



# PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Principal's Report – David Russell

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September the Premier of Victoria, Dan Andrews and the Minister for Education, James Merlino made the following announcements in reference to schools. I advised parents and students of this via a Compass Newsfeed as this time and repeat them below.

### Remainder of Term Three (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September)

No change to current arrangements. Remote and flexible learning for all year levels.

### Week 1 Term Four (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October)

No change to current arrangements. Remote and flexible learning for all year levels.

**The GAT will be sat by all relevant students on site on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Year 11 and 12 students and Year 10 students studying VCE/VCAL units return on site for face to face teaching. Year 7 – 10 students continue with remote/flexible learning. We have not yet received clarification as to which students (Year 7-10) may have access for on-site supervision as per previous periods when specified groups of students have returned to face to face on site learning. We will communicate this information at the appropriate time.

### Year 7 – 10 students – Onsite Face to Face Learning

Please note there has been no announcement regarding a date for the return to onsite learning for students in Years 7-10. We will communicate this information when it comes to hand.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Through adversity comes opportunity. With the current restrictions in place we initiated these interviews via the online platform WebEx. Although new and different the feedback has been positive on the format and we will certainly be looking to incorporate this method of communication into our suite of options moving forward.

The second round of interviews takes place this Wednesday. Again, normal classes will not run on this day to allow the interviews to take place.

**David Russell**  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3- 2020

<b>September</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Teacher interviews via Webex Yr 7-9
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Term Three Ends

## Junior School Report

Although we received the news yesterday that our Junior School students will not be returning to on-site learning until possibly the end of October, the warmer weather we experienced over the weekend reminds us that things change and evolve. Winter is ending and spring is here, and we begin to look forward to warmer days ahead. The same with our learning, we need remind ourselves that remote learning will end, and on-site learning will resume. In the meantime, we can focus on constructive routines and habits that will help us get through this period. We can try to be grateful for the positives that we can find in these unusual times – the time we have to nurture family relationships or take up a new hobby without the ‘busyness’ our lives normally have.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday. This is a good opportunity for students and parents to discuss progress with teachers – to celebrate success and identify areas for improvement. I hope everyone can take advantage of the day to reflect and set achievable goals for the future.

During Semester One many students worked very hard and were able to achieve excellent results. It is important to remember that we can define ‘excellence’ in a variety of ways. Our expectation is that students strive to be the best they can be, and we are proud of all our students who work towards meeting this expectation.

We would like to acknowledge the following students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in Semester One these students received a personalised letter from the school congratulating them on their results.

YEAR 7		YEAR 8	
Jenny BAKLIEN	7H	Luke CROSSLEY	8G
Hannah BIRCH	7F	Tait CUTTING	8B
Emily BLANKS	7F	Tilly FLEMING	8G
Sienna DE FOREST	7E	Alyssa FRANKLYN	8D
Jemma HOLT	7G	Cindy GUO	8G
Max LORENCAK	7A	Renee HICKS	8C
Hana-Joy LY	7E	Lachlan KAING	8K
Eva MURDOCH	7G	Felix KRISTIANSOON	8K
Anni O’NEILL	7M	Ankita MAHANTY	8D
Yuvan PARANTHAMAN	7D	Eliza MURRAY	8G
Connor PITKIN	7K	Jack OJAIMI	8H
Charlotte SHEPHERD	7F	Alice ROBERTS	8G
Mark TCHERNYCH	7F	Brandon SADLER-GRAY	8G
Max TEMPEST	7L	Ayla SCHERWINSKI	8C
Anne TEOH	7A	Keah SIACOLA	8C
Lachie WADESON	7F	Jasmine TOUNIS	8B
Naomi WILSON	7M	Eddie TULLOCH	8L
		Megan VUONG	8G
		Thomas YOU	8B

Our Year 9 academic achievers will be acknowledged in an assembly in the last week of this term and I look forward to sharing their success with you in the next newsletter.

**June Sainsbery**  
**Assistant Principal – Junior School & Wellbeing**

With the recent announcement of the continuation of remote learning, the bulk of our existing arrangements will stay in place for the short-term. On site unit 3/4 assessments have been allowed, under strict conditions, for the past three weeks. We have hosted mostly small practical class assessments during this time with one larger cohort last week. While this presents some challenges, I'd like to congratulate the students involved in the way they conducted themselves while on site. If an onsite assessment is scheduled, students will receive an email from their class teacher outlining the details of the assessment and the process for entering and exiting the school. This email serves as permission to travel under the Government stay at home directions.

The General Achievement Test is scheduled for Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The GAT takes place in a single three-hour session and is sat by any student completing a unit 3/4 (year 12 level) subject. There are two writing tasks and 70 multiple-choice questions and is a vital component of the final results for VCE students. It is imperative that students take this seriously and try their best. Specific information will be circulated to students who will be sitting the GAT this year.

