



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 25th November 2019

Principal's Report – David Russell

Mobile Phone policy

As you may be aware, the Department of Education through a Ministerial Order has implemented a mobile phone policy for all government schools commencing in Term One 2020. The essence of this policy is that any student who brings a mobile phone to school will be required to put it in their locker for the duration of the school day. We will be communicating the whole policy and its implementation at Parkdale SC through the newsletter and Compass. In rollover we will be asking students to follow the guidelines that will be in place in 2020 so that they can be accustomed to the expectations that the new policy will bring. This will be communicated to students through year level meetings, the student bulletin and tutor groups. We ask for parents support in implementing this policy.

Year 10 Formal

On a very warm evening on Wednesday 20th, November the Year Ten students celebrated the end of the year at their formal. I congratulate all Year 10 students in attendance for the way in which they conducted themselves at the formal. It was a pleasure to see them interacting with each other and the staff who were present in such a positive and congenial way. My thanks to the Year 10 Coordinators, Ms Courtney Nash and Mr Peter Garguilo, Team Leader Year 10 Mr Michael Bolt and Senior School Administrator Ms Kelly Pondard on their organization of the event.

Year 9 CONNECT celebration Lunch

Year nine students celebrated the end of their CONNECT program at a lunch at Rossdale Golf Club on Wednesday 20th November. This program which runs every Wednesday, is a highlight of the week for many of our year nine students as they get to out of the normal classroom setting to discover more about themselves and the world around them. The team of teachers provide opportunities for them to learn and grow as individuals and I am extremely thankful for the time, effort and energy they put into the program. A special thanks to Ms Brooke Douglas for her overall management of the program.

Curriculum Day

Thursday 21st November gave staff an opportunity to give final feedback for the Instructional Model that we have developed over the last six months for implementation in 2020. There was also discussion of the previously mentioned Mobile Phone policy in 2020 and planning time for the 2020 school year. These days are extremely important to the delivery of lessons in the coming school year as it gives teachers the opportunity to meet, discuss and agree on direction and content at each year level in each subject area.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 - 2019

November	
25th	Rollover 2020 Classes Commence
28th	World Challenge (returning 19 th December)
December	
6th	Last Day Year 11 & 12 Scheduled Classes 2020
9th	COSA Awards Night (7.30pm Start)
10th	Year 7 Orientation Day 2020, Alternative Program Running
13th	Last Day Year 8, 9 & 10 Scheduled Classes 2020
16th-18th	Alternative Program- No Scheduled Classes

Junior School

During the past week there have been lots of celebrations as the Junior School 2019 classes have come to an end. The Year 9s celebrated with a formal luncheon at Rossdale Golf Club. There were lots of speeches – two representatives from each Tutor Group spoke about what Year 9 has meant to their class. The overriding theme that came through from each group was that Year 9 was a great year because they got to meet so many new people and make new friends. Year 9 class groupings are different to Year 7 and 8 (where there is consistency) and the students also participate in the CONNECT Program and elective subjects which are comprised of different groupings again. Maria Koumoundouros spoke fondly about the group she has been Coordinator of since Year 7. She definitely feels a strong bond with the students. Dale Towler penned a poem about his journey as Year 9 Coordinator that was not only entertaining but showed how much he has enjoyed working with the Year 9s this year. Both Mrs K and Mr Towler are looking forward to following the group up to Year 10 and will be their Coordinators for 2020.

Ms Brooke Douglas is stepping aside as Year 9 Leader in 2020. She has been in this role for many years and has been integral in the continued development and refinement of the CONNECT program. She is taking on another leadership position within the college. I thank her for all her work over many years with Year 9 students.

The Year 8s celebrated the end of their 2019 year with an assembly, a range of challenge activities and attended an advanced screening of 'The Adams Family', which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Ms Stephanie Chiocci and Mr Michael Copley will be moving up with the group to be Year 9 Coordinators next year and will be joined by Ms Carle Rookes.

The Year 7s celebrated with a assembly which included a video presentation celebrating the highs and lows of Year 7 2019. The students also attended a presentation by Don Elgin, Commonwealth Games Paralympian. His address to the students was powerful, reinforcing the message about the importance of being the best version of themselves. Ms Emily Payne and Mr Lucas Vogt will move up with the group to be Year 8 Coordinators in 2020.

