This week is a very busy week. On Monday night we held the Graduation Ceremony for our Year 12 students, at which we also presented the Academic Awards for each subject and the traditional College Leadership Awards, the winners of which are listed to the right. Year 12 students provided some very professional musical interludes. The President of the Old Paradians Association also formally admitted the graduands to membership of the Association.

On Wednesday we held the fourth term full College Assembly at which we traditionally invest the new senior school leaders. The out-going College Captain, Michael Donato, symbolically handed over the College flag to the new Captain, Matthew Casamento, and presented on behalf of the students a very substantial cheque to the Edmund Rice Foundation after the 2017 fundraising activities of the students for the Nazara Hospital in South Sudan.

On Thursday evening, we will welcome all our new 2018 students and their families for the Year 7 Family Orientation Evening. We are grateful to the many current Year 7 students who have volunteered to come along to interact with the new students in their Tutor Groups. Thanks to the Parents of Parade Committee and the generous Year 7 and Year 11 parent volunteers who volunteered to help provide suppers for both the Year 12 Graduation Night and the Year 7 Family Orientation Evening.

**Dr Denis J Moore cfc**

**Principal**
From the Registrar

Year 7 2020 Enrolments are now being accepted
Applications for Year 7 2020 are now being accepted. If you have an older 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 enrolment pack if you need to submit an application for Year 7 2020.

Families are also welcome to submit applications for Year 7 2021 and beyond.

Twilight Open Evenings
A reminder that families are invited to the upcoming Twilight Evenings at both campuses.

Preston will be open on Tuesday 31 October between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. We are offering students in Years 3 to 5 a chance to participate in “Snapshot @ Parade” at Preston where they have the opportunity to be involved in Digital Media, PE, Science@work and Grammar Go.

If you are interested in applying for your son to take part on the evening please contact Reception on 9468-3300. We will also be offering tours, a BBQ, and the chance to speak to staff and students on the evening.

Bundoora will be open on Tuesday 14 November between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Staff and students will be available to take tours and staff will be available to speak to families. A BBQ will be also be provided.

Confirmation of Enrolment for 2018
We are currently asking families to confirm their son’s enrolment for 2018.

If your son is in Year 7 to 11 and not returning to Parade in 2018 please contact either myself or your son’s House Leader as soon as possible. You can contact me on 9468-3304 or at registrar@parade.vic.edu.au as we do require some paperwork to be completed prior to your son leaving.

It is important to remember that College laptops (for Year 7 and 10s) and any library books out on loan must be returned to the College before your son’s final day.

Mrs Angela O’Connor
Registrar

2018 SBAT places in Carpentry

Call for Expression of Interest - Carpentry SBAT’s
School Based Apprenticeship Training sees students doing one day of training in Carpentry and one day of work per week, with the three remaining days per week spent in the VCAL program.

There are a few places left in the 2018 SBAT program for Carpentry. Any students considering commencing a Carpentry SBAT in 2018 require their parents to register an Expression of Interest by email no later than 3 November to tony.mckay@parade.vic.edu.au

If you require more information prior to registering interest please call me on 9468-3300.

Mr Tony McKay
Executive Officer - Parade RTO
World Challenge Teams say “thanks”

WOW, what an incredible experience! In four short weeks, it is hard to believe what was accomplished by a group of thirty-six challengers from Parade College.

On Saturday 9 September two teams accompanied by Mr Athaide and Mr Hussey set off for Thailand, Laos, China and Vietnam. It had been eighteen months in the planning, including the creation of our itinerary, group fundraising, team meetings, work commitments and training camps. But, it was so well worth it!

In short, it was an extremely busy month.

16,000km by plane, 1,600km by bus, 700km train (including an overnight sleeper), 450km by boat, 30km on foot through the jungle, 60km on foot through rice fields, and countless journeys by tuk-tuk, taxis, vans and trucks through back streets and alleyways.

We cruised the Meekong River and crossed the Red River. We explored the hill tribes of Sapa and Yunnan, we sailed through the UNESCO World Heritage site of Halong Bay. We attended night markets and cultural shows. We spoke to monks. We visited temples. We had water fights. Some had a water fight at a temple. We planted rice, we ate too much rice. We danced, we taught, we were taught. We cooked and we sold our creations at market. We shopped. We bathed elephants. We bathed at beaches, rivers and waterfalls. We used terms such as: sawasdee krup, sa bai dee, ni hao, and xin chao. We made new friends!

