



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 30th November 2020

Principal's Report – David Russell

Premiers Spirit of ANZAC Award

Congratulations to Stephanie McKie and Ashlee Eacott both in Year 11, who were awarded prizes in this very prestigious award. Usually part of the prize is a trip to historically significant locations. As a state winner Stephanie was to travel to Singapore and Vietnam and Ashlee as a regional winner to Canberra. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions this was not possible. The prizes have now been converted to educational scholarships. To be recognised for the work and effort they put into the competition is tremendous and a reflection of their diligence, commitment and passion for history. I would also like to thank Ms Natalie Baker for her assistance she gave Stephanie and Ashlee throughout the process.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships

These prestigious scholarships are awarded by Melbourne University to Year 10 students for not only academic performance but contributions to activities outside the classroom. Students selected as Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars will become part of a supportive University community and peer network through a tailored program of events and activities which will assist these future leaders reach their potential.

I am pleased to announce that Charlee Harvey and Caitlin Logan are the recipients of this scholarship for 2020.

Rollover

On Monday 30th November, with the exam period finished, it was time for all students to move up to their 2021 year levels. Students met new classmates and new teachers and began the next chapter of their educational journey. In particular the now Year 12 students began their important VCE/VCAL year.

There is a period of adjustment over this time particularly in the junior levels where friendship groups are broken up when the new classes are formed. With the assistance of the well being team and coordinators students are taught resilience skills through this process.

As part of the Rollover program, students will be asked to complete tasks during the holiday period. This may be, and in particular at the Senior end of the school, to read their texts for English. I would ask all students to do this to assist in their smooth transition into 2021. For other students this may include general wide reading. This will help keep their minds active so that we can continue to see improvement in their learning outcomes. There has been evidence that students can actually show a decline after an extended break without some mental stimulus.

Staffing

Friday November 27th saw the retirement from the DET and therefore from Parkdale Secondary College of Ms Sandra Boutelis. On behalf of the college community I thank her for her exemplary service to our community and education.

Principal's Report Continued

Celebration of Student Achievement (COSA)

Given the restrictions that are still in place for gatherings indoors COSA will not be held in the same format in 2020. We will be presenting a number of these awards at a final school assembly on Thursday 10th December. Other awards will be presented at the first whole school assembly in 2021. We appreciate the need to recognise students for their efforts throughout 2020 in the many fields of endeavor that are offered at Parkdale Secondary College but still need to do this following the guidelines we are operating under.

Uniform

As we have slowly returned to what has been deemed 'the new normal' there has been a noticeable drop in the adherence to the uniform policy. Given the circumstances of 2020 we have been more flexible on items in particular the correct shoes. Contrary to what some shops/retailers advertise as school shoes, black runners/sport shoes are not school shoes. Please read the updated policy and ensure that your son/daughter has the necessary items to be in uniform as required for the start of the 2021 school year. Please note that items from summer and winter options cannot be combined. It is an all or nothing situation- full summer or full winter uniform. This includes items such as socks. One area that year level coordinators have a constant battle with is the facial piercings. The policy is very explicit in what is acceptable. Getting a piercing over the holiday period is not a valid reason to be in breach and students will be asked to remove piercings that contravene the policy. Again I ask parents to support the correct wearing of the school uniform by your son/daughter as specified in the policy.

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 – 2020

December	
8th	Grade 6 Orientation Day for all students starting in Year 7 next year. No scheduled classes for PSC students (enabling COVID-19 safe practices).
11th	Last day of scheduled classes for all students.
14th-17th	Alternative Learning Area program provided for students in Year 8 – 10 (2021).
18th	Curriculum Day
January 2021	
28th	Year 7, 11 & 12 VCE/ Year 12 VCAL students return.
29th	Year 8, 9 & 10 Including Year 10 & 11 VCAL students return.

Junior School Report

Rollover

Today is the first day of rollover and students will be in their 2021 classes for the next two weeks. This enables teachers to get to know their students before the end of the year and makes for a smooth start to the beginning of next year. Things are always a little bit hectic at the start of rollover as students get used to new classrooms, lockers, teachers and students; but everyone quickly settles into the new routines.

