



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 20th December 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

Year 12 Results

With the release of the results on Thursday 12th December I take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 12 students but in particular our dux Guy Botera. Now that that wait is over comes another wait for those wishing to go on to further study. As always our Senior School team is available for discussions with students and parents about the options available to them. For a more detailed report of the results please see Mr. Tuck's report in this newsletter.

Staffing

Further to my announcement in the previous newsletter I have been advised by three more staff that they will be leaving Parkdale Secondary College at the end of the 2019 school year. Mr. Sam Kennedy and Mrs. Louise Vickers have both informed me they are moving to Queensland for family reasons. Ms. Susan Parkin has decided to pursue other opportunities. I wish them well on behalf of the school community and thank them for their commitment to the college.

Resilience

This is one of our school values. It looks at our capacity to overcome perceived setbacks and how we can move forward from them. In respect to this, I quite often see parents dropping items off at the office for their child(ren). In 2020 I am asking that parents carefully consider whether the item is essential.

Realistically if they forget their lunch, PE uniform, laptop it will inconvenience them on that day but any consequences that occur from not having the item is a learning experience and it may be the push to be more organized in the future. It is about building their resilience. Please assist us with this.

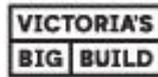
Disrupted Travel - Feb 2020

Students who travel to school on the train please read the notice within the newsletter regarding the disruption to the train service. This may affect your travel time to and from school during the times indicated.

Mobile Phone Policy 2020

A final reminder of the mobile phone policy that will be in place from the commencement of the 2020 school year. The trial through the rollover period has allowed us to see it in action and overall I congratulate the student body on their adherence to the policy. A final reminder that phones go into lockers from 8.35am onwards and are not used until the end of the school day at 3.08pm.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I take this opportunity to wish all families a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.



Metro Tunnel works

Buses replace trains on the Frankston Line

January

**Thurs 2 to
Thurs 30**

February

**Sun 2 to
Sun 16**



Plan ahead to avoid long delays

Frankston Line

We're building big this summer. There will be significant disruptions across Melbourne, including trains in the south-east, roads in the west and inner-north trams.

Thanks for your patience as we deliver important works on Victoria's rail network for the Metro Tunnel in January and Level Crossing Removals in February.

Buses replace trains

Thursday 2 January to 12.30am Saturday 4 January Flinders Street to Caulfield

Thursday 2 January to last train Sunday 16 February Frankston to Stony Point

12.30am Saturday 4 January to last train Sunday 5 January Flinders Street to Mordialloc

Monday 6 January to Sunday 12 January Flinders Street to Moorabbin

Monday 13 January to Thursday 30 January Flinders Street to Caulfield

1am Sunday 2 February to last train Sunday 16 February Moorabbin to Frankston

Plan ahead at ptv.vic.gov.au

 For other languages visit ptv.vic.gov.au/languages or call 9321 5450.



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David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2020

January 2020	
29th	Year 7, 11 & 12 Commence
30th	Year 8, 9, 10 & VCAL (Year 11 & 12) Commence

AEP (Arts Enhancement Program – Music)

It was a pleasure to attend the AEP music end of year concert on Thursday 25 November. Fifteen students showcased their talent. One aspect of the AEP program is that students are required to learn a second instrument, which enables them to have a more diverse range of skills. Many proud parents were in attendance and were pleased to see the musical growth in their children.

Junior School Leadership

I have been very fortunate to be part of the selection process to determine the Junior Leaders for 2020. Twelve students nominated for either the position of Junior School Captain or Performing Arts Captain. Students were required to submit a written application, attend an interview with staff leaders and present their vision for the role to the Junior School at an assembly. All students did a fantastic job. They were well prepared for their interview and presentation and I congratulate each student for nominating – not an easy task and certainly one that takes them out of their comfort zone. The Junior School Leaders for 2020 are:

Junior School Captain: Tara Dando
Junior School Captain: Yianni Balatsas
Junior School Vice-Captain: Emma Downward
Junior School Vice-Captain: Sam Bearup
Performing Arts Captain: Elly McGenniss
Performing Arts Captain: Arya Kanani

We have already had our first leadership team meeting and I am looking forward to working with the team next year.

