Wednesday 24th April 2013

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Replacement permission forms for excursions and incursions can be downloaded and printed from the LSC website by going to the News & Events tab and selecting Notices & Forms.

Quote of the Week

'Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up’

Jesse Jackson

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to Term Two, and we are hoping that all our students had a good break and completed any work set over the break. Term One ended, as it always does, with our Parent Teacher Conferences, and it is hoped that both parents and students have taken on board the advice provided by teachers during the evening, so that the Semester One report will find improved results from those of Term One.

You will be aware that the Government and the Australian Education Union have reached an agreement for an EBA. This is extremely good news as it allows us to truly get on with the core business of once again offering our students the ‘extra’ opportunities that the industrial bans prevented. I thank our parent community and students for the patience and understanding shown with regards the industrial action staff took over the last 10 months or so. I give particular thanks to the parents on School Council who were supportive throughout the time of industrial action.

As a result of the bans being lifted, students, particularly those in Years 7, 9 and 12 will be given information about their respective year level camps over the next few weeks. The Year 12 camp is a compulsory one, coming at a time when students at that year level struggle with maintaining focus. We very strongly encourage all our Year 7 students to attend their camp so that they can consolidate their sense of belonging to Lalor Secondary College. Our Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend the popular trip to Queensland. We will be investigating camps for both Year 8 and 10, however the events will be dependent on student numbers.

You will recall that towards the end of last term parents were sent a survey about the current Uniform Policy. Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the survey, allowing us to get an idea of what our parent community thinks of our policy. In the initial stages, the results will be presented to the School Council’s Uniform Subcommittee, with recommendations on further actions (if relevant) being put to the Council. We will keep you updated as to the outcomes of the survey and any Council decisions related to the policy.

Tomorrow we commemorate ANZAC Day, and last week a group of students attended the annual ceremony allowing students to show their respect to those who fell to defend the Commonwealth in the first and second world wars. On Friday 26th students will not be expected at school as the staff will be participating in our Curriculum Day.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

Welcome back all Year 9 and 10 students. Term Two is an extremely busy and important one. Year 10 students in particular need to work on developing their work and study habits, reflect on the goals set for the year and also ensure that they take the assessment tasks and the end of semester exams seriously.

Starting last Friday Mrs Edwards (Sub-school Leader) and I are running catch up assessment sessions after school on Fridays. Students are given the opportunity to complete assessment tasks missed due to illness, participation in school activities or non-submission of the task by the due date. The sessions are designed to allow students to either complete work in a timely manner or, if the work is late, to reduce the penalties as per the non-submission of work policy.

All student involved will be given a letter with the details. We hope that this initiative, which mirrors that established for Year 11 and 12 students, will allow students to improve their final results.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Edwards or myself at the school.


Year 10 Work Experience

While many students have arranged their work experience placements it is a concern that there are still over one hundred Year 10 students who have not yet done so. Work Experience is an important part of the school’s program, it is compulsory and it provides students with an excellent opportunity to seriously consider career options. The Careers Team; Ms Chantry and Ms Moore, will be working with students over the next week to assist in finalising placements. I ask for your support at home with this. Students who do not have a work experience placement will be attending school to participate in a program.

Curriculum Day

Our staff will be involved in a curriculum day this Friday. Topics will include inquiry based learning, the Australian Curriculum and modifying and differentiating work and activities to cater for the needs of students. The focus on the day is on improving student engagement and outcomes and catering for the needs and requirements of students.

Staff profile: Mr Lee Burns

Mr Burns teaches English, Humanities and Geography at the college. He is also our e-learning leader and works with other staff to enhance the use of ICT in the classroom. Mr Burns has a Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Physical Geography) and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Geography).

Ms J. Cain
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

Many thanks to the parents of Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Term One Parent-Teacher conferences. I know that teachers look forward to meeting the families of their students and the discussions are very valuable as they provide an accurate early gauge of student engagement and achievement which is especially important for new students to the school.

The City of Whittlesea’s Immunisation Team visited the Year 7 students and Year 9 boys on Tuesday the 23rd of April for vaccinations. If consent for vaccination was given and your child did not receive the vaccine/s or was absent on the day of the visit, please contact the City of Whittlesea’s Immunisation Department on 9217 2044 to discuss a catch up. Please be aware that the HPV vaccination is only free for your child this year. If they miss being vaccinated you will need to purchase the vaccine/s at a later date. A course of HPV vaccine is currently $450.

