a presentation relating to university and TAFE study pathways. At the end of this term students will be making decisions around preferences for 2020 beyond Parkdale and it is vital that they are exposed to as much information about the plethora of opportunities that exist. It is overwhelming at times; however, this is made easier by having sound information and doing their research.

For all students it is important to be well prepared for these decisions. Year 10 and 11 students need to ensure that they have consulted with parents and appropriate school staff prior to the counselling appointment and have all paperwork completed for their preferences to be entered accurately. Year 12 students should take the time to have a Careers appointment and to fully investigate all of the options that they are considering, so they are well placed to make their important decision when the time comes.

As always the senior school team is looking forward to working with students and parents during this exciting process.

**Michael Tuck**  
**Assistant Principal- Senior School**

## Junior School Report

### YEAR 7

Year 7s are off to camp this week. 7A – 7G will be at camp from Monday to Wednesday and 7H – 7M will be at camp from Wednesday to Friday. There will be no Year 7 classes on Wednesday this week. The camp is located near Kyneton and is a great opportunity for students to work in teams, develop social connections with their peers and challenge themselves in a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. The weather forecast is cold (well it is winter!) and hopefully the rain holds off. I am looking forward to attending the second camp.

## YEAR 8

Year 8s have settled into Term Two positively. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the Year 8s will be involved in a Wellbeing morning. The focus of periods 1 to 4 will be around respectful relationships and there will be a theatre performance followed by classroom-based activities.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July parents and students are invited to our **Year 8 into 9 Information Evening**. This will start at 6.30pm in the Senior Centre and go for approximately one hour. Information about Year 9, including elective subjects and the CONNECT program will be given out.

## YEAR 9

Year 9 students are about to enter their final semester in Junior School. This is a busy term as students will be choosing their pathway and subjects for Year 10, 2020. It is important that students check all information carefully. This includes bulletin notices, information given out at assemblies and Compass newsfeed items.

Important dates to note:

**Year 9 into 10 Information Evening – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm in the Senior Centre.**

**Course Counselling Day – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 9am to 4pm in W Wing.**

**June Sainsbery**

**Assistant Principal- Junior School**

## NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### Reading for pleasure — a door to success



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Reading engagement 

Understanding reading engagement

- Why reading engagement matters
- Reading for pleasure — a door to success
- Reading for wellbeing (hauora)
- Reading promotion
- A school-wide reading culture

In the last few newsletter articles we have explored the library's online resources and outlined how the reading program runs at Parkdale. We believe that our reading program is important in helping our students to develop the skill of reading which is transferable to all of the areas they study and essential to help them navigate the amount of information they will have to deal with in the online world.

There is ongoing debate in the media about literacy standards in Australia. In light of this we thought it a good time to share with you some of the research around reading and the vital role it can play in contributing to success in employment and how we contact with one another.

Click on the link will take you to an article published by the National Library of New Zealand that also draws on research from the UK.

<https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/reading-engagement/understanding-reading-engagement/reading-for-pleasure-a-door-to-success>

**Pauline White & Sue Flavin**  
**Teacher Librarians**

### Year 7 STEP Water Rocket Competition Day

On a crisp wintery morning approximately 70 eager STEP Year 7 students headed out to the back oval for water rocket competition day!

As the sun burst through the clouds, so too did the excitement of all who were out there!

There were three tests for our intrepid students.

- Accuracy of 10m – could anyone shoot their rocket and land it in the bin!
- Distance – which Rocket will fly high and go the furthest (love the Physics in this one)!
- Best Branding – it's all about being noticed and creating a brand for your team that is unique and recognisable!

We had some awesome Rockets that flew every which way (one even landing on the roof of the Athlete Development Centre!)

A massive congratulations to all students as this year's rockets were a stand out in Logo and Branding.

Well done to our fantastic winners

- BAM – Bec Wilson, Ayla Scherwinski & Molly Spathis for being the Winners of our Distance Competition – (special mention to Bec who was the only team member who could make it on the Day)
- Show Stopper – Jack Ojaimi, Luke Block, Finn Darley & Jehan Manokaran for being the Runners up of our Distance Competition
- Water Failure – Lachlan Kaing, Samik Sarkur & Ryan Coady for being Winners of our Accuracy Competition
- The Flying Llama's – Aninel Lay Salas, Isabel Papagiannopoulos, Ankita Mahanty & Karleigh Fury for being the Winners of our Branding Competition – they even had merchandise!!!
- Prototype – Shreyash Gadakh, Vinay Hiremath, Alex Trocing, Zac Chalmers & Ilai Manor for being the Runners up for our Branding Competition – great colours

Thanks everyone for all your hard work!

