From the Principal

The subject selection process for 2017 is now well under way. It was good to see so many so many Year 10 and 11 parents and students at the information evening last Thursday. Members of the various Learning Areas of Parade were available to give advice on subjects and courses, and representatives of all the universities were available to discuss their offerings with parents and students. Students have also been given important advice at year level assemblies about the selection processes. Students must have their selections completed and returned by the due date.

Since the last Newsletter we have been involved in the cyclical review which takes place every four years as part of the school improvement program. A report has been prepared by the panel which will assist our strategic planning over coming years. The process also involved the reregistration of the school by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) for the next four year cycle.

Last week we held the annual exhibition of our students work in arts, media, and technology. It was a great display of the talent of the students and congratulations to the students who won awards and commendations. Thanks also to the staff for their enthusiasm to give students the opportunity to display their work.

The Parents of Parade (POP) Committee are organising a Fathers and Sons Winter Games Night for 15 August at College Hall. They are also running a limited ticket raffle for a Thermomix and other prizes. See the details of these events in this Newsletter.

Dr Denis J Moore cfc
Principal

Subject Selection Evening
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING Earnest
by Oscar Wilde

25th, 26th & 27th August 2016
RIVERGUM THEATRE
Parade College, Bundoora
Show starts at 7:30pm
ADULT $15  CONCESSION $10  FAMILY $45

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Learning about Philosophy

Year 8 Advanced Placement Philosophy is a once a week after-school course that has run throughout Term 2, and will commence again in Term 3 at the Parade Bundoora Campus. It is currently offered to Year 8 Advanced Placement students, and a group of eleven students have been attending.

The course is designed as an introduction to some methods in philosophical thinking, and the classes have already focused on logic, understanding arguments, perception and problem solving. Term 3 will be themed on the Salem Witch Trials as a way of better understanding the phenomena of culture, collective hysteria and hallucinations. Additional to the classes, the group will be attending an excursion to St Paul’s Cathedral in the city to be part of a Q&A session with an eminent panel of scientists, theologians, ethicists and philosophers titled, “Just Because We Can Does It Mean We Should?”. The excursion will then move to the Melbourne Neuroscience Institute at the University of Melbourne for a guided tour.

The course offers students ways of supporting critical thinking, reasoning skills, and encouraging debate, open discussion, with a focus on literacy skills through text analysis. Students have been overwhelmingly positive about the course, and have greatly enjoyed the rich debate, problem solving activities, and exposure to philosophical methodology.

This course is open to all Year 8 Advanced Placement students, and if interested, please contact Mr Dante Gabriele dante.gabriele@parade.vic.edu.au

Mr Dante Gabriele
Learning Area Leader—Science

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

Mrs Angela O’Connor
Registrar
A Eucharist Week

"With the Eucharist, we enter into another dimension of time not subject to our measurement, in which the future, illuminated by the past, is offered to us as the unchanging present. In this way, the mystery of Christ, Alpha and Omega, becomes contemporaneous to each person in every age and time..." (The Eucharist: source and summit of the life and mission of the Church)

A Journey together to Emmaus with Mercy and Fullness of Life

In my role I am very fortunate as I get to experience the spiritual riches of the Church on an ongoing basis. This week I was on a three-day conference with EREA Identity Leaders from all over Australia. This year the focus was on the role of liturgy in our schools and we had excellent input from a wide variety of experts in the area. Of all the memorable ideas and thoughts I was exposed to, the one that stands out most is the thought that “the Body of Christ will never abandon us”. One of the central teachings of the Church is that we are all part of the Body of Christ, therefore we are “One Body”, which is why Catholicism is “a religion of the individual, always in the context of community” (Fr. Kevin Hennessy cp).

As I write a short reflection on Ministry at Parade, I am very conscious of the richness and range of this global community, of which I (as one individual) am a part. It is the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola and today the large World Youth Day Mass will be held in Kraków, Poland (about 3 million people are expected to attend!).

World Youth Day Parade students: LtoR Szymon Kardas, Yr 11 T05, Lawrence Pereira, Yr 12 T07, Principal Dr Denis Moore cfc, Conor Howard, Yr 11 L09, and Deshan Silva, Yr 12 T05. Absent from the photo is James Chesterman, Yr 11 B04.

It was just last week that we farewelled our five students from Parade College. What a wonderful opportunity this is for those students to be initiated into the vast global entity that is the Catholic Church, to build bonds across cultures and nationalities. As one student shared with the Herald Sun, “World Youth Day isn’t ‘a holiday... it’s time for us to build connections, to think, reflect and be spiritual with other people. It’s about understanding our faith better.”