Mr Rod Hemming (Year 7 and 8 Leader) is stepping aside from the position next year after many years of dedication to the role. I thank him for his commitment and support he has given to the team over many years. Ms Megan Kennedy will take up the position of Year 7 and 8 Leader in 2020.

We are now at the beginning of Rollover and students have moved up a year level. This is a valuable time for a number of reasons:

Junior School Report Continued

- For new subjects/teachers/groupings it is an opportunity to get to know each other, set up classroom expectations and begin learning habits that will ensure 2020 starts smoothly.
- For classes that are following up with the same teacher, learning of the 2020 curriculum can quickly begin, and positive learning routines and habits established.

UNIFORM POLICY – NEW FOR 2020

All parents and students should familiarise 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

Japan Study Tour 2020

Information night on Dec 2nd, 7:00pm

Parkdale Secondary College is planning its 2020 Study Tour to Japan. Students who are studying Japanese and have an open mind to appreciate new experiences, will be eligible to participate in this trip. The trip is planned for two and half weeks from Saturday 12th September to Wednesday 30th September, 2020. There is also an opportunity for two Year 10 students to participate in the long-term exchange program that involves an additional five weeks at Osaka Nishi High School.

An information evening has been arranged for the 2nd of December, 2019 in rooms W5/6 at 7:00pm, the evening is expected to take approximately one hour. This will only be a preliminary meeting and attendance does not involve a firm commitment from parents or students at that time. For those then wanting to participate in the study tour, a deposit will be sought in Term One, 2020.

The program for the information evening will include an outline of the proposed itinerary, discussions of other possible activities, estimated costs and expectations of students who participate.



Toshie Shimazoe-Grizelj
Language Teacher

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. Our Well being Coordinator, Louise Vickers, has included an excellent article on the impact of mobile phones in this newsletter.

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.

Rollover 2020

What is happening in Rollover?

Our focus during Rollover will be on educating students on the details of the policy and the benefits to them as young adults.

We will implement the confiscation stage of the policy for rollover, but not the additional consequences of Chronicle records and detentions.

This allows students to be better educated on the why and how of the policy; understand the consequences and practice the correct behaviours prior to Term 1, 2020.

Any student refusal to hand over their phone when requested will be considered a breach of school rules and will be treated as such in line with the [Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy](#).

The additional policies that align with the Student Mobile Phone Policy are:

[Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy](#).

[Personal Property at School Policy](#)

We appreciate your support in implementing this policy, we understand some students will find it challenging to be separated from their phones during the school day, however we know the short term pain will bring long term gain.

COSA Awards

COSA (Celebration of Student Achievement Evening) – Tickets on sale from Monday November 25th
[https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats On - Buy Tickets](https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats%20On%20-%20Buy%20Tickets)

All parents and students are invited to join us for our Celebration of Student Achievement evening.

- Monday 9th December
- 7.30pm
- Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street Franktons
- Tickets
- Adults \$10
- Concession \$5

Students receiving an award do not require a ticket.

Parents and Carers of students who are receiving an award have been notified via email last week, with the exception of Academic award winners who will be notified this week.

Students receiving an award are required to be in full school uniform and neatly presented and will be expected to attend a lunch time rehearsal on Thursday 5th December.

Melissa Treverton
Assistant Principal

Textiles

Semester Two Textile students have completed some fantastic work to end the 2019 year.

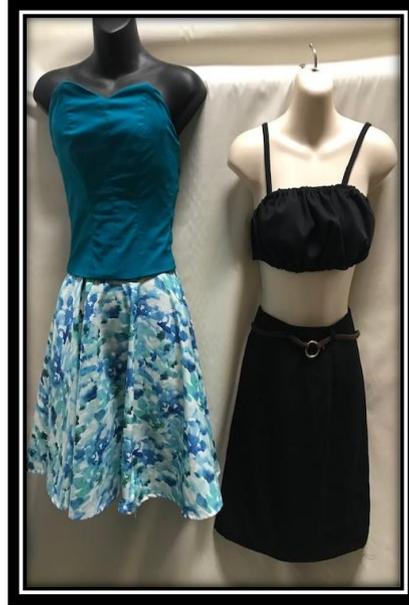
Year 7s

Successfully accomplished the skills needed to construct a draw string bag with individualized applique designs.



