From the Principal

With first semester assessments and examinations completed, all students have commenced second semester studies with new timetables. Semester reports will be available on-line this Friday evening.

In the first weeks of next term we commence the subject selection process for 2017. Students will be given important advice at year level assemblies about the selection processes, and then asked to make their choices by the due date. Please be mindful of the subject selection evening for Year 9 and 10 parents and students on 29 July.

Last Friday we held a simple service of blessing to formally open the new Callan Wing extension. A select group of staff and students participated in the ritual dedication which we had not been able to do early in the year due to a late finish by the builders.

Now that the demolition phase is completed, we are happy to announce that DEVCO is the appointed builder for the new Learning Centre. We are expecting completion of the project in June 2017.

The ACC sports fixtures in football and soccer competition are now completed at all year levels. Congratulations to the 1st XVIII Football Team who played off in the grand final played against St Joseph’s College, Geelong, at Elsternwick Park on Wednesday 15 June, and were defeated by a narrow margin. Teams are now in training for the Term Three sports of hockey, basketball and table tennis.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde will be presented by Parade and Mercy College students. Rehearsals are well under way. There will be three performances on 25, 26, 27 August.

We wish all our students a safe and restorative mid-year break. We resume classes on Monday 11 July.

Dr Denis J Moore cfc
Principal

YEAR 10 DANCING CLASSES – DEADLINE EXTENDED
We still have a few places left for Year 10 students in the Dancing Class Program with Mercy College in Term 3. The students were reminded about the program on Friday at an Assembly and advised that the deadline for applications has been extended to this THURSDAY 23 JUNE.

Your Year 10 son can collect an application form from his House Leader or from Miss Rowans office

It is great fun and the boys have a wonderful time mastering the art of classical dancing – everyone is a beginner, so there are no expectations of perfection – that comes after the five lessons!

If your son is interested, please encourage him to collect an application form and submit it by Thursday of this week.
2017 Term dates and students holiday absence

Please note below the 2017 term dates. Parents are asked to consider carefully holidays or events that withdraw students from the College and their studies during the term.

If you wish to withdraw your son during the school term, please notify the College by contacting your son's House Leader prior to the event and advising the College Principal by writing to Mr Callanan, Assistant Principal Organisation.

Term 1
Wednesday 1 February Year 7, 11 and Year 12 commence
Thursday 2 February Years 8, 9, and 10 commence
Monday 13 March Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 31 March Term 1 finishes
Friday 14 to Monday 17 April Easter

Term 2
Tuesday 18 April Term 2 commences
25 April Anzac Day Public Holiday
12 June Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Friday 30 June Term 2 finishes

Term 3
Monday 17 July Term 3 commences
Friday 22 September Term 3 finishes

Term 4
Monday 9 October: Term 4 commences
Tuesday 7 November Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 8 December: Term 4 students finish

Student Devices: A transition toward student laptops Years 7 and 10 from 2017

In response to the advancement of technology and following an extensive review of our iPad program, the College Board has accepted the proposal to transition individual students learning devices from iPads to laptops over the next three years.

The College has explored a number of options for the implementation of devices including parental purchase and lease. In support of students and their families the College will supply each Year 7 and Year 10 student with a laptop device for their individual use at the commencement of 2017.

The rollout at Years 7 and 10 will continue for 2018 and 2019. This fully supported program will allow our students to continue their learning and advancement with an individual laptop device. The costs of the device will be offset through a subsidised levy over the three year period of the device.

Please note the College does not make available fully supported BYOD programs. More information will be provided to incoming Year 7 parents later this year as part of the enrolment package and to the Year 9 students moving into Year 10 in 2017 in Term 3.

Please note that the current iPad program is still fully supported by the College for those other year levels until the commencement of 2019. If parents have a specific query please direct your enquiries to the following email address ipads@parade.vic.edu.au

Immunisations Information: Year 7

Year 7 students will be having HPV2 and Chicken Pox immunisation on Monday 18 July at the Bundoora campus and on Thursday 28 July at the Preston campus

Year 7 students who have not returned their consent card have been issued with a replacement card from the relevant Council. (Bundoora – Banyule Council; Preston – Darebin Council). Please complete this card even if your son is not having the immunisation and have your son return it to the First Aid Officer in room W3 at Bundoora or reception at Preston.