Sport For Justice

On Thursday 22 June over four hundred students and twenty staff members stepped away from their usual lunch time activities during the last week of school term to support our annual ‘Sport For Justice’ event, which aims to promote greater awareness of justice issues within our community.

This year we invited a refugee team from St Albans to come to Parade to play against our boys. Sport is one major activity that can draw people together – particularly those who are settling into the Australian culture, language and traditions.

Soccer is a global sport and a global language, thus affording those from different backgrounds and cultures the ability to deal with homesickness, cultural shock, racism and discrimination.

This years ‘Sports For Justice’ focused on our junior team (specifically Year 8 boys), who saw the need to make refugees feel included in the community. The refugee team is organised and run by the Edmund Rice
Community and Refugee Services (ERCRS) in St. Albans and coached by a representative of Melbourne Victory.

On the day, the game ended with a 1-1 draw after the visitors took the lead in the first half. But Parade College equalised in the second half – which made for a nail-biting finish. The standard of skill displayed by both teams was stunning and the sportsmanship and the good behaviour of all players as well as the spectators is to be commended.

The Parade boys’ enthusiastic support for the visiting refugee team was amazing, this was particularly apparent when they equalised in the second half. The day finished with a BBQ lunch for both teams and a presentation was made to all of the visiting players.

We thank all the Parade staff who gave their generous support to this event – Mr Phil Gaut, Ms Natasha Zonta, past students Ming-En Cui and Benjamin Ferraro for coaching the Parade soccer team, Ms Angela O’Connor for putting together a great package given to the players as a token of our appreciation; the Parade College Maintenance Team, Mr Joe Marchio, Ms Anne-Marie Morello and Ms Fiona Murray for supporting the BBQ. It was a great team effort by all concerned.

Dr Michael Loughnane
Director of Ministry

The visiting refugee team with the Parade junior soccer team

This kind of positive encounter and exchange can have a profound effect on all concerned. Difference need never be a barrier to positive and harmonious encounter and communication.

This experience was also positive for the visitors, as is evidenced by this excerpt from an email we received from one of the visiting teachers:

On behalf of ERCRS and the boy’s group, I want to say a massive thankyou to yourself and Parade College for hosting us for the friendly match. It was such a positive experience for the boys, they really enjoyed themselves and the certificates were a lovely gesture. You should be commended for all your hard work. Please keep in touch as we would love to organise something similar in the future.
From The Music Department

Music Department Winter Concert—Monday 8 August
Students in all Music classes Years 8 to 12, as well as College ensembles, will be performing at the annual Winter Concert on Monday 8 August in the Rivergum Theatre from 7.00pm.

ACC Jazz Workshop, Monday 15 August
All Brass, Woodwind and Rhythm section instrumentalists are reminded that Parade College is hosting the ACC Jazz Workshop incursion on Monday 15 August. Students will be notified and forms need to be completed through CareMonkey.

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal Excursion, Thursday 18 August
All VCE, Year 10 and Classical Ensemble musicians are invited to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Open rehearsal at Hamer Hall, Victorian Arts Centre on Thursday 18 August. Please fill out permission through Care Monkey.

Year 7 Honours Band Rehearse Each Monday Lunchtime
The list of musicians involved in the Year 7 Honours Band has been published. Rehearsals for this group of advanced music students is each Monday at lunchtime in the Music Department (W44).

Students will participate in the Term 3 Winter Concert and the Term 4 Christmas Concert at the end of the year.

VCE Music Performance Trial Recitals, Wednesday 7 September
Year 12 VCE Music Performance students will have a trial run through of their end of year recitals with a VCAA examiner on Wednesday 7 September from 12.30pm in the Rivergum Theatre.

Update Your Contact Details
It is important that we have the most up to date contact details for parents at all times. If you are moving or you change your telephone number, mobile number or email address please ring our Registrar, Mrs O’Connor, on 9468 3304 or email registrar@parade.vic.edu.au to update your details.
Parade Boys Excel On The Sporting Field

Congratulations to the following students who have performed extremely well on the sporting field.

Year 8 student, Mitchell Fitzpatrick B20 was recently named the Junior Rising Star in the EDFL. Mitchell plays for the U/14’s Oak Park football team, and whilst not the tallest player in the team, Mitchell uses his tremendous vertical leap and aerobic capacity to play in the ruck. Mitchell was also a member of the 2016 Parade Year 8 ACC Premiership Football team and was part of the inaugural Parade Football Academy.

