We extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and their families. I acknowledge the great work done last week by our Year 12 students to welcome our new Year 7 students as part of our Failte Program. It was good to see so many parents of the new students present for the first day activities.

The return to classes for 2016 has been smooth despite the fact that we have not been able to use the new extension to the Callan Wing at Bundoora for the first few days. Scheduled classes in the new area have been temporarily relocated elsewhere. The new section is complete, fully furnished and ready to go.

This Friday the full school will gather for the Commencement Assembly at which we formally welcome our new students and staff members. We will also commission some staff members who are taking on new leadership roles, and appoint the senior students who will be the captains of the sports teams and of music.

At the Commencement Assembly, we traditionally welcome back the top ten VCE scorers and the top VCAL student to congratulate them on their significant achievements. We also acknowledge in this way the efforts of all of the 2015 VCE and VCAL students who achieved their personal goals. We are delighted that 97% of students desiring tertiary entrance obtained a first-round offer of a place.

The annual musical is well into preparation and the cast nearly finalised. This year’s musical is How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying. Towards the end of January our School Captain and two Vice-Captains attended the national Edmund Rice Schools Captains Conference which this year was hosted by Aquinas College in Perth.

The first term ACC sports have commenced this week for senior students with fixtures in cricket, tennis and volleyball and we wish the teams a successful season. Meanwhile, students from all age groups are preparing for the ACC Swimming Competition on Friday evening 20 February at MSAC, and for the ACC Athletics Carnival at the end of First Term.

Our annual Open Day takes place on Sunday 14 February at both campuses as we welcome families wishing to learn more about the educational opportunities offered by the College. The annual Art Show ‘Artists on Parade’ is 41 years old this year and opens on Friday evening 12 February and concludes on Sunday 14 February.

2016 Captains Appointments

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Dr Denis J Moore cfc
Principal
2015 VCE Results

At the College Assembly this Friday we will celebrate those students that achieved exceptional results in VCE and VCAL in 2015.

Overall:
- 2015 Parade students had a median subject score of 31
- 7.8 % students achieved individual subject scores of 40 +
- 44.3 % of students achieved an ATAR over 70, whilst 26.4 % achieved an ATAR over 80

Outstanding Achievements
Janzen Bosco (99.60 - College Dux)
Anthony Muleta (99.55)
Joshua Gilmore (98.85)

Perfect Study Scores
Joshua Gilmore – English (50/50)
Anthony Muleta – Further Maths (50/50)

Top VCAL Student
Jeremy Marson

We also congratulate the following students on their excellent VCE ATAR Scores of 90+:

Janzen Bosco  Anthony Muleta  Joshua Gilmore
Ming-En Cui  Patrick Pollard  John Tawil
Adrian Franzese  Mitchell Demiris  Rainon Joseph
Neville Fernandes  George Hamad  Joshua Pirzas
Sankalp Chopra  Antonio Cafasso  Ryan Pancho
Seoras Joseph  Andy Koshnaw  George Tabet
Adam Micevski  Bharatha Gangasani  Phuong-Tir Tran
Jonathon Kikidopoulos  Benjamin Ferraro  Sean Kempen

Parade College 2015 Tertiary Study Offers

- Monash University: 4.2%
- University of Melbourne: 10.1%
- University of Victoria: 8.4%
- Swinburne: 8.5%
- Other: 5.3%
- Deakin University: 2.6%
- LaTrobe University: 26.5%
- ACU: 2.6%
VCE 2016 Information Evening
For Parents of Students Currently in Years 10, 11 and 12
Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 7:00pm in the Rivergum Theatre, Bundoora Campus

Parents of students currently in Years 11 and 12, and accelerating Year 10 students (completing VCE Units), are warmly invited to attend the VCE Information Evening which will provide an opportunity to be fully informed about your son's requirements and expectations as they commence / continue their VCE studies in 2016. This evening is for parents only and will provide an opportunity to learn about the specifics of the VCE. Your son's prospects for a rewarding and effective education at Parade College are greater when we can all work together to support his learning and personal development. To that end, we strongly encourage, particularly those parents who are new to having a child enter the VCE, to attend.