But most interestingly, these journeys and destinations merely provided an adventurous framework to what we really discovered. We discovered our place in a team, we discovered a vastly different world and we discovered many things about ourselves. We developed a worldliness.

World Challenge was not an international tour – as we were the guides, we planned the itinerary, we booked the transport, we organised our accommodation and we managed the budget. It was a challenge of our ability to face regular obstacles in an unfamiliar environment. Where issues of currency and communication were continually presented. Our physical resilience was challenged, our intellect was challenged, and for many of us, our emotions were challenged.

Over the course of the month, each team experienced something different. The common element was four countries in four weeks and what happened along the way has provided us all with an experience to draw upon when we face our own challenges and decisions in our future lives.

We would all like to thank the Parade College community for supporting our teams. Thank-you to Br Moore and the college leadership for believing in this program.

Parade College World Challenge Teams
My Takada Experience

My time in Japan was one of the best experiences I have ever had. At first I was nervous along with the rest of my peers, but the host families were so kind and welcoming towards the Australian students that within a day we could treat their homes as if they were our own.

The care and effort that our host families put into our visit was crucial to our enjoyment of the vibrant culture in Japan and, despite only seeing a small part of the country, taught us so much about life in their great nation.

Cooking Takoyaki, exploring Buddhist temples, partaking in Japanese high school and their school festival are a few of the amazing things Parade College and St Monica’s College participated in during our trip, and helped deepen our understanding of the cuisine, beliefs, everyday life and traditions of Japan.

Learning Japanese during my time at Parade also helped me enjoy my trip even more and encouraged me to continue learning and practicing it so that I can return to Japan later in life and exploring entirely different parts of Japan.

Many friendships were formed between the three schools and so I must express my sincere gratitude to Takada High School, Parade and St Monica’s and the teachers who helped organise it for allowing this program to continue, so that the Japanese and Australian students can keep interacting with each other’s amazing worlds.

I hope that next year my family can welcome a Takada student with the same warmth that I have been welcomed this year.

Oliver Rhodes
Year 10 B01
Model UN Conference

It was with great expectation that a team of eight students from Years 10 and 11 travelled to De La Salle College on Friday 13 October to take part in a model UN Conference presented by the United Nations Association of Australia. Students from a variety of colleges around Melbourne were in attendance on a day that was set to see the students engage in a series of prepared debates, negotiations and diplomatic manoeuvres.

With the commencement of the day by our Secretary-General, the students from Parade, representing France, Canada and Nigeria, presented their nation’s views on a proposed resolution regarding the topic of Climate Change.

The students set forth their positions with skill and verve, supporting and challenging the clauses of the resolution.

With the positions of the nations stated, the delegates moved into a caucus, opening up the debating skills the students have been honing as the cut and thrust of diplomacy was played out amongst the nations.

Conducted in good spirits, the young men of Parade held their diplomatic ground with great strength amongst conflicting national agendas and sharp retorts.

All students involved in the caucus displayed passion in their responses as they sought to advance their national agendas.

Having broken for lunch, the delegates were presented with a series of amendments to vote on from the day’s debates. Calling on their persuasive skills, the delegates carefully considered multiple national interests as they voted on proposed changes.

Having concluded the amendment process the day moved to a close that saw voting on the Resolution take place.

The following students conducted themselves excellently on the day and carried the reputation of Parade College well in their deliberations

**Year 10**
- Felix Alessi (T08)
- Tom Maruff (B05)
- Pinidu Chandraseka (H06)
- Carl Perera (L06)

**Year 11**
- Devesh Sharma (T06)
- Julian Favero (B09)
- Harrison Ellks (L08)
- Samuel Currien (H01)

*Mr Dominic Hardiman*

*Humanities Teacher*
From the Director of Ministry

All are called to Freedom – Even those doing VCE Exams

I always feel for students as they approach exam time. No matter what anyone says, no matter how many times people say to us “your value is not measured by your level of success in exams”, the truth is we tend to measure ourselves by our performance.

For Year 12s the pressure is quite intense, especially for students who want to get into particular courses. The high level competition means that they have to perform if they are to achieve their goal.

So what should we do in this situation, when we are experiencing pressure and this anxiety?

I think the first thing to understand is that a certain amount of anxiety and tension is natural and necessary, sometimes we need a bit of pressure to get us to perform at our optimum level. The danger comes when we get over anxious – when we get so nervous we can’t even think straight. It is very upsetting when this happens, you feel that.