Miss Scott, Mr Thompson, Ms Cooper, Mr Copley and Mr Page

Yr 7 STEP team

**Janelle Scott**  
STEP Coordinator

### Wellbeing

#### Chilln' with the Chap

Four Steps to a Better Life

There's no easy road to being a better person. But there are simple things you can do to live a better life. Here are four steps to get you started.

First, avoid gossip at every opportunity. When those around you talk behind someone's back, simply smile and change the subject. You don't have to confront them—they'll get the message sooner or later.

Second, learn to let go of anger and bitterness. Never allow yourself to be held hostage by the words and actions of others.

Third, live for people, not stuff. A wise person once said, "Never love anything that can't love you back."

Fourth, be generous—with your time and your possessions. It really is better to give than to receive. If you haven't learned that, you just haven't given enough.

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](mailto:parkin.susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au) for more info.

Thank you,

**Susan Parkin (Chaplain)**

### NEWSPAPER CHALLENGE

Did you know that first edition newspapers were sometimes printed on cotton or silk in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century? To begin Semester Two, Year 10 Textile students were given a challenge to create an outfit made from newspaper that could be worn to the Met Gala. In groups, students were asked create a fashion illustration of their final design, with the final outfit to be displayed on a mannequin.

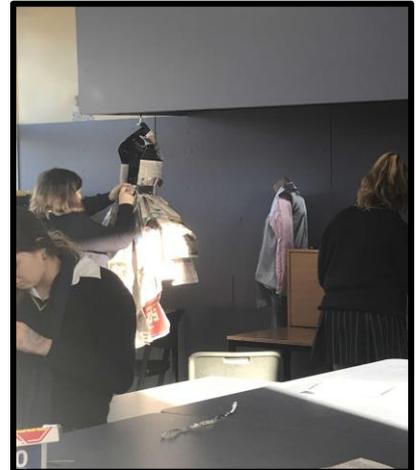
Groups quickly got to work on their designs, working collaboratively with one another to effectively communicate a desired final outcome.

All groups were provided with a basic corset pattern to begin the construction of their final design.

Each garment was unique, showing innovation in both construction and design. Outfits included multiple techniques: 3D flowers, darting and pleating. Students also explored, with the use of additional materials, further enhancing their final design, e.g. alfoil, paint and rope.

The students produced a diverse range of garments demonstrating innovation, skill and excellent teamwork.

I look forward to the Semester Two garments.



## Student Enhancement Programs 2020.

### Enrol Now!

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 web site and select "student enhancement". Don't miss out get in early!!!!

Our enhancement programs expose students to a wide range of vocational experiences and institutions including: professional dance instructors, musicians, authors, engineers, scientists, sporting professionals, restaurateurs, institutes and universities.

### Programs

PARKDALE  
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AEP



STEP  
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING PATHWAY

WIN

#### Arts Enhancement Pathway (AEP)

- Dance
- Music

#### Elite Sports Pathway (ESP)

#### Instrumental Music

#### Science, Technology, Engineering Pathway (STEP)

#### Writing is Necessary (WIN)

Tim Thompson

Engagement/Enhancement Coordinator

### Year 12 VCAL

#### Year 12 VCAL Fundraising

The **Year 12 PDS VCAL students** are working hard to organise their final task for Personal Development Skills. They have all researched a Not for Profit Organisation and have decided to, as a class, **support The RSPCA and Beyond Blue.**

The students will be running a number of **stalls on the Athletics Day, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.** They are doing a BBQ, drinks stall, cake/treat stall, House colour hairspray/face paint and a 'guess the number of lollies in the jar' competition. More information to follow

Thanks you for your continued support,  
Year 12 VCAL Students

Kerri Fulton – Year 12 VCAL Teacher

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE - JULY**

Hello everyone,

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th August at 7.00pm in the College Staff Room. We'd love to see you if you can make it 😊

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

Our school community collected over 32, 000 stickers, equalling \$320,000 in food expenditure. Wow. We have been able to choose some resources to support Sports, Languages, Language Support and Wellbeing. They will arrive sometime in Term Four.

Thank you all for your sticker support!!

**UNIFORMS**

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](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

Here is our current stock list..

[www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/parkdale-secondary-college](http://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](http://www.parkdalesc.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_zoo&view=item&layout=item&Itemid=122)

**Meeting dates for your diary:**

August 14th            September 11th  
October 16th         November 13th  
December 4th – Christmas breakup

**Nicole Moffat**  
**PA President**

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