From the Principal

On Thursday 5 May we celebrate the feast of Br Edmund Rice. We traditionally celebrate the event over two weeks and commence with a liturgy for each House and a special celebration day at the end, Friday 13 May. During the two weeks each House will focus on their chosen charity with some fundraising events.

Last Friday we held a school commemoration service to mark ANZAC Day. We remembered all Australians, New Zealanders and allies who undertook military service in the defence of freedom over the last century, especially those who gave their lives in the cause. We remembered especially the Old Paradians who served their country and the liturgy included prayers for peace in our world.

Best wishes to the cast and crew of the annual Parade musical How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying which opens on Friday 6 May. The staff and students from Parade and Mercy College have worked hard in rehearsal and it promises to be another great show.

The ACC season is well under way in soccer and football at all year levels. I acknowledge the great effort of the Parade Athletics Team in the ACC Carnival on Friday 17 April. Details may be found in the sports section of the Newsletter.

Work has commenced on the new Nash Learning Centre at Bundoora with the demolition of the current library interior and some exterior walls. The work will present some minor inconvenience in terms of access points but we are establishing alternative pathways around the works.

Dr Denis J Moore cfc
Principal
From the Assistant Principal - Student Welfare

College Winter Uniform Audit
Many thanks to families who had their sons well-prepared for the Winter Uniform Audit held on Monday 18 April. We really do appreciate your efforts, and we thank those families who have attended to outstanding issues over the last week or so.

An issue emerging from the Audit related to shirts and we would like bring the following ideas to parents’ attention:

- Some of our students are struggling to do up top buttons on their shirts – obviously there have been “growth spurts” over the last few months. Would families please check with their sons to help them meet the school requirement that top buttons be worn done up in Terms 2 and 3.

- Equally, some students find that the summer shirt is difficult to tuck in and keep in – again a requirement in Terms 2 and 3. For some of our boys, a white, long-sleeved business shirt may be a better option to help them meet this expectation.

In order to help the boys meet the above requirements, white long-sleeved business shirts can be purchased very economically at Target, K-Mart and Big W for students who may find that they need solutions to either or both of these issues.

Miss Regina Rowan
Assistant Principal - Student Welfare

From the Registrar

School Photos
We have received the school photos ordered by families and each tutor teacher has distributed these to the students in their tutor group. If your son has not brought his photos home please ask him if he has it in his bag or locker before contacting us.

If there are any problems or concerns with your order please contact National Photography direct on 9428 9420.

Year 7 2018 Enrolments
Applications are now being accepted for Year 7 2018 and beyond. If you have a son currently at the College you are still required to submit an application for any younger siblings.

Please contact me on 9468 3304 or email registrar@parade.vic.edu.au to obtain a Prospectus and application form.

If you have a son currently in Year 6 and have not yet submitted an application for him, but wish to do so, please contact me as soon as possible as letters of offer have been sent on Friday 22 April.

Mrs Angela O’Connor
Registrar

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

Parade College Scholarship Program 2017-2018

Applications are now open for the Parade College Scholarship Program 2017-2018.

Scholarships will be awarded to current Parade College Year 8 students who will complete Year 9 in 2017 and Year 10 in 2018.

Current Year 8 Parade College students are invited to apply

The Scholarship Entrance Examination will take place at 9.00am on Saturday 18 June at the Bundoora Campus.

Further information and Application Forms are available from the College website.

YEAR 7 & 8 MOTHER/SON EUCHARIST

Tuesday 3rd May
7:00pm
Banksia Room - Bundoora

All Year 7 & 8 students and mothers welcome

RSVP: Anthony.Cicutt@parade.vic.edu.au

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Parade College Bundoora
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238 Wolseley Place
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9460 8011

9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
9.00am to 12 Noon Saturday

CAMPUS SHOPS:

Bundoora Tuesdays 2:30–4:00pm
Fridays 8:00–9:00am

Preston Tuesdays 10:30–11:00am
From the Director of Ministry

One of the privileges of my role is to be a witness to all the great work students and staff do for others. Through witnessing to this work, I can see that the vision and mission of Edmund Rice is alive and well at Parade College. Here are just a few ministry-related activities that I was witness to in the last week.