The Parade Vinnies Christmas Appeal

“I was hungry and you gave me food”

As part of our annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal we are asking each student to consider donating just one non-perishable item at some time during the coming weeks (students can donate more than one item if they wish).

Non-perishable items include such things as: spaghetti, rice, tins (beans, meats, tuna, etc), food packets; anything with over a three month use-by date.

We ask parents to support us by assisting your son when he asks to be supplied with something for the St Vinnies Appeal. As Pope Francis teaches “we are enriched by giving”. Last year we had a very generous response as this photograph attests.

Let us make this a generous Christmas for all those in need in the Bundoora region.

On behalf of Parade College, I thank you for your support.

Dr Michael Loughnane
Director of Ministry
On the 24 October the 2018 Parade College Community Action and Social Justice Prefects ran their first fundraiser: a BBQ and soft drink can sale to support the Sacred Heart Mission in St Kilda.

As always the BBQ was a wonderful success and raised significant funds for such an important cause; the Sacred Heart Mission does brilliant work with those on the margins of our society.

Overall, the contribution made by large numbers of the Parade College community was significant, whether it be through cooking the snags, serving, or simply purchasing a sausage or a can of drink to support a good cause.

A total of $562 was raised. A big thank you to all involved!

Vincent Natalizio - Year 11 L05
2018 Community Action Prefect
**From the Business Manager**

**2018 Tuition Fees**
Invoices for 2018 tuition fees will be emailed during the first week of November, hard copies will be posted following this. If you do not receive your invoice please contact Emily Hosking on 9468 3327.

Generous discounts are available to families who wish to pay their invoices in full. The discount is also extended for Charter Bus invoices.

Please be aware some additional charges are levied throughout the year, eg; private music lessons, and a separate payment is required for these.

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 an appointment with the Business Manager to discuss your situation, please contact the College.

**Please Advise Change to your Email Address**
The College is emailing fee statements of account monthly. This will 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 as this is also the address used for the College Newsletter.

*Mr Paul Harris*
*Business Manager*

**Host a Japanese Student**

**Takada Japan—School Exchange**
In March 2018 Takada High School will visit Parade College for the twenty-fourth year.

Would you consider opening your home to a Japanese student for thirteen days (17 to 29 March), providing your family with a great cultural experience and providing a Japanese student the opportunity to immerse themselves in Australian lifestyle?

It will be a rewarding and valuable experience for your whole family.

Please contact Mrs Lisa Briant if you would like to know more, or be considered for this, either by phoning 9468-3283, or by email lisa.briant@parade.vic.edu.au

*Mrs Lisa Briant*
*Learning Area Leader - Languages*

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To report student absences please call Student Services
Bundoora 9468 3342
Preston 9416 6533
From the Logistics and Environment Manager

2018 College Bus Network
Families who may be considering accessing any of our Charter or PTV bus services next year, should make contact with me on 9468-3372 at the earliest opportunity to apply.

Some charter bus routes are close to full capacity, so an early application may avoid disappointment.

If you wish to continue using our PTV bus network, you need to do nothing.

It will be presumed that families who currently use our Charter bus services will continue on in 2018 and will receive an Invoice in November.

If you wish to discontinue your access to the Charter bus network, please make contact with me to cancel the service, in writing or by email to transport@parade.vic.edu.au at the earliest opportunity.

If you wish to change PTV routes or cancel some PTV routes, please make contact with Mr Bourke, in writing or by e-mail to transport@parade.vic.edu.au, at the earliest opportunity.

Year 9 Outdoor Education
Yarangabee Anglesea-Angahook Experience - Monday 27 November to Friday 1 December
In recent days Year 9 families should have received an Information Pack by mail regarding the forthcoming Outdoor Education Program.

The Information Pack includes all the relevant information, including a Student Agreement and Parent Permission form, the Confidential Student Medical Report and a Student Buddy Request form.

You will see that the exciting five day program includes a wide range of challenging and enjoyable activities for students of all skills and abilities.

We ask that every family takes a few minutes to read the information carefully, fill out completely and sign the necessary documents, then return them to the College at the earliest opportunity - ideally by this week.

Preston students can take the signed documents back to their Religious Education teacher.

Bundoora students should place the signed documents in the Outdoor Education “drop box” outside office W2, at the Waterford complex.

If you wish, families from either campus can return the documents directly by mail.

Please ensure they are addressed to the Logistics Manager Parade College, 1436 Plenty Road, Bundoora 3083

If you have any questions about the Yarangabee Anglesea-Otways Experience, please contact me directly on 9468-3372.