Using mobile phones during the school day

Students are reminded that mobile phones should be stored in their lockers between 8.35am and 3.15pm.

Some students have been contacting their parents/guardians directly and making arrangements to be picked up if they are sick or injured during school hours.
If your son is not well can you please remind him that he must attend the First Aid office where he will be assessed and a decision made as to whether to contact a parent/guardian and for the student to be picked up or return to class.

This is the correct procedure and does ensure that your son is cared for in the most appropriate way.

Mr Michael Callanan  
Assistant Principal - Organisation

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**From the Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning**

**Semester One Reports**

Throughout the term students are given ongoing feedback on their learning. The end of semester reports provide an overview of your son’s academic progress. These semester reports, alongside the March Parent/Teacher Interviews and Interim Reports, form part of the formal process of reporting on student progress throughout the first half of the school year.

Semester reports will be released online via the Parent Portal on Friday 24 June. Reports from Years 7 to 10 comply with the requirements of the Australian Curriculum Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS) and consequently include details on achievement and strategies for improvement.

I am confident that the Semester reports will offer a clear and concise overview of your son’s achievements, effort and progress. They can also form the basis for further improvements in Semester Two.

**Student Progress Interviews**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Term Three; please take note of the following dates in your diaries:

- **Thursday 14 July 4:00pm to 9:00 pm**  
  **NB: Only Students completing VCE (Units 1, 2 or 3), VET, Year 10 ERPP, Year 11 & 12 VCAL**  
  Booking will open for the 14 July Interviews on Friday 20 June at 4:00pm via the Parent Portal. They will close at 12:00pm on Thursday 14 July.

- **Reminder**  
  **Tuesday 13 September 2:00pm to 9:00pm**  
  **Year 7 to 12**  
  Booking will open for the 13 September Interviews on Monday 22 August at 4:00pm via the Parent Portal. They will close at 9:00am on Tuesday 13 September.

**Semester Two Timetables**

Students have begun their second semester timetables. At Parade, our timetable is focused on students, not teachers. When our boys make their elective choices, we maximise their choices and build the timetable around them. This means that at the end of a Semester, students change their electives and to accommodate these changes there are many boys who also have a change for some of their year long (two semester subjects). Teachers will assist students in making this transition, and as students progress through the school, they will find as they can choose electives more and more, these changes becomes more common.

All students are encouraged to take time during the upcoming semester break to have a rest in preparation for the new term and to celebrate all that they have achieved. Senior students will have homework and study tasks to focus on that help them to appreciate the times of rest all the more!!

Mr Andy Kuppe  
Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning

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From the Business Manager

Monthly Statements
The College issues statements via email at the end of every month. Printed copies are only posted in the first week of each term.

If you are not receiving your statements please contact Emily Hosking on 9468 3327 immediately.

Overdue Balances and Late Payment Fees
Families that have not established approved payment plans will be charged with Late Payment Fees. This is in fairness to those families meeting their fee obligations.

Please be aware that the College expects families to meet their fee obligations.

If you have any questions about your fee statements or are experiencing financial difficulty with meeting your fee obligations please contact Ms Emily Hosking on 9468 3327 or via fees@parade.vic.edu.au.

Alternatively if you would like to make a confidential appointment with the Business Manager to discuss your situation, please contact the College.

Payment Options
We also offer a fully automated credit card payment service which is available 24 hours x 7 days per week. Simply call 1300 276 468 at your convenience then enter your Bpay biller reference number followed by your credit card details for a fully secure payment service.

Charter Bus
Families who no longer wish to use the service are required to forward a cancellation request to transport@parade.vic.edu.au or via a letter addressed to Mr Kevin Bourke.

Please note one full term’s notice is required to cancel your use of this service.

Email Addresses
Please advise us if you change your email address. The College regularly uses email to communicate with parents/guardians about important matters including fee statements and newsletters.

The provision of regular fee statements is designed to assist families to keep track of their payment plans and act as a reminder for any payments in arrears.