**Caritas: Project Compassion**

It was wonderful to see all the great work being done throughout the school – in both campuses – to raise funds for Project Compassion this year. We have raised over $8000, with some ‘mystery funds’ still to be counted and added. One of the great initiatives suggested by the Social Justice and Advocacy Team this year was Caritas K’s. Just before Easter students held a water carrying race which attracted a large crowd on the day. Through online donations they managed to collect $1500. So a great year yet again of generosity and giving from students and staff at Parade.

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**Presentation for India Immersion**

On Tuesday evening 19 April, Miss Marita Stretch, in conjunction with Kevin and Sue McMahon, presented the vision and itinerary for the upcoming India Immersion in September. As someone who attended the presentation, I was inspired by the passion and dedication that was palpable in everything the presenters communicated with the families present.

*Right: Miss Marita Stretch, Mr Michael Van Dort and Mr Craig Seckold, with students from Shillong, India, during 2015 immersion.*

Kevin (an ex-teacher from Parade), is a very experienced leader and guide and communicated his vision and love for the poor of India with great passion and affection. We in the Ministry Team are hoping that this love will permeate into the whole school community through this immersion encounter in September.

*Dr Michael Loughnane*

*Director of Ministry*
Financial Assistance Information for Parents
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be $225 for secondary school students. For more information about the CSEF, including an application form, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef alternatively you can download an application form from the College website http://www.parade.vic.edu.au/Fees.aspx

If you have any problems accessing an application form please contact the College on 9468 3300.

If you are eligible and have NOT lodged an application form and would like to apply, please do so immediately. The closing date for applications is 3 June 2016.

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 may 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.

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
Another Win for Jayden

On 16 and 17 April, Jayden Carr, Yr 7 H14, competed in the “2016 All Juniors Swimming Championships” winning the Victorian 13 year old Backstroke.

A few weeks ago, he qualified fastest out of forty swimmers from the Metro North Region in the first heat. Then on Saturday 16 April, he took part in the semi-final at MSAC, competing against the rest of Victoria – including South, East and West Regions, winning with a personal best time of 30.78, finishing first by two seconds. The final was held on Sunday 17 April and Jayden again won with a time of 31.15.

In previous weeks, Jayden also qualified fastest for the 50m Freestyle, and gained a second place in the final by 0.04 of a second. To cap off a very successful day, Jayden also qualified fastest in the Butterfly and came second in the final by 0.07 of a second.

Congratulations to Jayden on a tremendous effort!

Mr Lucas Drew
Hughes Lower House Leader

From the Sports Desk

ACC Athletics Carnival

After winning the ACC Carnival for the first time in 23 years in 2015, the Parade team were gallant in their title defence although ultimately came up short in a very even contest in which the top five schools were separated by only 30 points.

The team did not go home empty handed, taking out the Under 14 Age Group section as well as the Junior Cup covering both the U13 and U14 age groups.

The Parade athletes impressed with their level of commitment and application to training and on event day, none more so than Jaxon Fa’Ale (Yr 8 L14) who equalled the ACC Under 14 High Jump record with a jump of 1.73m. Concurrently, as events were ran at the same time, Jaxon went over to the triple jump and duly won this event as well.

Other highlights of the day were from Ranier Pezzin, (Yr 8 T13) who completed a rare double of winning both the Under 14 100m and 800m, demonstrating not only great leg speed but also endurance.

Jaxon Fa’Ale’s record jump
Photo courtesy of Greg Kowalczewski

Mr Lucas Drew
Hughes Lower House Leader
Connor Mclean (Yr 11 T04)
U17 Triple Jump

Beau Moorcroft (Yr 12 H10)
Senior Discus

Ranier Pezzin (Yr 8 T13)
100m, 800m, U14 4x100m

Benjamin Major (Yr 8 L17)
U15 Discus, Shot Put

Andrew Howe (Yr 9 T12)
U14 hurdles, U14 4x100m

Daniel Rischitelli (Yr 10 L08)
U17 100m

Dylan Epifano (Yr 8 T10)
U14 4x100m

Markus Jovcevski (Yr 8 H14)
U14 4x100m

Uniforms for Term 2 Sport
Items for Term 2 sport can be purchased from the uniform shop at the College or directly through Academy Uniforms. Footballers require the Parade jumper, football shorts and socks whilst soccer players require the purchase of white shorts and white soccer socks. Only team members confirmed in the ACC teams are required to purchase these uniform items.