If you have not yet received your Information Pack, please contact me urgently.

Mr Kevin Bourke
Logistics & Environment Manager

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
Sports @ Preston Campus

And just like that the Term 3 ACC season is over!

Congratulations to all boys who participated in the array of sports offered, not just the traditional Term 3 sports of Hockey, Table Tennis and Basketball, but also Cross Country and Clay Target Shooting. The students and coaches did a fantastic job and performed extremely well, but more importantly, played with the right spirit.

It is important to celebrate our successes and in particular our Year 8 cohort who performed extremely well. We were premiers in both Year 8 Hockey and Year 8 Basketball, were unlucky to miss out on a Grand Final in Year 7 Basketball and also had Samuel Russo (Yr 8 T20) finish in the top three in the Victoria in Clay Target Shooting. Congratulations again to all of the students and staff involved in the various teams throughout Term 3.

Sport at Preston Campus continues to improve as do our facilities. Works have commenced on the Ambrose Treacy Oval, and the Basketball Courts are now open for the students to use.

The new synthetic surface will allow for a multitude of sports to be enjoyed year-round, without the need for maintenance closures which is a great step forward.

We look forward to inviting you and your son(s) to an evening early in the new year to ‘road-test’ the new and exciting facilities.

Finally, thanks to all parents for your support of the Sports Program.

Mr Paul Watson
Sports Coordinator - Preston
We are currently moving into a very important phase in our Year 12s lives; a time of reflection as well as looking towards the future.

We celebrated as a House at our Farewell Assembly last Friday by reflecting upon their time here at Parade and we prayed for our students as they continue the transition into adult life.

We took this opportunity to thank our current Hughes Prefect Team and Captains for their contributions to Hughes House and the entire Parade College community.

I would like to specifically give gratitude to our 2017 House Captain and Vice-Captain, Luke Stella H07 and Kai Wallens H02 for their tireless efforts and contemporary initiatives throughout 2017.

We also used this important time to welcome our 2018 House Captain Kamalakar Ravi H08 and our Vice Captain Anthony Fernando H08 Hughes Vice-Captain and wish them all the best for their future leadership in 2018.

Mr Jacob Williams
Hughes Upper House Leader

Handing over of the Hughes flag to our 2018 House Captains.
VCAL consists of four core subjects, Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills, and Personal Development Skills. We also offer to all VCAL students a Business Certificate II Course, all of these classes are offered at the Preston Campus. Here is the last instalment where we share with you some of the VET (Vocational Education and Training) areas our boys have been working in and what they plan to do next year.

**Mr Joe Herran**
VCAL Convenor

**Certificate II and Certificate III Building and Construction (Carpentry) Pre-Apprenticeship**

This course is offered at the Edmund Rice Trade Centre and boys may begin this course in Year 10 as did many of our Year 12 students are completing their third year in this VET subject. Here are some thoughts from our Year 12 VCAL class as they prepare to finish their secondary school career.

**Ben Anderson L10**
VCAL has helped me to develop my Carpentry skills. Next year I plan to be a first year Apprentice.

**Conor McNicholl H10**
VCAL has given me many opportunities that I would not have been able to have elsewhere. Next year I plan to start a Carpentry Apprenticeship.

**Oskar Melis L10**
VCAL has been good for me, as it has given me lots of opportunities and projects to feel proud of. In 2018, I will be continuing my apprenticeship in Carpentry and achieving other goals.

Some of our Carpentry students above—L-R Marcus Khoury T10, Nicholas Argetto L10, Oskar Melis L10 and Benjamin Anderson L10
Max Michelini B10
VCAL has been good for me because it suits my type of learning and has given me opportunities for a pathway after high school.

Nicholas Argetto L10
VCAL has opened up opportunities for me that I never would have had if I did VCE. It has also taught me a number of life lessons. Next year I plan to do my first year in Carpentry as an Apprentice.

Joe Vitalleri H10
VCAL has helped me to find myself a job after I finish school. Next year, I plan to start my Shopfitting Apprenticeship.

Marcus Lentini H10
VCAL has helped me decide what I want to do after high school and given me a clear vision of the future. Next year I will do a Carpentry Apprenticeship.

Jake D’Arro L10
VCAL has provided opportunities for me to get a trade certificate and it is fun to participate in. Next year I plan to get an Apprenticeship in Carpentry.