Please ensure you advise us of any changes to your email address

Mr Paul Harris
Business Manager

From the Assistant Principal - Staff Welfare and Development

College Policies
The following policy updates have recently been approved by the College Board:

1. Promotion & Acceleration Policy (an update to include Acceleration in the policy)
2. Anaphylaxis Policy

Mr Mark Aiello
Assistant Principal - Staff Welfare and Development

To report student absences daily, please call Student Services
Bundoora 9468 3342 or Preston 9416 6533
Community Action reaching out to the homeless

Winter Coats Needed
The Community Action Student Committee is running their annual St Vincent De Paul winter coat collection.

Donations of second hand coats or warm hoodies would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at College Reception or Student Services.

Care Packages
We are also making up care packages for the homeless that will be given out by the Year 12’s on their ministry retreat.

Donations of warm socks, deodorant, toothpaste, soaps, etc, are being collected and can be left at College Reception or Student Services.

Ms Anne-Marie Morello
Community Action Convenor

From the Registrar

Enrolments for Year 7 2018
Applications for Year 7 2018 are now being accepted. If you currently have a son enrolled at the College you are still required to submit an application for younger siblings. Please contact me on 9468 3304 or via email: registrar@parade.vic.edu.au if you require an enrolment form.

Alternatively, application forms can be downloaded from our website.

The enrolment timeline for Year 7 2018 enrolments remains the same and applications close on Friday, 27 February 2017.

Enrolments for Year 7 2019 and beyond – change to timeline
The timeline for enrolment into secondary school has recently changed and will impact on boys who are currently in Year 4 and younger. This will mean that families with Year 4 boys will need to make application to a Catholic secondary school in Year 4 or Year 5 by Friday 25 August 2017.

The important dates are listed below:

Friday 25 August 2017
Applications close
Friday 13 October 2017
Offers of places to prospective students to be posted
Friday 27 October 2017
Final date for families to accept/decline offers

Uniform Shop
A reminder that the Uniform shop at both campuses will be closed during the school holidays and will re-open the first week of Term 3 at normal times.

Mrs Angela O’Connor
Registrar
Parade Boys Shine At The State Gymnastics Championships

Congratulations to the following Parade students who performed extremely well at the recent State Gymnastics Championships which were held at the Victorian State Netball and Hockey Centre. Training for some sixteen to twenty hours each week, all gymnasts are extremely dedicated and thoroughly deserve their success.

- **Jack Goulding** (Year 9 B19) Level 7 Open Division – 2nd Vault, 3rd High Bar, 8th Overall
- **Oscar Snowdon** (Year 11 T07) Level 8 Open Division – 5th High Bar, 6th Floor, Pommel and Parallel Bars, 7th Vault, 8th Overall
- **Drew Aggenbach** (Year 11 L10) Level 9 Open Division – 2nd Vault, 3rd Parallel Bars, 6th Overall
- **Robert Crea** (Year 11 L02) Level 9 Open Division - 1st Floor & Rings, 2nd Parallel Bars & High Bar, 4th Vault, 5th Pommel, 3rd Overall.

Parade Students Continue To Excel On The Court

As the ACC Basketball season is held in Term 3, it’s pleasing to see a number of our junior students performing well at a National level.

Congratulations to Fletcher Parkinson (Year 8, H19), pictured right, who, as a member of the Eltham Wildcats recently won the Under 14 National Junior Basketball Club Classic.

Making up a large portion of the U/14 Diamond Valley Boys Basketball team, Ben Fisher (Year 8, T11) and Year 7 students, Lachlan Batchelor (L19), Joel Fitzgerald (H11), Liam Doherty (H12) and Noah Todd (H17), have qualified to compete in the Basketball Australia Under 14 National Club Championships which will be held in Newcastle in September. I am sure everyone within the Parade Community wish to boys all the very best for the Championships.

Rugby Union—Gala Day

A reminder that Year 7 to 10 Rugby training will occur each Tuesday after school in Term 3 until the Gala Day, and the Senior team will train on a Wednesdays after school. The dates for the Gala Days are

- Senior: Wednesday 27 July
- Intermediate: Wednesday 3 August
- Juniors: Wednesday 10 August

Students wishing to be involved should see Mr Gaut in E44 and training will be held on the Naughton Oval.

