PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
The month of August is E.S. month. In this month we celebrate the contributions and dedication of our Education Support staff who carry out duties across the school through a variety of mediums. This includes our office staff, teacher aides, administration support, wellbeing staff, grounds and facilities maintenance, and our KLA support staff such as our Science, Food Technology and Library Resource assistants. The school could not run without their support so please say thank you to one of these staff members during this time of celebration.

The Australian Government declared that August 7th was to be a National Day of mourning, to honour the victims of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17. As a mark of respect and mourning those who lost their lives the school flew all of its flags, including the Australian National Flag at half-mast on this day. I thoughts and feelings especially go out to those Australians who have been affected by this tragedy.

The Year 12 Information evening was held on Tuesday the 5th of August as advertised in the last newsletter with a number of parents braving the cold to attend.

These parents received information for the smooth transition of their child into Year 12 including information on how to support them throughout the year. The Year 11 Information evening will be held this Tuesday the 12th of August at 7pm. All parents of current Year 10 students are strongly encouraged to attend.

There will be a student free day on August the 29th as the school will run its second curriculum day for the year. No students are required to attend on this day and parents are advised to start making arrangements for this day.

Are you a member of Parents Victoria?
Find out how to run a successful parents club and hear about the latest digital technologies and online resources at this year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference. This year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo on 29th and 30th of August.

Parents Victoria is a state wide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools, and provides parents with a voice, presenting an organised parent perspective to State and Federal Governments, educational bureaucracies and institutions, community organisations and the media.

The theme for this year’s annual conference is Education for Everyone – let’s engage!
Find out more information about Parents Victoria at: http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/

Mr C. Jewell
Acting College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Year 10 Work Experience
Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students who completed a successful week of work experience. On Wednesday 6th August all Year 10 students had an...
opportunity to share their week and reflect on their placement. All classes then listened to a number of students present on their experiences.

It was interesting to hear all of the presentations and well done to the year level. Students need to submit their journal to the Careers Team (Ms Chantry and Ms Cujic) to finalise their placement and receive a certificate at the end of the year.

**Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews**

All Year 10 students will be involved in subject selection interviews and a letter will follow shortly with further details. This will follow up the Year 10 into Year 11 information evening.

**New Pedagogies for Deep Learning – global project**

The college is one of 80 schools in Victoria involved in a project that spans 10 countries and a 1000 schools. This partnership is designed to develop and improve teaching and learning within schools which will be accelerated by the use of technology. Skills such as creativity, innovation, problem solving and collaboration will be developed. The project runs for three years and during this period staff will have access to resources and training. The project will be led by myself, Ms Tacey (Pedagogy Leader) and a team of teachers and it is a very exciting project which will benefit the school's teaching and learning programs.

**Staff Profile**

**Ms Ellie Clarris**

*Student Attendance Officer*

Ellie has been working in the General Office at Lalor Secondary College since 2010.

Ellie looks after all aspects of student data, enrolments, absences and student detail updates.

She is the person that you talk to when you call the school to report that your child is ill.

Ellie is not only a valued member of our school team she also holds a Certificate iii in Beauty and is a qualified Beauty Therapist.

**SCHOOL VALUES**

Pride  Achievement  Caring  Cooperation  Honesty

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

ANASTASI, Stephanie  
CHRISTOU, Peter  
CHAKOUF, Peter  
AWAIS, Ayesha  
BENIGNO, Connie

**Ms J. Cain**

*Assistant Principal – Years 9 & 10*

For a number of years Lalor Secondary College has enjoyed a very productive relationship with ABCN, Australian Business and Community Network. ABCN provides a large range of mentor based support programs for Australian students and once again this year, a number of our Year 7 students have been fortunate enough to have been selected to participate in the ABCN initiative *Read, Inspire, Strive, Exceed (RISE)* This year our Year 7 students will be working with young professionals – typically accountants or lawyers from Price Cooper Waterhouse (PCW) There are 12 students and each one is assigned a mentor from PCW who they will work with on a one-to-one basis for 10 one hour sessions at the city offices of PCW. While the sessions primarily target building reading and comprehension skills, they also incorporate socialisation and confidence building as the mentors demonstrate positive role modelling and encourage the student personally. We are very happy to work with ABCN as the programs they offer are of great benefit for our students on many levels. The 2015 RISE Program will begin on August 28.

I have mentioned this issue a number of times, but I remain very concerned at the actions of some of our students at the level crossing and around bus stops on Dalton Road after school. The road after school is obviously very busy and students place themselves in extremely dangerous situations by running across the road, running along on the road divider and standing on the road while waiting for buses. It is estimated that one school student is killed on Australian roads every two weeks. I do not want our community becoming a part of that statistic.

**Mr P. James**

*Assistant Principal – Years 7 & 8*

**‘MINDFUL MONDAYS’**

The Wellbeing Team in conjunction with Careers and Programs have introduced a new lunch time workshop called *‘MINDFUL MONDAYS’* for all Year 11 and 12 students to assist with the various competing demands
faced in VCE. Lalor Secondary College considers itself very fortunate as the Workshop itself will be facilitated by a qualified psychologist from the Wellbeing Staff. Some of the topics covered include: Positive Thinking; Nutrition; Sleep; Organisation; Encouraging Healthy / Active Lifestyles; Connecting with People and Meditation. The workshops will be held every Monday during Lunch times for the remainder of term 3. We believe the students enrolled in VCE could really benefit from the new workshop moving forward, particularly with exams fast approaching.