Year 10s

Completed individual garments specifically designed for a client. Each student sourced their own patterns and selected their own fabric, during an excursion to Spotlight. Students faced many challenges such as: reading and understanding pattern instructions, new sewing processes e.g.zip insertion, button and button holes, darts etc., plus the use of new sewing equipment. The end garments they produced demonstrate their hard work throughout the Semester.



Amy Dallas
Textiles Teacher

Wellbeing

Chilln' with the Chap **Financial Responsibility**

Kids are quick to pick up on their parents' attitude toward money. That's why it's so important to set a healthy example when it comes to spending.

Since you know your kids are watching how you deal with money, why not bring them into the budgeting process? Talk to them about finances, and concepts of good stewardship, like saving and then living on what's left over. Show them how you sit down once a month and pay the bills. You don't have to share every detail; just enough to let them know that money really doesn't grow on trees.

This is a great way to teach kids why it's important to set clear spending limits—and why they can't always have the latest "thing".

And don't be afraid to admit the past mistakes you've made. They'll appreciate your honesty. Better yet, they may even learn from it!

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

Susan Parkin
Chaplain

**“A budget is
telling your
money where
to go instead
of wondering
where it went.”**

- Dave Ramsey

Wellbeing

At the start of 2020, students will be phone free during school hours. Teachers and the wellbeing team enthusiastically welcome these changes by the Victorian Education Department. Whilst there may be a period of discomfort for some students, the long-term positives for the learning and emotional wellbeing of our kids is extremely clear.

In a recent study on smartphones and cognition, even when participants were successful at maintaining sustained attention and avoided the temptation to check their smartphones, their mere physical presence lowered available cognitive capacity. This gives us a clear understanding that just having phones switched off in pockets is not enough.

Additionally, the constant need for connection and being linked into the myriad of social media platforms raises the anxiety levels of our kids. We know that the rate of depression and anxiety has risen dramatically since the introduction of smart phones and while some may argue that this is a coincidence, a number of studies have proved otherwise.

Giving our kids that time to switch off from their devices during school hours will allow them to not only connect with their peers in real time but will free up their brains to focus on actual learning.

If you feel that anxiety might be an issue for your child, and they are using their phone to self-regulate, they may need support from a member of the wellbeing team to help implement replacement strategies to manage their emotions. For all well-being referrals, the initial point of contact is your child's Year Level Coordinator.

Louise Vickers
Wellbeing Coordinator

Parky Kokoda Trip

On November 29th, after 16 weeks of intense training for our Kokoda Kids, the trip of a life time will finally be here. Thanks to the generosity of Kokoda Youth Foundation and Hawthorn Hawks football club, 11 Parkdale students will experience the life changing experience of trekking the Kokoda track. Over nine days, students will walk 96km in brutal, uncompromising conditions. In the process, they will grow stronger and learn what they can achieve in the face of adversity. Additionally, they will learn about the culture and customs of the beautiful people of Papua New Guinea. Throughout the trek they will also understand the sacrifices and courage our veterans faced in World War Two protecting Australia.

If you would like to follow their adventures and other wellbeing related matters on social media, please follow [Kingston Youth Instagram](#) and [Parkywellbeing Instagram Page](#) and [Parkdale Wellbeing FB](#). Congratulations to our amazing Kokoda kids: Calan Nancarrow, Eamie Stewart, Elise Scott, Emma Cacciottolo, Harry Raymond, Isabella Van Deursen, Judith Momtaze, Kaelen Lafituanai, Lachlan Glassborow, Nicola Jones and Thomas Scott-Harvey for making it through all the training sessions. We are so proud of you for taking on the challenge and we cannot wait to hear more about your adventures.



Louise Vickers
Wellbeing Coordinator

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hi everyone, Our last 2019 meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm in the College Staff Room. We will be having a short meeting followed up by our Christmas breakup party. All welcome, please bring a small plate to share and a \$10 wrapped Kris Kringle present if you'd like to participate in the fun 😊

DO YOU HAVE BOOKS NOT ON BOOKLISTS YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE?

