From the Principal

A full College assembly took place on Friday 6 May at which the House committees for 2016 were formally commissioned and we congratulated the students who are serving on the House committees. The assembly prayer focused on some aspects of the life of Blessed Edmund Rice to enhance the work being done for our five nominated charities, one for each House and one for the Preston campus community.

At the assembly, the male cast of the College musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* presented to great acclaim “The Brotherhood of Man”, one of the songs from the show. The musical is a truly entertaining and professional show and there are three more performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings this week.

Students spoke about the work being done by some groups in advocacy for voiceless peoples and about the Eddy’s Café venture at Preston campus. The assembly was also an opportunity to acknowledge the sports successes of the College ACC teams and various individuals who have excelled in some sports.

The Year 7 and 9 students are this week involved in the NAPLAN testing from Tuesday to Thursday. Next week we are having a staff professional development day on Thursday so there will be no formal classes, but ACC sports fixtures will still take place. We will host on this day at Parade the ACC Junior Public Speaking Competition.

We will take some time on Friday this week to bring Founder’s Fortnight to a conclusion with a special full-school celebration at the Bundoora campus to acknowledge the great work of staff and students in support of the five College charities for 2016.

Dr Denis J Moore cfc
Principal
From the Assistant Principal - Organisation

Founder’s Fortnight Celebration Day Friday 13 May

Founder’s Fortnight concludes this Friday with our Celebration Day, which will be based at the Bundoora campus. Students and staff from Preston will arrive after morning classes to join in the specialised program. Please note that all classes will still run on this day but will be shortened by 10 minutes each.

The activities on the day at Bundoora include:

- House Liturgies
- House BBQ’s
- Celebration Activities during Period 4, Tutor Group and lunch time include: Giant Slide, Cha Cha ride, RipTide, a Horizontal Bungee Challenge, Harley Motorcycle Rides in side carts within the College grounds, ‘quiet in classroom’ activities, chess, soccer and tennis at Bunjil Park.

Students and staff are permitted to wear casual clothes and are to make a gold coin donation of $2.

It should be a great day where we come together as an entire College community to celebrate the fortnight and to acknowledge the efforts of all in raising awareness and support for many valued charities that require much needed support.

“Parents/Guardians please note that if you have any concerns or do not want your son to participate in any of the activities listed above, can you please contact your son’s House Leader and advise them.

Student Devices: A transition toward student laptops 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.

Please note that the current iPad program is still fully supported by the College across Years 7 to 12 this year. Only new Year 7 students in 2017 will be required to purchase a laptop instead of an iPad.

2018 will see Year 7 and Year 8 students with laptops, Year 9 will continue to make use of their iPad and year 10 will have the option of a transition year, either continuing with their current iPad or purchasing a laptop.

2019 would then see Years 7 to 11 with laptop devices and Year 12’s with optional individual devices to support their learning. It is hoped that this transition period allows for parents to get the full lifecycle from their purchased devices and forward plan for laptop devices for their son’s education. Current Year 7 students would still have their iPad for the next three years.

The College is currently looking at a range of devices and options for purchase and lease that will allow us to provide quality devices at competitive prices that will be fully supported by the College. 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 the wider community in 2018.

If parents have a specific query please direct your enquiries to the following email address:

ipads@parade.vic.edu.au

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 return to class or contact a parent/guardian for the student to be picked up. This is the correct procedure and does ensure that your son is cared for in the most appropriate way.

**Year 8 to 11 Mid Year Examination Timetables**
Please note that the mid year examinations run for students in Years 8 to 11 during the following time periods and are available on the Student Portal in the afternoon of 19 May.

Regular classes during the school day will not run during the exam period for Year 10 and 11 students unless otherwise specified, eg; some VET/Trade classes. Students should consult with teachers.