Medical Advice: Concussions, Epipens and Mouthguards
It is important to be aware of the indications and treatment of concussions sustained on the sporting fields. It is imperative that coaches are given full information of possible injuries, especially those to the head that might occur in weekend sport and also diligently report any incidents sustained in ACC sport. The impact of head injuries cannot be overstated and our first priority is to protect the welfare of our students. Coaches will be provided with information and guidelines regarding concussion with the basic rule that after any head knock, players do not return to the field of play for that afternoon until a full assessment can be made.

On a further note, ACC Sport staff should be made aware of any students who may require the use of an epipen. Coaches have been instructed to remind students to collect their epipen for any matches played off campus or on the Garvey Oval. Students though are responsible for this procedure by collecting their epipen and signing it out from front reception and naturally return the epipen at the earliest possible chance after the match.

It is strongly recommended that all football and soccer players wear a mouthguard whilst representing the College in ACC sport.

For all information on Parade Sport including match reports and fixtures, check out the Parade website www.parade.vic.edu.au/ParadeCollegeSports. For further information and ladders for the ACC, go to www.accmelb.com.au

Mr Craig Seckold
Coordinator of Sport Years 10 to 12
Our Takada Visit Reflection

Partaking in the 2016 Takada Visit to Parade College was not only a valuable experience for the Takada students themselves, but for all the Paradians who hosted. Annually, our sister school based in the Mie prefecture, Japan, sends a group of students to Melbourne for a cultural exchange in March and Parade College reciprocates by doing the same in September - an ongoing program lasting for more than 22 years.

Hosting a student from Japan brought nothing but a string of memorable moments for both schools. From the surface, the language barrier may seem like a hindrance, especially to the families that hosted not knowing any Japanese. However, due to the exchange students studying English in their schools, they are very eager to practise, making the language barrier less of an issue. The same is applicable to students studying Japanese at Parade. Having travelled to Japan last year on the September Exchange Trip, it was great to see many of our friends again, finally able to converse face-to-face rather than through messages.

When the Takada students first arrived, they had three free days with their host family as they landed during the Labour Day break. During this time, families went out to site-see with their exchange students. Some families went on road trips out to Phillip Island and the Great Ocean Road, while some families stayed a little closer to home and explored the streets of Melbourne, treating the Japanese students to what Melbourne had to offer, such as Eureka Tower and the Moomba Festival.

When the students attended school, the College had planned various outings where they were able to visit new places and have interesting experiences. They were able to experience the Gold Rush era with their visit to Sovereign Hill, where they could pan for gold. Their journey to Anglesea allowed them to surf on our famous beaches. Meeting Australian animals were on many of the students’ bucket lists, and their time at Healesville Sanctuary surely sufficed where they got to meet many of our native wildlife.

To cap it all off, we had a spectacular time performing dances and songs to each other at our farewell dinner. On their last day, they went bowling together before a very sad farewell. No one was ready to say goodbye. We all had lunch together at Parade. Tears were shed, hugs were transferred, final messages were shared and many ‘selfies’ were taken. It was time to bid farewell.

Some people don’t understand how one can make close friends in ten days. But, when you’ve lived with them, travelled with them, eaten with them, laughed with them, talked with them for ten days — you make friendships worth a lifetime. We’ve all kept in contact with our exchange students over social media. The language barrier never seems to deter us from talking to our friends. We chat as if we had just seen each other the other day, but to be honest, our time together just seemed like the other day. Many of us plan to meet our Japanese friends when we travel over there for the school exchange in September and in planning personal holidays. We all anticipate that day when we will meet face to face once again.

So, as we like to say, until we meet again

Francis Cao Year 11 T06
Alec Pernes Year 12 B05
On Tuesday 19 April the Year 9 classes at Bundoora and Preston were treated to a special performance by Brett Hunt. Brett is a singer, songwriter and educator who shared stories about his life. The most important part for Year 9’s was hearing about his relationships and the challenges that he encountered and overcame by metaphorically building a bridge. He spoke to the Year 9’s about putting ourselves in other people’s shoes in order to understand what they are going through and hopefully connect with one another to build upon mutual respect.

Brett was able to engage Year 9’s in thinking about their future career, building relationships with other people and being resilient when life becomes hard. He taught the students to build bridges, find connections, love, loyalty and hope in our family and friends. It was superb how this man could get all the Year 9’s to meditate about their past, present and future. It was great that it gave us all a chance to reflect and think about our relationships with relatives and friends.