Changes to Year 8 and 9 Examinations
Following a consultation process, the following changes to examinations will be introduced in 2016. Parade College is implementing a more gradual introduction to examinations at the lower levels, and providing more flexibility and targeted assessment in some Learning Areas. There are no changes to Year 10 or 11 examinations. End of Semester Examinations will continue to be held for the following subjects:

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End of Semester Examinations for all other Year 8 and 9 subjects will be replaced by more suitable assessment task in class times.

Please note that Semester One Year 8 and 9 exams are scheduled for 30 May to 2 June, prior to the Year 10 and 11 exams, commencing on 3 June. A two week Year 8 and 9 Semester One unit occurs after the exams.

Family Holidays in School Term Time
While we understand that families will occasionally choose to take their sons out of school for a period of time for overseas holidays and the like, we do not encourage the interruption to their learning. Recent research indicates that missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. We acknowledge that families are aware of this and balance these concerns with the benefits of quality family time and the significant life experiences that family holidays offer. Learning resources are available via the Publications section on the Portal (e-workspace), and students should inform their teachers well prior to their period of their absence, so they may be able to access these materials while absent, and to endeavour to catch up on work when they return. In terms of assessment, these tasks are not rescheduled because of absence due to holidays. Accordingly, any assessments that are missed during a student's absence are graded as NS (not submitted).

With at least four weeks’ notice, families should advise Michael Callanan, Assistant Principal – Organisation, in writing, of any such absence, clearly stating the length of time that their son will be absent from school.

Mr Andy Kuppe
Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning
Welcoming our newest Paradians
We were delighted to welcome our newest Paradians on Friday – what a very busy day for all concerned, but we hope a good one for the Year 7’s at both campuses.

The Year 7’s were welcomed into the College Community by our Year 12’s – each Year 7 at both campuses has been paired up with a Year 12 student – and the boys spent some time together during their first day, getting to know one another, as part of our “Failte” Program – a Gaelic word meaning “welcome”. A significant part of this process was the Welcome Liturgy, where the Year 12’s presented their Year 7’s with their House badges and lanyards and the Year 7’s presented the Year 12’s with their badges.

I was very proud of the way our Year 12’s looked after the Year 7’s – it is a great hallmark of an inclusive, connected community that the oldest students in the school welcome the youngest and newest, and take such an active part in passing on the traditions of Parade, so willingly and enthusiastically. Little wonder that many Year 7’s were heard to say that “their Year 12 was awesome”!!

Likewise, we were very impressed with the Year 7’s – they were keen to get started, and appeared to have settled in very well. The Year 7’s and Year 12’s will get together throughout the year for some further sessions in the Failte Program, but will also see each other around the grounds, at lockers and various other formal and informal events around the campuses.

Year 7 Information Night – 4 February
Hopefully all Year 7 parents should have received an email letter two weeks ago inviting you to the Information Night on Thursday 4 February. It commences at 7.30pm in College Hall at the Bundoora Campus. Information and forms about the Year 7 camps in February/March will be handed out and you will meet in House groups, with your son’s House Leader and some of the Tutor Teachers, so that you are with a smaller number of people where it will be easier to ask questions. You will also have some input on how to manage your son’s iPad at home – some safeguards you can install on the device to help you help your son use it as an educative tool.

Please bring your son along, his iPad and his Student Planner. Supper will be provided by the Ladies Auxiliary after the formal sessions, which should conclude around 9.00pm. We look forward to meeting you.

A few more reminders
It was fantastic to see so many of the boys return to school last week wearing their uniform well, and following the College requirements for uniform – thank you to those students and families for your support.

However, some students needed some reminding in the following areas and we look forward to their support as of this week:

Hair Styles
Please ensure that your son’s hair is clean, neat and in a conventional style. We have this regulation in place as much for his own safety, here at school, each day, as for any other reason. Longer hair, or hair in extreme styles, can easily be caught in machinery
in technology or science areas or, caught up in sporting equipment, potentially causing very painful injuries, at the very least, as a result. Tying hair back is not an accepted part of our dress code for students and we would appreciate parents and families assistance with this aspect of uniform.