Year 8 and 9 classes will still continue to run when exams are not scheduled:

**Examination Periods:**
- Year 10 and 11  
  Friday 3 June to Tuesday 14 June
- Year 8 and 9  
  Monday 30 May to Thursday 2 June

**GAT:**
Tuesday 7 June - there are no formal VCE classes for Year 11 students on this day

*Mr Michael Callanan*
*Assistant Principal - Organisation*

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**Parents of Parade Meeting**

**Wednesday 11 May**

**7.30pm**

**Boardroom**

**ALL WELCOME!**
The following policy updates have recently been approved by the College Board:

1. First Aid Policy and Procedure
2. Examinations Policy
3. Assessment Policy
4. Student Attendance Policy
5. Student Behaviour Management Policy
6. Critical Incident Management
7. Protecting the Safety and Well-Being of Young People at Parade College

Protecting the Safety and Well-Being of Young People at Parade College is a new policy and replaces the mandatory reporting protocol that we have followed in the past. This is in line with CEM policy on Child Protection – Reporting Obligations.

Mr Mark Aiello
Assistant Principal - Staff Welfare and Development

Apple have identified a potential issue with several of their wall plug adaptors used to charge iPads, iPods, and iPhones. Only certain batches have been affected so please visit the following site to determine if your adaptor is part of an affected batch > https://www.apple.com/au/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/

If you have an affected adaptor, you can request a free exchange via the above site, or simply visit your nearest Apple store. Please note that you must present your affected adaptor to receive the exchange.

Parade is in the process of working with Beyond the Box in obtaining adaptors to exchange with students on campus and once received families will be notified, however it is strongly advised that anyone with affected adaptors seek out an exchange via an Apple store at their earliest convenience to avoid potential hazards.

Mr Daniel Caporetto
Service Delivery Manager

"Walking Hand in Hand With God"

Mass of Remembrance for those who have experienced the death of a child

This includes the death of a child before or after birth, or at any age

Father Terry Kean and the Bereavement Support Team are offering the opportunity for family members to participate in a gentle healing remembrance mass. This Mass is for those who have experienced the grief associated with the loss of a child. The mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church, Mayona Road, Montmorency on Friday 27 May at 7.30 p.m.

We warmly invite you or anyone you know who has lost a child, to join us on this evening. If you require further information do not hesitate to contact any member of the Bereavement Support Team.

Kaye Lock 94314041
Anne Williams 94313437
Mary O’Callaghan 94351837

Maria Welsh 94312823
Trish Alford 0413520069
Rosa Arena 94396982
Parade ICT Acceptable Use Agreement

Parade College has a commitment to helping your son become a “Responsible Digital Citizen”. As part of the process, the Year 7 and 8’s have been taken through the “Parade Acceptable Use Agreement” at school in recent weeks. Continuing the learning process for these students requires that you, as the parent or guardian, view the Agreement and have a discussion about its contents and the underlying principles with your son.

We hope this will give you an opportunity to outline your expectations as to the use of digital technologies in the school and your home. Some families have gone on from this type of activity to developing their own “Appropriate Use Agreement” for the home.

For the College to continue the process with the students we need to know that this type of interaction has occurred.

We ask that you:
- visit the parent portal
- follow the link to the “Acceptable Use Agreement”
- go through the agreement to the end where you will find a button that will notify us that you have sighted the Agreement. Please click on the button.

The College appreciates your assistance in the process of educating your son as a “Responsible Digital Citizen”.

Mr David Lovatt
Director of E-Learning

From the Registrar

Year 7 2018 Enrolments
Applications for Year 7 2018 and beyond are now being accepted. If you have a son currently at the College you are still required to submit an application form for any younger siblings. Please contact me on 9468 3304 or email registrar@parade.vic.edu.au to obtain a Prospectus and application form.