Marcus Khoury T10
VCAL has been good for me because it has given me many opportunities to experience many different activities. Next year I plan on working with the family business and become a full time worker.

Certificate III in Information, Digital Media, and Technology SBAT
This school based traineeship aims to provide skills in the use of a range of technologies. Completion of this course provides the foundation skills to undertake a large variety of high IT and administration qualifications to create career pathways in the IT industry. This program comprises of one day in the workplace and one day in class, with the remaining three days in the VCAL program

Nathan Walter T10
VCAL has been good for me because I get to learn skills that I can use in the workplace. I get to spend one day a week at a workplace. Next year I plan to finish my Business Certificate course at TAFE.

Zachary Coleman-Grantham T10
VCAL has been good to me because there are many opportunities available that I am interested in. Next year I plan to continue to study IT and expand my knowledge.

Tyler Carlucci B10
VCAL has given me the opportunity to be successful in the future. Next year I plan to continue my education and work part-time.

Joseph Pua B10
VCAL has been good to me because it has allowed me to work and earn some money. Next year, I will be doing a TAFE course studying Business and IT.

Lawrence Fleri H10
VCAL has given me the freedom to try new things and see what I like. Next year I will start an Apprenticeship in Telecommunications and Engineering.
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Joshua McCormick H10
VCAL has provided a practical, hands-on learning experience for me. Next year I plan to continue my IT course.

Nicholas Doulos H10
VCAL has been good for me because it is helping me to learn so many things in IT. Next year I plan on going on to further education and get a job.

Adam LaRosa H10
VCAL will allow me to obtain a Year 12 certificate without the stress of exams. At the same time being provided with many opportunities making me more employable. Next year I plan to work full time using the knowledge I have learned in IT classes.

Stefan Celea H10
VCAL has helped to restore my confidence. I have changed, as a person I am feeling secure in myself. Next year I plan to continue working part-time at my current workplace and continue my education in IT.

Different Pathways
Many of the Year 12 students have decided to do something quite different from the majority of their classmates. These boys have some very specific ideas and are planning to move into less traditional sorts of areas of work and study next year.

Following are comments by this group of boys about their VCAL experience and what they plan on doing next year.

Renaldo Kunda T10
VCAL has reduced my stress levels and allowed me to work at my own pace. Next year I plan on going into a Business Course and continues to expand my knowledge.

Oliver Stapleton T10
VCAL has allowed me to have flexibility in my life. Next year I am going to take a gap year and travel.
VCAL has given me opportunities that VCE could not and has given me a head start with my life. Next year I plan to start a Real Estate career.

Sam Stranges H10
VCAL has given me a chance to learn new skills and has given me the opportunity to get a job when I leave school. Next year I hope to get a Bricklaying Apprenticeship.

Hai Chen Zhu H10
VCAL has been a life-changing course for me. In VCE, I never got the chance to show my real talent but VCAL has given me the opportunity to show what I have to offer. Next year I am planning to get a Hospitality Apprenticeship and hopefully become a top Chef.

Minh Le L10
VCAL has given me opportunities to experience something new and train me to explore things. Next year I plan to continue my education at TAFE.

Gabriel Spalliera H10
VCAL has given me many experiences in life. I have learned so much. Next year I hope to continue with my Motor Bike Apprenticeship.

Final note from Joe Herran, VCAL Convenor
I hope you have enjoyed the series of highlights on this year’s VCAL students, as they have appeared over the last few newsletters.

It has been an honour to work with these boys, some of whom have been in VCAL classes for only one year and a great number of them who have been in VCAL classes for two years. I am very proud to have watched them grow into such fine young men.

I wish them the very best of luck as they leave Parade and make their mark on the world.
Churinga Football Match

For several years the Year 12 VCAL students have been involved in the big Churinga Bombers/Brimbank Bulldogs Football Match.

Churinga and Brimbank are two day centres for young disabled adults. Each year the Year 12 VCAL Parade boys train, during Term 3, the guys from Churinga and Brimbank, this year, were trained by the VCAL students from Copperfield College.

On Friday 15 September the match was played on the Garvey Oval at the Bundoora Campus. The Year 12 VCAL boys ran the day.

The Year 12s not only coached, but some of the boys played in the game. There were a number of other jobs that the boys did to prepare for the game. A group went to AFL footy clubs and got donations and created some showbags with posters and other items from AFL clubs. Others ran the barbeque while others organised the umpiring and all the equipment used for the day. We also had boys running the scoreboard, decorating the rooms and the field, setting up chairs and also generally helping to make our guests from the two centres feel at home. One group organised some games after the football match for those who could not be a part of the football match. We had a few hundred spectators for the game as clients from both centres came to watch the game, as well as parents and families and friends of the players.