Reflecting on the performance some of the Year 9’s had this to say:

‘His performance balanced his life story with music so we could understand it better.’

‘One thing that I learnt that stuck with me was to at least finish Year 12 before pursuing your dreams and to never leave things half finished.’

‘I learnt that wealth is not as important as relationships.’

‘I came out of it stronger because I know if I encounter something that Brett Hunt experienced I have the tools to build a bridge and become a better person.’

By the end of the performance the Year 9’s were able to learn a lot about their own sense of belief of self and others. We can’t wait to see Brett again!

Written by Mrs Natalie Patuto’s Year 9 RE Class

Musical 2016 – ‘How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying’

Tickets are now on sale through the Trybooking website www.trybooking.com/KCEL

Tickets are still available for all performances - it is recommended you book now to avoid disappointment.

ACC Vocal Workshop – Monday 16 May

All singers and cast members of the musical are reminded that the ACC Vocal Workshop will be held at St. Bernard’s Essendon on Monday 16 May, departing immediately after tutor group. Students will be notified and forms need to be completed through CareMonkey.

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.

Mr Martin Macaulay
Director of Music
Hi, I’m Jye Bates and I’m doing Year 12 VCAL at Parade College, Preston campus. My goals for this year are to try to get an apprenticeship and to also get my P’s. Some of the classes I do in VCAL are Numeracy, Literacy, Work Related Skills, Personal Development, Business and Electrical.

Numeracy: In Numeracy I learn about all the things I would encounter in the trade industry. I will also be learning about all the Maths I will need for Electrical. I will also be learning about the different things that I would actually use after I leave school. Some examples of what I will be learning are taxation and how to save money.

Literacy: In this subject we will be reading books and articles. After the reading we do questions about the content. We will improve our writing skills during the course of the year.

Personal Development Skills: In this subject we work on making ourselves better people and also look at different topics like drink driving, what we can do to help the disabled.

Work Related Skills: In this subject we learn about the different OHS documents, what our rights are at any worksite and what worksite forms and documents look like. This subject is really good because it gives us a bit of an idea of what it will be like in the workforce.

Business Certificate: We look at how business documents are set up, what behaviour is expected in the workplace. At the end of Year 12 I will be getting Certificate III in Business.

Since I moved to Parade in Year 10, I have done a wide range of trades. In my first year I did Bricklaying and Carpentry. In Year 11 I did Carpentry and Electro Technology. Since I did two years of Carpentry I got my Certificate II. This year I’m just doing Electrical because I think it’s something I would like to do as a career.

In my time at Parade College I have only been to two workplaces. The reason I have done only two is because I keep on going back to the same placements every time. One of the places I went to was called Distinct Joinery. It is a shop fitting company and they make custom kitchens, walk in wardrobes and cupboards. The other work placement I worked at is called Peter Jackson Electrical, I really enjoyed working there because there was always different tasks every day and I also really enjoyed working at a couple of different places every day.

Next year I would like to have an Electrical apprenticeship and if I’m not doing an apprenticeship I would like to be doing a pre-apprenticeship. I also would like to save a lot of money so I can go to Europe.

Hi, I am Michael Fogale. I am currently doing Year 12 VCAL at Parade College, Preston campus. I like to play sports. I play football for Northern Blues U19s in the VAFA. In 2015 I joined VCAL because I was not getting anywhere with my studies in VCE. It became clear to me that I wanted to become a carpenter. I hope that I can improve my skills in carpentry and gain more knowledge, and also finish Year 12 with an apprenticeship waiting for me at the end of the year.

My VCAL course consists of Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development Skills, Work Related Skills, and Certificate III in Business, and my VET course is Furnishings and Carpentry.

In Literacy, we do activities that help improve our English skills so we are able to comprehend and communicate with other people, clients and other businesses in our everyday life.

In Numeracy, we learn how tax works and about deductions how it will work in the future when we are working and earning a taxable salary. We learn other math equations that we actually need in our everyday life.
In Personal Development Skills and Work Related Skills, we learn skills like planning, organising, communication, leadership, effective decision-making and team skills. These skills are crucial because it will help us become more marketable. For Certificate III in Business, we learn about understanding how to run a business of our own in the future, which many of us might do.