Academy Uniforms
A reminder that families are now able to order school uniforms online from Academy Uniforms. To order online please follow the instructions below:
- Go to: www.academyuniforms.com.au
- Select ORDER ON-LINE
- Your School’s login: Select Parade College
- Enter the following password – Bundoora (this is the password for all families regardless of which campus your son attends)
- Submit
- Place your order

Mrs Angela O’Connor
Registrar
PARADE COLLEGE

2016 TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

Edmund Rice College Park

We regularly experience significant traffic congestion in the main College driveway and ERC Park areas, off Milton Parade, each afternoon.

This situation can place students’ safety at risk!

The traffic congestion can cause safety issues for families who use Edmund Rice College Park to drop off and/or pick up their sons each day.

The following protocols are designed to enhance students’ safety and efficient traffic flow to alleviate congestion.

- Marked parking bays in ERC Park for use when dropping off or collecting students
- No Standing signs on all sides of the central grassed island
- Pedestrian crossings marked across ERC Park
- Double Parking is not permitted anywhere in ERC Park
- Maximum speed limit is 15kph at all times
- All traffic flow operates in a clockwise direction at all times

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

- Only park in marked bays
- Comply with all speed zones and directional traffic arrows
- Follow traffic management signage and ‘No Standing’ signs
- Pedestrian crossings must remain clear at all times
- Do not double park
- Travel in a clockwise direction at all times
- Do not block other cars’ access or egress
- Follow all directions by traffic marshals when in attendance

Mr Kevin Bourke, Logistics & Environment Manager, on behalf of Traffic Management Sub-Committee
What is National Reconciliation Week?

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

27 May — Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June — Commemorates the High Court of Australia’s landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

This year, 2016, is particularly momentous, with Reconciliation Australia celebrating a number of anniversaries—including 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia with the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1991. It is also 15 years since Reconciliation Australia was formed and 10 years of success in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program.

What is the theme?

The theme for NRW 2016 is *Our History, Our Story, Our Future.*

*Our History, Our Story, Our Future* is derived from the *State of Reconciliation in Australia* report, which asks all Australians to reflect on our national identity, and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation’s story.

*‘Our History’* reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

*‘Our Story’* reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

*‘Our Future’* reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

From www.reconciliation.org.au
30/03/2016

The Long Walk 2016

The Long Walk 2016 event will be held on Saturday 28th May, 2016 at Federation Square, Melbourne.

"We Walk Together" is the theme for 2016.

There will be a community event and free concert from Noon. Kid’s activities, craft workshops, stallholders, food and more!

Michael Long will rally the walkers for The Long Walk to Dreamtime at the 'G at the **NEW TIME OF 4.30pm**, making the event more family friendly, with live music along the journey through Birrarung Marr to the MCG.

Interested in being a **Stallholder** on the day? Contact dreamtime@essendonfc.com.au

**Dreamtime Walker On-Ground Experience Packages**

**NOW ON SALE!!!**

$120 Adults  $80 Student/Child (11-17 years old only)

The Experience includes a limited edition tshirt, backpack, ticket to the Essendon V Richmond Dreamtime at the 'G AFL match and the opportunity to walk with Michael Long at the MCG. There is limited availability of Dreamtime Experiences, so book early!

Email dreamtime@essendonfc.com.au for enquiries or to book your place!
Reconciliation Week Mass 2016

Tuesday 31 May

We invite you to celebrate National Reconciliation Week with a special College Eucharist at the Sacred Heart Church, 322 Bell Street, Preston

The mass will be a celebration of reconciliation and it will see a coming together of local schools, community groups and those involved in the Church wishing to honour this work

The mass will begin at 10:30am on Tuesday 31 May.
Light refreshments will be offered afterwards in the Church Foyer.

We hope you will be considering joining us for this important celebration.

For catering purposes, please RSVP no later than Tuesday 24 May.
Sofia Trailli, Parade College Preston Reception: 94166550 or preston.reception@parade.vic.edu.au

In the words of Michael Long:
'This isn’t about Indigenous Australia and white Australia, this is about all Australia.'

