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From the Principal

Greetings and blessings in this Season of Easter.

During this week the Church has as the daily first readings some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible – they come from the Book of Isaiah and are known as *the Servant Songs*.

These songs or poems emerged during the Jews' darkest time – when Israel had been conquered by the Babylonian Empire; the chief city, Jerusalem and its Temple was destroyed, and most of the people taken into Exile in Babylon.

This will date me, but many years ago Don McLean wrote a beautiful song, *Babylon* – a version of Psalm 137 – based on this time: *By the waters, the waters of Babylon; We lay down and wept, and wept, for thee Zion; We remember thee, remember thee, remember thee Zion.*

This Exile lasted not just for a term, or six months, but for over fifty years! And, from these years of apparent disaster, emerged some of Israel's most creative theology through the writings of an anonymous Exilic author, *Deutero-Isaiah* or <u>Second</u> Isaiah (Isaiah Chapters 40-55). Isaiah 44:6 contains the first clear statement of who they were as a people in relation to God and their basis of faith: *"I am the first and I am the last; beside me there is no God".*

This model of monotheism became the defining characteristic of post-Exilic Judaism, and the basis for Christianity and Islam. In their experience of Exile, the Songs ends with praise, not devastation.

The final chapters of Deutero-Isaiah continue this extraordinary sense of hope, telling Israel to make her tents, her homes bigger ever more can be welcomed:

Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. (Isa 54:2)

How will life be different for us when this COVID-19 crisis is over? What will we cherish and make more room for?

Today begins the first day of remote/online learning. We have been planning for this for a number of weeks now, but that does not mean that everything will go smoothly – for staff, students or parents/carers! We will learn much from the experience and get better every day.

In recognition of the many pieces of information that Parade College parents and carers have received recently, and will continue to receive throughout term two, the College Leadership Team has created a new section on our College website: *Covid-19 Updates*. This section contains links to the documentation that parents have been sent, as well as many links to other information that might be helpful for you at this time.

It may be helpful to take some time to explore both the *Information for Students* and *Information for Parents/ Guardians sections*. This section of the site will be updated as information comes to hand: <u>https://www.parade.vic.edu.au/</u> <u>Covid-19_Update_Parents.aspx</u> In addition, to all the work in enabling the transition to remote / online learning, a number of improvements have been made recently to each Campus. Major items include:

Preston Campus

- Service Ambrose Tracy Oval surface
- Install carpet outside Gym
- Consolidation of lockers in Mackillop Court
- Install fence from Mackillop Building to front fence
- Refurbishment of K38

Bundoora Campus

- Painted Greening and Mt Sion upper Corridors
- Removed benches and painted many Mt Sion Classrooms
- Progressed stage 4 Mt Sion Campus roof replacement
- Installed fencing South side Wright Field and repaired College back fence
- Renovated Edmund Hall toilets
- Constructed roof between Waterford Garden sheds
- Replaced concrete between Nash Learning Centre and Mt Sion Campus
- Resurfaced Alphington Court walkways

Can I finally welcome new members of staff:

Emily Wearne who joins us as a Digital Technologies teacher. Emily has experience teaching VCE computing and Digital Technologies within the Government and Independent systems.

Primrose Tyson joins us in a leave replacement position as a Teacher of Mathematics for Term 2. Primrose joins us with over ten years Mathematics and Science teaching experience within the Independent and Government systems.

Craig Athaide who returns to the College following a teaching appointment at Catholic Ladies College Eltham. Craig previously worked at the College for fourteen years. Craig will have a teaching load as well supporting the Upper House Leader role within Treacy House at the Bundoora Campus.

Peter Hudson will be returning to the College at the commencement of Term 2. Peter's work will include supporting Professional Growth Plans, Staff Faith Development, College Tours, Enrolment Interviews and the 150th Celebrations in 2021.

As we experience and write the history of the 150th Year of this great College, can we be creative and generous in supporting each other. Some of us are doing it really tough. Please reach out and connect with each other. Please reach out to the College for support.

Term 2 will certainly be unique. But may it be uniquely blessed for you as well. Can I leave you with the words of a modern poet, Donna Ashworth:

History Will Remember

History will remember when the world stopped And the flights stayed on the ground. And the cars parked in the street. And the trains didn't run.

History will remember when the schools closed And the children stayed indoors And the medical staff walked towards the fire And they didn't run.

