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Quote of the Week

Of all parts of wisdom the practice is the best.

John Tillotson

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the term draws to a close, staff are completing the student Semester Reports. These will be distributed on day one of Term Three. Parents and guardians will be receiving a letter from the school that asks parents and guardians to give their child permission to collect the report. The relevant section of the letter must be completed by a parent or guardian and returned to the child’s Home Group teacher before the end of the term. We ask that this form be completed as in the past we had a concerning number of parents who either weren't aware reports had been distributed or the reports, while given to the student, never actually made it home. This permission letter will hopefully ensure parents and guardians are aware of the reports being distributed and arrangements made for collection. As stated, the reports will be given to students whose parents or guardians have submitted the form, on the first day back next term, at the end of Period 6.

Further to the subject of reports, I want to make parents and guardians aware that we have had a number of circumstances that have meant some classes have been impacted by extended staff absence and replacement teachers taking their classes. Your child’s report may include a letter of explanation to this effect and we thank parents in anticipation of their patience with situations that are beyond our control.

Parents may be aware that in 2011 we held our first Whole School Assembly in a very long time. One of the major reasons for not being able to hold a Whole School Assembly is because we do not have a closed venue that will allow over 1,000 students to be comfortably accommodated. While we had originally planned for a Whole School Assembly early in Term Two, weather and other student events meant that it had to be postponed a number of times. We have now confirmed that the assembly will occur on the first day back in Term Three, (weather permitting) at the beginning of Period 6. The primary purpose of this assembly is to acknowledge and present those students who did well at the Athletics Carnival. The status of the House competition will also be announced. We will ensure that those who receive medals on the day will be listed in the first newsletter next term.

The Committee organising the 50th Anniversary celebrations is really gaining momentum and the interest expressed on our website has exceeded our
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Reporting and assessment
All of the teaching staff have been busy correcting student workbooks, assessment tasks and marking exams as well as completing reports for all students. These will be distributed on the first day of Term Three and provide students and their parents information about their progress in first semester as well as offering advice and strategies on how students can improve. Many hours of work have gone into the reports and I know parents are appreciative of the feedback given.

Year 10 Work Experience
All Year 10 students are required to complete work experience in the last week of Term Two. Many have organised interesting placements which will assist them in making sound choices for next year. I am sure that the students will represent the school in an exemplary manner.

Staff profile
James Stephens
Mr Stephens teaches Geography, History and English at the college. He has a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education (Secondary). Mr Stephens attended La Trobe University.

Frank Rowland
Mr Rowland is one of our lab technicians. He attended RMIT and Monash University and has a Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine and a Diploma of Education. Mr Rowland is also the Under 14 Cricket Coach at Pascoe Vale Cricket Club.

SCHOOL VALUES
Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

- ABDULA, Ruvida 10C
- ABDUL-AHAD, Sofya 10E
- AL HAMZAH, Hawra’A 10G
- AL KANANI, Thoha 10F
- ARFI, Daniel 10G
- ASSAAD, Mouhamed 10C
- AWAIS, Hassan 10D
- BALLETTA, Julia 08B
- ILGIN, Cemre 08H
- CAO, Lily 10D
- CASSAR, Natalie 10B
- CHETCUITI, Anthony 10G
- DREIER, Jake 10E
- EL YOUSSEF, Ali 07A
- ELZOHBI, Ahmad 10D
- FILOVSKA, Emily 10A
- GIMENA, Mark 08D
- GREENHILL, Kiona 08B
- HADDAD, Helen 10H
- HIKMAT, Rita 10I
- HUA, Ngoc 10I
- ISMAEL, Awaz 08H
- KABBARA, Mona 10D
- KAUR, Manpreet 07E
- KUMAR, Bikendra 10E
- MAGNISALIS, Miranda 10A
- MAMMONE, Eros 10H
- MISSIHRONIS, Jamie 10A
- MOKDISSI, Vanessa 10H
- MONTERO, Daniel 10H
- MOUSSA, Araksan 10I
- NGUYEN, Eric 10I
- NICOPoulos, Zoe 10A
- NOUN, Wincent 10F
- PANAGIOTIDIS, Andrea 10A
- SALEH, Lami 10I
- SANCHEZ, Cassandra 10I
- SCULLY, Cassandra 10H
- SULTAN, Abhram 07A
- THAI, Gieester 08D
- VULIC, Amanda 10D
- WEBB, Dylan 10A
- WOOLCOCK, Erin 10H
- WRAY, Catherine 10B
- YILMAZ, Kaan 10F
- ZONE, Zoe 10B
- KOUZOU, Mark 08D

Students will receive their First Semester reports on the first day of Term Three. This is an important time, particularly for our Year 7 students as the report provides a clear indication as to how well the students are learning as well as highlighting areas for improvement. I would ask that you discuss the report with your son or daughter and pay particular attention to the Work Habits and Key Skills components of the report as these areas focus on the fundamental learning skills that will form the basis of future learning success. Year 7 and 8 students should use the report to reflect on progress made in their subjects so far this year and think about the things they need to focus on next semester.