**Jewellery**

Generally speaking, jewellery items are precious and important to the boys, and as such, should be left at home to avoid possible accidental damage, or loss here at school. This applies to any items, made out of precious metals, cloth, beads, plastic, or any other materials worn around necks, wrists or fingers.

Earrings of any size, shape or material, and any facial jewellery in eyebrows, noses, lips or any other part of the face or head, must also be left at home – in these cases, because of the significant safety risks they pose here at school. It does not take much in a friendly basketball/football game at recess or lunchtime, for a nasty injury to occur when a ball goes astray, or ‘the pack” rises for the mark. We want to make sure that such avoidable accidents do not occur – hence, our regulation against the wearing of jewellery at school.

Please help us protect your sons and their property in this manner, by ensuring that jewellery items – no matter what they are made of - remain at home and are not worn with the uniform to school.

Equally, if you agree to your son having facial/ear piercings done, please make sure this is at the beginning of school holidays – and preferably the longer, summer holidays – than at the end of the holidays, or during term time, as he will be asked to remove any jewellery which is needed to keep the piercing intact as it heals.

**Senior Students**

We do ask our students to conform to a dress code here at the College, and this includes a clean-shaven appearance. Please help us to help your sons understand that conforming to a dress code is a part of being in society – many of them already have to follow dress codes with their part-time jobs - and assist them to consider their appearance before they come to school in the morning.

_Miss Regina Rowan_
_Assistant Principal - Student Welfare_

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**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Come along to **HOMEWORK CLUB**.

For: All students from Year 7 to 12  
When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday  
Time: 3.15pm to 4.30pm  
Where: Resource Centre at Bundoolba and Preston campus  
Homework Club is also available every morning 8.15-8.35am

Get help writing an essay, solving a mathematical problem, researching a science assignment or come along and finish your homework. Staff are available to help.

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Make it a part of your study routine in 2016.
School Photographs – Thursday 4 February

National Photography are now taking orders for 2016 school photos. To order your sons photos you will need to place your order online at National Photography. You will find the “Guide to Ordering School Photos” flyer with instructions for online ordering on the opposite page. All students will have their school photograph taken on this day for the purpose of school ID cards, regardless of whether you wish to place an order or not. Please read all instructions carefully when ordering photos. For families who do not have access to the internet or would prefer not to pay by credit card, your son can collect a generic envelope from main reception or Student Services.

On photo day please ensure your son is clean shaven, neatly dressed and in full College uniform including blazer, summer shirt, tie, trousers or shorts (with correct socks) and polished black shoes.

If you require your sons to have a family photo, please ensure they see me on photo day at the Bundoora campus or Sofia Tralli at the Preston campus. Family photographs will be taken at the conclusion of photos.

Academy Uniforms

The uniform shop is located at both campuses in the main Administration buildings. Uniform items can also be ordered online. Orders can be delivered to the appropriate campus or your home address. Instructions are below.

1. Simply go to www.academyuniforms.com.au
2. Select ORDER ON-LINE
3. Choose Parade College then enter password: Bundoora

Opening hours are:
Bundoora Tuesdays from 2:30pm to 4:00pm
Fridays from 8:00am to 9:00am
Preston Tuesdays from 10:30am to 11:00am

Year 7 2017 Enrolments close on Friday 26 February 2016

Applications are now being accepted for 2017 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.

College Open Day – Sunday 14 February 2016

You are kindly invited to bring along any younger siblings to view our facilities at both our Bundoora and Preston campuses on this day. Preston campus will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm and the Bundoora campus will be open from 11.00am to 3.00pm on the day.

Mrs Angela O’Connor
Registrar
PRE-ORDER ONLINE BEFORE PHOTO DAY

Photo Day: Thursday 4 February

2. Click 'SCHOOL PHOTOS', then 'PORTRAIT PACKS'.
3. Enter this unique **shoot key**: ALDHR4BE
4. Enter your order details then click 'Go To Cart' to pay

To order photos for more than one student, click on 'Choose Student' before clicking on 'Go To Cart' to finalise payment.