History will remember when the people sang On their balconies, in isolation But so very much together In courage and song.

History will remember where the people fought For their old and their weak Protected the vulnerable By doing nothing at all.

History will remember when the virus left And the houses opened And the people came out And hugged and kissed And started again. Kinder than before.....

Mr Andy Kuppe Principal





From the Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Term 2 will commence for students today (Wednesday 15 April) in an online mode after teachers finalised preparations for teaching remotely yesterday. We are proud of the way our staff has embraced the challenge of online learning and we thank them for the energy and commitment they have given in recent weeks to prepare for the delivery of online lessons. We know that students and families will also do their best to adapt to this new way of learning and acknowledge, perhaps more than ever, the importance of the partnership between students, their parents and their teachers.

An Online Learning Guide for Families is now available on the College website with important information and resources. These will be continually updated. I encourage both you and your son to take some time to familiarise yourselves with this advice https://www.parade.vic.edu.au/Covid-19_Update_Parents.aspx

ONLINE LEARNING GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

I draw your attention to the following points:

- Teaching and learning operations will continue to follow the normal timetable with appropriate learning experiences delivered during normal scheduled lessons through either the Microsoft Teams facility or pre-recorded and uploaded as Classwork within the College's Learning Management System (SIMON). In many cases, lessons will be recorded in Teams and made available to the boys. Their online attendance, contributions during scheduled lessons and submission of work will be monitored carefully.
- Routine academic matters should be raised with your son's subject teachers.
- Tutor Teachers will check in with their Tutor Group on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Your son should be encouraged to maintain, as far as possible, a schedule that replicates the routines and rhythms of his school day, including making time for breaks between periods, time for recess and lunch, and undertaking regular physical activity.
- An off-site learning environment means that your son will continue his learning at home, not at school. It is important that he recognises that while physically isolated from his peers during this challenging time, as a digital native, no group has ever been better equipped to cope with these challenges!

The College is cognisant of the challenges that may be faced by boys, parents and staff and continues to adapt its remote provision to better support boys' learning and general wellbeing. We are learning in this process as well. Parade continues to carefully monitor advice from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and arrangements for VCE assessment and VCAL competencies, incorporating the most up-to-date guidance for schools, will be communicated to parents and boys as soon as it becomes available.

We are mindful of the demands being placed on families at present. On behalf of all staff at the College, I wish you and your family good health and thank you for your continued support of your son's education during these unprecedented times.

Mr Geoff Caulfield Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning



From the Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

Welcome to Term 2!

After what has no doubt been a very different holiday for all our students and their families, we now enter a term which is again very different! However, it is also just a little bit exciting, as we find new ways to communicate with our students and families – and learn about some software and computer programs faster than we could ever have imagined!

And we are doing this in the Easter Season – a time of spiritual rebirth and growth. Even though we may not have been able to keep up our usual Easter liturgical or family practices this year, this season in the Church's calendar promises us hope and the world needs that at present.

Like me, you may have been heartened by those wonderful signs and symbols of humanity and care for each other that we have seen from across the globe – the singing in Italy, the applause in Britain, the neighbourly acts in our own suburbs. I am hopeful that we will likewise be kind to each other as we navigate a new way to do school over the weeks and months ahead.

At times, it is going to work well and be really interesting and rewarding – at other times it is going to be frustrating and disappointing, but if we all take a little patience with each other, and some understanding that everyone is in the same boat, and help each other out, then it will be a growth and rebirth experience for us.

So, boys, look out for your family members – remember that like you, they are getting used to a new normal. Be patient with your brothers and sisters, your parents and with life at home. Also remember that mum or dad – or both – may be working from home and trying to do their jobs, and manage their children. Where you can, make life easier for them. Make sure you are organised and online for your classes each day – check your emails, SIMON and make sure you don't need to be nagged to get out of bed. Stay in your normal school routine – it will help to follow that timetable. And please make sure to represent yourself, your family and your school well when you are online. Parents, there are a number of resources for you and the boys on our website, including information about learning online, and how to keep your children safe online. Please remember too, that our counsellors are working during Term 2, in a different way, mainly through email communication. Please feel welcome to contact them if you are concerned about your son in any way.

