Principal’s Report

I would like to congratulate the entire school for a very successful Semester One in 2016. Both staff and students have worked tirelessly together to develop a culture of cooperation and high expectations. This has culminated in the staff finishing their semester reporting, and for these reports to now be delivered to students and carers. This means all students will be given a hard copy of their report on Friday the 24th of June to take home and discuss with their family. I encourage all parents and carers to discuss each page of the report with their child so you are as informed as possible in regard to their learning progress. If you have any questions about your report please contact the relevant Assistant Principal or Sub-School Leader.

As students in Year 11 and 12 have now commenced Unit Two and Four, the non-instructional period is an opportunity for them to refresh and prepare for a very busy Term 3. I encourage them to use their time wisely and come back prepared for what is always a challenging time of the year. Parent Teacher Conferences for all students completing a Unit 3/4 subject will be held in the second week of Term 3 on Tuesday the 19th 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 have already received their reports which will provide parents a snapshot 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 next week as well as first week back.

I would like to say thank you to Zaklina Zdraveska, Paul O’Loughlin, Alycia Benincasa and Sarah Pizzoferrato. Each of these staff members are finishing in their current roles within the school for 2016 and we thank them for all of their hard work, and wish them the best in the endeavours away from the college.

The SRC were involved in a student forum this term with the City of Whittlesea that looked at developing the local areas Youth Election Platform. Our students were provided the opportunity to voice the ideas and concerns that they feel affect them and their local area. The document that has been developed through these forums is attached to the back of this newsletter and highlights the policy areas young people listed as most important to them.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information listed above then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break in the coming holiday period.

Corey Jewell
Acting Principal

Assistant Principals’ Reports

Firstly, a big thank you to all the Year 7 and 8 students and families for supporting our two end of semester excursions to Latrobe University and Melbourne Museum. Mr Cairns and the Year 7 and 8 teams have done a lot of work to put these days together. I know that the students and staff will enjoy the excursions and I hope we can make them a permanent feature of the Lalor Secondary calendar.

The second round of the 2016 Year 7 Schools Immunisation Program took place at the school this week. The vaccines given were HPV 2 and Chickenpox. If your son or daughter was absent on the day or you have questions regarding Immunisation please contact The City of Whittlesea’s Immunisation Team at 92172475.
The final round of immunisation is scheduled for October 5th. Building on the new administration centre continues to move ahead at a rapid pace. We are very excited to be able to introduce a state of the art facility to our community. I am confident the area will be fully functional by very early in Term Three.

Mr P. James  
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING INFORMATION

Learning Task Feedback

As previously communicated, in 2016 Lalor Secondary College moved to Continuous Online reporting. This form of reporting ensures that Parents, Guardians and of course students are able to access assessment feedback as soon as the work has been assessed by the teacher.

Over the course of Semester One, many of your child’s teachers have provided you and your child with specific feedback on each Learning Task, via Compass. This included an assessment of how your child approached their learning and the skills they developed relating to the Learning Task. As more teachers gain skills in using this program it is anticipated that you will receive Learning Task Feedback for all subjects that your child undertakes in Semester Two.

Learning Tasks are assessment tasks that are undertaken by all students in Years 7 -12 across all subjects. These assessment tasks are designed to assess your child’s progress related to subject specific skills. In all subjects a minimum of two Learning Tasks have been completed and assessed by the end of each semester.

Learning Task Feedback, including scores, is available via Compass, after the completion of assessment. Parent, guardian and student access to this feedback should be ongoing, throughout the semester, as each subject has varied assessment periods and therefore will be posted at different intervals across the semester. Please check Compass regularly to view the feedback for your child.

END OF SEMESTER SUMMATIVE REPORT

The End of Semester Summative Report is a subject by subject summary of the feedback provided via the Continuous Online Reports. Essentially, the data that appears on this report is a printable summary of the feedback received on each of the Learning Tasks that were completed and assessed throughout the semester. The End of Semester Summative Report also includes your child's AusVELS achievement, specific to each subject Dimensions and Domains. You will also receive feedback relating to Work Habits of Effort, Organisation, Classroom Behaviour and Completion of Homework for each subject. Strategies your child could implement in order to improve their learning has also been provided by each subject teacher.

The End of Semester Summative Report is available at the end of Semester One and Two on the Compass Portal. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to download or print these reports, as once your child exits Lalor Secondary College you will no longer receive access to Compass, and therefore no longer have access to the report. This will be the last semester that hard copies of reports will be provided to parents.

To access the End of Semester Summative Report, visit the Home Screen of Compass, click on the “View Academic Reports” link. This will take you to a list view where you will be able to click onto your child’s current (and from 2017, past Compass reports) Semester One 2016 Summative reports will be available on the last Friday of Term Two.

On a final note, I would like to thank Mr Chris Danher for all of his hard work and guidance looking after the Portfolio of Curriculum Leader whilst Mrs Kubeil has been on leave, as well as working closely with Mr Michael McDonald in the role of Student Managers of the Year 10 group. I know the students will miss them both. During their Term Two involvement in the Year 10 Sub School I know they have developed positive relationships with many of our students and supported them through various issues. We will welcome back Mr Wilkinson and Ms Kubeil to their positions at the start of Term Three.

I would like to wish all of our students a restful and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back next term.

SCHOOL VALUES

Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

Matthew Huf

Ms L. Forster  
Assistant Principal Years 9 and 10

LITERACY CORNER

Reading and writing can often seem difficult. The training it takes to become a great reader and writer can often seem hard and unrewarding. However, achieving your best in all aspects of life is important and becoming a champion at anything takes time and effort. Michael Jordan summed it up nicely when he stated, “I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.” So don’t be afraid to take a chance on a different type of book, try out new writing styles, read the news or play a board game that you’ve never played before. Growth comes when we challenge ourselves. Everyone can be a champion, but it is those who stick at their training that are most likely to succeed.

Ms K. Norman  
Literacy Support Teacher

School Captains: Sandra Loch & Ron Garcia; Vice Captains: Hanifah Munkayilar & Ron Garcia  
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CAREERS & PATHWAYS
Lalor Secondary College has a brand new Careers and Pathways Website for student and parent use! You can find the site at: www.lalorsccareers.com

The site contains a huge amount of information and should be your first stop when you are looking for information on anything job, careers, university and TAFE related (and there is so much more). I’ll also communicate with you via the site as well. It has a student login area that allows students to do a number of things once you have created an account.

To get an idea of what is there and what you can do, I want you to take a bit of a tour by doing the following:

1. Go to the site now www.lalorsccareers.com on the “Home Page” you will see a few things to note:
   a) Video - There is a careers related video that will change from time to time. Some are quite humorous, some interesting, others just informative, so remember to periodically check the website to watch them.
   b) The Career and Course Finder - The ability to search for courses (University, TAFE, and Private Providers), scholarships and job information.
   c) The Message Board - I will post messages and notices here, so keep an eye on this.

2. Go to the “Calendar of Events” in the “Important Information” menu. Here you will find a calendar for the year. We will post important dates and events here. If you want to receive alerts or reminders of upcoming events, just enter your name and email address.

3. The “Careers Newsletter” in the “Important Information” menu. You can subscribe to receive a Careers Newsletter at least twice each term. This will have lots of relevant information, important dates and so on. If you wish to receive this, just enter your name and email address.

4. Go to the “Workplace Learning” menu. Here you will see a number of pages you can go to, including Work Experience and Work Placement. There is also a page where you can download the documents you will need in order to go on Work Experience.

In the For Students Tab, go to the Student’s Secure Area. This has many more features, but you need to REGISTER to see them. Students should register by Year Level, Parents register as other.

This will be a great way for parents and students to keep up with the latest Careers information, so remember to BOOKMARK the page when you visit!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
Currently all year 10 students are completing their two online OHS tests in order for them to go out on their placements next term. Students have been learning about the dos and don’ts at workplaces so they remain safe whilst out exploring the big wide world of work. Students will be given a presentation in the first week back of term 3 outlining the school expectations and procedures.

Every student will be visited by a staff member whilst on their placement to ensure the students are enjoying their placement and things are running smoothly.

Ms Cujic and I would like to wish all students the best on their work experience adventures and we look forward to hearing about some exciting and eye opening experiences.