Orders will be sent to school for distribution

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From the Director of Ministry

First of all I would like to welcome all students, parents and family members to the new school year. When embarking on a new journey there is always a sense of excitement mixed with some degree of trepidation, but it doesn’t take long to settle into the life-giving task of growing and learning.

Our Catholic Tradition teaches us that God accompanies us on every step of our journey through life. This accompaniment or ‘presence’ is very much the focus of our theme for 2016. At Parade, 2016 will be: “A journey together to Emmaus with Mercy and Fullness of Life.” We are using the beautiful painting of The Road To Emmaus by Janet Brooks Gerloff as the centrepiece of our theme.

The Road to Emmaus story is a biblical account of a conversation between two disciples as they grapple with despair and disillusionment following the crucifixion of Jesus. They meet a stranger (who is actually Jesus), but it is only when their eyes are opened that they see him for who he is: their resurrected Messiah.

This is how it is for all of us on the journey of faith, and, on the journey of education; it takes time to see and to learn. But we can be assured that if we remain faithful, if we remain close to Jesus and his teachings, we will eventually ‘see’, and grow in learning and in humanity.

Mercy is a key aspect of our theme as this year Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee year of Mercy. This is what he says about the life-giving power of mercy:

“We need a church capable of rediscovering the maternal womb of mercy. Without mercy we have little chance nowadays of becoming part of a world of ‘wounded’ persons in need of understanding, forgiveness, love.”

As an expression of our commitment to mercy at Parade, we embrace the life of the Church; and a key part of that life is Project Compassion.

Ash Wednesday and Project Compassion 2016
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and Project Compassion. This year it happens very early in February (10 February).

The theme for this year is “Learning more, creating change”: This fits well with our vision and mission here at Parade which is to provide a liberating education that will lead to personal and communal transformation.

Throughout the period of Lent students will have the opportunity to learn more about the world around them and will be invited to take action to transform the world to make it more just – this is the deepest expression of mercy.

We ask you, as parents, to encourage your son to give generously throughout this time, and encourage him to participate in all the awareness-raising activities that will be on offer at Parade.

If you want to know more about Project Compassion please visit their website at: http://www.caritas.org.au/

Dr Michael Loughnane
Director of Ministry
Would you and your family be interested in hosting a Japanese Exchange student?

From 12 to 23 March Parade College will play host to twenty students and two teachers from our Japanese sister school, Takada High School.

Our schools have sustained a friendship for over twenty one years now, with Takada High School visiting Parade every March, and Parade visiting Takada every September.

Any Parade College family can become involved in the hosting and is encouraged to express interest as soon as possible.

Students studying Japanese in Year 9 and above are strongly encouraged to host. Many students who have hosted in the past have then been given the opportunity to travel to Japan in Years 10 and 11 and have made lifelong friendships as a result.

There will be an information evening for families prior to the arrival of Takada; however, if you have any questions or would like to express your interest in hosting, you are encouraged to email Mrs Lisa Briant - lisa.briant@parade.vic.edu.au as soon as possible.

Mrs Lisa Briant
Learning Area Leader - Languages
Community Action Report

Community Action Christmas Party 2015
The Greening Auditorium set the scene for a celebration full of Christmas cheer. The Community Action Student Committee spent two days decorating the auditorium in readiness for the 180 guests from local nursing homes. As guests arrived they were entertained by the senior band. Once settled at their tables, our guests were treated to an afternoon of dining, dialogue, and dancing. The many student volunteers were gracious hosts ensuring that their table of guests had the best time.

The talented Retro Girls entertained the room and ensured that we were all up and dancing. We thank them for supporting the Christmas party once again. This year, Old Paradian and brilliant Elvis tribute artist, Jack Gatto, performed and bought back many memories for our elderly guests. Jack was very generous with his time posing for quite a few photos with guests after his performance.

Of course an event of this magnitude cannot be successful without the coordinated effort of many people.