During the term break, the maintenance team constructed and placed five new benches for student seating around the school and installed two new water fountains of their own design outside the gym and adjacent the Year 9 locker area. This will significantly reduce pressure on the current seating and drinking areas around the school.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

I hope all staff and students enjoyed the two weeks of holidays and have come back refreshed and focused for Term Two. Some of our students gave up one of their days over the school break to run the Youth Forum in Whittlesea to engage young people living in their local areas to provide feedback on what they think of their surroundings as well as formulate ideas on how to improve the areas they live in. I would like to thank all those students for giving up their time to organise this exciting event. The students are Ashlea Year 12, Peter Year 12, Monique Year 11, Chelsea Year 11, Ron Year 9, Claire Year 7 and Kevin Year 7. We look forward to these students taking part in the larger Youth Forum organised by Whittlesea Council where the information they collected will be presented and used in the construction of an overall strategy to improve the City of Whittlesea.

The SRC fundraising committee organised a casual dress day on Tuesday 26th of March during Term One to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The SRC would like to thank everyone who participated and allowed the final total of $1015.00 to be raised and donated.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 27th of March. It is during these conferences that the Term One progress reports are distributed to parents and allow all families to gauge how their child is progressing. We had 65% of students’ parents attending which means currently 35% of parents at the school have not collected their reports and therefore have not received important feedback from their child’s teachers. For those parents unable to attend on the evening I ask that you contact the General Office to arrange collection of your child’s report so you are kept informed of their progress. Student managers are currently going through the data from those reports and will be contacting parents via letter for those students who are not meeting the academic requirements of Lalor Secondary College.

With the change of term also comes the change of weather, and a change of uniform. The school community is reminded that from week three of Term Two all students will now be required to attend school in the Lalor Secondary College winter uniform. We ask that a number of uniform guidelines be strictly adhered to :-

1. Girls’ over blouses are not tucked into their skirts.
2. Boys ties are tied up all the way to the top of the shirt with the top shirt button done up.
3. Girls do not wear stockings and socks together.
4. Lalor Secondary College scarves only are to be worn.

Once again I thank the Lalor Secondary College school community for your support in relation to the above issues and look forward to continuing the success of first term.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal Years 11 & 12

EMA SEMESTER 2 APPLICATIONS

A reminder that parents who are eligible for EMA but did not apply for Semester One can now apply for Semester Two payments.

Only those parents who did not apply earlier this year need to apply now.

Ms S. Pileio
EMA Administrator
**SCHOOL VALUES**

**Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty**

Congratulations to the following students who recently received School Values Cards for upholding our school values:

- Millad AHMAD 09G
- Tabarak ALAMIREE 09E
- Ahmad BAQIRI 09B
- India BAXTER 09F
- Justin CAPALDO 09F
- Joshua DELCASTEGNE 09F
- Joshua GOLLEDGE 07C
- Dalia HAGEALI 09G
- Ekrem HAS 09F
- Vipindip KAHLON 09H
- Danielle KONTOGIORGIS 09D
- Alexander KOUTSOFRIGAS 09D
- Joanna MAHFOUD 09A
- Talele TUIMASEVE 09A
- Christina VELEVSKA 09E
- Melissa WEATHERLY 09F
- Bethany WHELAN 09E

*Ms J. Cain*

*Assistant Principal*

**YEAR 10-12 STUDY SKILLS**

The Year 10-12 students had some important strategies related to study skills presented to them during Term One. In the Year 10 and 12 session *Study Sensei*, key points were:

1. Use your Study Design
2. Make notes on the bullet points
3. Use space & colour, especially with trigger words
4. Review notes immediately (near the end of a class), then 24 hours later & then monthly
5. Link the new information with the old & what you already know
6. Research information for more in depth facts, alternative ideas & quotes
7. Avoid distractions when studying (eg, music & MOBILE PHONES)
8. Memorise notes during your Zone of Effectiveness

The Year 11 session *Student Elevation* encouraged the following:

1. Natural talent is not important but Positive Self Talk is.
2. Goal setting is important as it gives the students a target & keeps them focussed.
3. The goals need to be specific & visual (seen on a regular basis)
4. Need to have short term & long term goals

I encourage all parents to discuss these issues with their child, and to ask them what strategies they have applied to date and where they need more assistance and guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance or clarification as these strategies are for the benefit of your child’s education.