Also from Year 8, Devlin McCarthy T17 has been selected to represent Victoria in their U/14 State Hockey team which will compete in the Australian Championships to be held in Warrnambool during the Term 3 holidays. Devlin has been playing at the Essendon Hockey Club for four years, and will play in the State team as the specialist goalkeeper.

Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Event

A Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Event will take place at the You Yangs on Sunday 21 August. Any students interested in being involved should see Mr Gaut in E44 by Friday 12 August.

Mr Phillip Gaut
Director of High Performance Sport

Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition Finals

On Friday 22 July our five finalists competed in the Dante Alighieri Poetry competition. All five students did the College proud, having put in a lot of time practising their pronunciation and intonation.

Shortly after the competition it was announced that one of these students, Nicholas Comi, Year 9 B14, received second place!

Congratulations Nicholas on your incredible effort and we wish you every success with your Italian in the future!

Compliment!

Mrs Lisa Briant
Learning Area Leader—Languages
PARADE COLLEGE
2016 TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

We regularly experience significant traffic congestion in the main College driveway each afternoon.

This situation places students’ safety at risk!

Student Pick Up Zones are located at
Naughtin Terrace & Callan Court
at the rear of the College buildings...follow the signs

Possible options:

- Avoid driveway congestion, collect your child from Edmund Rice Park, beside ERC building, accessible from Milton Parade, off Plenty Rd or Cameron Parade. Refer to Melway Maps 9 & 10, OR
- For Lynch House students, travel via the main driveway, to the rear of the property to collect your son from the Naughtin Terrace precinct, OR
- For Bodkin, Hughes or Treacy House students, travel via the main driveway, to the rear of the property to collect your son from Callan Court precinct, OR
- For Edmund Rice Trade Training Centre students, travel via the main driveway to the rear of the property to collect your son from Callan Court precinct

Buses have priority at all times whilst on College property

Please note the following College protocols, designed to enhance students’ safety and efficient traffic flow:

a) “No Standing” anywhere along the College driveway
b) Students cannot be collected or dropped off along the College driveway
c) DO NOT WAIT in the driveway or block buses at any time
d) As access to the Visitors Car Park is restricted, keep moving to the rear of the College
e) Obey “Give Way” signs at all times

In the interests of student safety and efficient traffic flow, drivers are reminded to:

- Comply with all speed zones and traffic management signage and
- Follow directions by traffic marshals and/or parking attendants

Perhaps you may wish to reconsider the bus or tram transport options for your son/sons

Mr Kevin Bourke, Logistics & Environment Manager, on behalf of Traffic Management Sub-Committee
‘The Stones’

On Tuesday 19 July, Parade’s Year 8 students from both Preston and Bundoola were treated to a performance by Zeal Theatre called ‘The Stones’. It was both a funny and educational experience that taught us the essence of morality.

The play was about two teenagers that accidentally killed a man driving in his car by kicking stones off a bridge onto moving traffic. The boys later turned themselves in because of their guilt, but even though they were found not guilty they learnt the deep lesson of learning from your mistakes and actions.

The play’s message has allowed the Year 8 group to think about the consequences of your actions before you make them, to be responsible for your actions in and outside of school, as well as learning the downfalls of peer pressure.

This is what some of the students from Mrs Patuto’s Year 8 Religious Education class had to say about the play:

Jonathan – ‘I thought that when they interacted with the audience and asked them if they thought the teenagers were guilty or not was great.’

Callum – ‘I enjoyed hearing the music in the play.’

Will B – ‘I liked how they ran into the audience when acting an action scene.’

Cameron – ‘I liked the use of the stunts, for example when one of the actors had to jump onto another person’s shoulders and then one of them climbed to the very top of the ladder.’

Jett – ‘I enjoyed the interaction especially when the guy almost set me on fire.’

Fabian – ‘I thought the scene where the two kids were interviewed by the police and the actors became both teenagers and policemen was entertaining’.

Stefan – ‘The transitions from each character was really well thought out but what stuck in my head the most was when the actor mentioned why they had the teenagers talk the way they did. They said that they wanted to show us that sometimes if you can’t learn to control your mouth how can you be expected to control your actions.’

The play was a great introduction to an important unit in Year 8 Religious Education, ‘Morality’. It is hoped that the play spurs on discussion about how our actions can be the cause of negativity or positivity in our society, as well as help the students understand that they are the future and it is through the hope and mercy that they spread to people which can change lives for the better.

