FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SAT 25/4  ANZAC DAY
MON 27/4  ALL STUDENTS IN WINTER UNIFORM
WED 29/4  ASH (After School Program) 3.30pm
FRI 1/5  CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE DAY
Wed 6/5  WHITTLESEA DIVISION ATHLETICS
         YEAR 9 WIRED
         ASH, (After School Program) 3:30pm
FRI 8/5  YEAR 12 - THE AGE CAREERS EXPO

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

While it is the second week of Term Two, I do want to welcome everyone back to what is an eleven week term. I’m hoping that upon completing Term One, students took on board the comments and advice provided during Parent Teacher Conferences in the last week so that Term Two has a positive start.

You’ll note in our ‘Forthcoming Events’ (above) that there is a Curriculum (Student Free) Day on Friday 1st May next week. Students will not be required at school on the day. Our staff will be working on further improving pedagogical practices and curriculum so that the courses at Lalor continue to be engaging and relevant for our students and the community.

Last Thursday evening we held our annual Discovery Evening for prospective students and parents of Year 7, 2016. The evening was a success with our community members (close and farther afield) attending the evening, with our students showcasing the school by taking tours around key areas of the school. So while we are still in the first half of the school year, parents and our junior school is preparing for the 2016 cohort of Year 7 students. I thank all the students and staff who helped make the evening a success.

What, unfortunately did not turn out to be a success was the Building Fund Raiser event – the Car Boot Sale that was held on Saturday 18th April. I’m sure the weather in the morning had much to do with the fact that those who had paid registration to sell from their boot did not attend, disappointing a number of community members who turned up to potentially buy. Our Senior VCAL students who helped Ms Hayward organise the event, were not to be beaten though – their enthusiasm was still high and they are eager to give it another go, come the spring months, when we hope the weather is on our side and the community comes out to trade. I thank Ms Hayward, Ms Sakellaris and the VCAL students for their perseverance and their work on and before the day. It is appreciated.

One of the things we try to promote at the school is improved communication with parents and our community. To this end, we have been using Compass this year to keep parents informed about what is happening at school generally and what is happening with their child/ren specifically. In his report further in the newsletter, Mr Jewell explains the additional forums for communication that have been opened up for our community. I’m hoping parents and students will take advantage of these. However, the best form of communication is the direct kind. And we do encourage this through meetings with parents when needed. However I do ask that parents not come to the school expecting to see a staff member or a member of the principal class without having made an appointment. I understand parents might want to see someone at school with regards an urgent matter, however as you will appreciate, staff members, including the Principal class teach and therefore may not be available. Having said this, Student Managers, Sub School Leaders and the Principal class also have meetings that they are attending during the course of the day. It then becomes frustrating for parents when they come to school wanting to see someone about an urgent matter only to be told the staff member/s they wish to see are unavailable. This places my office staff in a difficult position and is disheartening for all concerned. Should a parent receive an SMS informing them of a detention or exit their child might have, I ask that parents have a discussion with their child before contacting the school. Often, once the discussion happens, matters are clarified. Should a parent then wish to speak to a staff member, then of course this can be arranged by making an appointment or ringing the school to discuss the matter when the staff member is available. Please do not attend the school expecting to see someone without having made an appointment. Of course there are exceptions, and I ask parents to consider their purpose for wanting to meet with a staff member before coming to the school without prior arrangements. So while I do promote communication and interaction with parents, there is an appropriate way to do this.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome to the school new staff members who have replaced staff who are currently on leave. Ms Helen Ricco (Greek Language teacher) has taken
the place of Ms Ann Anagnostou who is currently on leave. Ms Anna Tran (Maths / Science teacher) joined us last term upon Ms Lela Tsangas taking leave of the maternity kind.

At the end of last term five staff members ceased working for Lalor SC and the Education Department. Ms Gillin, Ms Ho, Mr Parle, Mr Valentic and Mr Jong. I wish all these staff members the best in their future endeavours.

And at this point I want to congratulate Mr Lucas Garth who welcomed his second child – Hannah, into his family just prior to the end of term. I congratulate Ms Tsangas on the birth of her first child, a girl – Christina. A huge congratulations to both staff members and their families on their fantastic additions to their families.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

YEAR 9 AND 10
I am hoping that all students in Years 9 and 10 and their families had a relaxing term break.

It was wonderful to see so many of you here for the Parent Teacher Conferences held in the last week of term. Term Two will be a busy one and I urge all students to remain focused and up to date with all class work tasks and homework items in readiness for a successful completion of Semester One.