Ms Chantry
Careers and Pathways Coordinator

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS NETBALL
On Tuesday June 7th, the below Year 9 & 10 girls represented Lalor in Netball. Their teamwork and ability to improve throughout the day is to be commended. They began the day with their toughest opponents, Epping and Whittlesea. They were successful in winning two games comprehensively against The Lakes and Gilson.

Krystal Read   Mateenah Munkayilar
Launia Siaosi   Thao Tran
Manpreet Kaur   Kelly Mihalas
Carolyn Lolopo   Sera Meleisea
Daniella Dayoub   Jessica Merhi
Dalia Ahmad

Well done!
Miss. Leckie
As Term Two draws to a close, the Wellbeing Team would like to acknowledge everyone who attended and supported the YOGA Thursdays Program at Lalor Secondary College. It would be fair to say that the wellness initiative has been a success once again and we look forward to rolling it out again in 2017. The Wellbeing Team would also like to take this opportunity to thank Erin for sharing her deep knowledge, passion and commitment for the third consecutive year to students and staff at the College.

YOGA THURSDAYS

Erin Fisher-Stamp:
“It has been a wonderful experience once again working with the friendly students and staff at LSC! I hope to see many more familiar faces in future programs - or you can find me at the Northern Yoga Centre (yogaandtherapy.net)...

Remember maintaining that cool calm and collected feeling you get from practicing yoga sometimes is as simple as stopping to take a full deep breath! In Health and Happiness, Erin”

YOGA Thursdays Testimonials...

“YOGA Thursdays is something I really look forward to each week. It provides me with a great opportunity to participate in a wellness initiative where I can relax and embrace my mental, physical and spiritual development. Each session offers me an opportunity to interact with various colleagues and students from all year levels; in my opinion nurturing a genuine togetherness. Erin has an incredible voice; equally an amazing ability to convey a beautiful calmness and positiveness amongst the participants. Erin, keep up the great work and many thanks for the humbling opportunity.”

“From the very first class I have enjoyed Erin’s enthusiasm, patience, love of Yoga, and energy. Yoga is the one time of the week when everything comes to a halt and I just relax, clear my mind and enjoy”.

“Yoga Thursday has become a highlight of my week. It is a chance to relax and reset my mind and body and has been invaluable to both my professional and personal life. It is wonderful to see my students taking part each week as well as staff from all different vocational areas of the school. Erin is a delight and the sound of her voice as I enter the drama centre immediately soothes my soul. The delicious fruit and occasional chocolate treat at the end of the session is always an added bonus. Thank you to Laz, Amanda, Erin and any others that facilitate the running of this terrific initiative. We are blessed to have it”.

Many Thanks,
Wellbeing Team!!!

The Police have reported an increase in the amount of graffiti on fences and walls appearing on properties in the area around the school. Graffiting, defacing or damaging the property of other people is considered an offence and will be considered as such by the police. If you see anyone engaging in this behaviour in the streets around our school please contact the Epping Police.
City of Whittlesea
Youth Election Platform
for the 2016 Australian Federal Election

This Election platform outlines the opinions on policy issues and expectations of more than 100 young people aged 12 to 24 years living or studying in the City of Whittlesea. They were consulted by the Council in May 2016 to inform the creation of this platform.

With this platform we aim to communicate the voice of young people to the candidates in the Federal Electoral Divisions of McEwen and Scullin during the pre-election period for their consideration. The elected Members of Parliament are also encouraged to use this platform in their work throughout the life of the 45th Parliament.

Top 10 specific issues concerning young people
1. Healthcare, disability and mental health services
2. Marriage equality and LGBTQI rights
3. Youth wages and workplace conditions
4. Family violence
5. Refugees and asylum seekers
6. Climate change and global warming
7. School funding
8. Cost of living
9. Housing affordability and availability
10. University fee deregulation

Policy areas young people listed as most important to them:

#1 Crime and safety
#2 Health
#3 Education
#4 Social justice
#5 Home and living

Young people want their local member to address and find solutions for the following issues:
1. Legalise marriage equality
2. More mental health services in the area
3. More employment opportunities for young people
4. Traffic congestion, particularly in Mernda, Doreen and Thomastown
5. Climate change/global warming

Policy areas and issues based on the Youth Action and Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth 2016 Federal Election Survey

Queries should be directed to: baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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