FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| WED 25/3 | YEAR 7 & 8 CRICKET FINALS  
ASH, 3:30  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING |
| THU 26/3 | PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES  
1:00-4:00PM & 5:00-8:00PM |
| FRI 27/3 | LAST DAY - TERM ONE                        |
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Two weeks ago we held the annual Athletics Carnival, which was once again a huge success. We had more students attend than we have in recent years and while the weather appeared to not be on our side at times, the rain held off so that all the events were able to occur and students were able to show their talents. Huge thanks, as always, have to go to the team of organisers, marshals, support staff and statisticians. If not for their commitment to the program, the day would not have gone as well as it did. This is in major part to our Sports Coordinator, Ms Lauren Christian whom I thank for ensuring that all students and staff were aware of their responsibilities, times of participation and role in the entire day.

Yesterday, as you know, we had a ‘Casual Dress’ Day to raise money for the Good Friday Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal. Thanks to all those students and staff who donated a gold coin, the SRC was able to raise over $1000.00. It is the highest amount raised for this worthy cause in the time I have been at Lalor. I am so very proud of our students, particularly those who donated more than the gold coin donations – we had one student in Year 7 donate over $30.00 and quite a number of students who were in uniform donate to the cause also. Of course there is opportunity for members of the community to still donate via the front office.

Parents and guardians would have received information about Parent Teacher Conferences through the post this week. This information includes login and password details to make appointments with teachers for next Thursday’s Parent Teacher Conferences. It is extremely important that parents/guardians take the opportunity at the beginning of the year to determine whether their child has had a good start to the school year, and if not, to help put in place strategies that will help them move towards a successful Semester One overall. I am hoping to see all parents/guardians attend at some point during the afternoon and evening.

This year we introduced a new software program for our staff, students and parents that allowed for improved information dissemination as well as communication between the school and parents/guardians. Compass has been adopted by students positively and I know that a significant number of parents/guardians have likewise found that daily information about their child’s day has been appreciated. I do, however, need to remind parents and guardians that when they receive information about their child being sent to the Silent Planning Room or having received a detention, that they should have a discussion with their child when they get home, prior to contacting the school. Of course we welcome communications from parents/guardians, however when an SMS is sent, we ask that parents/guardians not contact the school until the next day if needed, after having had a discussion with their child. Please keep in mind that staff are not always available and some questions will be answered once parents speak to their child. Further to this, I want to remind parents and guardians that while we have allowed students to use mobile devices in some of their classes under teacher instruction and supervision, as well as use these devices to access daily school information, students are not allowed to make or receive phone calls while at school, whether in class or during lunch time and recess. Should there be an emergency, parents should contact the front office and the situation will be attended to immediately, and likewise, should a student wish to contact their parent or guardian, they can do so via their Student Managers, Sub School Leaders, the Principal class or the front office. We have this rule in place for the safety of all our students as we know that students are sometimes prone to using their mobile phones inappropriately. I ask parents and guardians to support us in our expectations.

Ms S. Sena  
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

As you would be aware the City of Whittlesea’s first round of the 2015 Immunisation Program took place on Wednesday. The Year 7 students were vaccinated against Human Papillomavirus and the Year 9 and 10 students were vaccinated against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. The Year 7 students were vaccinated against Human Papillomavirus and the Year 9 and 10 students were vaccinated against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. The City of Whittlesea’s Immunisation Team was very happy with the number of students who returned the consent cards and were able to be immunised. If, for whatever reason, a Year 9 or 10 student missed out on the vaccination on Wednesday, catch-up immunisation will be available at the next round of immunisation at the school which will take place on May 20th. Alternatively, families can access www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/vaccination for information about catching up on missed immunisations.

School Captains: Aleksander Markovski & Faith Tuitea;  Vice Captains: Kenny Tran & Julia Pavia  
Sport Captains: Laura Salamone & Zachary Challis;  House Captains: Tracy Luc, Hana Youssef, Zak Mirabella, Nerida Leonard.
I would like to thank the Year 7 Student Management Team for putting together a fantastic program for the Orientation Excursion held today at LaTrobe University and also parents for supporting the day. Students and staff were able to participate in a wide range of team building and fun activities, and while the day does not replace the camp, it was a great way for students, together as a group, to mark the beginning of their time at Lalor Secondary College.

A reminder that Parent-Teacher interviews will be held next Thursday 26th March. You will have received a letter outlining the details of the day and how to make bookings to speak with teachers. I know that many people have already logged on to the booking system and I hope to see as many parents of Year 7 and 8 students as possible as it is an important opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss student progress at this early stage in the year.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

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 2015. 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. We have also been privileged to once again this year welcome 13 Mteach 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.