Celebrating National Reconciliation Week:
"Our History, Our Story, Our Future"
Friday 27 May – Friday 3 June 2016
Community event

The Unveiling of "Stories My Old People Told Me" "Nagada"
By Jason Kelly Mutthi Mutthi

THE MORDA

Jason Kelly, Mutthi Mutthi man will reveal some of the sacred stories told by his grandmother Alice Kelly traditional custodian of the sacred lands of Lake Mungo. Inspired by his grandmother Jason reveals these stories through art in honor of her ongoing legacy that has been bestowed upon him.

Sunday 29 May at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for Victoria
434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury at 2pm
followed by drinks and nibbles
RSVP your attendance and dietary requirements by Monday 23 May
vicki.chalabi@cmavictoria.org.au or text 0418 374 306

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A week is a long time in a very busy school. Since our launch of Founder’s Fortnight the school has been a hive of activity. We kicked off the two week celebration with our Opening Liturgies in each House. This year our House charities are as follows:

- **Preston**: Karibu Camps, Kenya
- **Hughes**: Providence School, India
- **Lynch**: Bahay Tuluyan
- **Treacy**: Father Bob Maguire Foundation
- **Bodkin**: St Joseph’s Flexible Learning Centre

The Preston Campus and each House at Bundoora had a guest speaker who was able to explain the workings of their particular organisation as well as how the funds collected are used.

Since then, each day our Prefects have organised a range of activities designed to raise funds and awareness. So far we have had bake sales, Mothers Day stalls, footy kicking and soccer competitions, sausage sizzles and even an Italian card competition! Substantial funds have already been collected in the first week alone, with many more to go this week.

But our activities were not just confined to fundraising. On Tuesday 3 May we had our annual Mother and Son Eucharist for Year 7 and 8 parents. This was a special occasion for the parents and sons who attended. On Wednesday we had a group of our Advocacy and Social Justice boys go to the St Vincent De Paul conference in Abbotsford, and we had our seventh Year 12 Tenete group go out on retreat on Wednesday and Thursday.

But the biggest event of the week was The Cage, which highlights the plight of asylum seekers here in Australia and all around the world.

**The Cage**

I think it was appropriate that we held the Cage on Edmund Rice Day. I felt very privileged to be part of it, and I am very certain that every student who participated was transformed by the experience. A series of engaging and humane speakers came to share their stories with the thirty five students who were ‘caged’ up for twenty-four hours.

I think every student present was deeply affected by the experience. I was struck by the way every guest speaker spoke of their connection and admiration for the work of Edmund Rice organisations – especially their support and advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable and marginalised in our world.

I couldn’t think of a more appropriate activity to revivify the memory and legacy of Edmund Rice during Founder’s Fortnight. Many thanks to Ms Kylie Kuppe who organised the event.
 Founder’s Fortnight at the Preston Campus

Founder’s Fortnight was successfully launched on Friday last week. Karibu Camps, Kenya, are going to be Preston’s fundraising focus. The funds to support the camps will happen through the purchasing of a book which has been written about ten young Kenyan’s who are involved with Karibu Camps. They hope to be able to generate sufficient funds to purchase two class sets of books that can be used in Religious Education classes Years 7 to 12 and possibly Humanities classes.

ERA for Change

Some parents and guardians may not be aware that Parade is part of the ERA For Change. On Edmund Rice Day we received the ERA for Change Manifesto video. This gives a sense of the power of the network to highlight injustices and to work together to advocate for positive change and transformation. You can access the video here: [http://www.eraforchange.com/manifesto-video.html](http://www.eraforchange.com/manifesto-video.html)

This video features one of our Social Justice Prefects, Deshan Silva, Yr 12 T05. It is very uplifting and communicates a powerful sense of solidarity among our EREA schools.

