Thursday 6th March 2014

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Quote of the Week

Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way.

-- Satchel Paige

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Tuesday 25th February, we finally managed to hold our first Whole School Assembly in two or so years. We presented to our students body and staff our School Captains, Sports Captains and House Captains, which we’ve never had the opportunity to do as a whole school. We were also fortunate to have Cynthia Dupes (2013 Dux) give a speech to our students about her experiences at Lalor Secondary College since Year 7. She spoke about taking the opportunities offered her, and making the most of the teacher support provided throughout the course of her secondary education. Cynthia will have started her Commerce course at the University of Melbourne this week and we wish her luck in her chosen study.

I have been concerned recently by some misconceptions some students and parents have about the school’s duty of care with regards to students. Many of you will know that our staff have duty before and after school at Dalton Road and David Street, to ensure students’ safe arrival and departure from school. Our duty of care, however extends beyond this in terms of our responsibilities. I am extremely concerned that we have parents who drop their children off prior to 8:30, who drop off and pick up their children at the Lorne St Park. Please be aware that we do not have staff on supervision until 8:30 and not after 3:30. Hence, I am concerned about the potential for students to get into behaviours that can put them at risk, can put others at risk and can have serious consequences. When we are informed about such behaviours, it is our responsibility, under the DEECD’s Duty of Care guidelines that we act accordingly to ensure that the students are safe, and remain so, and in some cases are accountable for their...
behaviours, particularly if they are in school uniform. I make no apologies for our responsibility and accountabilities with regards the duty of care of our students before and after school in the immediate environs of the school – no parent would expect the school to compromise on this.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

YEAR 10 NETBOOK INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 26th February a large number of predominantly Year 10 students and their parents attended an information evening. It was pleasing to see so many families attending. Students will start to receive their netbooks once the forms and payments have been processed.

WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM REVIEW

In 2010 the college conducted a curriculum review which led to a number of changes such as the ten day timetable, the introduction of more choice in Year 9, Languages extended to Year 9 and the development of a wide range of specialist subjects in Year 10 in both core and elective subjects.

During 2014 the curriculum will be reviewed again to determine whether there needs to be any changes or additions to our school curriculum and programs. The Curriculum Review Working Party will lead this review and there are a range of staff and one student on the working party. As part of the review the group is interested in the thoughts and ideas of parents and the community. A survey will be sent shortly and any comments or input is welcome now. Please contact me at the college on 9463 7300 or via e mail; cain.julie.y@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would to discuss this further.

The working party welcome the input of the school community. Any changes to the curriculum and programs will be finalised by the first week of term three.

STAFF PROFILE

Natalie Nguyen

Ms Nguyen teaches Art, Visual Communication and Design, Literacy Support, Sport and Ceramics at the college. She has a Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design and a Diploma in Education from the Australian Catholic University.

In addition Ms Nguyen was involved in the community based mosaic art project at Lalor Library in 2012. She also likes going to the beach and travelling.

SCHOOL VALUES

Pride Achiement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

AL TAMIMI, Mohammed
FOX, Marcus
HAMOUD, Aiman
KASSEM, Adnan
MARKOVSKI, Aleksandar
MURIDI, Ahmed
SHAYA, Steven
ISMAIL, Ismail
KAUR, Manpreet
SALEH, Ali
AL-ABID ALI, Ali
GEORGIESKI, Stephanie
HEWITT, Monique
LONG, Isaac
MCBREARTY, Matilda
NGUYEN, Eddie
AVRAMOV, Jimmy
KARAKUTUK, Dilara
MITEV, Risto
WHELÀN, Bethany

Mrs J. Cain
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

I would like to thank the parents and teachers who attended last week’s Year 7 Parent Barbeque. I know that many parents were happy to spend some informal time at the school and have the opportunity to chat with the Year 7 teachers to get a perspective on how their child has settled into life at secondary school. I would also like to thank Ms Mitrovskas, Mr Mariani and Adam Sleeman of Year 12 for organising and serving the food. The Year 7 camp was a great experience for the students and can be best summed up by Austin and Raquel of 7H who said the best things about it were “the activities and all the people you get to meet and all the social stuff”.