Wellbeing Team!!!

STATE FINALS HERE WE COME

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 12 boys’ soccer team, who on Monday, 28th July won the Northern Zone Finals in fine fashion. There were 2 halves to the draw, with the top team in each half playing off in the grand final for a spot in the last 8 teams in the state. We were in the half with 3 teams and the other half had 4 teams. We watched our 2 opponents play 1st and Roxburgh started well with 2 quick goals. Viewbank then settled down, got themselves better organised and managed to get a goal back. Roxburgh therefore had a win on the board and a 2 – 1 goal difference. We came up against Viewbank in our first match and we also started well with 2 nice goals. We pressed hard for more but to their credit Viewbank held us out and then scored a cracking goal from 25 metres out with the aid of a howling gale. That put us on 1 win as well and we had exactly the same goal difference as Roxburgh, who we faced in our next game. The winner of that game would go into the final but if it was a draw then a toss of a coin would decide our fate. We went into the match with confidence knowing that we were a good team if we played to our game plan and our strengths. It was a tough match that sawed back and forward but we were putting more pressure on their defence than they were on ours and eventually it paid off. We scored with only 3 mins left and progressed straight into the Grand Final.

In the final we came up against St. Helena who had on Monday, 28th July won the Northern Zone Finals. Khoda Moussa made two quality saves in the half but couldn’t convert on the scoresheet; late in the half Ali Alabsawi found some room in the box to put away a quality header. In the 2nd half we defended very well but with only a few minutes remaining Roxburgh Park equalized due to some sloppy defending. The match ended in a 1-1 draw seeing our boy’s progress through to the final against St Helena. The final was played of high quality with both defences holding up under pressure. After two 15 minute halves the game ended in a 0-0 draw, penalties would decide who would be crowned Northern Zone champions and a right to progress through to the State Finals. Khoda Moussa made two quality saves in goals. Our players held their nerve from the spot converting all 4 shots eventually winning 4-2 on penalties. Better players on the day were Gorkem Tam, Andrej Geogrevski, Yahya Kabbara, Khoda Moussa, Theo Spandides and Jay Ahmad. Finally I would like to thank & congratulate the Senior Boys team who also made it through to the State Finals and gave us fantastic support during some tense moments in the final. I look forward to our next challenge as we take on the best State Schools in Victoria on September 1st.

Mr S Krstevski
Intermediate Boys’ Soccer Coach

ASX GAME NO 2, 2014

The Australian Schools’ Stock Exchange Game has been revamped. The number of companies students can now invest in has increased from 100 to 300. The website also has a new student and teacher interface. Approximately 180 Commerce students are enrolled in the current game which is a new record for Lalor

School Captains: Daniel Petrovski & Monique Shimmins; Vice Captains: Daniel Perri & Chelsea Nikolov; Sport Captains: Dillon Ristevski & Tayla Damiri
Secondary College. Students will be provided with their passwords in due course. The game commences on 21 August, 2014.

Mr A Cahill
Commerce/Humanities Faculty

STUDY TOUR TO ITALY 2015

We are excited to announce that we are currently promoting a Study Tour to Italy for December 2015!

There will be a parent meeting held at Epping Secondary College
Date TBA (this term)
All parents and students who are interested are welcome to attend.

Ms V Pugliese
LOTE Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Lalor Secondary College is actively involved in the annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. This Challenge has been going for ten years! The purpose is to instil the love of reading. There is a famous quote by Dr Seuss that sums up the importance of reading quite well:

“The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you’ll go.”

This inclusive program is designed for students from Prep to Year 10 and all schools in Victoria are eligible and encouraged to participate. The only requirement for secondary students is that they are challenged to read 15 or more books during a period of time.

The Reading Challenge started at the beginning of February and will finish on 12th September 2014. We are now three-quarters of the way in. So far, we have 117 students from Year 7 to 9, registered to participate in the challenge. Collectively, these students have read 651 books!! At this time, we have 14 students who have met the Challenge.

Challengers are reminded to add their books to their online reading record on the Reading Challenge website (www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/). The library staff can assist any students if they need any help with accessing their online reading record.

We regularly promote books on the Reading Challenge display table to help students choose their books. As mentioned in the last Library News, peer recommendations are a powerful promotional tool for students to read books that their peers are reading. We are lucky to have more book reviews written by students:

**Good Dog, Bad Dog**
by Dave Shelton

Have you ever heard of dogs that are police? I don't think so but it’s true. Good Dog, Bad Dog is a new graphic novel in the library. The bad dogs are thieves and criminals. But there are heroes to save everyone and they are the good dog detectives who fight crime in their city. In one of the stories, the good dog is a police dog that has been doing his job for many years but has lost his best partner. He needs another partner and he finds Macbo who is really funny and will make you laugh.

By Luxshika Kannan (7E)

**The Mouse Island Marathon**
by Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton is a businessman and one day an old sporty friend signs him up for a marathon on Mouse Island. Geronimo needs to wake up at six every morning to train so that he can be fit for the marathon. When the big day arrives, Geronimo notices so many people competing including skinny, overweight, young and old ones. The obstacles he faces in each race are huge and each one presents him with a problem. I liked this book because it’s funny and interesting. It shows when you help people in trouble, you will be rewarded.

By Zainb Radhi (7E)

Happy reading!

Ms S Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager