School Captains: Phillip Te & Monique Wasa; Vice Captains: Michael Thompson & Kristina Miseva; Sport Captains: Julius Ristevski & Jessica De Lima Fernandes

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Quote of the week:
The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

Vince Lombardi

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

You would have all received information from your children regarding the Teacher Parent Conferences on Thursday afternoon and evening. I am hoping that parents are strongly encouraging students to make appointments with their teachers. The Term One conferences are very important in ensuring that students have had a good start to the year, and if not quite the start needed, a meeting between parents and teachers will allow for strategies for improvement to be discussed. I know Student Managers have sent notices home informing parents whose child is deemed to be at risk (at this stage) of not doing well in Semester One and I strongly encourage these parents to ensure meetings are arranged with all teachers. I look forward to seeing parents on the evening.

Our new School Council met for the first time last week. A list of members of School Council is included further in this news letter. We have not yet appointed the office bearers and hope to do this at our April meeting, at which we will also hold the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is open to our school community, so I invite parents to attend to hear the report of the 2011 school year. I look forward to working with our new school council and know that we will continue to move the school forward in achieving great outcomes for our students.

A couple of weeks ago we had our annual Athletics Carnival. This day was a huge success with students being given the opportunity to come out in the new House colours to support peers and house members. I know students enjoyed the day and participation was excellent. We will be celebrating students’ achievements at a whole school assembly early in Term Two. I want to thank teachers, education support staff, teacher candidates and students for ensuring the day was an enjoyable one that also allowed us to view the athletic talents of our students.

On Tuesday evening this week, we held the Netbook Information Evening for parents of Year 10 students. The netbook program is being rolled out in stages, with Year 11 students having the opportunity to opt into the program earlier this term. We had an excellent turn-out of Year 10 parents on Tuesday, and we anticipate the majority of students in that year level will have a netbook from Term Two onwards.

While this term has been a relatively short one, many events/activities have been held to extend the educational programs for our students - from year level excursions, subject excursions, sporting events, camps, level presentations, incursions, leadership programs and many others. I want to thank all the staff and students for their organisation and participation of all these events.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

VCE students
The end of first term has come around quickly and the break provides VCE students with an opportunity to consolidate their learning and organise notes and complete homework. Being organised is vital for any VCE student. Any student who is feeling disorganised or under pressure can seek help from their teachers or Student Managers. The next two terms will be busy and preparation is the key to success.

Parent Teacher Conferences are on next Thursday 29th March between 1pm and 8pm. If you have not already done so I strongly urge you to make an appointment to speak with your child’s teachers.

TPL – Teacher Professional Leave
A group of four of our teachers; Emma Domm, Samantha Laird, Sam Russo and Amanda Lister, are involved in a year-long TPL program. This program involves the team having time to meet together and visit different schools to establish an inquiry approach in the Year 7 Science program. The new Science Centre provides a perfect opportunity for this type of innovative program. The team will report back to the staff and the department over the course of the year.
**Australian Curriculum**

In 2013 the Australian Curriculum will be implemented in Science, Mathematics, English and History with other subjects to follow in 2014 onwards. Our staff are working on developing new courses and resources this year to ensure that our students receive a comprehensive program and meaningful assessment activities.

*Mrs J. Cain*
**Assistant Principal, Years 11 & 12**

As the term comes to an end our days seem to get busier and busier. This week all our Year 8 students visited the Werribee Open range Zoo where they were able to trek through the grounds completing individual work as well as work cooperatively in the zoo classrooms with their classmates discussing biodiversity and conservation techniques. However, I am reliably informed the most enjoyable learning occurred in the bus rides on the range where the students were able to get ‘up close and personal’ with the animals. Mr Kotopoulos and Mr Mariani were pleased with the enthusiasm and excellent behaviour displayed by the students on the day. I thank Ms Anne Borrell for her excellent organisation of the excursion.

The Year 7 students were immunised earlier this week. If your child was unable to be immunised at the school The City of Whittlesea has provided the school with copies of the 2012 Immunisation Program Timetable which details where and when immunisation for Chickenpox and HPV will take place in the local area for the rest of the year. Copies of this timetable are available at the general office.

Remember Parent Teacher conferences will occur next Thursday. Don’t miss an important early opportunity to talk to teachers regarding your son or daughters term 1 progress.

*Mr P. James*
**Assistant Principal, Years 7 & 8**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Staff Representatives:
- Silvana Sena
- Peter James
- Paul Mariani
- Corey Jewell
- Andros Constantinou

Parent Representatives:
- Joanna Christou
- Lucy Valente
- Karen Freeman
- Michele Baron
- Mary Kontogiorgis
- Aggie Di Mauro
- Mara Tukaki

**LIBRARY NEWS**

This year has been designated The National Year of Reading. This is an initiative developed by the Australian Association of Libraries, a national professional body for libraries and people working in this field. The main aim of this reading campaign is to encourage people to read.