*Mr Michael Watson*

*Year 11 & 12 Sub School Leader*

**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION**

On Thursday 18th April, a group of Year 9 and 10 students from LSC were invited to attend the Shrine of Remembrance Anzac Day Commemoration service with staff members Daniel Palmer and Andrew Canals.

*Ms C. Miller*

*Humanities KLA Leader*

On Thursday 18th of April we headed to the Shrine for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service for schools. On the journey in we discussed with Mr Palmer what ANZAC means to us.

When the soldiers marched down to the Shrine in their uniforms, we applauded. Then the Premier of Victoria, Dr Denis Napthine welcomed the students. We listened to stories of previous battles and how ANZAC soldiers have sacrificed their lives for us. We sang two songs, one was Waltzing Matilda. Then we listened to the bugle call; it reminded me of the tragedy of war.

*Anthony Chetcuti, 10G*

**Holy Trip 2014**

Lalor Secondary College is proud to announce WE ARE GOING TO ITALY!

Together with Epping Secondary College; 10 students and three teachers will be travelling to Italy during the 2014 April school holidays. Both students and teachers are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to practising their Italian and seeing the wonderful sites!

If you are still interested in going please feel free to either speak to Ms Cain or Ms Sofo.

*Ms Cain & Ms Sofo*
NEW BEGINNINGS FOR YEAR 7

At the end of Term One a group of Year 7 students who participated in our transition support program made and decorated chocolate cupcakes. Students had fun working together and enjoyed the results of their efforts. They also had the opportunity to reflect on their experiences in secondary school so far. According to the students some of the highlights of Year 7 so far have been: “meeting all the teachers and making new friends”, “getting high marks for tests and assignments”, “having good teachers”, “the canteen is open every day”, “music lessons”, “sport”, and “science”. It’s been a positive start to the year, and we look forward to celebrating more successes with our Year 7 students in Term Two.

Ms Markovska,
Year 7 Student Manager &
Ms Cavalot,
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

VCE DRAMA EXCURSION

On Thursday the 18th April the VCE Drama class travelled to the Victorian Arts Centre to watch a live theatre performance. For some students this was their first time in a theatre. The play, *School Dance* followed the drama-filled lives of three teenage boys; Matt, Luke and Jonathon who were struggling to find their places in the world. The class could easily relate to the main themes of the play; identity, friendship and love. All of the students who attended the excursion thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can’t wait to attend another live performance next semester.

Ms K. Walsh
Drama Teacher

YEAR 9 FRENCH EXCURSION

On Thursday 14th March, both Year 9 French classes took an exciting trip on a Melbourne River Cruise along the Yarra River. We boarded the ferry with some tourists and listened eagerly to the cruise attendant as he informed us about the history of the various buildings, such as the World Trade Centre, Docklands and the Crown Casino. We also got to go out on the deck, where we saw beautiful boats and houses along the edge of the river. After the cruise, we went to dine and experience Melbourne’s multicultural cuisine. Overall, it was an enjoyable day and both classes are grateful to Ms Tatray for organising the excursion and for Mr Krstevski for accompanying us.

Brittany Johnston 9B

As a part of Dental awareness we at Smile Creation are offering special deals for primary and secondary school students for preventative and restorative Dental treatment for the month of April, May and June 2013.

As a part of the special deal we are offering dental check ups at $20 per student. In case that the students need further treatment such as cleaning, fillings or fissure sealants, we will be doing those at a 20% off as well and 5% of these proceeds will be donated back to your school. Upon every examination the parents will be given an estimate of any further work that needs to be carried out and 20% will be applied to original prices. Additional family members such as parents or carers of students will be eligible for these specials as well. Students or family members who have private dental insurance will also receive benefits of these specials through smaller gap payments.

We will run these specials throughout the year to help and support the local community so please contact my staff members Daniela or Jessica on 9467 5548 in order to have your school registered for these deals. Also as a part of this special promotion my staff members can attend your premises and do an educational session for the children in regards to dental health.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dr Sanjay Khanna

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

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