In Furnishing, we focus on making detailed furniture and try not to make mistakes so that the piece of furniture looks good and will last for years to come. This will give me other skills for Carpentry and make me a better carpenter. In Carpentry, we learn how to use and maintain power and hand tools. We learn each step of building a house setting out, levelling, sub-floor framing, wall framing, roof framing, external cladding, installation of door and window frames, interior fixings, introduction to demolition and formwork for concrete.

All of these classes help us get skills for our life after school and make us better than the person sitting next to us waiting for the job interview. I am happy to learn the industry specific skills and there is a wider range of life skills in our course.

Hi, my name is Mark Skaf and I am doing Year 12 VCAL at Parade College, Preston campus. The VCAL program offers fantastic subjects if you're more hands-on and enjoy working independently and within a team. The program’s subjects are Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development Skills, Work Related Skills and Certificate III in Business.

Literacy is mostly doing reading and writing. You study a book throughout the year and also a couple movies along the way. Numeracy is pretty basic, you do the math that is required in your trade and it’s usually got to do with perimeter, angles, volume, area and so on.

Personal Development Skills (PDS) is where you develop your skills within yourself and offers a lot of opportunity to work hands-on offering a range of excursions and also enjoyable work such as studying movies and doing power points. It also warns you about the dangers that are out there in our world such as drugs, drink driving and so on. Work Related Skills teaches us all the things we need to know to enter a safe working site and all the dangers we need to avoid while working on site. Business is a very enjoyable subject, it is a certificate course and it can help you if you want to do further learning when you finish Year 12.

I am undertaking two VET subjects at Parade College: Sport and Recreation Certificate II and Plumbing Certificate I. With Sport and Recreation, there is a lot more hands-on while doing theory. You work with the younger students at the College, teaching them sport and also coaching ACC sports, giving them advice on what they can do better and trying to give them confidence with what they’re doing. The Certificate III in Sport and Recreation is mainly doing your theory and it is optional if you want to undertake the Year 12 exam at the end of the year, it is highly recommended if you want to pursue further education in Sports. Plumbing is a very good course and it teaches you all you need to know about being a successful plumber in the future. It is offered from Year 11.

I have been doing work placement since Year 11 and the three workplaces I have attended are, Collingwood Football Club, Jordan Services, Melham Property Maintenance.

My first ever work placement was at Collingwood Football Club and I was working with a friend of mine who works at the club, it was an amazing experience because I saw a lot of the players and how they go about their days and how they train; it was overwhelming. At Jordan Services I was working with my uncle who is a builder and the two weeks I was with him we were completing a demolition; I enjoyed it. At Melham Property Maintenance we were doing a bit of landscaping and some call out jobs, after the two weeks of work placement I got offered a position to work there once a week; I was very happy about that.

Next year I am hoping to either have a plumbing apprenticeship or continue further education in the sports and recreation field. I am leaning towards further education because I think I would enjoy it more.
Flag flies over Garvey again

Former presidents, players and officials of the Old Paradians turned out at the Garvey Oval recently, as the football club’s hard-earned 2015 Premiership pennant – its first senior pennant in almost 30 years – was unfurled in the shadows of the Frank Mount Social Room.

Players of both the Old Paradians and Penleigh Essendon Grammar teams lined up for the ceremony, after President Mike Jolley addressed more than 100 people in attendance at a past players’ luncheon.

Amongst those in attendance was Parade College Principal Dr Denis Moore and Old Paradians’ Association President Lewis Derrico. Former Presidents of the football club Maurie Considine and Keith Sharkie were also there, as were feted former players including Sam Assetta, Frank Gleeson, Brian Grills, Chris Hughes and John Tudor, together with the club’s games record holder Peter Brabender.

Pat Mount, whose late father’s name graces the room overlooking the Garvey, was also there.

Mike Jolley commended Parade College for its substantial support of the football club and confirmed that improvements to the Mount facility would soon commence – specifically the relocation of the bar, installation of new toilets and inclusion of an elevated timekeepers’ box.

“Work will begin shortly and should be completed by the end of the footy season, if not before,” Mike said.

Mike also acknowledged the efforts of Old Paradian Dale McCann, who had managed to increase the football club’s sponsorship portfolio from eight to 26, and he called on the rank and file to follow suit by committing to 2016 club memberships.