*Mr Phillip Gaut*
*Director of High Performance Sport*
From The Music Department

Instrumental Music—Semester Two
Parents are advised that Instrumental Music Lessons automatically roll-over into Semester Two. If your son wants to continue lessons – do nothing! If your son wishes to discontinue lessons, please inform the Music Office in writing (Martin.Macaulay@parade.vic.edu.au).

New students who want to commence lessons in Semester Two need to get an application form from the Music Office, or request one electronically.

Year 7 Honours Band
The list of musicians involved in the Year 7 Honours Band has been published. Rehearsals for this group of advanced music students from the Semester One Music classes rehearse each Monday at Lunchtime in the Music Department (W44). Students who participate in the Term 3 Concert and the Term 4 Christmas Concert receive a music badge.

ACC Jazz Music Workshop—Monday 15 August
Senior musicians are reminded that the ACC Jazz will be hosted at Parade College on Monday 15 August.

Mr Martin Macaulay
Director of Music

In the interests of student safety......
* Please observe all speed zones and traffic management signage whilst on College grounds
* Please follow directions by traffic marshals and parking attendants
* Please remember there is a strict “No Standing” rule for all vehicles anywhere along the College driveway

Thank you for your co-operation
We need more prayer and less aggression

Maybe I am reflecting the state of my own mind, but when I look out to our world today, I am struck by the amount of violence that seems to inundate our lives through media and other sources. We are exposed to so much violence – and even worse, there appears to be a growing tolerance and normalisation of violence and aggression.

I instinctively feel there are two strategies that can be employed to stop this proliferating contagion from seeping into our being: the first is prayer, and the second, is to be attentive to the ‘cry of the poor’. I know some of you reading this might say: ‘what is the use of prayer, it doesn’t change anything; we should spend our time actively doing something to change the world instead’. Well, yes and no! Of course we need to act, but those actions need to flow from a contemplative place in the very core of our being. If we act without doing our best to ensure that our actions flow from love and compassion, then our actions might end up doing more harm than good. Prayer is humbling, because in prayer, we acknowledge that God is in charge, and God loves the world and everyone in it. Prayer teaches us that it is God’s duty, not ours, to finish the work of creation. But prayer also teaches us that we are not free to neglect that work either. And this is where the second calling comes in – to ‘hear the cry of the poor’. We need to actively listen for the cries of those that are hurting around us.

Just this week Pope Francis reiterated his oft-repeated message that we must listen to the cries of the poor and needy, resisting the temptation to close our hearts because we are “bothered” by their constant pleas for help.

Reflecting on the miracle in Chapter 18 of Luke’s Gospel where Jesus heals a blind man who cries out to him on the side of the road, Francis noted how the people around don’t have compassion for him, but rather, “they are bothered by his cries.” The Pope then asked, “how many times do we, when we see so many people in the street, needy people, sick and with nothing to eat, feel bothered?”

“How many times do we, when we find ourselves before so many refugees and migrants, feel bothered?” he asked, admitting this is a temptation everyone has, “even me, all of us.” The hostility and indifference of the crowd “render one blind and deaf” to their brother, unable to recognise the face of God in him. This indifference and hostility can also become aggression, so that we hear people say about poor people and migrants: “throw them out, put them in another place,” this, Francis noted, “is aggression. This is what the people did to the blind man when he cried out.” But “contrary to the crowd, this blind man sees with the eyes of faith.” Pope Francis points out that Jesus takes the man from the margins and puts him at the centre of attention of those around. When Jesus passes by the man, it’s “an encounter of mercy,” the Pope observed, explaining that “Jesus also passes through our lives,” and when he does, “it’s an invitation to draw near to him, to be better, to be a better Christian, to follow Jesus.” Pope Francis finished by pointing out that he went “from a beggar to following Jesus. This is also our path,” he said, because “we are all beggars, all of us. We are always in need of salvation, and every day each of us must take this step.”

He added that “Jesus pours out his mercy on everyone he meets: he calls them, draws them to himself, gathers them, heals them and enlightens them, creating a new people who celebrate the marvels of his merciful love.” Francis concluded by urging all us to go on the same journey: “we must allow ourselves to be called by Jesus, to be healed by Jesus, forgiven by Jesus and to follow behind him

In our final week for the term, we have three events coming up in Ministry, each of which is an attempt to reach out so that we create a sense of compassion, inclusivity, acceptance and belonging in a very fractured and fracturing world.