End of year events and activities are currently being reviewed in light of current restrictions. This includes Year 12 celebrations (valedictory and final assembly), Semester Two Year 10 and 11 exams and our regular roll over program. Details of these will be confirmed as new information is released to us.

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

## Textiles

Textiles  
(Unit 1 and 2 Product Design & Technology and Year 10 Textiles)

As we continue to work through our remote learning experiences, I felt this to be the perfect opportunity to celebrate students hard work and achievements.

Both Year 10 and Unit 1 students worked hard, last semester, to complete a folio and garment. Each piece that students selected provided challenges to which they overcame through problem solving and online communication, whilst remote learning. I am extremely impressed with the quality of work and commitment each student has demonstrated and I feel that this is represented within the garments below.



## Textiles Continued

Not only are student's refining their skills in garment construction, but also in folio tasks such as visualisations and presentation drawings.



**Amy Dallas**  
Textiles Teacher

## School Sport Victoria



<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/SSVVirtualTrackandField.aspx>

All Victorian students are welcome to take part in this great opportunity. There are several ways you can be involved. SSV is not looking for the best performance; we are looking for students to give it a try.

By taking part in this great event, you will not only **score points for your school**, but you will also be **improving yourself every time you try**. There is nothing better than self-improvement and personal bests.

The events included in the SSV Virtual Track and Field program include:

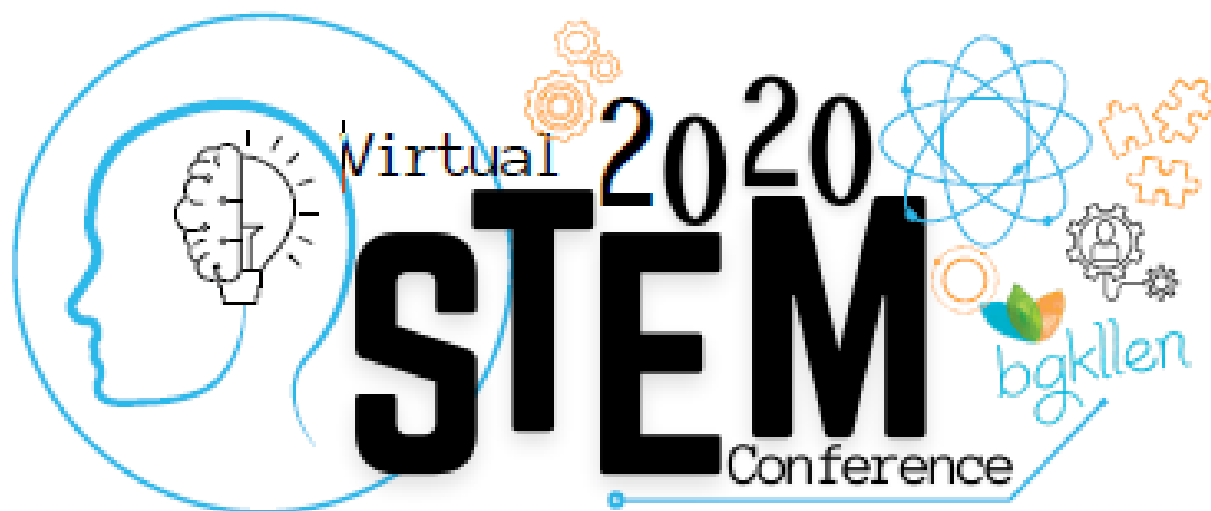
- Sprint - 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m
- Run/Walk - 800m, 1500m
- Standing Long Jump
- Standing Triple Jump
- Tennis Ball Shot Put
- Modified Heptathlon - 100m Sprint, Standing Long Jump, Tennis ball Shot Put, 800m Run (in that order)

Go to the SSV Virtual Track and Field website for more details about how to set up and record results for each event by clicking

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/SSVVirtualTrackandField.aspx>

Once you have completed your event(s) and recorded your result(s), click on <https://form.jotform.com/201958028380053> to enter your results online and score points for **Parkdale Secondary College**.

**Vanessa Leslie**  
Carnivals Coordinator



**FIND YOUR FUTURE IN STEM**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday 12th – Tuesday 13th October**

**The future world of work will demand STEM skills,  
but what do STEM skills really look like?**

This Free virtual event will explore how STEM is being used in a range of industries and careers and inspire students with stories, presentations, and demonstrations by industry leaders to consider a career in STEM.

**Students will have the opportunity to:**

- Explore the virtual stalls
- Discover a range of careers using STEM
- Hear from and talk to industry professionals
- Listen to inspiring speakers telling their career journey

**Key note speaker Dr Georgia Atkin-Smith**  
**Australian scientist & passionate science communicator**

For more information visit  
<https://www.bgkllen.org.au/stemcareersconference/>