The Year 9 and 10 Student Managers and Mrs Edwards have been busy ensuring a smooth start to the term. Student assemblies at the start of this term have re-enforced behaviour and academic expectations required of students and as parents I urge you to continue to work together with the college in support of these matters.

Adolescence can often be a challenging time for students however, one of the best ways to assist our teenagers through this time, is by sending consistent messages regarding our expectations of teenagers’ behaviour and application to their studies both at school and at home.

The City of Whittlesea is offering free Parenting Workshops on Tuesday 12 May, to assist parents to understand their teenager better and develop basic strategies for dealing with teenage behaviours.

Topics include:

- Understanding adolescence
- Understanding your job as the parent of a teenager
- Choosing your battles

If you are interested, further information can be found at http://www.baselinewhittlesea.com/whats_happening/dealing_with_adolescents

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
A reminder to Year 10 parents that Work Experience Forms are to be returned to the college by the 4th May. As mentioned in previous newsletters, all students will be required to complete one week of work experience in the second week of term.

Please ensure that your child has a placement and all forms have been signed and returned to the College. As always, feel free to contact Ms Alana Chantry, Ms Spence and Mr Wilkinson should you have any further questions regarding work experience.

SCHOOL VALUES
Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

William Phan Dejan Nikolovski
Millad Ahmad Amy Scalvi
Adam Daoud Junior Lolopo
Michelle Guan Nour Maqsodi
Ana Krskeska Chrysalis Nguyen
Caitlin Laird Angelina Stoicesvski
Hyer Al Ramahi Joel Buckler
Khosor Akkari Ali Soliman
Nikola Najdovski Damon Lu
Zeke De Leon Jamieson Johnson
Luxshika Kannan Ali Hassoun
Elly May Dreier Ibrahim Halbe
Tim Nguyen Stephanie Santos
Emily Cabrera Marina Galata
Anastacia Radimisis Quita Nipoe
Sara Alsakran Alexander Taskovski
Isaac Long Campbell Jardine
William Cookson Nour Maqsodi
Zainb Radhi Luxshika Kannan
Jamieson Johnson Jordan Kelly-Smith
Alex Quach Jaylan Chhaban
Sashe Lumakovski Brianna Curran
Ali Hassoun Matthew Benic
Sebastain Bermingham Vinh Vo
Junior Lolopo Ali Habib
Nikita Micallef Almir Lerovski
Brianna Curran Jamieson Johnson
Kolose Tamo

Mrs L. Forster
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

I hope all staff and students enjoyed the two weeks of holidays and have come back refreshed and focused for Term Two.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday the 26th 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 son/daughter is progressing. We had 65% of reports collected which means 35% of the reports were sent home with students in the first week back this term. If you have not received your report please contact the school at your earliest convenience to arrange for collection. 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. Students who have performed at the highest level will be recognised at upcoming year level assemblies and are to be congratulated on an excellent start to the year.

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 & skirts are not rolled up.
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.
5. Rain jackets are not worn inside.

As a matter of safety within the school grounds no alternate clothing such as non LSC hoodies, rain jackets or jumpers are allowed to be worn by students while at school. This means that strangers onto the school grounds are easily identified as they stand out amongst all of our students in uniform. Therefore I ask all parents to ensure that their child has sufficient winter uniform items to deal with the cold including a LSC jumper as alternatives will not be permitted even with a note from home.

The school is always trying to keep the wider school community, especially parents, as informed as possible about what is occurring within the school including the academic performance of their children. There are now four main ways to gain information on what is occurring within the school. These include:

**School Website** – The website can be found at [www.lalorsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.lalorsc.vic.edu.au) The website contains comprehensive information on teaching and learning, enrolments, policy, news and events, extra-curricular activities, key dates, staff contact details and links to the various communication channels used by the school listed below.

**Compass** – Information management system that contains up to date academic results, previous school reports, attendance information, upcoming assessment tasks, the ability to change your personal contact details, parent/teacher conference interviews and more.

**Lalor Secondary Facebook Page** – If you access Facebook and search Lalor Secondary College you will find our Facebook page that has up to date information on events occurring at the school. The official page can be found at: [www.facebook.com/lalorsecondarycollege](http://www.facebook.com/lalorsecondarycollege)

**Twitter** – Lalor Secondary College also has a twitter account that posts up to date information on events, student and staff achievements and other miscellaneous information the wider school community will be interested in. Our official link is: [www.twitter.com/LalorSecondary](http://www.twitter.com/LalorSecondary)

All of these forms of communication are regularly being updated with new information and I recommend all members of the school community follow, like or visit your favourite form of communication to keep up to date on all of the happenings at Lalor Secondary College.