“We really need to get behind these boys – they don’t get paid, so the only thing we can do for them is to provide good facilities, good trainers and good equipment,” he said. “That’s what we’re endeavouring to do, but it all costs money.”

Senior Coach David Boundy also addressed the gathering, providing a rundown of the pre-season campaign and the way forward for the team.

Beers commands captive audience at OPA luncheon

Stephen Beers, the Director of Operations at Radio 3AW and Magic 1278 and a final year student of Parade College in 1985, recently reflected on his many years in the broadcasting industry in addressing the Old Paradians’ Association Luncheon at the RACV Melbourne Club.

With his father and fellow Old Paradian Brian Beers (1957) watching on, Stephen, who commenced work as a casual tech at AW in ’87 and rose through the ranks, talked at length of the industry and where it is headed in an ever-changing media landscape.

Not surprisingly, he drew on a multitude of tales of his various experiences, in what was a most engaging address.

The Old Paradians’ Association Luncheon has been held in Melbourne on every second Wednesday of the month since 1936. Those interested in attending are urged to contact Keith Sharkie on 0416 144 391.
Ernie’s Old Paradians a cut above

Here’s Ernie Angerame, pictured in the early 1960s putting the finishing touches to the locks of the late John Benetti, with Benetti’s cousin and fellow Old Paradian and Carlton footballer Sergio Silvagni lending invaluable assistance with the mirror.

Ernie, the much-loved Lygon Street barber who for years doubled as the Carlton Football Club’s official hairdresser on matchdays, died on Sunday evening, April 3, at the grand age of 96.

John and Serge both completed their final years of schooling at Parade in 1954, just as Ernie’s grandsons Damian and Justin Cilmi ended their schooldays at the College in 1995 and 1999 respectively.

OP making his mark for his country

Mark Bilyj is a final year Parade College student of 2003 – and it’s fair to say the Australian representative basketballer has in recent years served as a trailblazer for the next generation of hearing-impaired athletes across the country.

Now 30, Mark ably captained the Deaf Basketball Australia men’s team (the Goannas) to a top ten finish at the 2015 World Deaf Basketball Championships last July and gold medal status at the Asia Pacific Deaf Games in November. The gold medal finish booked the Goannas a ticket to the 2017 Deaflympic Games in Turkey, and Mark is justifiably proud of his team’s achievements.

To give a sense of Mark’s incredible journey, it’s worth drawing on the observations of the man himself in the following posting for State League basketball outfit Hawthorn Magic four years ago.

“I was born with a severe to profound hearing impairment (85 per cent loss) and was first fitted with hearing aids at the age of six months,” the then Magic guard wrote. “I have been playing basketball competitively since the age of eight, but before that I often played basketball with my brother. Early on, playing with hearing aids on sometimes made me the target of some dirty plays so I occasionally played without them.

“There has been a national deaf basketball team for many years now called the ‘Goannas’ but I only found out about the program in 2005 when one of my friends told me about it. I contacted Deaf Basketball Australia for information regarding the next try-outs which were held in late 2006. Following the try-outs, I was selected to play for Goannas at the 2007 World Deaf Basketball Championships in Guangzhou, China [and] our team only consisted of eight players.”

Recently, Mark agreed to participate in a Q and A (which in part deals with his days as a student at the Bundoora campus) with the Old Paradians’ Association. To read the Q and A and to pledge your support for Mark and the Goannas, go to the main story at www.oldparadians.com.au