Your son should have received a letter from the College on Thursday with a number of attachments to help him navigate his way through the next few weeks. You will find copies in the Parents Tab on our website at this address – <u>https://www.parade.vic.edu.au/Covid-19_Update.aspx</u> One of the attachments includes and Important Contacts at Parade list with names an email addresses of relevant staff and support services.

We would appreciate you taking some time to read though the letter, "Welcome to Learning@Home" with your son, especially the Online Code of Conduct, and emphasise with him how important it is that he approaches Learning@Home as a responsible digital citizen during this time.

House Leaders, Student Wellbeing Co-Ordinators and Tutor Teachers can be contacted via email, as can Kieren Prowse and myself – please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can help.

Miss Regina Rowan Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

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 Tabacco, on 9468 3304 or email <u>registrar@parade.vic.edu.au</u> to update your details



From the Registrar

Parent Contact Details

Parents are reminded that it is vitally important for the College to have up to date personal details for parents, guardians and emergency contacts. If contact details (emails, phone and addresses) have changed please email <u>registrar@parade.vic.edu.au</u> who will then ensure the College database is updated.

Photo Orders

Student Photo Orders have been received and under the current circumstances photos will be retained and distributed to boys when school resumes to face-to-face learning. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause however noting we are operational on restricted access only, this delay is to be expected. To prevent damage to images, there will be no offer to mail out photos.

Year 7 2022 Enrolments close on Friday 21 August 2020

Applications are now being accepted for 2022 and beyond. 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 <u>registrar@parade.vic.edu.au</u> to obtain an Information pack.

Uniform Shop - Academy Uniforms

The uniform shop at each campus will be closed during Term 2, however the Thomastown store remains open, with bookings by appointment only. Please contact the store direct on 9460 8011. Orders can also be made online, the log in details are as follows:

- 1. Go to www.academyuniforms.com.au
- 2. Select ORDER ON-LINE
- 3. Choose Parade College then enter password: **Parade** (please note new password)

Mrs Roslyn Tabacco Registrar



Nash Learning Centre

Parade Reading Challenge and Library Services

The Parade Reading Challenge (PRC) has started! Please ask your son to email his PRC record of the books he has read to: <u>reading@parade.vic.edu.au</u>

This list can be updated and send as often as your son has new books to add. The teacher librarians will verify and save the book records for House points, badges, and prizes.

eResources on SIMON

School Links - My Tools - ClickView

School Links - Nash Learning Centre – SORA, WHEELERS, BorrowBox Audiobooks and MYON: use computer school login and password.

School Links – Nash Learning Centre – Online catalogue - PRC Reading Record, Encyclopaedias and The Age

Teacher librarians and other library staff are available to help via LibraryStaffAll@parade.vic.edu.au

Mrs Fernando-Swart Services Manager NLC

ACADEMY UNIFORMS

238 Wolseley Place Thomastown

9460 8011



From the Director of Ministry

Easter in Isolation, 2020

I write this on Easter Monday, reflecting on a very different experience of Easter this year. As we looked forward from Christmas who would have predicted where we would be when the next major feast in the Church calendar came along? So much has happened that we wouldn't have thought possible. Schools moving to remote learning is one of these surprises. We are undertaking a new journey as a College community, moving with optimistic curiosity, shuffling hopefully to the backing track of "We're all in this Together."

Many of us throughout the world experienced Easter in isolation but the Easter pattern of death, waiting, mourning, and resurrection to new life was more pronounced than ever.

Palm Sunday

Courage. Jesus went towards Jerusalem even though he knew that he was going towards danger. There were so many other things he could have done, like run away, hide, fight, or retract the things he had been saying that were threatening the status quo and the people in power. Jesus chose to trust the divine strength that moved him and to stay faithful to himself and his message. So many people throughout the world walked with Jesus into Jerusalem this year, metaphorically that is. Many of us have watched in respectful awe as health care workers have walked towards the virus. They have gone to work for long and intense hours where they have seen death after death, often risking their lives due to lack of protective gear.

In some ways you could say that our politicians are similarly walking towards Jerusalem, towards what will be a difficult future for our country financially, but leading the way, reassuring us that they will do what they can to ensure that no -one gets left behind.

Holy Thursday

Entering a different sense of time. Holy Thursday is where our Easter Triduum begins. Recently Pope Francis has challenged us to use this time of the pandemic to consider how the world could be more just on the other side of it.