In the past few weeks, members of our Advocacy Team, accompanied by Ms Kylie Kuppe, have been entering into discussions with local politicians in regard to Australia’s treatment of asylum seekers. We see these kinds of activities as being absolutely central to our mission as an EREA school in Catholic Tradition.

Dr Michael Loughnane
Director of Ministry
Refugee Week - 20 to 26 June
On Thursday 23 June, we will host a team of young refugee boys from St Albans for a Sports Day at Parade. Participation in sport makes us feel included, and this is particularly the case for those with refugee backgrounds who are facing settlement issues. They have to deal with homesickness, cultural shock, lack of social activities and networks, unemployment, racism and discrimination. As a result of these and other challenges, a large number of young people become disengaged.

Consequently, Parade College Advocacy Team will invite all students to come support this term's Sports For Justice soccer match between Parade (Year 7, 8 and 9 team) against a Year 7, 8 and 9 refugee team from St Albans.

We look forward to welcoming them to Parade. We will also hold a BBQ at the Foyer in Bunjil Park so that they can spend some time chatting with our students.

If you want to become involved, you could consider joining CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum). Join here: http://capsa.org.au/

If you want to read a thoughtful reflection on the upcoming elections, see: The moral conundrum of casting a vote on 2 July By Frank Brennan in Eureka Street http://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=49511#.V2M8fbt96pA

Choicez Seminar for all Year 11 students
On 22 June we will hold a special Seminar Day for all our Year 11 students. In the last few years this student seminar has been well received by students and teachers alike. Our guest presenter will be David Kobler, a gifted, talented and entertaining presenter. In a very engaging way, he explores some, or all, of the following issues:

- What is it to be a man?
- Strategies for building a positive sense of manhood.
- Tools to entering manhood and leaving boyhood behind.
- Developing positive and healthy relationships.
- Relationships and sexual decision making
- A clinical assessment of the effects of pornography
- four key issues for men: identity, purpose, self-control, sexuality
- The impact of media and marketing
- The value and dignity of the human person
- Models of manhood - becoming the man you really want to be.


Our desire is to get our boys thinking reflectively and seriously about these important issues. We believe that this is another important way Parade College lives out its mission to create cohesive communities and act with justice towards each other and with those we encounter in the wider world.

Lake Mungo Immersion for Teachers
At the start of the school holidays five teachers from Parade will head off to Lake Mungo in NSW for an immersion experience in Aboriginal culture, spirituality and history. The hope from this initial trip would be to explore the potential to develop a trip like this for students in the coming years.

Why Lake Mungo?
Lake Mungo is an area of land north of Swan Hill in New South Wales. It has both a large cultural significance to the three tribes who share in the area, the Mutthi Mutthi, Ngyampa and Parkindji peoples. Ever since the discovery of Mungo Man and Mungo Lady the area has attracted much scientific attention, more recently the area gained UNESCO World Heritage listing.

A local indigenous expert as the guide
Our time from Swan Hill onwards would be guided by Vicki Clark (Mutthi Mutthi woman and ex CEO of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry). The plan is to meet different friends and family members of hers who will allow us safe passage for our journey, help to deepen our appreciation for the land and provide us with some possible contemporary realities facing our indigenous and non-indigenous cultures today. We hope to report on the experience early next term.
Depression in Fathers

Did you know that Men’s Health week was last week? It was a week of conversation, reflection and action on issues that impact on the health of boys and blokes in our community. So we’re a week late! It’s still worth reprinting an article published in our newsletter two years ago. Please read: it might be relevant to you or someone you love.

As a community, we generally expect men in a crisis situation to ensure women and children are taken care of first. But for fathers in the throes of depression – in conflict over access to their children, or facing financial or serious personal difficulties - it is possible that the idea of ‘women and children first’ carries the wrong message. Some fathers mistakenly believe that sacrificing themselves will be best for their families. A strong warning sign for contemplating suicide is thinking ‘they’d be better off without me’. Depression can affect a father’s ability to think clearly. Fathers overcome with hopelessness can grossly underestimate their importance to their children. It is vital for men in this situation to get help and support.