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

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:

- Adam Daoud
- Alisha Huynh
- Sharmarke Omar
- Hyder Al Ramahi
- Ruby Abbott
- Zahraa Alkhazragi
- Martina Tozjevska
- Sebastian Trinchi
- Christine Lam
- Junior Lolopo

Mrs L. Forster
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

The great start to the year continues for the senior school with both year levels displaying the Lalor Secondary College values across all aspects of school life. The behaviour and attitude modelled by our senior students is exemplary, and are setting very high expectations for all other students within the school. The school could not be prouder of how they are going at this stage of the year. However, the school has some concerns in regard to the academic progress of both groups and in particular the subject of English. Recent results show that many students are struggling to meet the expectations in this subject and will need to work hard to ensure improvement. English is the only compulsory subject that must be satisfactorily completed in VCE, so students must acquire the skills and then continue to practice and enhance those skills if they are to be successful in the VCE.

The school runs a VCE English program on Thursday’s after school to assist all VCE students with this subject and we encourage all students who are finding this subject difficult to attend.

The Year 12 team in conjunction with some Unit 3 teachers arranged a study hall session on Thursday the 12th of March. All staff involved in this event volunteered their time form 5.30pm to 8.30pm and students attending received extra assistance across a range of subjects that included English, History, Psychology, Health and Human Development, Business Management and Further Mathematics. The evening also included a special guest and ex-school captain Terry Dehghani who came and spoke to the students about what it takes to reach their goals, and life as a practicing solicitor. Terry continues to come back and volunteer his time to the school on a regular basis and we appreciate him giving up his valuable time.

The SRC student body, as part of their fundraising schedule, arranged a Casual Dress day on Thursday the 19th 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 $1045.80 for this worthwhile cause.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday the 26th of March as previously stated in this newsletter. The process for making appointments has changed for 2015 and will now be made through the Compass parent portal (the link can be found on the schools website). All families will have received a letter outlining this process during the week. If you are experiencing difficulty with the program or haven’t received the letter please contact me at your earliest convenience so I can assist you in this matter. If you have any feedback in regard to the changed 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 1. It is also an opportunity to get a head start for Term 2 and make sure they are prepared and ready to hit the ground running when classes recommence on Monday the 13th 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.

I wish everyone an enjoyable break and congratulate the whole school on what once again has been a very successful start to the school year.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal Years 11 & 12
CURRICULUM UPDATE: 3D ART
As part of our ever evolving Curriculum, all Year 9 students complete two semester based Art subjects. Students are all encouraged to explore these choice offerings, even though they are still considered core in the Year 9 program. The choices include both visual and performing Art subjects, so there are subjects that appeal to everyone’s interests.

Recently through the curriculum budget, we purchased some very new and innovative items to support our students’ learning and curiosity in the subject of 3D Art. These are 3D pens! These pens are a 3D printing pen that allows you to draw in 3D by extruding heated plastic filament that cools almost instantly into a solid, stable structure. They allow students to be able to draw up into the air and create anything you can think of; whether it is a lamp shade, an architectural model, decorations, jewellery or even glasses.

This week in Ms Stipcevic’s class the students were given the challenge of designing and then creating a pair of glasses with these 3D pens. The students were highly engaged and the end results were outstanding products. Based on these initial lessons of using these pens, we are hoping to purchase more in the future so that the 3D Art program can continue to expand and allow all our students to get the most out of this 3D ‘hands on’ and very creative experience.

Ms. Kaylene Kubeil
Curriculum Leader

LIBRARY NEWS

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is on again! The Reading Challenge is designed to encourage Victorian school students from Prep to Year 10 to read. Students read a certain number of books over the six months from 1st February to 14th September 2015.

The successful Challenge is now in its eleventh year! Statistics from the Department of Education indicated that over two million Victorian students have registered and participated in it since its introduction in 2005. The statistics also revealed the challengers have read an incredible 34 million books!! This means that each registered student read on average 17 books.

Lalor Secondary College has been participating in this program since 2011. Last year, we congratulated our ever highest number of 50 students who completed the challenge.

We are encouraging all Year 7 students to participate in the Reading Challenge – and we would be delighted if many Year 8s, 9s and 10s signed up as well!

Over the last two weeks, we have explained the Reading Challenge program to the Year 7 English classes. Each student has been given a consent form, which needs to be signed by a parent or guardian to enable them to participate. These consent forms will need to be returned to each student’s English teacher before the end of Term One next week. This is essential before students can be registered online.

To complete the 2015 Challenge, students will need to read 15 books. A minimum of 10 books must be selected from the Victorian Premiers’ Challenge Booklist, a copy of which will be available from the Library Resource Centre and online from the Victorian Department of Education website (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/).

The Challenge is not restricted to books in the English language. Students can read books in any language, such as Arabic, Italian, Macedonian and Greek. Students must keep a list on paper of all the books they read and after they finish each book, they must ensure their English Teacher or a member of the Library Staff signs their record. Once students have fulfilled all the requirements, they hand in their paper record, as well as the printable online book record, to the library.