Dr Michael Loughnane

Director of Ministry
Night of Notables—April 2016
From the Director of High Performance Sport

AFL and Soccer Skill Development Program
To assist students in developing their skills in AFL and Soccer, I will be running Skill Development sessions on a Friday after school on Bunjil Park from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

The aim of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to simply improve their level of skill in either AFL or Soccer. The program will focus on specific needs of individual students and is open to all students at the College.

Students who would like to be involved in the program are asked to see Mr Gaut at the Bundoora campus and Mr Watson at the Preston campus for further information.

Dates for the Development Program are as follows –
- AFL: Friday 13 May and Friday 20 May
- Soccer: Friday 27 May and 3 June

2017 ACC Football and Soccer – Years 8, 9 and 10
To play ACC Sport (AFL or Soccer) in Years 8, 9 or 10 in 2017 at the Bundoora campus, students should be in an ACC High Performance class in 2017. If your son didn’t play ACC Football or Soccer in 2016, but would like to be considered for either sport in 2017, then he should attend the trials listed below. Year 7 students who played in either 7C Football or 7C Soccer and would like to be considered for a team in 2017 must attend the trials.

**Football Trials**
Thursday 26 May and 2 June at Bunjil Park

**Soccer Trials**
Thursday 9 June and 16 June at Bunjil Park

These trials are used to assess the students’ abilities and possible selection into an ACC High Performance class in 2017. All trials will occur after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and are for students currently in Years 7, 8 and 9 who didn’t make a specific ACC team in 2016. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform for the trials.

**Please note** - Students who have played either ACC Football or Soccer in 2016 aren’t required to attend the trials, as their performance throughout the ACC season is used to assess their possible selection into an ACC High Performance class for 2017. However if, for example, a student played football in 2016 but would like to try out for the 2017 ACC Soccer team, then he must attend the Soccer trials.

High Performance Classes are also offered at the Preston campus; however, trials are not required.

If you have any questions regarding the trials, please don’t hesitate to call Mr Phil Gaut on 9468-3380.

Listed below are some questions and responses that may assist in the understanding how ACC High Performance is conducted at the College.

**How are students selected into an ACC High Performance class?**
Selection is based on a combination of some or all of the following criteria;

- Previous ACC involvement and performance
- Involvement and performance in regular Physical Education Classes
- General behaviour and ability to demonstrate mutual respect to fellow students and staff
- Performance at selection trials
- Ability to uphold the school’s discipline and uniform policy
- Performance in local sporting competitions

**Selection is completed annually**
Being involved in an ACC High Performance class at one specific year level does not guarantee selection in the following year. Selection is based on the criteria listed above. This process allows developing students who may have missed selection in one year, an opportunity to be involved in the following year.

Students who are not involved in an ACC Sport in a current year, but would like to be considered for an ACC team for the following year, must attend ACC Trials which occur throughout Term 2 and 3 of the current year.
Does involvement in an ACC High Performance class guarantee selection into a team?
No. If a student is selected into an ACC High Performance class, then they are part of a specific sporting squad. Selection for all ACC teams will then come from these specific squads. Students who aren’t selected in the final team will be involved in a Physical Education practical class during ACC matches.

What does my son do if he is not in an ACC High Performance Class?
Students not involved in an ACC High Performance class at Years’ 8 or 9 will be involved in regular Physical Education classes. Students in Year 10 who are not involved in an ACC High Performance class would select another elective.

Victorian All Schools Cross Country
The Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships is being held at Bundoora Park on Saturday 18 June. Any students interested in being involved should see Mr Gaut in E44.

Mr Phillip Gaut
Director of High Performance Sport

Surviving Melanoma

On Monday 2 May, Jay Allen from the Melanoma Institute of Australia visited Parade College to speak to some of our Year 8 and 12 students.

Jay is a survivor of stage III melanoma and shared his inspirational story with us in the aim of spreading awareness. The boys were surprised and shocked to hear this deadly disease takes 1500 Australian lives every year, and is the most common cancer of young adults aged 15 to 35 years old.