First of all, thank you to the over sixty students who were attentive to the needs of their table guests. Many thanks to the staff who assisted and supported on the day and in particular to the Grounds staff who helped with the set up and pack up.

The Community Action student team worked hard for over 4 months planning and preparing for the Christmas party and we all agree it as one of the best yet.

Student Volunteers Needed
Parade College prides itself on recognizing that education does not just take place only in the classroom, our students are privileged to have access to a range of special volunteer opportunities. The many Community Action and Social Justice programs provide students with an opportunity to not only find a niche for themselves, but to be involved in providing a service for others.

Blood Bank: any student 16 years and over. There are various appointments available for the next couple of weeks.

St Alban’s Tutoring: held on a Monday afternoon – you will travel by school mini bus to St Albans where you will assist primary school children with their homework. You will arrive back to the College at approximately 5:45pm. Any Students in Years 10 to 12 are encouraged to participate.

Parkville Sports Program: For Year 11 students - held on a Monday afternoon (periods 4 to 6). You will travel by mini bus to the Parkville Youth Justice Centre to participate in the sports program.

Eddy’s Brekky Van: for students in Years 10 to 12. Held every Tuesday morning.

Any student from Years 7 to 12 are invited to join in the Community Action initiatives in the Student Community Action Centre at recess and lunchtimes. Feel free to pop in to get more information on any of the above.

Ms Anne-Marie Morello
Community Action Convenor
From the Business Manager

5% Discount Offer for 2016 Tuition Charges
Invoices for 2016 were issued in early November 2015. If you have not received your invoice for 2016 fees, please contact the office immediately.

A discount of 5% off tuition fees is offered for payment in full by Friday 19 February 2016.

Payment Authority
Families are reminded that any Direct Debit Payment Authorities for 2015 will remain in place unless we are advised otherwise.

Payments will be updated for the current balance outstanding. Families need to check their bank accounts to ensure that any existing arrangements have rolled over for 2016.

If you are a new family or do not have a Direct Debit Payment Authority in place, please return your form immediately.

If you would like to discuss other options available regarding the payment of fees, please call Ms Emily Hosking on 9468 3327 or email to fees@parade.vic.edu.au.

Payment plans must commence no later than February.

Approved Payment Plans
Families who do not have an existing approved active payment arrangement are required to finalise any ‘Brought Forward’ outstanding balance immediately.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty with meeting your fee obligations or need some assistance with setting up your payment plan please contact Ms Emily Hosking on 9468 3327 or via fees@parade.vic.edu.au.

Exiting Students
If your son is not returning in 2016 please contact the Registrar, Mrs Angela O’Connor, on 9468 3304 or registrar@parade.vic.edu.au for an Exit Form. This will ensure you are charged the correct amount of fees.

Charter Bus
Students travelling by Charter Bus in 2015 have been allocated a seat and billed for 2016 unless we have been advised otherwise.

Please note one terms notice is required in writing to cancel use of this service.

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

Mr Paul Harris
Business Manager
The development of language is an area of study comparable to chemistry and perhaps as magical as alchemy, but a science it is, with its own language. So why publish an article on the development language when our students come to Parade with an already established language? After all, as a general rule they come to Year 7 able to talk and have discussions without much difficulty. While their abilities vary, in general they are able to read and write; these are reasonable questions and observations. Building our understanding of how language functions and how it is built would be of benefit given that our boys gain so much of their knowledge and understanding of the world through the language they use in discussions. The home, the primary school and the secondary school are very different environments that provide a developing child very different language resources, each building on the experiences offered by the previous context.

At Parade College, we are in the business of learning and learning is about building our understanding of the world. Indeed, the function of the secondary school is to teach your son many new languages. This is not a reference to Japanese, Italian or French, although the importance of learning a second language cannot be overstated, in fact in the first century Charlemagne who ruled much of medieval Western Europe, tells us that ‘to have another language is to possess a second soul’. Instead, the reference is to the language needed to enable your son to think like a musician, an artist or historian; to think and talk like a mathematician, scientist and so on. The relationship between language and learning is clear. It is no coincidence that the most successful students are typically the most proficient users of language, spoken and written. The most successful students know how their language has to change to meet the different demands of different subjects; the nature of the tasks they are doing and who they are writing or speaking to. Often, their method of communications will involve a combination of words, video and stills.