He urges us to be co-creators of a world where all receive the dignity of a living wage and access to adequate healthcare and education, where all children are offered hope for a future. This will take *servant leadership*. The kind of leadership Jesus modelled at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of the disciples. Leadership that says the first will be last and the last first. Let's hope that such leaders emerge from this.

It certainly is a time of recognising what we all have in common as human beings and how interconnected we are. Our destinies are truly tied to each other, rich and poor.

Good Friday

Compassion. Though Jesus was surrounded by people as he walked to his death at Golgotha, he is depicted very much alone. At times he is supported by people who are moved by his plight, who recognise the humanity they share with him, and who want to share in his pain. Simon of Cyrene and the women along the way offer much needed comfort. Like Jesus, thousands of people around the world have been approaching death alone, no loved ones allowed to be near them.

I heard a story of a nurse who helped her dying patient call her daughter using social media to say goodbye. I've also heard of staff in hospitals going above and beyond to ensure that patients don't die alone, a great comfort to distraught families.

Easter Saturday

Waiting. Jesus' followers gathered together, devastated and wondering what would become of them and their mission. There would have been so much sadness, disappointment and so much uncertainty about the future. This time of the epidemic is really an Easter Saturday experience. We trust that the crisis and restrictions will come to an end, but we don't know when.

So many are fearful, and most curious, about what lies ahead, for our families, our community and our world. No one really knows at this stage. We wait.

Easter Sunday

Hope. Somebody commented that Easter Sunday didn't have the same joyful *Alleluia* this year. This may be true, but we are called to be Easter people, hoping and trusting that



Good Friday 2020 by Polish Jesuit Vyacheslav Okun

death and sadness are never the end, and that sometimes they can be the path leading us to fuller lives. Perhaps during isolation there have been some positives for us. Some people have commented that they have enjoyed spending more time with their families and have managed to connect with other loved ones in cyberspace, opening up a whole new way of staying in touch. Some are enjoying the new simplicity that has come with not having a relentless schedule of appointments, trainings and lessons. Like Pope Francis, many are discussing possibilities for a more just world when all of this is over; one where we consider what is good for all people, and for the Earth.

The world and time and all created by God are eastering and rising up to life again. The universe and all of us are the result of unbearable tenderness, and we are laced and threaded with everlasting life that cannot and will not ever be undone. Hope surrounds and delight stalks our every step, because Love still reigns and seeks us out no matter where we hide or live. -Megan McKenna (The New Stations of the Cross)

Mrs Kylie Kuppe Director of Ministry



The B07 and B16 "Run for Relief"

On Friday 13 March, the students of Bodkin 07 and Bodkin 16 all took part in the 'Run for Relief' for the bushfire victims of the summer past (*Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund*).

Together we successfully ran 300+ laps and raised a total of \$3426.00!!

As we achieved our goal of \$2591.00 for the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, we will also donate the extra \$835.00 raised to Parade's chosen charity, the McKillop Foundation.



A massive congratulations must go to the boys who raised the most money.

Logan Careri, Year 8 B16	\$294
Trent Gipp, Year 8 B16	\$424
Patrick Carlton Year 7 B16	\$370

A special mention to Gianluca Premoselli Year 8 B16, who raised \$150 even though he was ill and was unable to be present on the day, and to Bailey Cumming Year 9 B16 who ran fifteen laps in eighteen minutes, unreal effort too!

Mr Matt Simpson, Tutor Teacher B16 Ms Leanne Thomas, Tutor Teacher B07

Paws 4 Kids 2020

The Parade College Community is very proud of our fundraising efforts, particularly those that take place during the Lenten period. Over the past few years the prefect teams have gone to extraordinary lengths to support those in our world who are less fortunate. For our 50th year at Bundoora the team raised more than \$50,000! This year we are needing to make the appeal to the community as we work and study remotely. For the past two years we have supported MacKillop Family Services:



"At MacKillop, we believe every child deserves the best. And the best place for children is in a safe and supportive family, where they are nurtured to develop to their full potential. We work with children and families in Victoria, NSW and Western Australia who have experienced trauma."

On 22nd April MacKillop is running their Paws 4 Kids Day, where all funds raised are tripled by sponsors. If your family is in a position to contribute to our Parade College effort, that would be most appreciated by the young people involved. Any small amount counts!