It was a hard fought game and Brimbank won the match by three points in the end. But this football game is not about winning or losing; it is all about participating, and the players from both teams did an outstanding job.

After the match, everyone was invited to have a barbeque lunch, which was cooked and served by the VCAL boys. After lunch, we had a handball competition and other games for people who were too disabled to be involved in the footy match and our prizes were then given out.
We must thank Ms Morello for her help prior to the day and for helping to organise the boys and all of her work on the day. Also thanks to Mr Nicholls, Mr Mahoney, and Mr Dunn, who all helped during the day.

After the event, the boys wrote about how they felt about this experience and here are some of their reflections:

When I had a look around at everyone participating, everybody had a smile on their face, which really made me happy to be a part of this event. Everyone at the event had a job to do and came together to hold an occasion that I am sure they will remember for a long time. Overall, it has been a wonderful experience getting to know all the Churinga people and it has really opened my eyes to help the people who are in need. Nicholas Argetto L10

The event went amazing and it was so awesome. People had such a great time, and there was plenty for everyone to do on the day. Joshua Ballinger H10

At the end of the day the event was a major success, the participants had fun, the boys completed all tasks successfully and at a high standard and this will also be a major event that will stay in our memories as part of our Journey in VCAL. Ari Blias B10

Churinga was a great day overall and was one of the better experiences throughout the year. Unfortunately, the Churinga Bombers fell a couple of points short but it was good to see the boys get out there and put on a terrific performance for all of the fans. Max Michelini B10

The whole day was very eventful and different, it was very humbling seeing the smiles on their faces and seeing we did a good deed for some people who have a very tough and different life compared to myself.

Mr Joe Herran
VCAL Convenor

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." (John Wesley)
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is a program that encourages reading by Victorian students. It is available and structured for preps to Year 10. 2017 was a successful year for Parade’s participation in the PRC with 6410 books read and 131 students completing the Challenge.

Students not only improved their own literacy by reading at least fifteen books, but they also showed considerable school and House spirit, each earning house points for the Ambrose Treacy Cup. Almost a third of Year 7 completed the PRC. It should be noted that sixty students completed the challenge in Term 2 and won early bonus house points.

Lynch House had the most students complete the challenge while Treacy House read the most books. Mrs Lisa Briant’s T19 was the Tutor Group with the most readers, followed closely by B21 and L16. Ms Christina Marazita’s Year 7 Advanced Placement English had the most readers with twenty three out of twenty eight students completing the Challenge. Two students read over one hundred books and won medals.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge Reader badges supplied by the PRC for Achievement and Participation were won by:

Dalton Sanderson Year 7 B11
Demetrius Vrakas-Poulopoulos Year 7 B12
Andre Thomas Year 7 B14
Paolo Inturrisi Year 9 B16
Pranav Praveen Year 7 B18
Jaden Menezes Year 7 H13
Zach Delzoppo Year 7 H18
Christian Naimo Year 7 L16
Thomas McDevitt Year 7 L16
Hasheal Perera Year 7 L17
Nathan Wellington Year 7 T15
Vansh Jain Year 7 T17
Joeshton Bosco Year 7 T19
Julian Iacobellis Year 7 T21
David Massena Year 7 T21

The badges for the highest readers in each House were won by:

**Bodkin:** Thomas Reynolds Year 7 B21
Julian Taranto Year 7 B21

**Hughes:** Senthil Palaniyappan Year 7 H15
Biruth Kathaluwa Patabendige Year 7 H19

**Lynch:** Ethan Lucioni Year 7 L11
Shamalka Silva Year 7 L14
Riveesha De Alwis Year 7 L17

**Treacy:** Jacob Gangi Year 7 T19
James Dang Year 7 T20
Benjamin Azzato Year 7 T21

The PRC badge for the highest readers in a year level were won by:

**Year 7:**
Marcus Dimovski B18
Elliot Mahar B19
Jayden Matarazzo L11

**Year 8:**
Samuel Kelly H20
Dayabir Singh L14

**Year 9:**
Jarra Morrison B19
Aristos Koutsoubos H20

**Year 10:**
Cole Lolicato L06
Julian Citino T02

**Year 7 Badge and PRC Medal Winner:**
Isaac Larocca T20

The Reading Trophy for 2017, a PRC Medal and a Year 9 Badge was won by
Binh Nguyen T12.