From hearing about Jay’s emotional experience firsthand, students said they now understand the importance of prevention and early detection. They were going to be proactive from now on by following the five sun smart rules (hat, protective clothing, shade, sunglasses and sunscreen) and getting their moles checked regularly!

Ms Rachel Costanzo
Tutor Teach L16

Messages, Belongings & Unplanned Departure of Students

Parents and Guardians are reminded that delivery of personal items is not possible due to constant student movement in a Secondary School.

Whilst every reasonable attempt will be made to deliver important messages only, parents are advised we cannot guarantee timely delivery.

Parents/Guardians arriving unexpectedly to collect students for urgent appointments may face a delay of up to 45 minutes. Please ensure you allow sufficient time prior to the appointment.

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.
Again this year the Pathways Program has presented the “Be The Hero” program to the Year 10 Pathways boys. This is the fourth year we have presented this program to our Year 10 students. The program was conceived and designed by the Victorian Women’s Trust; aimed at young men, it is a violence prevention program which encourages young men to build respectful relationships with women and each other. It demonstrates that anyone can be the hero by choosing to live a life free of violence.

This program was presented to our Year 10 Pathways students on Thursday mornings with five sessions in Term 1 and two sessions in Term 2 and was presented by Mr Paul Zappa.

Paul Zappa is an experienced educator with sixteen years in teaching as well as being an old boy of Parade College. In 2009 Paul established NIRODAH Pty Ltd, an organisation specialising in violence prevention programs and providing support to Victorian primary and secondary schools as well as sporting groups and other organisations. NIRODAH has now developed into a significant service provider of violence prevention programs and wellbeing support.

The sessions used a number of techniques to get the boys thinking about their behaviour. As well as discussion, video clips and role play, the boys were asked to learn to juggle three balls. The idea behind the juggling is that everyone can do it if they try and to demonstrate to the boys that we only use a very small part of our brains and we need to learn to use more of our brain power.

Below please find some comments that the Year 10 students made on an Evaluation Survey they filled out anomalously after they had finished the program.

- This is a great program I have learned heaps.
- This program is fun and also educational at the same time.
- I have really enjoyed the “Be The Hero” program. It has taught me about how girls can be bullied very easily and that everyone, even me, has a means to stop it.
- I think that the program is very good and that I have learned a lot of important information about domestic violence.
- I enjoyed this program because it gives us life lessons on different kinds of situations and also how to deal with them.
- It was entertaining and Paul taught us how to build relationships.

Paul Zappa introducing a topic on violence to the students

Students learning to juggle

Mr Joe Herran
VCAL Convenor
Tim’s back—and the sky’s the limit

Here’s Old Paradian Tim Heydon (1984) at the controls of his purpose-built aerial camera, a Blade Chroma, moments before take-off at Parade College’s Bundoora Campus recently.

The Chroma, to which a 4k super high-res video camera which can also take still images is affixed, captured sweeping panoramic footage of the College grounds and infrastructure for future promotional purposes.

Tim, a cameraman and editor of thirty years’ experience at both ABC and commercial television in metropolitan and rural areas, has made a career change working in corporate communications at the Austin Hospital.

As he said: “I got emotional looking through an old copy of *The Paradian* because I remember so many I saw in old photographs and yet wonder what’s become of them – and I’d certainly like to see them again”.

To view sweeping aerial footage of Parade College, as captured by Tim Heydon’s Blade Chroma camera, go to the Old Paradians’ Association’s Facebook page.

Rohan in rare form at OPA Breakfast

On the eve of his 30th year with *The Age* newspaper, respected Melbourne sports journalist Rohan Connolly regaled Old Paradians with his stories behind the stories, at the Association’s inaugural Business Breakfast for 2016.