**Signs of depression in a father**

- a notable change in mood (sadness, irritability, frustration),
- withdrawing from others
- work (increasing or decreasing time at work),
- loss of interest in food, sex, exercise, or hobbies,
- risk taking, or increased use of alcohols or other drugs
- feeling worthless, shamed
- poor concentration, recurrent thoughts of death.
- disturbed sleep

(Source: beyond blue. Visit www.beyondblue.org.au)

If you think you (or someone you know) is depressed, help is available. Reach out for this help – for you and your family.

**Mensline** 1300 78 99 78 (available 24/7)

**Dads in Distress** 1300 853 437 (for separated fathers)

**Lifeline** 13 11 14 (available 24/7)

**Beyond Blue** 1300 224 636 (for information on depression and anxiety)

*Ms Annette Magro*

*College Counselling Team*
Vietnam veteran Silman happily renews ties

Ken Silman, an Old Paradian and Vietnam War veteran whose whereabouts were largely unknown for almost 50 years, has made contact with the association.

In doing so, Ken has alerted the Association to the fact that another Old Paradian Vietnam veteran, David Anthony Briggs Wallis, was one of 521 Australians killed in the war - and the last Victorian soldier shot in that conflict.

Now living in Ebden on the Murray Valley Highway in the Lake Hume region, Ken, who spent seven years as a student at Parade Preparatory College from 1956, responded to the association’s public call, which featured his Christmas message to family from Vietnam back in 1970.

In truth, Ken first became aware of the OPA’s interest some 18 months ago, when it convened the first reunion luncheon of the College’s veterans in the Frank Mount Social Room by the Garvey Oval.

“I remember that I saw a story flagging the luncheon in the RSL magazine, but I couldn’t go because I was heading away,” Ken explained. “I then got a call from the Vietnam Veterans’ Victorian Branch through (Old Paradian) Jack Moore, and saw the footage of my cheerio on the association’s facebook page.”

Ken vividly recalled the recording of that film, a copy of which he has. “The film was sent back to Australia and aired on The Graham Kennedy Show,” he said. “The producers of the show tracked down the families of those soldiers featured and got them into the studio, and although my Dad had died some years before, my mother and my then fiancée Karen went in.”

Raised in West Heidelberg, in a family home not far from the Olympic Village near Altona Street, Ken declared himself to be “the very first boy registered” at St Pius X Primary School on Waterdale Road. He later joined the Flowerdale campus, one of many Parade boys from the area to do so, “and we all used to catch the Ivanhoe bus to school along Edwin Street”.

“They were happy days, I had no problems at Parade,” Ken said. “I was just a student, but I was never a bad boy. I loved the sports field, I used to love getting out onto the handball court, and one of the blokes who gave me a bit of trouble back then was Allen Pollock who later won the Stawell Gift.

“Peter McKenna was also there, a grade or two above me, and I remember playing a season of footy with him.”

With the passing of his father in 1962 Ken’s plans to further his studies at the ‘Old Bluestone Pile’ were unexpectedly thwarted. In the end, he took up duties at the West Heidelberg Post Office where he worked the counter, and later resolved to join the army.
Between March 25, 1969 and April 4, 1970, Lance-Corporal Kenneth Francis Silman served with the 110 Signal Squadron. On returning from Vietnam, he pursued a career with the ANZ Bank before calling it a day.

During his wartime service, Ken remembered crossing paths with David Wallis, also of the 110. "David has since passed away, but I saw him when I was in Vietnam," Ken said. "He was in my unit and I’d not long been in the country when I saw him in Saigon. I remember going to see him again, only to discover that he’d gone home. I believe he got wounded in Vietnam and later died in the Repat Hospital in March 1972."

Though David was listed amongst the Old Paradians’ Vietnam veterans, only now has it been determined that he died as a result of wounds sustained and as such is the only known former student lost in the conflict.

That veterans of all conflicts were remembered by the association meant much to Ken. As he said: “I’m very happy”.

"In looking at the website, and seeing the names of those Old Paradians who have served, only now do I realise that Parade has been around since before the Boer War. I also saw the names of those boys who served in Afghanistan where my own boy Michael has completed two tours."