> Please go to this link and follow the instructions: https://www.mycause.com.au/page/226781/parade-college

> > Please feel free to share this to your networks.

The MacKillop young people are now going to need more help than ever, as the results of the pandemic will only exacerbate the disadvantage experienced by many in the community.

Let's get behind them, where we are able, and show them they haven't been forgotten.





From The Old Paradians

Researcher Uncovers Three More Old Boys Lost In Battle

The identities of three more Old Paradians lost in The Great War have been discovered more than 100 years after each made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of King and country.



As the solemn day of remembrance that is Anzac Day nears, the identities of the three young men - all schooled at the 'Old Bluestone Pile' in Victoria Parade East Melbourne have come to light through the research of the Old Paradian Peter Scott (1950).

Peter discovered their tragically short life stories having scoured digitised editions of *The Advocate* and *The Tribune* Catholic newspapers of the day via Trove.

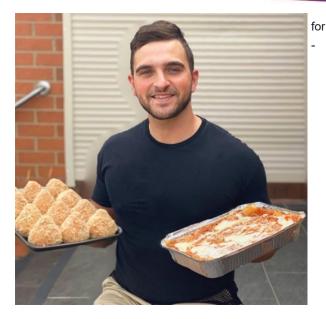
Full story, images, click on the following link - <u>http://</u> <u>www.oldparadians.com.au/old-paradian-stories/</u> <u>researcher-uncovers-three-more-old-boys-lost-in-battle</u>

Love On A Plate On Michael's Menu

We've already seen the best and worst of humanity through the brutal COVID-19 pandemic . . . and in the case of Michael Maloni the former unquestionably applies.

A final year student of Parade College in 2011 and a qualified chef by profession, Michael recently decided that the best way to lend a hand to those living in isolation was to also go it alone . . . and now he wonders what took him so long.

"One of the best things I've done in my life was to use this opportunity to start something that I have so much passion



cooking food for people," Michael said.

"With ten years' experience as a chef in hot sweaty kitchens it was time to venture out on my own. My objective now is to bring a little bit of my home into everyone else's while we go through these testing times."

Full report, image, click here - <u>http://</u> www.oldparadians.com.au/old-paradian-stories/love-on-aplate-on-michael-s-menu

We're In Good Hands With Dr Warrillow

Dr Stephen Warrillow (1990) is an Old Paradian. He is also the Director of the Intensive Care Unit at the Austin Hospital. He is on the frontline.



The journalist Melissa Cunningham, who was granted the first tour inside a coronavirus screening clinic and COVID-19 intensive care unit in Victoria, has graciously allowed the Old Paradians' Association permission to reproduce the following article, which appeared in *The Sunday Age* on 5 April.

The accompanying photograph of Dr Warrillow, standing in a ward prepared for the anticipated increase in coronavirus patients, was taken by *The Age's* Justin McManus.

Melissa's story offers an incredible insight into the monumental challenges now confronting Dr Warrillow and his team.

All power to him and them.

Full story click here - <u>http://www.oldparadians.com.au/</u> old-paradian-stories/we-re-in-good-hands-with-drstephen-warrillow

Mr Tony De Bolfo Old Paradians' Association CEO



Calendar

In light of current advice re COVID-19 precautions, please note that most, if not all, planned events have either been postponed or cancelled. Future newsletters will advise rescheduled dates once they are known

15 April	*	Term 2 Commences
	*	Online Learning
20 April	*	OPA Executive Meeting Online
24 April	*	Strategic Planning Meeting Online
25 April	*	ANZAC Day
27 April	*	Finance Committee Meeting Online
4 May	*	Board Meeting Online
5 May	*	Feast of Edmund Rice
10 May	*	Mothers Day
18 May	*	OPA Executive Meeting Online
22 May	*	Strategic Planning Meeting Online
25 May	*	Finance Committee Meeting Online
1 June	*	Board Meeting Online
8 June	*	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
15 June	*	OPA Executive Meeting Online
19 June	*	Strategic Planning Meeting Online
26 June	*	Term 2 Ends







Reduce your risk of coronavirus

- WASH your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- TRY not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- COVER your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- STAY at home if you feel sick. If you take medication make sure you have enough.
- PHONE your doctor or the hotline 1800 675 398 if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- CONTINUE healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep.
- WEARING a face mask is not necessary if you are well.
- BUY an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol.

Find out more www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned, call the Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

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