The Year 8 camp will be held next week from Wednesday to Friday. The camp will take place at Kangarooobie, near Princetown on the Great Ocean Road. I am grateful to the Year 8 Team who have put this camp together for this cohort of students who missed out on a camp last year. A detailed information pack will go home with the students at the end of this week.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

The great start to the year continues across the school with all year levels displaying the Lalor Secondary College values across all aspects of school life. This behaviour and attitude continues to be modelled by our senior students, who are leading by example and setting very high expectations in line with previous year 12 students. The school could not be prouder of how they are going at this stage of the year.
that was held on Wednesday night. This evening was able to provide a number of strategies for parents on how to assist their son/daughter during their VCE studies. We hope those parents found the information helpful and will assist them in what can be a difficult couple of years.

The Lalor Secondary College Athletics day will take place tomorrow on Friday the 7th of March. On this day all students in Years 7 to 10 are required to attend in their full sports uniform. Lalor Secondary College students will continue to compete for their house colour in age groups instead of their Home Group in 2014. Students in Years 7 to 10 will be allowed to decorate themselves with headbands, armbands, face paint and wear a hat that is coloured and supports their house colour. Both the Year 11 and 12 students are able to attend in appropriate athletics clothing that is also in line with their house colour. All parents are invited to attend the event, however, as part of our security plan we ask that all parents please follow the signs and obtain a visitors pass from the administration area. This allows the school to identify those that are welcome guests versus intruders and ensures everyone has a safe and enjoyable day. Go Paterson (Yellow) house!

We have concerns about the length of the school dresses for some female students, especially those uniforms that have been altered to shorten the length. Next week Student Managers will be asking some girls to lengthen their dresses back to the original length and, for some, to purchase a new dress if required. A suitable timeline will be organised to meet this requirement and this will be communicated to the relevant parents. The other issue at present is boys wearing black socks with their shorts. Students are to wear white or grey socks with the shorts according to the policy and we ask all parents to support the school in regard to these aspects of the uniform policy.

Our School Captains Daniel and Monique, and Vice Captain Chelsea attended Lalor Primary School as invited guests on Monday morning as part of their leadership role. While there, they addressed the whole school on the importance of leadership and awarded the SRC students and school captains of Lalor Primary School with their badges. They did a terrific job with all members of the local community who attended very impressed. Well done!

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal Years 11 & 12.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a busy start to 2014 school year! We enjoy the work during this time of the year because we have been welcoming all our Year 7 classes in the Library. All Year 7 students have participated in a Library Orientation Lesson. As part of Year 7 students’ transitional journey from primary to secondary schooling, each class comes in to enable them to become familiar with their school library.

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 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.

Recently, we have commenced the annual Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. We are encouraging all Year 7 to register this worthwhile program. Over the next two weeks, the Teacher Librarians will be explaining how the program will work at Lalor Secondary College and each student will be given a consent form. Please ask your child for the Reading Challenge Consent Form. This form will need to be completed and handed in to the child’s English Teacher.

The Children’s Book Festival is an upcoming free event may interest families. This event is on Sunday 23 March, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the outside lawn of the State Library of Victoria (opposite to Melbourne Central Station). 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 John Marsden, Jackie French, Silly Rippin, Terry Denton and Andy Griffiths will be there.

For further information, please visit the website on http://slv.vic.gov.au/event/childrens-book-festival-family-day-2014

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager

![Annual Trivia Night!](image)

**Friday May 2 2014, 7pm**

- **Pleasant Ranges**
- **Arts and Convocation Centre**
- **Ferres Hall**
- **South Morang**

**Tickets:** $20 pp

- Food will be provided to those who purchase a ticket in advance.
- Bring your own drinks.

**Contact Info:**

- **Email:** <lleuga@whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au>
- **Phone:** 9401 6666

**Event:**

- **Prizes:**
  - Raffle: Prizes such as movie nights and entertainment.
  - **Dinner:**
    - A $10 contribution to dinner is appreciated.
  - **RSVP:**
    - Please RSVP to Luai by 6th March on 9401 6666 or lleuga@whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au

**Annual Trivia Night!**

**Friday 14th March 2014, 6.30pm**

**Riverside Community Activity Centre**

A $10 contribution to dinner is appreciated.