Junior School Report Continued

Year 9 Celebration Day

Our 2020 Year 9 students had a terrific celebration day on Wednesday 25th November. The students were engaged in a reflective activity that involved them writing a letter to their future self. Students were encouraged to write about their dreams and aspirations, as well as the challenges they have faced during their junior years. These letters are stored securely, and students receive them when they are on Year 12 camp. There was a celebratory pizza lunch and a final assembly that was run by the Year 9 Leadership team in the afternoon.

Junior School Leadership

I thank the students who have applied for leadership positions and I am looking forward to meeting the students in interviews this week. The students will have an opportunity to present to their peers on Wednesday and successful applicants will be announced next week.

June Sainsbery

Assistant Principal- Junior School

Senior School Report

As I write this, unit 3/4 VCE examinations have one more day to go. It has been an arduous year in many respects, but our year 12 students can be proud of their achievements. VCE results are being released later this year than normal, with the official results release being at 7am, Wednesday 30th December (for information relating to release of results see <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/html/faqs.htm#:~:text=VCE%20Results%2C%20ATARs%20and%20VTAC,to%20the%20website%20or%20app.>).

The college will be open to assist with student results and post-school planning and information will be provided in the coming days to year 12 students via Compass.

Year 10 and 11 students have sat semester 2 exams and results of these will be provided to students from Wednesday 2nd December. Students should consider feedback in context of the year that we have had and reflect on adjustments they can make to improve next year.

Roll over has begun smoothly and it has been great seeing students prepared for their new classes and the fresh start that this brings. A reminder, subject change requests must be made direct to Mr Tuck and students must have changes confirmed before attending a new class.

Michael Tuck

Assistant Principal- Senior School

Office Report

ADMINISTRATION

There is a lot happening in the office at the moment. Please take the time to read the following information relating to the 2021 school year and student information.

Just a reminder to families, that parents are not able to access the College unless they have an appointment. This includes dropping off forgotten lunches, and laptops. Please ensure that your student is prepared for the day with a full bottle of water, lunch, a charged laptop and any other items your child will need for the day.

2021 Student Information Packages

Please go through the Student Information Package and make any amendments to your details and return to the office. It is vital that our records are up to date with correct contact numbers, and email addresses.

Lamont Books

Online ordering is open for purchasing 2021 books. Orders placed before 14th December will qualify for Free Delivery (please see booklist for further information). Orders can still be placed after this date, but will incur a delivery fee. Please note, that there is no longer an option to collect books from the College as there has been previously.

www.lamontbooks.com.au

2021 Fee Schedule

All families should now have received the Fee Schedule for 2021. Forms should be returned to the office by Tuesday 1st December so that we can prepare statements to be sent. Forms can be returned to the office with your student, or via email. Please note that the email address on the fee schedule was incorrect. The correct email address is

PSCaccountsreceivable@parkdalesc.vic.gov.au

If you need any assistance in completing the form, or wish to discuss your school fee account, including payment options, CSEF funding for eligible Centrelink pension or health care card holders, please contact Krystle Sherborne, Accounts Receivable on 9580 6311 for a confidential discussion.

Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund

Information regarding the 2021 CSEF applications were sent to families with their 2021 student packages. If you hold a current and valid Healthcare or Pension Card you are encouraged to apply. If you are eligible, please ensure you contact the office before making any payments for Fees. Please complete the form and submit a copy of your card via email or at the office.

Lockers

In line with Department Policy, students are required to secure their mobile phones in their lockers during the day, unfortunately we have run out of locks at the office, however students can bring a lock from home to ensure their lockers are secured. We expect to have locks available for purchase again when students return to school in 2021.

Compass

Compass is our main way of communicating with families. Please ensure you regularly login to Compass. If you have forgotten your Compass Username or Password, you can contact the office who can provide you your details or reset your password.

Krystle Sherborne
Administration

VCAL

VCAL in Rollover

With Rollover classes commencing on **Monday 30th November**, please be aware of the days VCAL students in each year level are expected to attend VCAL classes at PSC during the Rollover period (30/11 – 11/12).