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**

**CURRICULUM MATTERS – USING YOUR TIME EFFECTIVELY**

As we now head into Term Two and near the completion of Semester One, it is very important that students have developed good working habits, both here at school as well as at home. Homework is one component of our program that is very tangible and many students will diligently complete homework tasks when set and instructed by their teachers; however, work at home is more than just completing set tasks. It is the expectation that all students are completing work at home each night, and this can range from silent reading, reviewing notes from the day’s lessons or even completion of extension work or reading ahead of topics. For this reason effective time management is an essential key to school and indeed life success.

So essentially effective planning of time allows students to spread their work over a Semester, and avoid a ‘traffic jam’ of work, therefore decreasing any stresses associated with assessments that are due. Many deadlines for assessments leading up to reports occur at around the same time, and unless students plan ahead, many find it difficult to manage. Don’t forget subject Exams are also completed in Years 9-11 at this time. To meet these demands students need to spread their workload over the entire Semester. Prioritising what work needs to be done and ‘when’ is the first important step that can be completed with effective use of a diary. Then they need to work out how to use the time they have available to them as efficiently as possible. Here are a few tips that may make this process easier for both students and their families:

- To prioritise successfully you must develop weekly and long term time management plans.
- Don’t put off small tasks. Completing them straight away encourages you to begin tackling larger tasks.
- Try ‘chunking’ long/difficult tasks into sections. This allows you to approach a large task as a series of manageable parts.
- Don’t try to write a whole assignment in one sitting. Write it section by section.
- If you have writer’s block, try writing something – anything - down. You will most likely change whatever you write later, but making a start is important.
✓ Work out your optimum study conditions. Identifying when, and under what circumstances, you work best will make you a more efficient and effective student.
✓ Do you prefer to work early in the morning or late at night?
✓ Do you prefer working on one assignment exclusively, or several at the same time?
✓ Do you need complete silence to concentrate, or do you find a background buzz more conducive to effective study?
✓ Be honest with yourself - don’t plan to wake early and study at 5.00am if you’re not a morning person, and don’t plan to study after dinner if you always fall asleep by 8.30pm or need to be in bed early.
✓ Remember that it’s your study and the time you spend is very important if you want to achieve success. If you find yourself losing direction, sit back and think of your goals. This will often put everything into perspective in terms of the type of student you are wanting to be.

Mrs K. Kubeil
Curriculum Leader

‘YOGA THURSDAYS’
The Wellbeing Team is introducing a new and inclusive after school Program called “YOGA Thursdays”.

The Program will be open to all Students (Year 7-12), Teachers and Education Support Staff. We believe ‘YOGA Thursdays’ will provide individuals an opportunity to come together and embrace collectiveness, whilst also fostering healthier minds and happiness.

Yoga is becoming increasingly popular in our communities, not only for health and fitness, but for sound mind and sense of confidence and wellbeing. Some of the physical benefits of Yoga include: balanced hormones, healthy metabolism, heart health, lower blood pressure, aiding the reduction of headaches and migraines, lower stress and healthy adrenaline levels, joint health, mobility and flexibility.

LSC has acquired the services of a qualified Yoga Teacher in Erin Fisher-Stamp, with the primary focus to teach yoga to individuals at LSC under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor and Wellbeing Staff. Erin is associated and registered with Gita Teachers Guild and Yoga Australia and thrives on bringing the opportunity with Gita Teachers Guild associated and registered with Wellbeing Staff. Erin is a qualified instructor and direct supervision of a individual at LSC under the focus to teach yoga to individuals at LSC under the.

‘Yoga Thursdays’ will consist of classes intended to run for one hour – 3:30pm – 4:30pm commencing Term Two in Week Two for a 8-week block. Topics and themes covered include: Knowing Your Body; Be Productive; Be Calm; Be Healthy & Set Goals; Be Aware of your Body; Have Perspective; Deepen your Understanding; and Use Yoga in your Everyday Life.

Students will need signed consent by a parent/guardian. Consent forms can be obtained from the Welfare Office located in the College Library, or alternatively, the General Office. Equipment will be provided and no payment is required. The Program begins 3:30pm sharp! Thus students are encouraged to attend the Gymnasium immediately after school to allow enough time to get changed.

I believe that bringing the opportunity to integrate all the mainstream knowledge of nutrition and fitness, with wellbeing, body awareness, and understanding together to create a holistic approach to health is vital in making a shift in the young attitude towards health and fitness. This is what I’m working towards – youth teaching youth!!!

Mr L. Zaekis
Wellbeing Team!!!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On the 24th of March, Nadia Petrasso 8D and Clare Freeman 9H went to the Northern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Carnival. Both girls successfully completed all their events at a high level and had a great time swimming at Watermarc. Nadia did an outstanding job at her 50m Butterfly and Clare competed in the 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 200m IM.