At Parade College, language development is dealt with scientifically; just like scientists we use a specialist language that labels the tools and the different resources of language that we selectively draw upon in our different subjects. In History classes our boys will not only learn about the facts of the past, they will learn the literacy of history, they will learn that ‘revolutions’ refer to more than just ‘change’; in English they will learn the technique of how to draw the reader’s attention to one point rather than another in a sentence or paragraph. In short they will be explicitly taught the science of literacy of each of the subjects they study.

The series of articles published over the course of the 2016 academic year will look at the development of language and the changes that must occur for our students to build the language resources they need to engage successfully in our literate society whether it is achieving excellent results in VCE examinations or impressing a potential employer at an interview. They will learn about the language resources they will need to represent experience and knowledge appropriately, to construct relationships successfully, and to create meaningful messages that will work to their advantage.

The series of articles is one way of sharing some of the knowledge that underpins the literacy work that will be done with your son. They are an invitation for you to engage with us in a dialogue that is about your son’s learning. Our IT support team are in the process of organising an online forum, but until then please email any comments to Anne.Dalmau@parade.vic.edu.au. While your son learns to make sense of the ever expanding world, these articles are intended to explore the most powerful technology ever invented or evolved; no it is not the computer, it is not the internet or the phone; the most sophisticated and powerful tool that can bring peace in times of war; open doors of opportunity; ensure justice and empower people is language.

Mrs Anne Dalmau
Literacy Development Convenor
**Resource Centre**

**Learning/Resource Centre Biostore Borrowing**

The Learning/Resource Centres use the Biostore scanning system to enable students to borrow books and other items.

When new students come to the Learning/Resource Centres for the first time or with their classes, they will have their fingers scanned into Biostore. This programme uses the highest standards of security and user privacy.

The program does not store fingerprint images, but uses encryption algorithms to store identity information. It is impossible, therefore, to recreate fingerprint images from our system.

If any parents have any concerns, please contact the Learning/Resource Centre staff.

*Mrs Fernando-Swart*

*Learning Area Leader Library Services*

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**From The Music Department**

**Instrumental Music – 2016**

Any students who wish to begin instrumental music lessons in 2016 can get an application form from the music office or request one from Martin.Macaulay@parade.vic.edu.au. New Year 7 students are encouraged to take a weekly lesson on their favourite instrument.

**Parade College/Mercy College Musical 2016 – ‘How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying’**

Congratulations to all that auditioned at the end of last year for a position in the cast for 2016’s show “How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”, which will open in May. Rehearsals begin in week one.

If there are any Year 7 students who like acting and singing, you are encouraged to audition for a spot in the cast. Please contact Miss Nacastri (Drama) or Mr Macaulay (Music).

**Viva Elvis!**

Old Paradian Jack Gatto is heading back to Memphis to represent Australia in the 2016 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Competition!

Jack and his amazing voice won the preliminary competition at the Parkes Elvis Festival in January 2016, for the second year in a row, and he will be travelling to Memphis to compete during the annual Elvis week festival this August.

Parade College is delighted to follow Jack’s new-found career, and we wish him every success at Memphis.


*Mr Martin Macaulay*

*Director of Music*
Four Old Paradians have taken it upon themselves to organise a reunion of their final year Parade College class of 1989.

David Witchell, Dean Forde, Daniel Aicher and Simon Vincent (as they are pictured clockwise from top left in the 1989 edition of *The Paradian*) have decided that the time was nigh for fellow former students to gather. Accordingly, the reunion is to take place at the Eagle Bar, 82/84 Silverdale Road Eaglemont, from 1pm on Saturday, March 19.

Forde, speaking for those at the recent gathering, said that the staging of a reunion “was something we’ve all wanted to do for some time”.

“The four of us decided it was time for a catchup. The general feeling was ‘Let’s do something - we’re not waiting until 2019’,” Dean said.