Please RSVP to Luai by 6th March on 9401 6666 or lleuga@whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au

**International Women’s Day!**

The 8th of March is International Women’s Day, an occasion marked by groups around the world and commemorated by the United Nations. In the City of Whittlesea, an Annual International Women’s Day Awards Event is held to recognise the voluntary contributions made by women in our local community. Please join us as we celebrate. The Awards Ceremony will be held on:

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School Captains: Daniel Petrovski & Monique Shimmins; Vice Captains: Daniel Perri & Chelsea Nikolov; Sport Captains: Dillon Ristevski & Tayla Damiri
The Victorian School of Languages is a government school and offers the following languages at the Lalor Secondary College, Cnr David Street and Dalton Road Lalor.

- Arabic: Year 1 to Year 12
- Vietnamese: Year 1 to Year 12
- Tamil: Year 1 to Year 10

Cost per annum:
- $70.00 for Year 1 to 10 students
- $85.00 for VCE students

Day/Time:
- Saturday morning
- 9.00am until 12.15pm

For further information please call 9464 0848

Interested parents and students should go directly to the respective school on Saturday morning and collect an enrolment form.

**BARISTA BASICS—MARCH 2014, TERM 1**

Want to work in the Hospitality Industry? Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine in our Barista Basics course.

- Location: Merrilands Community Centre
- Time: 9.15am—3.15pm
- Days & Dates: 4 sessions - Tues 11th, Wed 12th, Mon 17th, & Wed 19th March 2014
- Statement of Fees: $28 plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc.
  Fee for Service: (not eligible for subsidised training) $215 plus S/A.

**RETAIL INDUSTRY PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The program is suitable for a person wishing to gain retail, customer service and sales skills plus work experience in the retail sector.

- Location: Merrilands Community Centre (MCC) & Northland Youth Centre (NYC)
- Days: Tuesday (MCC) & Thursday (NYC)
- Time: 9.30am—2.30pm
- Dates: Tues. 18th March to Thurs. 15th May 2014 (includes 1st week of school holidays @ MCC)
- Duration: 8 weeks + 40 hours Work Placement
- Cost: $50 Conc. $130 Full Fee plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc.
  Fee for Service (not eligible for subsidised training): $990

**VET 2014**

This year we have our highest number of students undertaking Vocational Education Training (VET) or School Based Apprenticeship courses across a very diverse range of subjects, from the traditional Building and Construction (plumbing and carpentry), Fashion, Music, Animal Studies to Photo Imaging amongst others.

From all accounts students are really enjoying their courses and over the next coming weeks they will be providing reports on their achievements and experiences.

**Ms Sakellaris**
**VET/VCAL Coordinator**

On Wednesdays we undertake our Certificate II course in Building and Construction (Carpentry) at the Outer Northern Trade Training Centre (ONTTC) which is on the Peter Lalor Vocational College site.

So far, we have successfully completed our White Card in Occupational Health and Safety Training. This will allow us to be able to do our Structured Work Placement on a building site, later on. We have also started making a toolbox as part of the course.

**Christian and Nathan Year 11**

I am doing a School Based Apprenticeship in Community Activities Program at Certificate III level at Bundoora Secondary College.

So far we have looked at the human anatomy and have undertaken two assignments. In terms of practical activities we have started looking at joint movements, muscles and bones and for different sports such as basketball, soccer, football and vertex we focus on how our body moves and controls while doing these activities.

I get along with everyone really well and have been enjoying the course a lot.

One of my tasks has been to be a trainer and my peers have to be the clients. My role has been to teach them how to do a particular exercise, such as the lower and upper push up and squats. We continue that by rotating and the clients have to compliment what a good trainer you are and what improvements you need.

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**Mariam S Year 11**

On Wednesdays I undertake a Certificate II in Music at Lalor North Secondary College. As I can play

been assigned to reproduce the following songs, Roar (Katy Perry) Wake me up (Avicii) Happy (Phariell Williams) as acoustic pieces. This has been very enjoyable for me because I’m not only improving my skills but also having fun.

**Daniela S Year 11**