**Mrs Fernando-Swart**
Learning Area Leader Library Services
Trivia Night
Thank you to all who supported our Spooky Friday Trivia Night. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. There were many prizes on offer and everybody walked away a winner.

POP would like to thank the many sponsors who donated the huge range of prizes.

In particular, we would like to thank Dimattina Coffee who supplied the major prize, provided great coffee to the participants, and also organised a table of past Paradians who attended and had a great time.

Thank you also to Lucy Crea for her tireless assistance in obtaining sponsors and donations, Leo Delinac for his magnificent MC skills, to Veronica Spiteri for her planning and preparation of games and to the POP Committee members who attended, participated in the games and assisted on the night.

Once again, thank you to the many sponsors, listed to the right, who supported the Trivia Night with their donations of amazing prizes.

POP Meeting - AGM
Our next meeting is the AGM and will be held on Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm in the Boardroom.

All welcome!

Please consider attending the AGM to learn more about POP, find out about future events and enjoy the friendship of a hard-working group of parents.

If you would like further information please contact Jeff Warke, President Parents of Parade on 0409 174 208 or email pop@parade.vic.edu.au
From The Old Paradians

Coaches sought for 2018
The following notice was forwarded to the Old Paradians’ Association by the Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club

The Old Paradians’ Association Amateur Football Club is seeking expressions of interest for its Reserves and Under 19 coaching positions for the 2018 season.

The club was established in 1929 as a member of the Victorian Amateur Football Association and is currently in Division 1. Our first class playing and social facilities are located at Parade College Bundoora.

Our administration promotes a culture of success based on the strengths of local recruitment from Parade College and its affiliation with its junior football club Parade Saint Damian’s. We have a dedicated philosophy of developing local talent through our Junior Academy Program as a pathway to Under 19 football. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive community and family orientated sporting club.

The successful applicants will possess a strong desire to lead, and develop the club’s coaching group and players to achieve on field success. Level 1 coaching accreditation and a demonstrated capability in coaching is essential.

Expressions of interest can be emailed to mike@aspireservices.net.au Further enquiries contact Club President Mike Jolley on 0418 321985.

Applications close midnight 31 October, 2017

Kolenda delivers insightful breakfast address
Mortgage broker John Kolenda (1982) has addressed the Old Paradians’ Association’s final business breakfast for the season at Ikon Park.

John, domiciled in Sydney for the past seventeen years, jetted into Melbourne to address the breakfast. He was warmly greeted by all Old Paradians, amongst them former classmate and OPA Treasurer Angelo Mazzone, who had gathered in the George Harris Function Room.

Dale McCann (1979) and Matt Ryan (1984) were amongst those in the house.

John is the co-founder and Managing Director of the Finsure Group, one of Australia’s largest mortgage broking and financial planning groups. Finsure was established in 2011 and was ranked second overall by BRW Magazine in its latest top 100 Fast Starters list.

In his address, taglined “The Changing Financial Landscape”, John covered a wide range of topics, including recent regulatory changes and how it effects the home loan market; investor rate spread; rate movements and forecasts; and strategies for faster repayments of home loans.

To view all images, scroll down to the Gallery section on the homepage at www.oldparadians.com.au
Hollywood or Bust—the Mick Maguire story
In July this year, Old Paradians Central took a phone call from the Sydney-based author Michael Adams.

Michael was seeking any information and/or images from the College’s archive in respect of the final year student of 1910, Michael (‘Mick’) Maguire.

The College was able to assist with a little information (and provide a glorious photograph) relating to Mick’s sporting prowess at Parade.

But as Michael Adams writes, Mick’s later life (and those of his wife and daughters for that matter) is truly the stuff of Hollywood legend.

To read the full story, go to www.oldparadians.com.au

Revealed! OPA’s Florentine connection
Funny how the Old Paradians’ Association seems to find a way to connect with its own ones, no matter where they may be in the world. A case in point involves Peter Gilmartin, a final year student of the Bundoora campus’s inaugural year of 1968, currently on tour with his wife Brenda in Europe.

On October 6, Peter took time out to forward this image to OPA with the accompanying text;

“Today we visited the Duomo (Florence Cathedral) and I took the following photo of a crest on the floor. I immediately thought of you”.

And so the question begs . . . other than the obvious, what could the letters “OPA” possibly represent in the Florentine context?