We are starting a new initiative, supporting GAT Foundation... a hard-working Melbourne charity who distributes and rehomes books throughout the Philippines - to promote sustainability, empower individuals and relieve poverty through education. More information can be found at www.gatfoundation.org.au
There is now a collection box at the front office where you can leave your text-books. They must be in good condition and published in 2014 to 2019 (6 years or less) Please do not leave books that don't meet these requirements or else PFA will be stuck with them!

NEED TO BUY OR SELL BOOKS AND UNIFORMS?

Sustainable School Shop could be your answer! This excellent service is where College families can buy and sell second-hand uniforms and books. It has up to date booklist information and is easy to navigate. Click here to register and start buying or selling... www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
Here is the Introduction Letter and User Guide...
http://www.parkdalesc.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_zoo&view=item&layout=item&Itemid=122

DO YOU HAVE UNIFORMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE?

You can leave them at the office! Our college wellbeing team will gratefully accept clean items in good order.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Please remember to keep supporting our Ritchies Community Benefit Program. This helps us provide fruit in the Senior Centre for students staying back to study.
For this to continue we need your support!! Link your community benefit card/tag to Parkdale Secondary College at ANY Ritchies in Victoria, NSW or Queensland.

Cheers,

Nicole Moffat- PA President

Welcome to Your Library at Parkdale Secondary College

News from the Library – Most Popular Books for 2019

With Christmas just around the corner, what better time to release our most popular books of the year? Why not launch into your Christmas shopping, confidently knowing you are buying a top title book?

Most Popular Books 2019

Year 7 –

Bad Dad – David Walliams

Once – Morris Gleitzman

To All the Boys I've Loved Before – Jenny Han

Hatchet – Gary Paulsen

Year 8

The Fifth Wave – Rick Yancey

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan

Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy

Everything, Everything – Nicola Yoon

Year 9

Divergent – Veronica Roth

The Cherub Series- Robert Muchamore

Harry Potter Series – J.K Rowling

Wonder – R.J Palacio

Most Popular Authors of 2019

Robert Muchmore – **The Cherub** and **Henderson Boys Series**

Rick Riordan- **Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series, The Kane Chronicles, Heroes of Olympus, Magus Chase Series, Trials of Apollo**

David Walliams- **Bad Dad, Awful Aunty, Demon Dentist, Gangsta Granny, Grandpa’s Great Escape, Ratburger, Mr Stink**

J.K Rowling **Harry Potter Series**

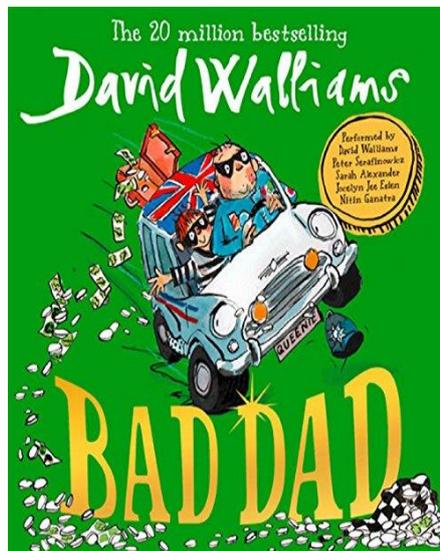
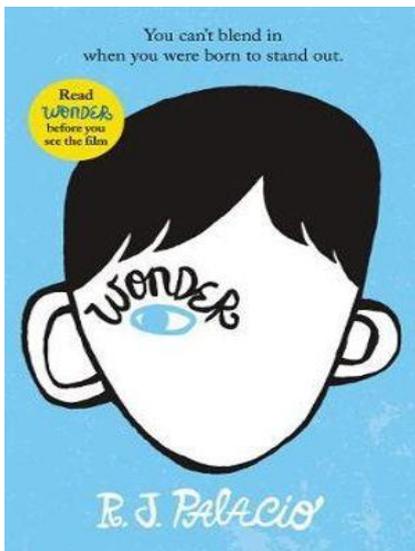
Anthony Horowitz – **Alex Rider Series**

Morris Gleitzman - **Once Series**

James Patterson- **Middle School Series**

Felice Arena- **Specky Magee Series,**

John Flanagan **Rangers Apprentice Series**



Pauline White & Sue Flavin
Librarian Teachers