Working the floor of the George Harris Function Room at Ikon Park, the impassioned Essendon follower dealt with a whole range of football-related topics, from James Hird to Jobe Watson and, inevitably, ASADA and WADA. Rohan also answered a steady barrage of questions put to him, and volunteered his selections for the 2016 Premiership (West Coast), wooden spoon (Essendon), Brownlow Medal (Luke Parker), Rising Star (Darcy Moore) and Coleman Medal (Josh Kennedy).

Given that his journalistic career commenced on Flinders Street at *The Sun News-Pictorial* in 1983, fifty minutes could barely do justice to the sum total of stories Rohan could summon.
Regardless, the recollections of a reporter for whom it could truly be said calls the game as he feels it was genuinely appreciated by those in attendance – including the 56-game former Richmond and North Melbourne footballer Frank Di Mattina and his brother and Old Paradian Dom (1954); the President of the Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club Mike Jolley; and Matt Ryan, the 73-game former Collingwood, Sydney and Brisbane rover.

To view all function-related images, go to [www.oldparadians.com.au](http://www.oldparadians.com.au) and click on the icon marked “OPA Business Breakfast, March 2016” in the Image Galleries section on the left of the homepage.

“Patto” returns, says time to give back
Adam Pattison has talked of his love for Parade College and the Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club on the eve of his much-anticipated return to the Garvey Oval.

Speaking for the first time since committing to the Old Paradians as a senior player into 2016 and beyond, the 66-game former Richmond, St Kilda and Hawthorn ruckman – a final year Parade College student of 2003 – said he was truly committed to ending his playing days in the purple, green and blue.

“I have always been really keen and passionate about the Old Paradians. I feel like this is my home club and I’ve probably taken too long to come back to be honest,” Adam said.

“I love the club and I’m really excited to be back playing with the boys. Hopefully I can really contribute, get a kick and play my role for the team.”

Adam, the 2013 Don Cordner Medallist, conceded that while the lure of A-Grade Premiership success with University Blacks had prevailed, he had for the past three years contemplated renewing acquaintance with the Old Paradians for sentimental reasons.

In a direct message to current College students who may be considering joining the Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club, Adam said: “When I think about old mates from days at Parade, my days at St Damian’s and winning a Premiership there, coming back to play for the jumper is something I’ve really wanted to do”.

“I just want to put the jumper on, have a few wins and sing the Yarangabee again,” he said.

Adam articulated his thoughts at the recent launch of the football club’s 2016 season at Clifton Hill’s Royal Hotel, which attracted Senior Coach David Boundy and members of the team, together with a host of past players and officials.

Club President Mike Jolley addressed the gathering, outlining a series of initiatives supported by the College – most notably the development of the Frank Mount Social Rooms at the Garvey Oval which is to commence within the next few weeks.

Mike commended Parade Principal, Dr Denis Moore, and College Business Manager, Paul Harris, for their help and said that the football club was totally committed to financially contributing to the development. He noted that the club had doubled its sponsorship revenues chiefly due to the efforts of the Old Paradians’ 1986 Premiership player Dale McCann, pictured addressing current players at the launch (left).

Also in attendance at Friday’s launch was VAFA President Tim Nelson (a final year Parade College student of 1981 and member of the football club’s 1986 Premiership team), together with OPA President Lewis Derrico and committeeman Rob Cugno, and the club’s games record holder Peter Brabender.
40 Years on, Natoli revisits the library he opened

On Sunday 24 October 1976, the then Parade College Captain David Natoli was on hand at the formal opening of the College’s Brother J.S. Nash Library.

Pictured below with David at the unveiling of the Library plaque on opening day was Parade’s Fathers’ Association President Peter Hedger, the College Principal Br. Frank McCarthy and the Federal Minister for Education Senator John Carrick.

The Archbishop of Melbourne Frank Little blessed the building, in the presence of Senator Carrick and the Provincial of the Christian Brothers Brother Naughtin, together with local councillors, parents, families and staff members.