According to the Florence Webguide, the answer can be sourced to the year 1296, when construction of the Duomo – the world’s fourth largest cathedral - began under the watch of Arnolfo di Cambio, who was commissioned to build the spectacular basilica officially known as “Santa Maria del Fiore” (“Saint Mary of the Flower”).

The Wool Guild - one of the city’s largest corporations of merchants – took charge, and established a special organization of guild members to oversee construction of the cathedral and its bell tower.

That organization was known as the “Opera del Duomo” (works of the Duomo), or OPA for short (O - Per - A) – which is why the letters appear, encircled in grey, white, and red geometric patterns on the cathedral’s exquisite marble floor.

Also prominent elsewhere in the cathedral is the emblem of the Opera - the “Agnus Dei,” or “Lamb of God” - a crest derived from the Woolmakers’ Guild with the added initials OPA, meaning “per Opera,” that is, “for the Opera”. In this way, homage was given to the guild which almost entirely funded the construction of the cathedral. Since the cathedral took so long to build, di Cambio never saw his design brought to fruition. Following his death, construction was undertaken by Giotto, then Andrea Pisano and lastly Francesco Talenti.

The cathedral’s first stone was laid on September 8, 1296 and was consecrated on March 25, 1436 by Pope Eugenius IV.

Which means that the Florentine version of the OPA can lay claim to more than 700 years’ service to the welfare of Florence’s famed “Santa Maria del Fiore”.

OPA
To Leo with love - ‘85ers laud Leo De Grandis

The late Leo De Grandis was a much-loved person. We know this through the wonderful tributes paid to Leo, amongst them those from old Parade classmates of his final year of 1985.

Leo died early Thursday, 14 September, his daughters Jessica, 14, and Stephanie, 13, by his side, after a long battle with cancer. Leo was less than four weeks short of his 50th birthday and the girls were of wonderful support to him through the eighteen months of his illness.

Soon after, Leo’s best mate the Old Paradian Troy Cox, confirmed the news, which accompanied a wonderful image of Leo casting his line into the lake on a fishing trip back in April.

“At 1.10am this morning Leo slipped away peacefully in his sleep with his girls either side of him. My heart goes to his daughters, Mum, sister Lynette and Sara who have been constantly by his side the last few weeks,” Troy wrote on Facebook.

“To all his family and friends who came to see him these last few days, be assured he loved seeing each and every one of you. To those who asked for their thoughts and best wishes to be relayed to Leo, be assured that I didn’t miss any one of you and all your love was sent to Leo.

“One of a kind, the most giving, generous and loving old knucklehead I will ever know. You gave it everything. Love you mate.”

The other image featured of Leo was captured in the Hickey Foyer in June 2015, on the occasion of the 30-year anniversary of Parade College’s final year students of 1985.

Leo can be seen in great spirits at the far right of this photograph with (from left) Peter Naim, Daniel Verbeeten and Paul Wilson. Daniel paid the following tribute.

“At all times during his illness, Leo remained defiant and positive that he would not let this beat him particularly since he enjoyed much love and support from his family and many friends,” Daniel said.

“Leo devoted his entire working career to helping the less fortunate at Disability Services Victoria. He was a very caring and compassionate person and always ensured that the welfare of his clients was paramount. Leo was also a keen photographer and was often employed as the official photographer at weddings and events, sometimes paid but many times voluntary for his family and friends.

“Leo loved fishing and spent many holidays and days off perched on the banks of a lake or river trying to catch ‘the one’! He loved nothing more than to sit by a lake such as Eppalock or Eucumbene with a couple of rods to get away from it all and enjoy some down time. His most vivid and memorable stories were always the epic fishing trips he had with mates.

“Leo is a proud Old Paradian from the Class of ’85. Some of his close life-long friendships began in the six years he attended Parade. He was a very outgoing character and just seemed to know everyone in his vicinity. He also had a flair for art and drawing and even in his last days was still creating some incredible drawings.

“Leo will certainly not be forgotten.”

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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2017 Rotary Eltham Festival

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November

‘Have a Go’ Oval

Sunday 12 November
9am to 4.30pm
Eltham Central Park Oval

HIGHLIGHTS
- Rotary Races (Oval) hourly
- Vikings battle (Oval)
- SES Jaws of Life
- Tug of War (Oval)
- Tai Chi (Community Stage)
- Mascotte Tappers
- Australian Syrian Youth Marching Band

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