A reminder that The City of Whittlesea’s immunisation team are returning to the school on 22 July, which is the Monday of week 2, Term Three. Year 7 students will be given HPV dose two and a Chickenpox catch-up will be available. Year 9 boys will receive HPV dose two and the Year 10 students will be given the Boostrix Vaccine. The Boostrix Vaccine is a booster dose from your child’s last dose at four years of age. It protects against the deadly diseases Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough. Consent cards will be given to Year 10 students in the first week of Term Three. All vaccination consent cards must be returned to the school whether your child is being vaccinated or not. Please be aware that these vaccinations are only free whilst your child is in Years 7, 9 or 10.

Over the break, the school will be a very busy place. As a part of our continuous maintenance and upgrade program there will be 5 reverse cycle air conditioners installed across the school and the classroom in the 200s wing will be carpeted. The Drama Space will be painted and a concrete path linking the Derrick Street car park with the school proper will be constructed.
Study Skills Camp on the 22nd and 23rd of July. Payment for this activity is overdue for those who are yet to pay and is required as soon as possible to the General Office. I thank the 83 students and families that have already paid for this activity. We encourage all families to please have their medical forms and payments in as soon as possible. If there are any concerns with supplying either items for your son or daughter then please contact the Year 12 Student Management Team so alternative arrangements can be made. This is a compulsory event in the Year 12 calendar so the normal program of study will not run during these two days and students who do not attend will be marked as absent.

There will be Parent Teacher Conferences for all students completing a Unit 3 / 4 subject in the second week of Term Three on Thursday the 25th of July. All students completing these subjects will have finished the Unit 3 coursework and commenced the Unit 4 coursework which provides students, teachers and parents with a significant amount of information to discuss. Students will also receive their reports on the first day back of next term which will provide parents a snap shot of how their son or daughter is progressing and allow the discussion at Parent Teacher Conferences to focus on what is working and strategies for students looking to improve their performance. The Parent Teacher Conference bookings will again be an online process and all families will receive details in a letter in the first week back.

It is also my pleasure to congratulate one of our Year 12 students, Damandeep Aujla, as he was recently selected to be a part of the Multicultural Program through AFL Victoria earlier this year. A few weeks ago they played a curtain raiser against the Indigenous Kick Start team before the VFL match of the day between Collingwood and Essendon. On the day Damandeep received best on ground honours for his outstanding game in the midfield. Through this performance and all of his hard work Damandeep has gained selection into the World XVIII team which is a compulsory event in the Year 12 calendar so the normal program of study will not run during these two days and students who do not attend will be marked as absent.

We'd like to thank all of the staff members who have generously given their time to providing this additional assistance for students. The program also relies on the support of The Smith Family and Whittlesea Community Connections who provide volunteer tutors and after school snacks. Any student who would like to be part of the program next semester can collect a consent form from the General Office or from outside the Welfare Office in the library.

We congratulate all the students, from our Macedonian classes, in putting in a big effort in making this event an enjoyable one.

Ms Petrovska and Ms Popovska
Language Faculty

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK (ASH) PROGRAM

Each Thursday after school the library at Lalor Secondary College has become a very busy and productive place. Students, volunteer tutors and staff have been gathering to use computers and other library resources to help students complete their homework. This term we have seen a significant growth in the number of students attending with 50 to 60 students attending each week.

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YEAR 8 BOYS’ DISTRICT SOCCER
On Thursday, 6th June the Year 8 boys played in the Plenty District Soccer Round Robin at DISC. We had been training for several weeks in the lead up to the event and the boys were eager to get out there and show their stuff. Five teams were entered so we had four matches to play with whoever finished on top to go through to the Northern Zone finals. First up we had to play Epping and we got on top early with 3 goals in the first half. We were just as good in the second half despite a few changes and scored another 3 for a resounding 6 nil victory.

We came up against Thomastown next, who are usually one of our toughest rivals. Again we were on top but didn’t put our chances away. We did manage to score 2 goals and were happy to come out winners, 2 goals to nil. In what was looming as the deciding game we took on Mill Park who had also looked strong. Again we had the majority of the possession and played the game more in their defensive half of the ground. Whilst they never troubled our keeper, we had quite a few half chances. Neither side could score so they were happy this time to sneak away with a nil all draw.

Going into our last game both Mill Park and us were on equal points (7) and equal goal difference (+8). This meant that whoever won their last game by the most would win the day. We set out to be respectful of Lalor North but ruthless at the same time. Mill Park started poorly on the other ground going behind by a goal so our tension eased a little. Our boys set out to score quickly and frequently and we racked up a lot of goals against a side that was undermanned and had nothing to play for. We won 12 – 0 and this victory allowed us to be the overall winners of the day too.

I would like to congratulate all of the 16 boys I took out for the way they conducted themselves all day and the way they played. I thoroughly enjoyed working with them in the weeks leading into the tournament and now look forward to the challenge of preparing for the Northern Zone finals.
Well done boys,

Mr Wilkinson
Coach

STOCK EXCHANGE GAME 2, 2103
Registration period: 24 July - 21 August.
Game playing period: 22 August - 30 October.