Incredibly, Ken’s kindred connection with Parade lives on through current students Blake and Joel Fitzgerald - the sons of his niece Renee (nee Silman) Fitzgerald.

During the course of the brief to-camera Christmas video of 46 years ago, Ken sends his best wishes to the love of his life, Karen.

In completing this most recent interview, Ken advised that he would very much like to attend next year’s Old Paradians Association’s Vietnam Veterans Luncheon with her.

He also took the liberty of forwarding a series of wonderful photographs, from his days at Parade through to Vietnam and the present, that in part tell the whole of the Ken Silman story.

Of the 46 Old Paradians known to have served in the Vietnam War, only two – Gregory Robert Quinlan (born November 3, 1945 and now believed to be living in California) and William Paul Leahy (born December 10, 1945) remain unaccounted for.

The Old Paradians’ Association would appreciate any assistance in locating the exact whereabouts of these two men.
Here’s to the good folk of the Class of ’56

The first floor of Australia’s oldest surviving Irish watering hole the Celtic Club recently played host to a healthy gathering of final year Parade College students of the Melbourne Olympic year of 1956.

The healthy turnout of 37 students reflected the meticulous planning that went into the 60-year reunion, with Peter Roberts and Pat McNamara (pictured here) the drivers. Peter acted as MC at the event, and Pat delivered the keynote address, as images of the College and former students were screened on a powerpoint prepared by Paul Power.

Denis Stephenson also led the contingent in a rousing rendition of the College song whilst Kevin Rogan called on the group to belt out the War Cry for old time’s sake.

In drawing on vivid memories of the Old Bluestone Pile and the teachers of the day, Pat posed the question: “How do we know all this was successful?”.

“My hypothesis is that success not only comes in titles, honors and awards and wealth . . . there are other ways of measuring success,” Pat said.

“Some years ago, at another reunion luncheon . . . Barry Blake spoke about the class of ’54, where they claimed four VFL footballers (mainly of the Blue persuasion), four professors three priests, three engineers, two doctors, one County Court judge, four other lawyers and an architect – which is by any reckoning not a bad line-up.

“As for ourselves, it’s a different story – we had no general of the army, no professor, no County Court judge, no bishop, no Christian Brother and no MP (and there must be some good in that actually). All we could muster in 1956 was one VFL player (Brian Beers) who is here today . . . and who played in a significant game called the 1958 Grand Final.

“What we had was a stationmaster, an airline pilot, one continuing priest, one doctor, a veterinarian . . . an arbitration commissioner, a banker and a surveyor. We had two architects, two computerists and three storeman, and we had one stipendiary magistrate and three other lawyers. We had a discovery of scientists. A brick school of engineers . . . a small chamber of small businessmen, a small lobby of business consultants . . . and an occasional entrepreneur.

“We had a cricket team of accountants . . . we had a tutorial class full of tertiary academics and primary and secondary teachers and principals, we had a tearoom full of civil servants and lastly we had, almost in the majority, other regular and ordinary folk who variously and quietly went about their business and became good citizens.

“All of us, all of those who I have mentioned, were sons, brothers, husbands and fathers – and that was our prime role in life – and as I said before, honors, wealth . . . none of that counts if you’re not doing that properly.

“So here’s to the good, regular and ordinary folk of the class of ’56.”

To view all images of the 1956 Reunion, click on the link in the Image Galleries section to the right of the homepage, www.oldparadians.com.au
Picket fence to crown Garvey Oval
The sporting jewel in Parade College’s crown – the Garvey Oval – will soon glisten like never before, with a picket fence to encase the hallowed turf on Plenty Road.

A total of 259 panels – each measuring 1.8 metres wide and consisting of 13 vertical pickets (3367 pickets in all) – are to be fitted around the home ground of both the 1st XVIII and Old Paradians’ Association’s football and cricket clubs over a week of the impending term holiday in late June.

The attached image offers an indication into how the Garvey will look upon completion of the installation of the pickets.

Parade College’s Bundoora Campus is already a hive of activity, with construction of the new Nash Learning Resource Centre (originally the Nash Library) well underway.