Mrs Natalie Patuto
Religious Education Convenor Years 7-9

To report student absences daily, please call
Student Services
Bundoora 9468 3342
or
Preston 9416 6533
Religious Vocations Panel

In late June, all Year 10 Bundoora students attended a panel of guest speakers who talked about Catholic vocations. There are four types of Catholic vocations: the Priesthood, ordained ministry as a religious Brother or Sister, married life and single life. During this panel session the concept of vocation was explored, defining it as a call from God to live our life as God wants for us and in the service of God.

Each panelist spoke about their own experience of a call from God, the discernment process they went through before finally committing to their vocation, and what their experience of that vocation has been like for them thus far. Students then asked fantastic questions of the panelists.

As our Year 10s look towards their futures and in the midst of the busyness of life, this panel was a reminder to consider their faith and the role of God in their life, and how they in their decision making can make the best choices with the assistance of prayer and reflection.

Luke McMillan was one of the Year 10 students who attended:

We learnt many things such as how God has taken part in people’s lives. The two nuns realised that it was their mission to be dedicated and devoted to God. They became aware that it was their duty to serve people in need. The priest, Father Nicholas, taught us a valuable lesson that some sacrifices are made for the decisions we make. He told us his sacrifice of being able to have kids and to grow a family were made so he could follow his calling to become a priest and he told us to think about what our duty in life is and to make choices that is the right thing we want to do. The final speaker, Matthew, is a married man who told us stories about his past and how he found himself a routine where he would pray and become more spiritual.

God was a part of his daily life. His vocation was to be holy and in touch with God more, and to search for the right life partner for him. I believe everyone came out of the panel session thinking about what the real meaning of life is and what we want to achieve. No matter what our differences are, we all need to identify our own vocation. (Luke McMillan, L08)

Miss Marita Stretch
Learning Area Leader - Religious Education

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CAMPUS SHOPS:
Bundoora Tuesdays 2:30–4:00pm
Fridays 8:00–9:00am
Preston Tuesdays 10:30–11:00am
Remember to register for the annual Winter Games Night. Please see below for details.

Also below are the details about POP’s exciting new fundraising activity. For the first time we are running a mega raffle, details are below.

**Winter Games Night – 15 August**
Registration is now open to Year 7, 8 and 9 students for the 2016 Father/Son Winter Games Night to be held in College Hall at the Bundoora Campus on Monday 15 August at 7.00pm.

Numbers are limited so please get in early with your registration. Registration and more details are available on the Parent’s Portal under the POP links.

**POP Mega Raffle**
Win your family a Thermomix for Christmas tickets only $10. Tickets will be available from the 30 July from administration and any POP member.

**Help required for upcoming events**
**Working Bee – Bundoora and Preston Campus – Sunday 21 August from 8.00am**
Many jobs around school grounds to be actioned. BBQ sausage sizzle lunch with drinks provided by POP

**Next Meeting**
The Annual Pizza meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 August at 7.30pm in Yarangabee (Bundoora Campus)

*All welcome!*

Become an active member of the Parents of Parade Committee to support the Parade Community. Download the POP app; which is always up to date with our events. Please take note of the details in this newsletter if you can come along and help.

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Pathways Education

Work Experience
At the end of Term 2 we have had all of our Year 10 Pathways students along with our Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL boys out on work experience. Again the boys did a wide range of jobs from landscaping and maintenance at Parade Preston and Bundoora, to building sites, retail stores, warehouses, factories, offices, various automotive garages, golf courses and primary schools to mention a few. The boys did an excellent job and represented the College and themselves in a very mature way. We would like to thank all the employers who have given our boys the opportunity to experience the work place and a special thank you to all the Old Paradians who have provided boys opportunities. Below please see some of our boys at work.

Founders Fortnight
This year the Year 12 VCAL boys were involved in the Founder’s Fortnight like never before. As a part of their Personal Development Skills class the boys had to form into groups and run activities during lunchtime to help raise funds for the Preston charity.

Several groups were formed and planned their activities. The activities included three barbecues, selling soft drinks, guessing how many lollies were in a jar, selling chicken wings, shooting the basketball competition, a hit the cross bar competition, x-box competition as well as the sponge throwing competition. We had one session of the sponge throwing competition and send our thanks to all the staff who were willing to get a bit wet for a good cause.

The Year 12 boys did a great job and ended up making $808 which will be donated to the Karibu Camps in Kenya.

Well done, to all the Year 12 boys involved.
Year 11 VCAL SYN-FM Training Session
On Thursday 19 May the Year 11 VCAL boys did a two hour training session at SYN-FM radio station. This session was in preparation for the boys to run their own live radio broadcast in Term 3.

During the training session the boys learned how to put together an hour program and how to construct radio segments. After putting together practice segments the boys then went to the radio studio and recorded their work.