Rollover

Students settled into rollover very smoothly. The 7s have moved across to C Corridor, their new home for next year, and the 8s have moved out to E Wing. This has been a great opportunity for the Year 8 going into 9 students to meet their new classmates and teachers. They have selected electives based on interests and strengths for Year 9 and will participate in the CONNECT program on Wednesdays. This will enable them to develop skills in critical thinking, personal development and enhance their community and global awareness.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing break and look forward to working with all Junior School students in 2020. Merry Christmas!

UNIFORM POLICY – NEW FOR 2020

All parents and students should familiarize themselves with the changes to the uniform policy that will come into effect from the beginning of 2020. Both the current and new policies can be found on Compass under the 'people' icon (community), 'school documentation' then 'policies'. The main changes are:

- The uniform items are not 'season specific', students can elect to wear the winter items in summer and summer items in winter – however combinations of summer and winter are not permitted.
- The blazer is now an 'optional outer garment'.
- The sports jacket is also an 'optional outer garment' that can be worn outside only (including to and from school).
- The streamlining of socks. One type of official college socks to be worn with shorts/dress/sport uniforms; and navy/black socks/tights to be worn with long pants/skirt.

June Sainsbery

Assistant Principal- Junior School

Senior School

Congratulations to our year 12 class of 2019 on their outstanding results! Our VCE students achieved a median study score of 30, with over 10% ATARs above 90 and a super impressive 50% above 70. In addition to this, our VCAL completion rate was 96%, which is only down from 100% due to a student exiting early to begin an apprenticeship, a significant outcome in itself. We are extremely proud of these outcomes which will ensure that our students leave Parkdale with opportunities to pursue in wide range of areas. Recognition should also go to parents and staff who have supported our students over their time at the college. Special congratulations go to Guy Botera, the college dux with an impressive ATAR of 97.95. Guy hopes to study Medicine in 2020.

On behalf of the senior school team I'd like to wish all students and families a safe and happy holiday period. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2020.

Michael Tuck

Assistant Principal- Senior School

Student Mobile Phone Policy – Commences January 2020

Student Mobile Phone Policy

You will have heard in the media over the past six months, that Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Training, Mr. James Merlino, has introduced a ministerial order that prohibits students using their mobile phones during school hours.

We believe this is a positive change for students and the benefits will be seen across both their academic progress and social and mental health.

This is a Ministerial order, which means the school is mandated to implement it as written by the Minister. Below is a brief overview of how Parkdale will be implementing the policy. The entire policy is available for parents to read on Compass.

Key points

The policy will officially begin on January 29th, 2020.

The term 'Mobile Phone' refers to any device with cellular capability, for example Smart Watches.

School hours are classed as 8.35am – 3.08pm

Students are responsible for the security and safety of their device at all times while at school. See [Personal Property at School Policy](#)

All students are provided with secure storage via a locker and lock.

Mobile devices must be turned off and stored in their secured locker between 8.35am & 3.08pm .

Students who breach the policy will have their phone confiscated until the end of the school day, with escalating consequences for repeat offenders.

Confiscated phones will be securely stored at the Junior or Senior Administration offices.

Exceptions may be provided in specific circumstances such as:

- Monitoring of a health condition (i.e. Insulin levels for a student with Diabetes)
- Young Carers

The Principal must approve any exception. The process for applying for an exception is included in the [Student Mobile Phone Policy](#).

This policy DOES NOT apply:

- When students are travelling to and from school
- Students are travelling from school to TAFE or Work Placement
- Students are travelling on public transport to and from excursions.

Mobile Phone Policy

We have had a great start to the roll out of the Student Mobile Phone Policy, student compliance has been very good overall. Thank you to parents and carers for their support from home.

We would like to congratulate all students on the manner in which they adapted to the new mobile phone policy during rollover. There is a buzz of conversation in the yard and teachers are reporting an improved level of focus in the classroom. Students have also mentioned that it is quite nice to not have to worry about their phones during the day.