The game will be open to all students of business and commerce subject.

For further details: see Mr Cahill.

YEAR 12 VCAL
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS
Over Semester One during the Year 12 VCAL Personal Development Skills course, students planned and completed a number of group projects with the ultimate aim to raise money for the Lalor Secondary College 50th Anniversary Celebration. All projects were successful and students are proud to share their experiences.

As part of the Year 12 VCAL Personal Development program Bianca and Wafa had to find businesses that would sponsor the school for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. We wrote a letter asking for sponsorship from local business and companies that the school regularly deals with. Our goal is to raise as much money as we can to go towards entertainment, food and much more during the celebration. We hope the local community will be generous in their sponsorship and support the school in our special time of celebration. Wafa Saleh

On the 15th of May Danny, Zlatko, Dimitar, Aidan ran an Xbox Tournament to raise money for the school’s 50th Anniversary. The tournament ran for two weeks and we had some success running it. The project finished off well, we raised $15 and had a great audience and participants with Ms Cain supervising the event. We would like to thank all the staff and students who supported us. Danny Fung

As part of Year 12 VCAL, we were given a task to hold a fundraiser to help raise money for the school’s 50th Anniversary. Dean, Matthew, Emily and Ethan chose to run a Futsal Competition which ended up raising a total of $40. A number of meetings were held to get the names of the year 7 participants, collect money and make of a roster. The game was held on a Thursday at lunchtime. They played two 10 minute halves, both halves were extremely competitive with the game ending in a draw going into OVERTIME! The final scores were decided with a penalty shootout with ‘The Strikers’ winning against ‘Lalor Boys’ 4-3. Congratulations year 7s! Ethan Van Aperen

On the 4th of June VCAL students David, Effie and Jessica organised a Sausage Sizzle with the assistance of the Year 12 VCAL class and also with the help of Mr Matzke, Mr Ryan and Ms Jovcevski, in hopes of raising money for the school’s 50th Anniversary. We would like to thank Superior Meats and Poultry and Halal Meats for generously donating the meat that we used for the sizzle. The Sausage Sizzle was a very big success where everyone got together to share in one of the country’s greatest foods and in the end we managed to raise $330. Thank you once again to all the butchers previously mentioned who helped us with the celebration and to the staff and students who supported the sizzle on the day. David Burton

LIBRARY NEWS
The 2013 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge has been underway for several months. The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student. Students in Years 7 to 10 are challenged to read 15 books by early September 2013. So far, we have 72 students registered in the Reading Challenge. We will be hosting a lunchtime celebration party with lots of free food, drinks and music for those who have completed the challenge.

School Captains: Zoe Konstantinidis & Mithun Hunsur; Vice Captains: Peter Stojcevski & Ashlea Anderson; Sport Captains: Joanne Kontogiorgis & Katerina Kafkakis
All Year 7 students are encouraged to take up this Challenge as it is an integral part of the school’s Reading Programme. It is not too late for students to return their forms so that the library can register them for 2013. Please see Ms G. Flakes who is coordinating the Challenge.

Students need to have their books verified by one of the Teacher Librarians or their English teacher to enable them to successfully complete the Challenge. To do this, students need to get their parents to initial a list of the books they have finished, either in their planners or on a form available in the library.

Term Two school holidays is fast approaching. This is a perfect opportunity for students to arm up with lots of books to read over the break. Here are some selections of book reviews written by our Year 7 students to help students decide which books to read.

**The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
This is about America in the future. It has been split into twelve districts and is called Panem. The Capitol (capital city of Panem) forces a boy and a girl from each district to fight to the death in an arena. Katniss is forced in this situation and the book follows her story in the Hunger Games. The main characters are Katniss, Peeta and Gale. I recommend this book to teenagers.

By Cindy T. (7H)

**Stolen** by Lucy Christopher
I recommend 'Stolen' because it is about a teen who gets kidnapped. She wakes up in the desert later on. I think teens that enjoy mystery will love reading this book.

By Sharena G (7H)

**Unreal** by Paul Jennings
'Unreal' is about a boy named Brian Bell. One morning, Brian was reading his History talk to the class which was about his grandfather who had died at sea many years ago. During Brian's talk, you will notice that he kept saying 'without a shirt'. Later on, something weird happened. Brian found his grandfather’s bones everyday. After all that, he found his clothes but not his shirt. That's why he kept on saying without a shirt.

By Elina A (7F)

**It's OK, I'm wearing Really Big Knickers** by Louise Rennison
This is a romance book and it's hilarious. The main character of the book is a girl named Georgia. She is fourteen years old. She has a boyfriend named Robbie who is many years older than she is. Disaster strikes when she is dumped and uses another boy to get Robbie jealous. I recommend this book to students aged 12 +.

By Annie V (7H)

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** by John Jackson Miller
This is a picture book and it's very easy to read. There are many Indiana Jones movies that I have seen or read before but this is my favourite. I like the way it was written because if you don't understand it you can always just look at the pictures.

By Philip T (7A)

Happy reading!

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager

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