In late May and early June, groups of Year 11 students spent a day at Highpoint Industries in Maribyrnong and Endeavour Industries in Thomastown. Both are organisations that employ disabled people. The boys spent a day working side by side with the disabled workers.

When the boys complete all components of this program they will earn a Young Ambassador Certificate which will be an important addition to their CV.

Christian Stella B10, Sage Dicello B10 & Drew Aggenbach L10, prepare for a practice broadcast

At the end of the session everyone listened to their efforts. The Year 11 VCAL students will present the Parade VCAL Hour every Thursday during Term 3 from 1.00pm to 2.00pm starting on 14 July.

If you have the time be sure and listen to the boys on SYN FM 70.9 on the radio dial.

Scope Young Ambassadors Certificate
This year all of the Year 11 VCAL students are undertaking the SCOPE Young Ambassador Program. The boys will earn a certificate when they complete three workshops with Emily Buxton-D’arcy and staff from SCOPE. These workshops help the students come to understand the life of disabled people in Australia.

The first two workshops were run by Emily and they looked at various aspects of life through the eyes of disabled people of all kinds. The third workshop was run by Emily and Lyn Rowe, a disabled staff member at SCOPE, and the boys heard her story of life with her disability.

Here are some comments from the Year 11 boys after their visit to Highpoint Industries:

I found that all the people who had disabilities were enjoying themselves at work. They enjoyed the company of their fellow workers. Everyone got along. They did many more jobs than I thought they could do. It showed me a different side of life.

Nathan Fitzpatrick L10

It was interesting, it was good to see people with disabilities just working like regular people. Everyone got on with each other and it was interesting. It was good for me as it allowed me to interact with disabled people and find they were regular people.

Gabriele Spalliera H10

I was pretty nervous worrying about what might happen. When I got there I was very comfortable as the workshops we had helped and meeting Lyn a disabled person helped. I thought it was a great experience as it helped me personally in building relationships with other people. It also helped me to have more understanding about disabled people. It also helped my self-esteem.

Stefan Celea H10

Mr Joe Herran
VCAL Convenor
Introducing our Year 12 VCAL Students

My name is Dylan Moulton T10. I go for Carlton Football Club and I play for Northern Saints under 18’s division 1. This year I am studying Plumbing and Bricklaying. I currently work at McDonalds but I might be quitting soon and become a magician for kids parties.

The classes I take are:

Literacy: Literacy is one of my favourite subjects because it’s a very relaxing subject. I enjoy the work we do in this subject.

Numeracy: Numeracy is a subject I dislike not because of the class or teachers, it’s because I struggle and I don’t really understand it easily.

Personal Development Skills: I really enjoyed Personal Development in Year 11, so I am assuming it will be really good this year as well.

Work Related: Work Related Skills is a really good subject we learn about OH&S in the workplace among other things.

Business: In Business we learn many things like how to run a business and workplace bullying and all the things that happen in a workplace.

Plumbing: I am currently completing a pre-apprenticeship and I am enjoying every class we have of plumbing because I am always learning something different.

Bricklaying: I am also currently completing a Certificate II in Bricklaying, the reason why I’m doing Bricklaying is because I think it is a good life skill to have.

I am also a member of the Preston Committee which is a group helping the Prefects here at Preston with leadership issues.

Over my time completing VCAL I have had many opportunities to do work experience. Over the years I have done eight blocks of work experience consisting of two weeks for each block. My two favourite work experience blocks were at ‘Go Tech Security’ and ‘Laser Plumbing’. While I was on work experience with ‘Go Tech’ we went around and fixed and installed security cameras and alarms in banks and important buildings. I want to go back there for work experience and hopefully gain a job from it. I also really enjoyed my time at Laser Plumbing. I worked with some really good plumbers, and I was really interested and eager to learn what we had to do for each job. Laser Plumbing would have been my favourite plumbing company I have been with.

Next year I want to have an apprenticeship with a plumber. Although, if I get offered an apprenticeship this year I would most likely take it and leave school and leave my part time job at McDonalds.

My name is Jake Pedrazzoli and I am doing year 12 VCAL at Parade College, Preston Campus. My interest is becoming an electrician, then get further training after I finish my apprenticeship and gain more modules and certificates. I also aspire to open a business one day offering electrical services and want to get further training in business training.

I am currently completing a Certificate II in Electro-Technology and I am completing a Certificate II in Business. I am also learning about taxation in Numeracy and improving my reading and writing skills in Literacy. In Work Related Skills I am learning about core skills for work and in Personal Development Skills I am learning about the six thinking hats.