To read more, go to www.oldparadians.com.au

Mr Tony De Bolfo
Old Paradians’ Association CEO

Upcoming Reunions
1986 Reunion Drinks, Friday 22 July 2016, 6.30pm Hickey Foyer, Bundoora Campus
1996 Reunion Drinks, Friday 2 September 2016, 6.30pm Hickey Foyer, Bundoora Campus
2006 Reunion Drinks, Friday 18 November 2016, 6.30pm Hickey Foyer, Bundoora Campus
For further information on our reunion program please contact our Alumni Officer.
Parents of Parade have many fundraising activities to support the Parade community. Community Action and POP have recently joined forces to support “Eddie’s Breaky Van”. This month we are making people aware of the chance to leave your mark at Parade and in turn support a great cause, Eddie’s Breaky Van.

**Leave your mark on Parade**

**Parade Pavers – Special promotion all profits donated to Eddie’s Breaky Van – one month only!**

Join with other members of the Parade community to commemorate your son’s connection with Parade College. Leave a permanent reminder of his time as a student or your time as a family at Parade by purchasing a brick paver. Pavers can be inscribed with the name(s) of your son(s) or your family as a contribution to the College, to remember a significant memory or milestone or as a tribute to a loved one. Pavers have been laid in the Indigenous Garden near Bunjil Park and newly purchased pavers will be laid in various new garden areas around the College grounds. POP will donate all profits made from the POP pavers purchased in the month of July to Eddie’s Breaky Van.

**Upcoming Events**

Helpers needed - please contact POP via email or phone

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<td>Woolworths, 334 Murray Road, Preston (Preston Market)</td>
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<td>Your support at these events would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist please contact Jeff on 0409 174 208 or <a href="mailto:pop@parade.vic.edu.au">pop@parade.vic.edu.au</a></td>
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**FAMILY FUN NIGHT - MAJOR FUNDRAISER - SAVE THE DATE**

Save the Date: 7 October 2016

Plans for a Family Fun Night including various games and fashion/market stalls, to be held at the College on Friday 7 October are underway. This promises to be a great night for Parade families to come together and enjoy a social evening. More information to follow.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13 July, Bundoora Boardroom at 7:30 p.m.  All welcome!

Please take note of details in this newsletter if you can come along and help and download the POP app; which is always up to date with our events >> [Apple iOS](#)  [Android](#)

**Jeff Warke**

*President Parents of Parade*

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Become an active member of the Parents of Parade Committee to support the Parade community
Calendar

The following important dates in the College calendar can also be found on our website under the ‘News’ tab

22 June
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Year 11 Retreat—Seminar from Choice (All Day)

23 June
- Year 10 RE Vocations Presentation

24 June
- Term 2 Ends
- Years 7-12 Reports released online at 3.30pm

27 June
- Finance Meeting 7.30pm Boardroom

29 June
- Parents of Parade METEC Year 10 Driver Ed 8.30am to 4.30pm

3-9 July
- NAIDOC Week

3 July
- St Thomas the Apostle

5 July
- Ramadan Ends

11 July
- Term 3 Commences

12 July
- ACC Yr 9/10 Sport
- 2017 Prefect Training Program commences
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm

13 July
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- ACC Senior Sport
- OPA Luncheon
- POP (Parents of Parade) Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom

14 July
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport
- Year 10 RE Commissioning Ceremony

14 July cont..
- VCE, Yr 10 ERRP, Yr 11&12 VCAL Student Progress Interviews 4-9pm

15 July
- Subject Selection Forms due for VCAL & ERPP
- Treacy House Mass
- Lynch Celebration Day
- Bundoora Yr 7 Immunisations
- OPA Executive Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom
- ASD Parent Forum 7pm
- Board Executive Meeting 7.30am Preston
- ACC Yr 9/10 Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Student Arts & Technology Exhibition, Banksia & Acacia Rooms
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Yr 12 Assembly
- VCAL Ministry Retreat
- ACC Senior Sport
- VCAL Ministry Retreat
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport
- Bahay Tuluyan Conference @ Parade College
- Subject Selection Assembly for 2017 (current Yr 7/8/11 students)
- Yr 12 Assembly
- 1986 Reunion
- Saturday Detention