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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I will be presenting the Annual Report to the Community on Tuesday the 22nd of March at 6.30pm. All members of the college community are invited to attend this presentation which will look at how the school has performed across a variety of areas including VCE and NAPLAN data. If you are going to attend this event please contact the General Office so appropriate arrangements can be made based on the number of people attending.

The SRC student body, as part of their fundraising schedule, arranged a Casual Dress Day on Thursday the 17th of March to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Students were encouraged to attend this day in casual clothes and donate a gold coin to their Home Group teacher which was then donated to the appeal. The appeal raised approximately $850.00 for this worthwhile cause.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday the 23rd of March. The process for making appointments is through the Compass Parent Portal (the link can be found on the school’s website). All families will have received a letter outlining this process during the week as well as messages sent through the Compass Portal. If you are experiencing difficulty with the program or haven’t received the letter please contact Jackie Cujic at your earliest convenience so she can assist you in this matter. If you have any feedback in regard to this process please email me your thoughts on jewell.corey.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

With holidays fast approaching I encourage all Year 11 and 12 students to take some time to organise the information they have been presented with in Term One. It is also an opportunity to get a head start for Term Two and make sure they are prepared and ready to hit the ground running when classes recommence on Monday the 11th of April. Once this preparation is completed it will take some of the stress away and give all students the opportunity to involve themselves in activities outside of the academic rigour that is VCE.

A reminder that school will finish early on Thursday the 24th of March with classes finishing at 2.15pm. Parents should make appropriate arrangements for picking up their children around this changed finish time. The General Office will also close early on this day at 3.30pm.

I want to congratulate the whole school on what once again has been a very successful start to the school year. The school always manages to fit so much into such a short period of time. Some of the activities outside of the regular school program included:

- Year 12 Study Retreat
- School Sport
- Year 12 Melbourne Museum
- Athletics Carnival
- Year 11 Tarrawarra Excursion
- SRC – VicSRC Regional Conference
- Year 7 Camp
- Year 10, 11 & 12 MIPS Program
- Year 12 Legal Studies Mooting Competition – La Trobe University.
- SRC – Student “Have Your Say day”.
- Year 11 and 12 Top Arts Excursion
- Advance Program Excursions
- Year 11 Study Skills Program – Student Elevation
- Regenerate Skate Art Project

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday the 11th of April.

Corey Jewell
Acting Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

The first round of the 2016 Schools Immunisation Program for Year 7 students took place on Wednesday of this week. The students received the first Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine and a Boostrix vaccine. I would like to thank parents for the quick return of the consent cards which helped the day run smoothly. The next round of immunisations for Year 7 students will take place on June 15th when students will receive the second HPV vaccine and a Chickenpox vaccine. If you require further information regarding the schools vaccination program please go to www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/vaccination.

You will have received a letter from the school detailing arrangements for the Parent-Teacher Interviews next week. These meetings not only provide an invaluable platform for parents and teachers to discuss student progress, they also give parents of Year 7 students the opportunity to gain a real sense of how their son or daughter is settling in to secondary school and a chance to discuss first hand with teachers and school leaders any issues that have arisen during the initial stages of the year. I urge all parents to make bookings with the relevant teachers and I hope to see you next week.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 and 8

YEARS 9 AND 10

The past couple of weeks have been busy ones here at Lalor Secondary College, with students working towards a range of assessment tasks in readiness for completing the first term of their studies for 2016. It has been pleasing to see students engaged in their learning and working constructively together with their teachers to make the most of the learning opportunities provided. I’d like to thank you as parents for your ongoing support of Lalor Secondary College and the interest you take in your own child’s learning. I know that family life can be busy, but taking the time out to monitor your child’s homework, discuss their progress in each of their classes and perhaps read through a piece of their work can make all the difference to supporting successful study habits, not to mention strengthening those relationships we have with our teenagers. You may have also noticed a new feature on Compass available to you to access teacher feedback regarding your child’s performance in a Learning Task. This is part of the proposed changes regarding the Reporting and Assessment review from last year. This feature is known as Continuous Reporting, and basically allows both students as well as parents to view feedback from the teacher, which normally would only be available on the end of semester report. As staff complete their assessment of a Learning Task they will then post this feedback onto compass. As parents you are be able to click onto the particular subject that your child is doing, and under the tab called Learning Tasks be able to open a Feedback Tab. Some teachers have already started to add feedback with all expected to have done so in early Term 2. You will also have access to Progress Reports for your child under the Report tab.

We have also been privileged once again this year to welcome Mteach teacher candidates working with our staff to complete their Master of Teaching Program from Melbourne University. The program provides great benefits for our staff and students as well as providing valuable practicum support for those undertaking teacher training.

For those of you with Year 10 students please check-in to see that their Work Experience forms have been completed and lodged with Ms Alana Chantry. If arrangements are yet to be finalised the coming holiday break is an opportune time to be contacting prospective organisations which may be willing to host your child during work experience. Again I refer you to the Careers section on the school website for further information.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Parent Teacher Conferences next Wednesday.

On behalf of the Year 9 and 10 team, I’d like to wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday break.