According to a report of the opening, which appeared in the ’76 edition of The Paradian, students previously had to cope with “rather make-shift Library conditions”.

Now, with a Government Grant of $108,000 and the generous support of the Old Paradians, the Parade Fathers’ Association and the parents of the boys, the Brother J.S. Nash Library is a reality,” the reporter noted.

“On Friday 15 April, at what was the 40th anniversary reunion of the final year class of ’76, David Natoli returned to the scene to recreate that moment in time by the old plaque.

David also took the opportunity to peruse the recently-commissioned Honor Board of Old Paradians, amongst them his father Angelo, who served their nation in the Second World War.

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

2-13 May
- Founders Fortnight
- Ministry Retreat #8
- NAPLAN Testing Years 7&9
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- ACC Senior Sport
- Year 12 Assembly & Trial GAT P1&2 Rivergum Theatre
- Enrichment Program
- OPA Luncheon
- Parents of Parade Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom

11 May
- Ministry Retreat #8
- NAPLAN Testing Years 7&9
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport
- VCSSDPA Women In Leadership Dinner
- Musical Performance 3, 7.30pm Rivergum Theatre

12 May
- Ministry Retreat #8
- NAPLAN Testing Years 7&9
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport (some byes)
- Junior Public Speaking Competition, 10am-2pm Alphington Court
- Year 11 Prefect Nomination Assembly
- Year 10 Work Experience Assembly
- ATSI Students—Identity and Culture Day

20 May
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm

21 May
- Staff Formation PD Day—Student Free Day

22 May
- ACC Senior Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm

23-27 May
- ACC Senior Sport

23 May
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm

24 May
- Enrichment Program

25 May
- ACC Yr 9/10 Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Unit 3 Theatre Studies performance to Year 10, P1&2 Rivergum Theatre

26 May
- National Sorry Day
- Ministry Retreat #9
- ACC Yr 7/8 Sport
- National Reconciliation Week

27 May
- Lynch House Mass
- Treacy Celebration Day
- Unit 3 Theatre Studies Evening Performance 7pm Rivergum Theatre
- Year 8&9 Exams

30 May
- Year 10&11 Exam Revision Week
- Finance Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom

30 May-2 June
- Year 8&9 Exams
ANZAC Commemoration 2016 at Parade College

There were three major events run at Parade College as part of Anzac commemoration this year. On Monday 18 April, two veterans spoke to the Year 10’s about their own military service and what Anzac means to them; Mr David Stevens (OP), who served across a number of deployments including East Timor and Cambodia, and Mr John Stretch, who was a conscript for the Vietnam War. Both men shared deeply and included great humour in their presentations, and the boys asked many thoughtful questions.

The second event was a wreath laying ceremony for all Year 11 students on Wednesday 20 April. This took place at the Old Paradian war memorial near the flag pole at Foundation Square, Bundoora Campus. There were a number of readings including the famous ‘In Flanders Fields’, Ms Jill Bovaird played the bugle for the Last Post and the Rouse, Mr John Houlihan laid a wreath at foot of the memorial, and a Commemorative Address was delivered. It was a chance for students to reflect particularly on the centenary of the Battle of the Somme as well as the fifty year anniversary of the Vietnam War’s Battle of Long Tan. It was a solemn atmosphere, and a valuable experience for students to see a formal commemorative ceremony which they may not otherwise attend.

The final event was on the Friday - an Anzac Liturgy held at both campuses, conducted over the PA at Bundoora whilst students followed along with a PowerPoint in their Tutor Groups, and at Preston where the campus gathered together in the MacKillop Centre. When each location paused for the minute of silence, it was a chance to remember those who have fallen in the service of Australia, those who continue to suffer the traumas of war, those who today are serving in the Australian Defence Force, and for us to pray for justice and peace.

Lest We Forget.

Miss Marita Stretch
Learning Area Leader Religious Education