The National Year of Reading was officially launched during the week of February 14 2012. One of the campaign launches was held at the National Library of Australia during which the Prime Minister Julia Gillard told guests, “I want Australia to be many things: a prosperous nation, an innovative nation, but I certainly want us to be a reading nation... I want every Australian to know the joy and pleasure that comes from books and reading.” ([www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au)).

This campaign raises awareness of the fact that approximately 4.5 million Australian adults have literacy problems, particularly with reading. This means that some people may have trouble reading, whether it be newspaper articles, following instructions on medication bottles and completing forms, to name a few examples. Many public and school libraries around Australia are partaking in this campaign in 2012 to encourage people to read.

Here at Lalor Secondary College, we are proactive in encouraging our students to read for enjoyment, and we do this by:

- Providing fiction talks to many English classes that visit the Library Resource Centre.
- Introducing the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge to all Year 7 English and most Year 8 English classes in Term One. It has been pleasing to note the steady stream of completed consent forms of students participating in this worthwhile program.
- Putting on regular displays of interesting reading books.

Public libraries around Melbourne are running various activities and events throughout 2012. Parents and students may be interested to attend the *Children’s Book Festival*, a free event to be held on the front lawns at the State Library of Victoria on this Sunday (March 25) from 10am to 4pm. This festival will showcase the world of children’s literature and various authors participating include Graeme Base, Andy Griffiths, Gabrielle Wang. Please see [http://wheelercentre.com/calendar/event/children-s-book-festival/](http://wheelercentre.com/calendar/event/children-s-book-festival/) for more information.

*Ms Susanne Graetsch*
**Library Resource Centre Manager**
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY FOR SCHOOLS
This year, on Monday 5th March, Lalor Secondary College participated in the annual Australia-wide initiative, 'Clean Up Australia Day'. We had 16 students across years 8 and 10 that helped clean up around the school.

A couple of our volunteers wrote:

"On Monday the 5th of March a group of about 15 students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. The clean up took place the first four periods of the day at the school. We cleaned up the oval the first two periods of school and then periods 4 and 5 were spent cleaning up around the basketball courts, the soccer pitch and around the gym. The garbage bags were very full and had to be emptied out several times which shows most of the students made a very good effort. The students were given pizza as a reward for taking time out of their year 8 and 10 studies to help clean and make Lalor Secondary College a clean and healthy environment. I thought the day went very well and it was good because it gave us a chance to socialise as well as help make our school a better place."

Zeinab Hodroj, Sarah Mourad

A huge thank you goes out to our volunteers. Your efforts in being part of the (environmental) solution have bought pride to your school, your community and yourselves.

Ms Domn, Ms Brennan, Ms Carmody and Ms Atanasovski

GELATO STORE
On the 27th of March at lunchtime the Year 12 VCAL class is holding a gelato store. We will be selling gelato for $4.00 a cup. This event will take place next to the cafeteria.

Ms K. Carmody
VCAL Teacher

LALOR S. C. SCIENCE FAIR
On Thursday 26th April, there will be a Science Fair running, which anyone can join. $5 entry and there will be prize for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners. Come up with a science model, such as a working volcano, an ant farm, a poster showing something from science. If you are interested please see Ms Carmody who is located in the 100s staff room to register. Venue will be confirmed in Term 2. All entries are required by Monday 23 April 2012.

Ms K. Carmody
Science Teacher

INTRODUCTION TO AUSLAN COURSE
Learn the basics of Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) and communicate with members of the Deaf Community in both social and work situations.

Dates: 16 April - 4 June 2012
Days: Mondays
Time: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Duration: 8 weeks
Cost: *Concession $32, Full $47, FFS $170
*Subject to eligibility requirements

For more information contact PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit www.prace.vic.edu.au
Cnr Asquith & Sturdee Sts, Reservoir.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS
Girls and boys aged 15-18 from Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Japan, Brazil, Sweden and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year but need a willing volunteer family to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03)97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Klaus Schumann
WEP Community Coordinator

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION
Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?
Come along to an information session to find out more, and have your questions answered.
Monday 26th March, 7 - 8.30pm
32 Railway Crescent
Broadmeadows
To book or to receive an information package please contact Anna Jones on 8470 9951 or email anna.jones@anglicarevic.org.au
UNIFORM SHOP

Hours: Monday 10.30am – 2.30pm;
      Tuesday 10.30am – 3.30pm,
      Wednesday 3.00 – 6.00pm.

Term 2 & 3 Winter Uniform
• Skirts,
• overblouse,
• black socks
• tights
• long sleeve white shirts
• ties
• blazers
• track pants
• rugby tops and
• scarves.

Lay-by Now!!

Uniform shop will be open on
Thursday 29th March
(Parent/Teacher Conferences)
1.00pm – 4.00pm
and
5.00pm – 8.00pm

All students must to be in full winter uniform Terms Two and Three.

There will be a two-week transition period to allow students to purchase winter uniform items as required.

Mrs G. Williams
Shop Manager