	10 VCAL 2021	11 VCAL 2021	12 VCAL 2021
Rollover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon – Fri at PSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon, Tue Fri at PSC• Wed, Thurs at home *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon, Tue, Thurs at PSC• Wed, Fri at home *
2021 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri at PSC• Wed – VET at TAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon, Tue Fri - PSC• Wed – VET at TAFE• Thurs SWL placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon, Tue, Thurs at PSC• Wed – VET at TAFE• Fri SWL placement

* During Rollover, 2021 Year 11s and 12s students are expected to use their time on VET/SWL days to complete any outstanding VET practical components (where applicable) and to begin looking for/arranging their Structured Workplace Learning placement for 2021 (further details about this will be presented to students in Rollover classes).

Please contact me at amy.palfreyman@education.vic.gov.au with any queries about the above information.

Amy Palfreyman
VCAL Coordinator

Digital and Design Technology News

Digital and Design Technology News....

The 2020 class of Yr 8 Cooking, recently enjoyed making delicious vegetable fritters. These delicious fritters are packed with vegetables and are great as a breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack, here is the recipe:

VEGETABLE FRITTERS

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE Fritters

- 1/3 Cup grated Zucchini.
- 1/3 cup grated Carrot.
- 1 spring onion.
- 1/3 cup corn
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 1/3 cup GF Flour / Coconut flour / Regular SR flour
- A grind of Black Pepper
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tbsp Olive Oil or Avocado Oil for pan frying

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Shred/ grate zucchini and carrots into a medium size bowl toss with salt.
2. Finely chop the spring onion and mix in with carrot and zucchini.
3. Add the flour, egg, corn, parsley and pepper and mix well.
4. Heat a frying pan on medium heat with 2 tbsp of oil. Work in batches spoon 1 heaped tab of the mixture into the pan and flatten with a spoon.
5. Cook until golden brown about 2-3 minutes each side. Remove and place on paper towels to drain the excess oil.

6. Sprinkle with salt if desired.
7. Garnish as desired with yoghurt and sweet chilli sauce and finely chopped spring onion tops.

Year 9 Food around the world, have enjoyed making high fibre, sticky date pancakes, Gozleme as well as German apple cake. They demonstrated their expertise with food styling in their Crepe Design Challenge. Here is the recipe for **Parkdale Pancakes, sticky date with caramel sauce and icecream**

Ingredients

- 60g pitted dates
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 cup SR flour
- 1 tab brown sugar
- ¼ teas mixed spice
- 1 cup milk
- 30g butter
- 1 beaten egg

Caramel sauce

½ cup cream, 30gm butter, ¼ cup brown sugar Vanilla icecream to serve (1 scoop each)

Method

1. Place water in a small saucepan and bring to the boil, add finely chopped dates. Turn off the heat, add the butter and allow it to melt with the dates 5-10 minutes. Mash with fork to loosen.
2. Sift flour and mix in sugar and spice.
3. Beat the milk and egg together in a jug. Add the cooled dates, water and butter and mix together.
4. Add the milk, egg, date, butter mixture to the bowl with dry ingredients, mix well. If too dry add extra milk, if too wet add a little extra flour.
5. Brush a non stick pan with melted butter and heat, when warm add ¼ cup of mixture to pan, cook 2 minutes or until bubbles appear. Flip and cook 1 more minute, place on serving plate. Repeat until all mixture is made into hot cakes.
6. To make sauce, place cream, butter and sugar in a small pot, stir over a low heat until butter melts. Increase heat, allow to simmer 10-12 mins. Remove from heat.
7. Serve stack of pancakes with scoop of icecream on top and drizzle over sauce.



To wrap up our Kitchen fun we made reindeer ice creams.

Unit 3&4 Food Studies

The Unit 3&4 Food Studies class of 2020 wrapped up their final lesson with a Buzz of activity preparing their own choice breakfast meals. We celebrated their achievement with Honey Joys and Bee Hive cake. I am so proud of the resilience and dedication each student has shown over the year and I wish them all every success in the future.



Year 7 Woodwork students were excited to complete their candle stick holders



Textiles

Students from Unit 2 Textiles have worked extremely hard on their garments, both remotely and in class. The class was broken into two groups that were required to select a theme (art movement; era etc.). This year student's selected the 70's and Spice Girls (90's-00's era). Students managed to communicate well with group members to complete some exceptional pieces



Gabrielle Skaltsis
LAM Technology

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In accordance with government regulations, Covid-19 safety plans will be in place. We recommend limiting the number of family members attending where possible. Please arrive 5 min before your scheduled appointment time.