



### School Captain's Report

It has once again been a very positive and successful term at Parkwood. We have had many highlights and events occurring throughout the term. The open night was a great success with many students, teachers and members of the community attending. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the night so successful.

The athletics carnival at the beginning of the term was equally as successful, with a fantastic number of students attending. Again the intention of the day was not to win but to participate and due to this mindset the day was enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to all the student leaders who worked tirelessly to make the day so good. Your efforts allowed us to run both a pre-sports parade and a lolly stall which was a fantastic fundraiser for the school.

Best of luck to all the students who sat mid-year exams this term. We know how hard you all worked and hope that the year twelves in particular reap the benefits of their efforts.

This term there has also been a lot of change occurring at Parkwood and in the wider community. Perhaps the most significant of these changes is the loss of our principal Mr. Virtue, who as of next term will be principal of Norwood.

Over the past seven years Mr Virtue has truly managed to transform Parkwood into a welcoming and open school environment. His inspiration with regard to the grounds and gardens has created for all of us students an inviting environment for our study. This atmosphere reflects the positive culture he has instilled in the Parkwood school community. Under his leadership Parkwood has become united throughout the whole school. His support and open mindedness has offered all of us at Parkwood a wide and unique range of opportunities. Through his passion for Aiming High in particular we are frequently pushed to follow our own paths and discover who we are as people. Mr. Virtue is constantly reminding us of this sentiment, that every individual is valid and special, and in doing so has successfully created an accepting and understanding working environment, both in regards to the attitudes of the students and teachers.

Equally as part of student leadership this year it has been a privilege for us to work alongside Mr. Virtue. He has provided for us a fantastic model of a leader and through his stories and advice has instilled in us a real sense of what it takes to be successful.



Mr. Virtue will be sorely missed here at Parkwood. His contribution to the school has been invaluable and it is through his passion and efforts that we are today a happy and united school community.

We both look forward to continuing our roles as school captains alongside Mr Ballagh and Mrs Harris next term who will be acting Principal and Assistant Principal respectively. We would like to congratulate both of them on their appointments. We are eagerly looking forward to working with the two of them and the great impact and results they will have upon Parkwood.

Again congratulations on a great term. Enjoy the up coming school holidays, we look forward to seeing you all back after the break.

Bree Cattanach and Ben Stanley

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## Defence 2020

On Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> a group of year 10s, Mrs Adams and I went to the Victorian University of Technology to take part in Defence 2020. The key theme was “Are our Defence forces good peacekeeping citizens?”. This workshop fitted neatly into our course work in Civics and the Values Education Program our school leaders at year 10 have been undertaking as part of the Maroondah Education Coalition (MEC).

Our students met students from several other Melbourne schools, formed teams and participated in a variety of simulation exercises involved in identifying values behind making various decisions in the school yard as part of their leadership responsibilities.

We are proud to announce that Parkwood students scored highest in this challenge and were awarded a prize. In the team simulation exercises Parkwood won the top prize for the best group exercise and also the best Girl performer for the day.

Lunch was provided and the Defence Personnel chatted with the students and talked about their overseas experiences. The students enjoyed the day and came away with a much broader idea of human rights and the part our defence forces play in peace keeping overseas.

Please check out the website linked here <http://www.defence2020.info/gallery2009/melbourne.html> for pictures of our students in action. More information will be posted in our next newsletter by the students themselves.

Lyn McDonald  
Head of Learning, Humanities

Sam Morley is awarded Best Girl Performer  
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### Calendar

Week 10

- June 22-26: Year 10 Work Experience
- June 23: Aiming High celebration evening  
Tertiary Information Session
- June 26: Last day of Term 2

Term 3, Week 1

- July 13: School returns for Term 3
- July 16: VCE Studio Art Excursion
- July 17: Junior and Intermediate Sport
  
- July 31: Hijemi Nishi arrive

### Report Distribution

Semester Reports for all year levels will be mailed home at the end of this term.

# Sport Report

Term 2 has seen the students involved in a number of football and netball competitions throughout the Year levels. We have had some very good results and it has been pleasing to see the way the students have applied themselves in the games.

After previously having to play the bigger schools in the Football round robins, this year it was decided that the smaller schools would play each other to avoid the mismatches that have occurred previously. Even though we still had the least number of students, our teams have remained unbeaten against Maroondah and Croydon.

The Senior boys defeated Croydon 25.14.164 to 14.10.94, with Jay Stoikos contributing 10 goals from full forward.

The Intermediate boys played two games, defeating Maroondah 14.7.91 to 12.12.84 and Croydon 24.10.154 to 9.6.60. The boys played well as a team and despite falling five goals behind Maroondah during the second quarter they put in a determined effort to overrun their opponents in the last quarter. Our most consistent players on the day were Sam Fraser (11 goals against Croydon!), Mitchell Small, Dean Black and Alex Cattanach.

The Year 8 boys played Croydon and they recorded an easy win. The boys kicked 30.20.200 to 5.8.38. Mitchell Keedle was a standout, however he was well supported by Daniel Cox, Scott Hulm, Max Taratuta, Hayden Maughan and a special mention to Jackson Small whose attack on the ball set the example for his teammates.

The girls have also had some good results in the netball competitions during the term, proving to be very competitive, especially against the smaller schools.

The Year 9/10 team beat Croydon by 15 goals, drew with Heathmont, lost narrowly to Maroondah and Norwood before being beaten by Ringwood by in excess of 20 goals.

The Year 8 girls won three of their five games losing to Ringwood and Norwood but beating Croydon by 20 goals, Maroondah by 15 goals and Heathmont by 4 which was a really pleasing effort.

Our Year 7 team had a great day last Friday (19/6) missing out on a spot in the final by percentage only. The girls easily accounted for Croydon 18-1, Maroondah 7-4 and Heathmont 14-3, had an exciting draw against Norwood 14 all, before losing to Ringwood. They played really well as a team and in the end were unlucky not to be in the playoff.

The Year 7 boys were involved in an indoor soccer competition on the same day as the netball girls. Despite not having a lot of soccer experience, the boys played extremely well, with our two teams proving to be very competitive. The 'A' team qualified for the 3rd v. 4th playoff game, however they were defeated 8-2 by a strong Norwood team, whilst the 'B' team surprised themselves by making the final. They eventually lost 2-1, however the boys played really well and showed dramatic improvement during the course of the day.

We had 7 students qualify for the Eastern Zone Cross Country competition at Yarra Valley racecourse on Wednesday 17th June. They ran well and are to be congratulated on their efforts in both the interschool and zone competitions. Students who qualified were Connie North, Ashlee Murphy, Ryan Joyce, Dylan McIntosh, Josh Shield, Sam Fraser and Kim McDonald.

The final Year 11/12 competition will be held on Thursday 25th June with the students playing hockey, basketball and table tennis. The first Friday of Term 3 (17/7) will see boys in Year 7-10 playing netball and girls in Year 7-9 playing football, whilst the Year 9/10 students have their last round robin competition on Monday 27th July. The Interschool athletics (Maroondah Zone) will be held on Monday 31st August at the Ringwood Athletics track. I will be seeking students to run in the 3000m. events and hurdles (all age groups) as we did not run these events at the school athletics.

Paul Durrant  
Sport Co-ordinator

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Ringwood  
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RSVP by Wednesday 15th July, 2009

Parkwood's band playing at the final assembly of Term 2



**Term 2 ends this Friday. We wish you a safe and happy holiday! Term 3 begins on 13 July.**