Thanks very much to Mrs Radford for driving us and being a great place judge for the day.

Written by Nadia and Clare

YEAR 10 MUSIC EXCURSION TO THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC - GIANTS OF JAZZ
On Friday the 17th of April the Year 10 Music class attended the Giants of Jazz who performed multiple pieces of jazz music. Our expectations were that the concert would be unappealing and boring; however AIM performers delivered passionate jazz pieces. It was very interesting to watch and listen to. All groups delivered famous songs from the most important jazz periods such as the Swing era, Be Bop, Blues and Modern jazz. The types of bands who played on the day were a quartet ensemble, ensembles that were accompanying various singers and a big brass band. The concert started with performances at a beginners’ level, then progressed to intermediate level. The concert ended with professional performances.

The overall concert was enjoyable and we have become more knowledgeable about jazz music.

Serena, Lexi, Sarah, Yianni, Thuy, Rachel, Giraud, William, Antwan and Elaine

School Captains: Aleksander Markovski & Faith Tuitea; Vice Captains: Kenny Tran & Julia Pavia
Sport Captains: Laura Salamone & Zachary Challis; House Captains: Tracy Luc, Hana Youssef, Zak Mirabelli, Nerida Leonard.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

The Book Club members have kindly contributed to this week's Library News by providing these fantastic book reviews.

**Parvana**

*by Deborah Ellis*

This is about a poor Afghan girl who looks like a boy and helps her family walk to the market to buy things. Parvana’s family used to be rich but because of the war in Afghanistan and the bombs they lost everything. Now she is living in one small room with her father, mother, older sister Nooria, younger sister Mariam and younger brother Ali. Girls are not allowed on the street or outside. My favourite character was Parvana. After her father went to prison, Parvana has to go out to support the family and pretend to be a boy. Find out what happened to Parvana and her family by reading the book.

*By Luxshika Kannan, 8E*

**The Lost Hero**

*by Rick Riordan*

Percy Jackson is missing. The whole camp is trying to find him. To make things worse, three new heroes have come with Roman symbols and not Greek ones. This is the first book in the Heroes of Olympus series and is worth reading. I recommend it for fantasy readers because it is full of action scenes and has new gods.

*By Gabriel Boyle, 9H*

**Holes**

*by Louis Sacher*

Stanley goes to a boys camp for bad boys where he digs a hole every day. He meets the other boys and then becomes friends with them. Stanley meets this kid named Zero and they become friends. Stanley teaches Zero to read and write. This is a great book.

*By Muhjah Alshamis, 8B*

**Moonshadow: Eye of the Beast**

*by Simon Higgins*

Jump into the world of Japan which is full of ninjas and Japanese lords. Follow the new agent of the Grey Light Order, Moonshadow as he goes on his first mission. During his first mission, he will face rogue samurais and a mysterious beautiful girl. Read Moonshadow's journey as he battles foe after foe, making enemies and allies and saving the fate of the world in this great book.

*By Kevin Nguyen*

Happy Reading!

**Ms Susanne Graetsch**

Library Resource Centre Manager

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**SRC REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

On April 16th, nine members of the SRC attended a conference held at Antonine College. This day enabled students to network with other SRC students from many other schools in the region. They shared ideas, brainstormed issues and learnt how to plan prospective actions. Our students showed excellent involvement and were very confident sharing their opinions with other schools. It was particularly pleasing to see Year 7 student Hyder Al Ramahi take a major part in the day and speak on behalf of the SRC to present their ideas.

All in all, the students conducted themselves in a professional and respectful manner and gained a lot of insight about how to be effective in their roles. We look forward to seeing what our SRC council will bring to Lalor Secondary College in 2015!

**Ms Diana Atanasovski**

SRC Supporting Teacher

On the 16th of April, SRC students from Lalor Secondary College congregated at the 2015 Regional VicSRC conference. The conference allowed students from a network of schools across Victoria to gain new leadership skills by working together on common school issues to determine what really matters to students across Victoria.

Ron Garcia, an executive member from Lalor Secondary College along with other students governed the conference and gave a fabulous opening speech for the event. The leadership team decided the most prominent issue affecting Lalor Secondary College currently is school funding. SRC members will be discussing methods to address this throughout the year to improve school based opportunities for all students.

Students participated in range of activities including SRC "Speed Dating", "The Big Issues" brainstorm and action planning during the event and evaluated issues regarding the State of Victoria.