“This will be a pretty informal get-together on a Saturday afternoon, but we’re hoping that plenty of blokes will turn out in support. It’ll be terrific to find out how everyone’s going and who’s doing what.”

A total of 204 students either completed or would have completed Year 12 at Parade in 1989. Those interested in attending the Class of ’89 get-together are urged to contact Dean Forde either through Facebook or LinkedIn, or by emailing him via dean.forde@gmail.com

To read more, go to [www.oldparadians.com.au](http://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.

3 February
- Yr 12 Elevate Education Assembly
- ACC Senior Sport
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Musical rehearsals commence on Wednesdays at Parade

4 February
- College Photo’s
- Yr 7 Swim Trials 12.00pm (Coburg)
- Yr 10 RE Commission Ceremony
- Yr 7 2016 Information Evening

5 February
- 1st Term College Assembly

8 February
- Chinese New Year
- Musical rehearsals at Mercy

9 February
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- VCE Parent Information Evening, 7.00pm Rivergum Theatre

10 February
- Ash Wednesday
- ACC Senior Sport
- Yr 11 Assembly
- OPA Luncheon
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Musical rehearsals at Parade
- Parents of Parade Committee Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom

11 February
- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Yr 7 House Athletics Carnival

12 February
- College Photo Retake Day
- VCE Unit 1&2 Assembly
- VCE Unit 3&4 Assembly
- Art Show Opening Night, 7.30pm Greening Auditorium

13 February
- Art Show, Greening Auditorium

14 February
- First Sunday of Lent
- Open Day
- Art Show, Greening Auditorium
- OPA Bike Ride Alphington to Bundoora

15 February
- Just Leadership Day (Caritas)
- Old Paradians Executive Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom
- Musical rehearsals at Mercy
- Launch of Project Compassion 2016
- Board Executive 7.30am Preston
- Yr 7 Preston Parents iPad Workshop 7.30-8.30pm (venue TBA)
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Ministry Retreat No 1
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- ACC Senior Sport
- Musical rehearsals at Parade
- Ministry Retreat No 1
- Yr 8 House Athletics Carnival
- Yr 7 Bundoora Parents iPad Workshop 7.30-8.30pm Rivergum Theatre

16 February
- Launch of Project Compassion 2016
- Board Executive 7.30am Preston
- Yr 7 Preston Parents iPad Workshop 7.30-8.30pm (venue TBA)

17 February
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Ministry Retreat No 1
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- ACC Senior Sport
- Musical rehearsals at Parade
- Ministry Retreat No 1
- Yr 8 House Athletics Carnival
- Yr 7 Bundoora Parents iPad Workshop 7.30-8.30pm Rivergum Theatre

18 February
- Ministry Retreat No 1
- Yr 7 Preston Parents iPad Workshop 7.30-8.30pm Rivergum Theatre

19 February
- ACC Swimming Carnival, 7.00pm to 10pm MSAC
- Saturday Detention
- Second Sunday of Lent
- Open Day (Back Up)
- Musical rehearsals at Mercy
- Father Son Summer Games Night
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Ministry Retreat #2
- ACC Senior Sport
- Musical Rehearsals at Parade
- Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Ministry Retreat #2
- Parent/Tutor Evening 4-9pm

20 February
- 2017 Yr 7 applications close
- Faite Program PD
- Yr 10 Assembly
- Third Sunday of Lent
- Finance Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom
- Yr 7 Camp Week commences
Welcome to a New Year!

On behalf of Parents of Parade I extend my best wishes to all families, especially those who are new to Parade College in 2016.

Our first meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 10 February. If you are new to the College, or if you haven’t had the chance to attend a meeting before, please come along, everyone is welcome.

There are many events and opportunities that the Parents of Parade support throughout the year. Key events in the first three months include:

- Art Show
- Open Day
- Father/Son Summer Games
- Parade Working Bee
- Mother/Son Evening
- Metec Year 10 Driver Ed

If you are unable to come to the first meeting but are keen to be involved with Parents of Parade please feel free to email me at any time.

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