My course at the school is Certificate 2 in Electro-Technology and I am learning about renewable energy and electrical circuits and plans. We are going to be going on an excursion to a power plant. The main project this year is on renewable energy and we are doing three types of it, wind power, hydroelectric and solar power.
My last three work experiences were great! I was with my dad last time doing maintenance and the two times before that were with electricians, one at Epping Electrical and the other one at Laser Electrical. Epping Electrical was great because most jobs were local and the business was a fifteen minute walk from my house and Laser was good because the people were good to work with, but the jobs were very far away, some in Frankston, which required early wake ups at 4:30am.

Next year I hopefully want to have my car licence, finished my pre-apprenticeship, have finished Year 12 and have started on the first year of my apprenticeship. Next year I hope to be working in a place I am happy with and working for a boss that treats his staff well.

Hi, I’m Joseph Rokose and I am doing Year 12 VCAL. I am from Fiji and I came to Australia when I was seven.

When I first came to Year 7 I didn’t take anything too seriously and just lazed around, but when it came to Year 9 I had to start thinking about what I was going to do in the future. I found out that Parade College had a VCAL program that does all different kind of trades and I thought to myself that this is what I can go into and enjoy.

At the Preston Campus we have our normal classes which are Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development Skills Work Related Skills and Business Certificate.

Literacy: It is probably one of my favourite subjects as it is very easy going and I like our teacher, Mr. Herran. But he will be on your case if you are late to class. In Numeracy I have found that the Math we have at VCAL program is very easy going and not too hard. But, at times it does give us a real challenge. We always get help if we need it. For Personal Development, PD as we call it, helps us develop independent learning as we have to do our projects ourselves but at times we have to work in groups as well.

In our WRS class (Work Related Skills) it is all based on the skills we need to enter the workforce, as it helps you have the proper skills needed for the job.

Business Certificate class helps us develop a set of skills that will give us an edge when we want to apply for a job.

For my trade classes this year I do Bricklaying and Plumbing. I used to do Carpentry but found that it wasn’t for me. I have been doing the Bricklaying class since Year 10 and I have enjoyed doing it as I like the hands on work and also the exercise as well. I have a great teacher, Mr Rylah, and he is probably the best bricklayer I’ve seen as he is fast and precise.

I have found that plumbing can be challenging at times and I love to have a good challenge. I found out about plumbing when my Dad took me to his work site and saw what they were doing and figured that I might give that trade a shot and have enjoyed to doing Plumbing ever since.

Work experience gives us an opportunity to experience first-hand what a job might be. This helps us to learn if we like a trade or not by being on a work site. I have done a whole lot of work experience with different companies and business.

Matt Nylon Plumbing was the first plumbing company that I went to work with. Matt is a really good bloke and has two sons who attend at Parade College. We worked at a bunch of places, mainly local.

Work Experience at Mod Cons was all about dealing with airflow which is similar to plumbing but dealing with air. They are based in Geelong but my Dad works with them. I would have to wake up early and go with one of the guys to get there on time. This is probably another industry I would like to go further into. We had mainly been setting in new homes putting in split systems and ducted heating.

I did work experience with at Parade College. I mainly worked outside when I started, cutting grass or using the leaf blower to clear the roads of any leaves. I also did some jobs inside getting classrooms ready for students.

This concludes my brief explanation of VCAL. I hope to get a plumbing apprenticeship or maybe to have a gap year and go around the world visiting famous sites as I probably won’t be able to travel if I get a job.
The following important dates in the College calendar can also be found on our website under the 'News' tab

4 August
- Subject Selection forms due Years 7/8/11
- VCAL Ministry Retreat
- Yr 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport

5 August
- Failte Program
- Student Safety Survey Years 8&11
- Tutor Workshops Years 9&10

6-7 August
- Snow Sports Championships Trial Weekend

6 August
- Transfiguration of the Lord
- Hiroshima Day
- Saturday Detention

8 August
- Winter Music Concert, 7pm Rivergum Theatre
- Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop)

9 August
- ACC Year 9/10 Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Year 12 Parent Information Evening

10 August
- Ministry Retreat No 11
- Takada Parent Information Evening 7pm Banksia/Acacia Room
- ACC Senior Sport
- OPA Luncheon
- Parents of Parade Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom

11 August
- ACC Year 7/8 Sport
- Ministry Retreat No 11
- Subject Selection forms due Years 9&10
- Year 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm

12 August
- House Assemblies
- Stella Fella Bow Tie Day

15 August
- Feast of the Assumption
- Old Paradians Executive Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom
- ACC Stage Band Workshop at Parade, 10am-2pm
- Book Week
- Father/Son Winter Games Night, College Hall 6-9pm

16 August
- ACC Year 9/10 Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Board Executive, 7.30am Preston
- ACC Senior Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Enrichment Program 4-5pm

17 August
- ACC Year 7/8 Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- ACC Open Che3ss 10am-2pm, Simonds College
- Year 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm
- College Assembly
- Tournament of Minds - Day 1 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Saturday Detention
- Tournament of Minds - Day 2 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Working Bee 8am-12.30pm Bundoora and Preston (more details page 20)

18 August
- Year 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm
- College Assembly
- Tournament of Minds - Day 1 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Saturday Detention
- Tournament of Minds - Day 2 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Working Bee 8am-12.30pm Bundoora and Preston (more details page 20)

19 August
- Year 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm
- College Assembly
- Tournament of Minds - Day 1 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Saturday Detention
- Tournament of Minds - Day 2 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Working Bee 8am-12.30pm Bundoora and Preston (more details page 20)

20 August
- Year 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm
- College Assembly
- Tournament of Minds - Day 1 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Saturday Detention
- Tournament of Minds - Day 2 (LaTrobe Uni)
- Working Bee 8am-12.30pm Bundoora and Preston (more details page 20)

21 August
- Year 10 Dancing Classes 3.30pm
- College Assembly
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TERM 1  
27 January  24 March

TERM 2  
11 April  24 June

TERM 3  
11 July  16 September

TERM 4  
3 October  20 December

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From The Old Paradians

Vale Dr John Garland

Dr John Garland, a final year student of Parade College in 1951, and believed to be the first Old Paradian to have practiced as a professional psychiatrist, has died suddenly at the age of 81.

John, who practiced in psychiatry for many years at the Melbourne Clinic, is pictured here at far left with Old Paradians’ Association Hall of Fame inductee Kevin Rickard and a 1951 College contemporary Laurie Hudson, at the Association’s Centenary Dinner in late 2014.

Laurie’s friendship with John spanned almost seventy years. “I remember that I met him in ’47 at St Colman’s, whose classes carried a mixture of people from all over the joint. We had a bloke from Bacchus Marsh, I was from South Melbourne and John was from Surrey Hills,” Laurie said.

“John was a great footballer and a champion schoolboy swimmer. He was clever, he was thoughtful and he was friendly, and these were traits evident in him from the early days.

“As far as I know, he was the first psychiatrist from the school, and Br. Francis Irenaeus McCarthy encouraged him to pursue that career. Years later, at an Old Paradians gathering at Moonee Valley, Br. McCarthy paid him an enormous compliment when he said that John was to be applauded for what he had done in easing a lot of troubled

John Francis Garland, the second son of Thomas and Mary Garland, was the last surviving Garland brother after Michael and before David and Denis – all of whom attended Parade. He is survived by his much loved wife Janice, who for many years practised as an anaesthetist.

Until the end, John and Laurie maintained their friendship.

“We used to see each other reasonably regularly, we had some lovely times together and that part of my life which was always enjoyable is now gone,” Laurie said.

“John was a great man unreservedly. He was also loyal, very understanding and tolerant.”

Vale John Plumridge, Parade Sporting Icon

John Plumridge, a final year Parade College student of 1961 who represented South Melbourne in twelve senior matches between 1962 and ’63, has died peacefully in his sleep at home. He was 72.

An old College contemporary, the 67-game former Fitzroy footballer John Bahen, fondly remembered Plumridge from the old days at East Melbourne.

“I only spent a year or two with John at Parade . . . and he was a very, very good all-round sportsman,” Bahen said.

“John and I knocked around a bit together, and he was very, very good at whatever he did in any field of sport – he was an all-rounder, a natural and a thorough gentleman even at the age when he and I were fourteen.
“He was very well-mannered and very well-respected.”

Plumridge was runner-up to Pat Whitehouse for the Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club Trophy for 1st XVIII Best and Fairest in 1961 – the same year the former took out the First XI batting averages and the latter the bowling.

The Paradian reporter of that year noted of Plumridge’s football prowess: “The vice-captain and also the second best was Jack Plumridge, a very talented footballer – a good mark and a good kick”.

And of his cricketing skills: “John Plumridge was the most consistent batsman and easily won the batting award. John is a good strokemaker with plenty of power and patience”.

Chris Glen, an Old Paradian of the class of ‘61, remembered Plumridge as a Parade sporting icon.