In line with the Ministerial order, from the first day of Term One 2020 this policy will be implemented in full. Consequences will be given for breeches, as stated in the Student Mobile Phone Policy.

We would also like to take this time to thank our parent community for their support of the policy.

Reports

As notified by email last Friday, students Semester 2 reports are now available on Compass. We encourage parents to download and save a copy of their child's report each Semester as students lose access to Compass after they have finished their studies at Parkdale Secondary College.

Canteen

Due to unforeseen circumstances our current canteen contractors will not be returning in 2020. We will be putting the contract out to tender in term one. As a result there will be no canteen faculties available in term one 2020.

Melissa Treverton
Assistant Principal

Interschool Surf Life Saving Carnival

INTERSCHOOL SURF LIFE SAVING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 26th February 2020

Parkdale students have the opportunity to participate in a fun surf lifesaving carnival at Mordialloc Beach. We compete against other schools in our area and Victoria. There are both individual and team events to be involved in. There are swimming, board paddling, iron person, board rescue, beach sprints, relays, flags and plenty more. If you are a swimmer, runner, triathlete, footballer or involved in any sport or just someone who wants to give something different, fun and challenging a go please sign up. It is an all-day event and the cost will be confirmed early next year which will be payable via compass in February. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Webster webster.sarah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please complete the google form attached to express your interest

<https://forms.gle/ebks9bmTpv54cdx88>



Sarah Webster
Surf Lifesaving Coach

Final Chilln' with the Chap:

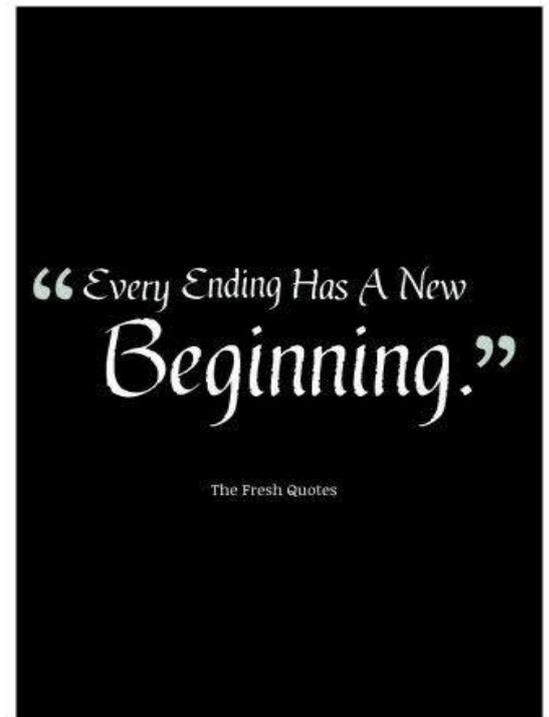
It's the end of year newsletter and this will be the last time I contribute, as I am finishing up at Parkdale Wellbeing after nearly five years. Over my time here I have seen the school grow in numbers of students and therefore in staff as well. It is a school that is known throughout the Bayside area as one that has a thriving and supportive wellbeing culture. I am so glad that I have been able to be a part of that over recent years, seeing the team grow from one wellbeing coordinator with a couple of part-timers, to three fulltime staff plus part-timers. The vision of the principal team to put resources into this important part of the staff, to serve the school, is well known by parents and other schools in the area. It has been a privilege to work in this amazing and dynamic team.

I will miss the day to day hustle and bustle and the school bells, and of course meeting the amazing young people who come through wellbeing. But I am looking forward to going on to new things that will challenge me in different ways, after a few sleep ins and a break over the summer.

I wish all of the families and staff at Parkdale a happy and safe festive season, and hope that you can spend time with family and friends in ways that build strong relationships and also get rest and recuperation as you take a break from the busy-ness of life.

It has been a privilege serving you all.

Susan Parkin
Chaplain



Parkdale Musical 2020

Are you interested in finding out more about Parkdale's musical for 2020! Follow this link to gain access to audition information, production dates, and what the musical's name is! Use password "spelling bee" to gain access.

<http://rednutash.wixsite.com/parkdalemusical>.



Kaela Raku
Instrumental Music Coordinator