Mr Tony De Bolfo
Old Paradians’ Association CEO
## Calendar

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

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| 27 April| * Ministry Retreat #6  
* Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm  
* ACC Senior Sport  
* Enrichment Program  
* Musical Rehearsals  
* Italian Cultural Trip 2017 Parent Information Evening, 6.30pm Banksia Room |
| 28 April| * Ministry Retreat #6  
* ACC Yr 7/8 Sport  
* ACC Junior Badminton Tournament @ MSAC  
* Bundoo Nature of Notables, 7pm Banksia and Acacia Rooms  
* ACC Yr 10 Football |
| 30 April| * Jewish Passover ends  
* Time To Shine, CEM Gala, Regent Theatre |
| 1 May   | * Orthodox Easter  
* College Musical Bump In |
| 2-13 May| * Founders Fortnight |
| 2 May   | * Musical Rehearsals Technical Run  
* Board Meeting 7.30pm Boardroom  
* My Future - Information Evening, 7pm Yarangabee |
| 3 May   | * ACC Yr 9/10 Sport  
* Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm  
* Year 7 Mother/Son Eucharist 7pm Banksia Room  
* Musical Primary School Show Day (Dress Rehearsal), Rivergum Theatre |
| 4 May   | * Ministry Retreat #7  
* Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm  
* ACC Senior Sport  
* Enrichment Program  
* The Cage, 1pm |
| 5 May   | * Ministry Retreat #7  
* Edmund Rice Day  
* Feast of the Ascension  
* ACC Year 7/8 Sport  
* Musical Final Dress Rehearsal  
* College Assembly  
* 2017 Year 7 parents final acceptance date |
| 6 May   | * Musical Opening Night Performance, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre  
* Saturday Detention  
* Musical Performance 2, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre |
| 7 May   | * The Ascension of the Lord  
* Mothers Day  
* NAPLAN Testing Years 7 & 9  
* ACC Yr 9/10 Sport  
* Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm  
* ICT Parent Workshop 7.30-8.30pm Banksia/Acacia Rooms |
| 8 May   | * Music Performance 3, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre |
| 9 May   | * Founders Fortnight Celebration Day |
| 10 May  | * Mother of the Ascension  
* Mothers Day |
| 11 May  | * NAPLAN Testing Years 7 & 9 |
| 12 May  | * ACC Yr 7/8 Sport  
* VCSSDPA Women In Leadership Dinner  
* Musical Performance 3, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre |
| 13 May  | * Founders Fortnight Celebration Day  
* Our Lady of Fatima  
* Musical Performance 4, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre |
| 14 May  | * Musical Performance 5, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre |
As we settle into our second term we began with our monthly meeting where many initiatives were raised and discussed. A couple of new fundraisers full of entertainment and enjoyment will be on the cards; so please watch this space for more details later in this term. We also wish to remind our Year 7 parents to take note of the details below relating to a wonderful event for them.

**Attention Year 7 Parents**

Please make a diary note of Thursday 2 June – Watch this space for further details to come re the Year 7 Dinner.

**Helpers Needed for Upcoming Events**

We are putting the call out to all parents in the College community to assist with the upcoming College musical - “How to Succeed In Business without Really Trying”.

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A minimum of five helpers is needed for each night. Please email or call Jeff to help with this important student event.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday 11 May Bundoora Boardroom at 7:30pm. **All welcome!**

Please contact Jeff if you can come along and help and don’t forget to download the POP app which is always up to date with our events. Download POP app >> [Apple iOS](#)  [Android](#)

**Jeff Warke**

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*Become an active member of the Parents of Parade Committee to support the Parade community*
PARENTS/CARERS OF SONS WITH AUTISM/ASPERSERS

MY FUTURE

Have you sometimes found yourself wondering what is ahead for your son and, specifically, the impact of autism on his future?

You and your son are invited to attend an information evening where we will hear from two young people on the spectrum who are forging exciting lives for themselves. They will share with us their challenges, successes and advice.

MAX was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum at age 19. Despite facing considerable anxiety issues, he was able to travel nearly 400km away from his tiny country hometown to go to University in the city, and in 2011 he graduated with a Bachelor degree in Social Sciences, followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism in 2013.

“If there’s one thing I’ve learned, it’s that life on the spectrum isn’t just about minimising the negatives, it’s also about maximising the positives. I no longer see myself as disabled. I see myself as differently abled. Everybody’s good at some things and not so good at others; those of us on the spectrum just tend to be a little more specialized.”

CARLA was diagnosed with ASD when she was ten years old. Ever since she has worked hard to adapt to society and learn to cope with the social expectations of others. Having completed one year of her BA Human Services and MA Social Work, she is currently studying a Certificate 3 in Aged Care.

“Autism is obviously a personal thing for me, and it means that sometimes life can be challenging. But the way I see it, there are obstacles in everyone’s lives. No challenge automatically equals failure. If you can try, then you can strive to lead a full and effective life. I never give up, and never stop believing that I have the potential to succeed.”

DATE: Monday 2 May
TIME: 7.00pm (for 7.30pm start)
VENUE: Yarangabee Centre, Bundoora Campus
RSVP: by Thursday 28 April to Cheema Bronzolino on 9458 3344 OR cheema.bronzolino@parade.vic.edu.au