Thank-you to students Laura Salamone, Kenny Tran, Tracy Luc, Ron Garcia, Hana Youssef, Alex Markovski, Hyder Al Ramahi, Suzie Halabi representing the school with me, and Mrs Atanasovski for representing the teachers.

**Julia Pavia**

School Vice-Captain
Hi my name is Hyder Al Ramahi and I am going to tell you about the SRC excursion. When we got there, there were people welcoming us which put a smile across my face. The presenters were prepared and ready to go. We were put in groups according to the colour cards we were given, to get to know each other and talk about ourselves. Everybody took turns one at a time with no one talking over someone. Then I knew this would be a great group. The teacher gave points to the different coloured groups when they won games, and at the end she called out the winner. Luckily, my group "Tree Green" won! As the winners, we were given free USB sticks, a Frisbee and lollies. After that we went back into our own school groups and the teachers started talking about children with mental illness, which got people’s attention. They started talking about what you can do to help those people and help them. Towards the end, students were making speeches about problems in their schools. There were problems like school funding, school equipment, budgets and more. Only two people from each school group got up and read their speech. Everyone was confident in themselves. They gave us morning tea and lunch. Lots and lots more went on. The SRC’s and teachers had a great time.

Hyder Al Ramahi
Year 7 SRC

For more information about VicSRC please go to http://www.vicsrc.org.au/

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY FOR SCHOOLS

This year, on Friday 27th March, Lalor Secondary College participated in the annual Australia-wide initiative, ‘Clean Up Australia Day’. We had 16 students across Years 7 to 9 who helped clean up around the Lalor Secondary College campus.

Some of our volunteers wrote:

"On the 27th of March, we went to clean up the school. We spent our time picking up rubbish and we found some animal bones. We were treated to a great lunch. We would like to say thank you to Ms Domm for setting this up. Everyone loves being in a tidy and clean environment so we would like to remind everyone that we have bins around the school and would really appreciate it if you took two seconds of your time throwing rubbish in them."

Sara Al-Sakran and Quita Napoe 9D

"Many students volunteered and had a spectacular day cleaning some of the areas at our school Lalor Secondary College. Also many students enjoyed the pizza. We hope it continues next year, so others who volunteer could enjoy cleaning our school or even other environments to save the planet"

Nour Maqsodi 7E

A huge thank you goes out to our volunteers:

Luxshika Kannan Zainb Radhi
Nour Maqsodi William Cookson
Campbell Jardine Isaac Long
Alexander Taskovski Sara Al-Sakran
Quita Napoe Anastacia Radimisis
Marina Galata Emily Cabrera
Stephanie Santos Tim Nguyen
Ibrahim Haibe Elly-May Drier

Your efforts in being part of the (environmental) solution have bought pride to your school, your community and yourselves.

Ms Domm
Science Teacher

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY EXCURSION TO VSSEC:

On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st April, the two Year 12 Chemistry classes went to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre to take part in the Chemical Analysis programme. Students completed three chemical analysis investigations using Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, UV/Visible Spectroscopy and Gas Chromatography techniques.

The laboratory work the students undertook is a part of their Extended Experimental Investigation assessment task.

Ms E. Domm
Chemistry Teacher
Grants for young people
Young people aged 25 and under in the City of Whittlesea can apply for grants to help them pursue their arts, cultural and sporting endeavours, through our Arts, Cultural and Sporting Grants Program.

We encourage young people to visit www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au to read the conditions of the program and to complete an application form if they are eligible. The Program is open all year round. The intent of the program is to encourage participation in state, national and internationally certified championship type events run by recognised arts, cultural or sporting organisations. Eligibility is directly linked to the Family Assistance Office Family Benefit A.
For more information, phone 9217 2294 or email info@whittlesea.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

**WELCOME EXPO 2015**

The City of Whittlesea Welcomes New Residents
Find out how Council and community organisations can support you.
Take the time to meet other local residents.

**Get connected to your local community**
The Welcome EXPO will profile Council departments and community organisations that focus on:

- Family, children, young people and seniors
- New migrants, refugees and multicultural residents
- Learning and education
- Health
- Employment
- Sustainability and waste
- Safety and emergency services
- Sports and leisure
- Volunteering

**Date:** Thursday 7 May 2015
**Time:** 9.30am - 11.30am
**Location:** Great Hall, Council Offices, 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang
Melway 183 A10

For more information contact Council’s Community Officer on 9217 2264 or to register your attendance contact Council’s Community Cultural Development team, on 9217 2264 or email community.cultural.development@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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**Parents please note:**
Our green and navy pullovers are made from a wool and polyester blend. They need to be washed in a woold wash, not in a washing powder with bleach as the colour is being stripped out of the fabric.

*Mrs Williams
Shop Manager*