“John was three years ahead of me, as I finished up in ’64. He was a big name at the school, even when I was in year 9 or year 10. He was outstanding at sport. He was up there with the very tops who were around.”

Plumridge was the 863rd footballer to represent South Melbourne. At 18 years 78 days he completed his senior debut in the 10th round of 1961 against Hawthorn at the Lakeside Oval, in a team which included the great Bob Skilton.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years Bernadette. A family notice listed him as a “Loving Dad to David and Lizzy, Christopher, Natalie and Tony. Devoted Pa to Matthew, Bernadette, Sarah, Luke, Jacqueline and Elizabeth”.

Jean was pictured here with OPA President Lewis Derrico and Elizabeth Stella when Elizabeth was named the Association’s 2016 recipient of its Woman of Distinction Award, at the Luncheon with the Ladies at Melbourne’s RACV City Club on Bourke Street.

Selfless and softly-spoken, Jean was long involved with the College in a myriad of activities from the mid-1970s, and with the Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club from 1976 until the present. In the early days she and Marie Hammond ran the match day canteen - an old purple and green caravan on the mound by the pocket at the Naughtin Oval.

Jean’s late husband Des was president of the football club’s juniors and her boys Michael, John, Terry and Brendan all represented the club as players. Jean and Des also raised two daughters Bernadette and Catherine.

A statement released by the OPAAFC read: “Jean loved her time at OPs where she made many lifelong friends and enjoyed coming to the luncheons in later years to check on the progress of the current teams”.

Jean passed away following complications after a fall at her home. She was surrounded by her family in her final hours.

Vale Jean Flynn, Much Admired Woman of Parade

The Old Paradians’ Association mourns the passing on Wednesday of Jean Flynn - a Life Member of the Parade College Ladies’ Auxiliary, Life Member of the OPAAFC and mother to four sons all schooled at the Bundoora Campus.
An old teammate pays tribute to Don
This photograph was kindly forwarded to OPA Central by Ray Hangan, a member of the Old Paradians' Association Amateur Football Club's history-making Grand Final-winning team of 1951.

The photo, captioned "VAFA Dinner October 1951", shows the late Don McDonald clasping the '51 Premiership trophy in his right hand, with the B-Grade Premiership pennant providing the perfect backdrop.

Those featured in the image are from left to right: Alf Williams, Don, the President Lou Arthur, the captain Pat Scanlan, committeeman and goal umpire Ossie Meehan and the late Phil McLaughlin, considered the Old Paradians’ greatest footballer, cradling the B & F trophy.

"Alf Williams was a much loved member of the OPA Committee over many years and was on the Committee in 1936 when it decided to launch the monthly lunch," Ray wrote in a letter accompanying this image.

"The coach of the 1951 team was Paddy J Scanlan, listed in Jim Main’s book as a South Melbourne player from 1920-'26 and captain from 1923-'25; and Footscray captain from 1927-'28. His role in 1951 is a very interesting story."

For the record, Old Paradians 16.11 (105) trounced Alphington 3.4 (22) to earn the Premiership, in what was the team’s first season back in B-Section.

Don, who lined up at centre half-forward in that match, had captained the team the previous year. Maurie Considine, the full-back in that famous '51 outfit, first played with Don in 1949.

Donald John McDonald died on 8 July at the age of 92.

An event not to miss
On the morning of Friday 26 August at Eltham’s Ballara Receptions, the Old Paradians’ Association is conducting its inaugural High Tea, in tribute to the many women, particularly the mothers, who have contributed so much for so long to the fortunes of Parade College.

To mark this very special occasion, Elnaz Tavancheh, a Northern Iranian-born Hazara refugee and Parade’s only female student in 145 years, has agreed to tell her truly incredible story of a life’s journey that in so many ways is only just beginning.

Elnaz’s not-to-be-missed address is central to the event - which acknowledges the contributions of women to Parade life – and is open to everyone in the College community and beyond.

To book please go to https://www.trybooking.com/211901 and follow the prompts. Tickets are $45.00 all inclusive.

Your presence in the room would truly be welcome and please feel free to share this email with anyone who might also wish to attend the High Tea and hear Elnaz tell her remarkable tale.

Mr Tony De Bolfo
Old Paradians’ Association CEO
Working Bee
Sunday 21 August
8.00am to 12.30pm
Bundoora & Preston Campuses

Earn $60 per family credited to your fee account simply for attending a minimum of three hours
Mums, Dads, Students and Guardians all welcome

Many hands make light work... but many more hands would be better!!

We ask that as many families as possible come to our second semester Working Bee

There are many different jobs that need to be done and we cater for a range of abilities