SCHOOL VALUES

Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

Nathan Godino - Jordan Mileski
Alessio Di Dio - Jordan Scarfo
Abishek Neviles - Olivia Cookson
Aarushi Vats - Anthony Arcoleo
Gemma Dimitrijeska - Ektot Saini
Adrian Mathiwathanan - Kim Nguyen
Megan Nguyen

Ms L. Forster
Assistant Principal Years 9 and 10

SRC TERM ONE

WHITTLESEA CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

Early this year, the 2016 SRC nominated one person per year level to be a part of the Whittlesea Cluster Team. A team of six students have committed to be a part of this informative and rewarding program. They will attend one conference per term where they have an opportunity to share ideas with SRC students from neighbouring schools and find out what each school’s SRC are working on.

Maja Vujinovic - 11G, Clare Freeman - 10H, Octave Tuitia - 9G, Youssef Hoblos - 8H and Natasha Assaff of 7H demonstrated positive and eager attitudes and were ready to put their ideas forward. They confidently shared opinions and happily networked with others.

School Captains: Sandra Loch & Ron Garcia; Vice Captains: Hanifah Munkayilar & Matthew Zagami
Sport Captains: Amber Lapworth & Junior Lolopo
Students learnt that being on the SRC is more than just fundraising money for a good cause. It is an opportunity to change the world for the better and truly make a difference. Whilst the SRC is supervised by staff, it is ultimately driven by student ideas and actioned by the students.

At the Term One conference, students brainstormed issues they believed needed attention and will bring those ideas forward in the next SRC meeting.

So far this term, the SRC have hosted “Have Your Say Day”, a day in which all students at Lalor Secondary College were invited to share constructive feedback with their fellow SRC’s. All feedback received will now be worked on by the SRC to see how and what can be done to make changes.

So far the SRC are showing great responsibility, productivity and innovative ideas, we look forward to seeing their work in the year to come.

Ms Diana Atanasovski
SRC Support

On the 17th of March several members of the SRC went to the first VicSRC Regional Congress of the year. It was an incredibly enriching program that allowed students from many schools to get together and share the issues that surround our schools, as well as teach us how to take action on those issues. We look forward to attending more conferences throughout the year, which will immensely improve our leadership skills which we can put to use as part of the SRC.

Maja Vujinovic 11G

A huge thank you goes out to our hard working volunteers: Christina Pici, Souraya Abdul-Wahab, Nour Maqsodi, Naomi Brancolino, Luxshika Kannan, Zainb Radhi, Stephanie Santos, Kosar Yasarpoo, Polytimi Flessia, William Cookson, Ibrahim Haibe, Tim Nguyen, Ethan Baade, Susan Samuel, Lauina Siaosi, Emilia Pajcinovski, Sara Al-Sakran, Quita Napoe, Rebecca Abbott, Kamakshi Thakur.

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

Ms E. Domm
Science Teacher

The Library Orientation lesson allowed students opportunities to be introduced to the library staff and to be shown, and to have explained various sections of the students who are all so passionate about student voice and leadership. On these days it’s safe to say everyone’s friends, no matter what school you’re from, what year level you’re in, or what interests you have everyone connects with each other positively. In addition to this we have come away with new ideas and motivation to further improve our school. All in all it was a very successful day.

Clare Freeman 10H

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY FOR SCHOOLS

“On Thursday the 3rd of March, 20 Year 7–10 students set out to clean up the school. In Periods 1–4, they managed to clean the whole school, finding some weird things and discovering that there were pumpkins growing on the oval! We also found a lot of tennis balls and a lot of stationery around the 500s portables. After a long, hard day we all enjoyed some delicious pizza and soft drink.”

Ethan Baade 9H

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LIBRARY NEWS

It has been delightful welcoming our new Year 7 Students in the library over the last fortnight. As part of their regular fortnightly library period, all Year 7 students have completed their Library Orientation Lesson. Introducing our new students to their library helps them to become familiar with resources and facilities available to them as well as understanding the procedures on how the library operates.

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Library Resource Centre. These sections include Fiction collections (reading books, graphic novels, picture books and true stories), the Non-fiction collection, computers area and Magazines and Printing/Photocopying area.

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager

TOP DESIGNS 2016
Lalor Secondary College would like to congratulate Lily Cao for making it into Top Designs for 2016. Top Designs is an exhibition of the best VCE folio works within Victoria and runs from Friday the 18th of March until the 10th of July at the Melbourne Museum in Carlton. Last year Lily completed the Food and Technology school assessed task in which her focus was on Superfoods. The folio work spans over two school terms and involves both theoretical and practical work. Lily was shortlisted late last year and found out in January this year that her folio work was selected for the exhibition. Top Designs received over 1500 applications this year and 91 works have made the final selection. Food and Technology had close to 230 applications and Lily was able to secure one of twelve places in the final exhibition. Well done Lily.

Mr Matzke
Food Technology Teacher

REGENERATE SKATE ART PROJECT
Sara, Kamakshi, Ruby Lauina, Susan, Reem, Emilia and Chloe all of Year 10 are participating in the Regenerate Skate Art Project, working with artist Erin Greer which encourages public safety and inclusion. This has involved four after school sessions on a Wednesday night, with an all-day session mural painting at the Epping Skate Park on Thursday 17th March. This project has been organised by Whittlesea Council’s Baseline for young people and funded by the Victorian Government Community Crime Prevention Program. It aims to encourage more girls to use skate parks traditionally dominated by young men.

The girls invite the Lalor Secondary College community to the launch of the local skate park mural by local MP Lily D’Ambrosio and Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly to be held on Saturday 19th March 12.00pm-2.00pm. Please see the flier for more information.

Ms Koronowicz and Ms Stipcevic
Arts Faculty