The big day out for young readers is back. It’s time for the annual Children’s Book Festival celebrating the wonderful world of children’s literature and storytelling. The Festival is on Sunday 22 March, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the outside lawn of the State Library of Victoria (opposite Melbourne Central Station) and the Wheeler Centre. The fun day will be jam-packed with authors and activities, with a huge range of things to do all day long. Many well-known authors such as Shaun Tan, Hazel Edwards and Andy Griffiths will be there.

For further information, please visit the website on http://www.wheelercentre.com/events/children-s-book-festival-2015

Happy Reading!

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager
NEW PEDAGOGIES FOR DEEP LEARNING—GLOBAL LIGHT AND SOUND PROJECT

In 2014, Lalor Secondary College became involved in the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning Project, which involves teachers in Victoria and other countries around the world. The project explores new ways of teaching and learning to suit the needs of students in the twenty-first century.

The Global Hub for the project has been launched this week and to celebrate, a global investigation relating to light and sound and the impact of these elements on learning in the classroom has commenced. All of the schools involved in the project are contributing, from countries such as the US, Canada, Uruguay and Finland.

A group of students in 9H are currently contributing towards the investigation by collecting data to share on the global hub. They will be able to see the material collected by other schools worldwide and communicate with fellow students in other countries about the investigation. Our students are monitoring light and sound in some of their learning spaces using apps and other tools. They will then develop an action plan to improve the learning conditions in these spaces, implement the changes and finally assess their effectiveness. This ties in to their Science studies as part of the core curriculum.

The investigation will run over four weeks and we hope to share more information as it continues.

Ms S. Tacey
Pedagogy Leader

STUDENT PROGRAMS

YEAR 8 VERBAL COMBAT

Brainstorm productions attended the school last Friday to present "Verbal Combat" to all Year 8 students. During this session, students were shown a play with key issues for young people including bullying, friendship, communication and online behaviour. Teachers ran guided discussions regarding the performance following this session for students to discuss their learning further.

YEAR 9 EXPLORE PROGRAM

During this week, we had Values 4 Life present "RUOK?" which aims to build resilience skills in young people. The presentation was conducted during the Explore program to complement the SenseAbility Beyond Blue Curriculum. All students are to fill out their journal entry for this week based on this presentation.

Ms M. Hayward
Student Programs Leader

SPORT

SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Volleyball team who were successful in winning all six matches played on Tuesday 10th March. They worked well as a team and will compete in the second round at the beginning of Term Two

Junior Lolopo
Marcus
Somaldeep Aujla
Yahya Kabbara
Vinh Vo
George Mihalas
Hamza Hashi
Yehya Chakouf
Domenic Lafaele

Miss V. Leckie
Coach

DISCOVERY NIGHT

Thursday 16th April from 5-8pm

Discover our college through guided tours, speaking with staff and our Principal’s address at 7:30pm.

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KNITTING CLUB – LUNCHETIME THURSDAYS ROOM 308

Students are invited to come to learn to knit poppies for the Gallipoli 100-year celebrations on Anzac Day. Our poppies will be on display at school, then at Epping RSL on Anzac Day. Donations of red wool would be appreciated.

If parents would like to knit some poppies for Anzac Day please contact me in the uniform shop on 9463 7331.

Mrs Glenys Williams
Knitting Club Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

Parents please note: Bleach is the enemy of school clothing. Please choose washing powders/liquids carefully as the bleach is too strong and is stripping the colour from garments.

Mrs G. Williams
Shop Manager

Whittlesea Baseline for Young People

School Holiday Grab Bags On Sale NOW

Discount Package for the school holidays for 12 - 17 year olds

PURCHASE CONDITIONS APPLY:

Please bring proof of:
AGE: e.g. Birth Certificate, student ID card or Learner's permit
SCHOOL: e.g. letter from school, school report or Letter from school
ADDRESS: (you live in the City of Whittlesea) e.g. Rates notice, Learner's permit, household account or Centrelink Concession card
For discounts: Centrelink Concession card

ON SALE FROM

• EDGE – Services for Young People (WESTFIELD PLENTY VALLEY SHOPPING CENTRE)
• Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Whittlesea (Whittlesea residents ONLY)
• Laurimar Community Activity Centre (Doreen & Mernda residents ONLY)

Cost $20 each - Discounts apply for Health Care Card / Pension Card holders

Bag Content:

1 x Hoyts movie voucher
1 x Swim pass (Mill Park Leisure/ TRAC)
1 x AMF 10 pin Bowling pass
1 x Mini golf pass – NRG Force
1 x game Laser Tag pass – NRG Force
1 x T.U.K.E pass – the Ultimate Go Karting Experience
Assorted discount vouchers

Whittlesea Community Connections in partnership with Third Place Cafés and Unicoils are proud to announce the first Eucalypt Community Market. Come along and enjoy the local fresh produce, arts and crafts, entertainment and much more.

Interested stalls holders can contact Mrs on 8671 6956 or via email at mailto:whittlesea.communityconnections@yours.org.au