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Replacement permission forms for excursions and incursions can be downloaded and printed from the LSC website by going to the News & Events tab and selecting Notices & Forms.

Quote of the Week

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

Henry Brooks Adams

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We’ve had a number of events and activities happen over the last two weeks at Lalor. As you are aware the staff participated in a Curriculum Day on Friday 26th April, where we looked at Inquiry Learning, differentiated curriculum, and the Australian Curriculum and AusVELS. The day was an intense and full one that provided faculties with the opportunity to plan, in their initial stages, units focussed on Inquiry Learning for students from Years 7 – 10. I thank the team of staff involved in preparing the day and ensuring it was a successful opportunity for the continued professional development of our staff.

Over the last two weeks we have had a number of level assemblies, a guest presentation for Year 10 English students, Year 10 Lawyers in School Program, Year 11 Aspirations Program, Year 7 to the Dandenong Ranges, Whittlesea Athletics Competition, Year 12 Study Hall, Year 10 Catch-up sessions, Year 12 Oral Presentations, Year 8 Verbal Combat, students completing Attitude to Schools Surveys and various other ‘during class’ events. We are endeavouring to have all events published ahead of time on the school website so that parents are aware of what is coming up and therefore plan accordingly.

On Tuesday we held our annual Discovery Evening for prospective 2014 Year 7 students. It was once again a successful evening, and we look forward to our new cohort of students. Many of our current students assisted on the evening and I want to thank them for their commitment to the school and the enthusiasm they showed our community. It is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Those parents who have students who study food technology will know that the 100s and 200s have been without gas for the last week or so. As you can appreciate, with time facilities begin to not be as reliable as they once were. Students in the foods classes have been very patient and we will ensure that they are able to complete the prac work they have missed in the next few weeks.

Recently we have had a number of parents who come to the school during class time requesting their child be taken out of class because of an appointment or such. This, in itself, is not a concern as we understand that various medical appointments and such may not always fit preferred times. The concern is more that often students themselves are unaware that a parent is coming to collect them. We ask parents to provide a note with their child detailing the time they will be picked up so that arrangements can be made for them to actually be ready at the administration area for parents. We do not make announcements during class time and we know that it can be frustrating when parents are waiting for a child to be called away from class.

I remind parents and the community that on our school website we have a section where former students and staff can register their names and contact details, as well as their interest in 50th Anniversary events. I encourage you to access this if you are a former student and likewise if you know someone who is a former student or staff member. On this note, I remind our community that the major celebration for the 50th Anniversary is on the 19th October, with an Open Day and a reception dinner in the evening.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

YEAR 10 ASSESSMENT TASK CATCH UP SESSIONS
In Term Two the middle school team has introduced a catch up session for Year 10 students who have missed an assessment task in class. This session is held on Friday afternoons in Room 308 from 3.15pm onwards and is supervised by Mrs Edwards and myself. It provides an opportunity for students to catch up on missed work and allows them to complete tasks and tests that will be reported on in their semester reports.

If your child is required to attend a session he/she will receive a letter with the details. Any questions about the sessions should be directed to either Mrs Edwards or myself on 9463 7300.

YEAR 10 LAWYERS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM
24 Year 10 students had their first session of the ‘Lawyers in Schools’ program. The program is aimed at students who are interested in a career in the law and is run by the law firm King and Wood Mallesons. Volunteers from the firm work with students over six sessions.

Feedback after the first session from the co-ordinator of the program was very positive. Ms Lipsia was commended for her excellent organisation and enthusiasm and students were engaged, eager to be involved and interested in the activities.

Congratulations to Ms Lipsia and the students, I am sure they are looking forward to the next session.

YEAR 10 TRIP TO CANBERRA
The Year 10 Student Managers, Ms Timos and Mr Kotsopoulos, are busy organising a trip to Canberra. It is likely to be held at the end of Term Three or the beginning of Term Four. Initial interest has been high and a parent information evening will be held once the details are finalised. It is another opportunity for our students to enhance their understanding of the political and legal system and links in with studies in Politics, Commerce and History.

STAFF PROFILE: MS VANESSA SOFO
Ms Sofo teaches Italian, English, EAL, Humanities and VCE Business Management. She is also the Languages KLA Leader. Ms Sofo has a Bachelor of Business, a Graduate Diploma of Education and a Graduate Diploma in Culture and Languages. She also enjoys playing netball and travelling. She is currently organising the 2014 LOTE trip to Italy!

CONGRATULATIONS
Ms Sena has been shortlisted for the DEECD 2013 Excellence in Education Awards. She is one of three finalists for the Victorian Secondary Principal of the Year Award. I am sure that the school community join the staff in celebrating this recognition of her hard work and the improved student outcomes at the college.

SCHOOL VALUES
Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

- AHMAD, Jay 9C
- ALI, Reem 9D
- BAQIRI, Ahmad 9B
- DIMITRIJOVSKI, Stefan 11C
- FLETCHER, Maegan 9B
- HABIB, Khalil 11D
- MAHFoud, Joanna 9A
- MIHOPOULOS, Dion 9A
- MOU, Khenit 9E
- NONA, Paula 10H
- SAZIMANOSKA, Ermina 8G
- SERTOVIC, Indira 9E
- TAWIL, Zein 9B
- TUIMASEVE, Talele 9A

Ms J. Cain
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

May is an extremely busy month at Lalor Secondary College. On Tuesday evening this week we ran our annual Discovery Night.

Discovery Night is one of the big occasions on our calendar. It is an event designed to showcase our school and the opportunities it can offer prospective students and their families. The key to the evening’s success is having our students working with their teachers and operating as guides for family groups as they tour the school. The insight into the school that this approach brings gives the night an authenticity that I know is appreciated by many of those who attend. So I thank the many members of staff who gave up their time to prepare and run the KLA and program displays on the night. I would also like to thank the students and their parents who also volunteered their time and played such an important role on the night.

Another ‘big occasion’ occurs next week with the NAPLAN tests for Year 7 and 9 students being conducted at the school. NAPLAN is designed to assess literacy and numeracy skills and the results of the tests are used to inform parents and schools about how well students are performing in these areas at the time of the tests. It is worth pointing out that the skills being assessed in the NAPLAN tests are already being taught in the curriculum here at Lalor. There are five separate tests which are held over three days with rest breaks between each test. If you are the parent or guardian of a student in Year 7 or 9 your son or daughter has been given a NAPLAN information brochure to take home which is designed to answer any questions you may have.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

School Captains: Zoe Konstantinidis & Mithun Hunsur; Vice Captains: Peter Stojcevski & Ashlea Anderson; Sport Captains: Joanne Kontogiorgis & Katerina Kafkakis
The Unit 3 students of 2013 kicked off the first ever Study Hall for Lalor Secondary College on Wednesday the 8th of May. This saw teachers volunteer their time to attend school from 6.00pm to 9.00pm and provide extra assistance for students across a variety of subjects. Forty five students took up this opportunity to attend and receive information from not only their teachers but also ex-students of 2012 who volunteered their time to provide assistance. It left all students in attendance asking when the next Study Hall would be held. We hope that after the success of this night another could run in Term 3. We will keep everyone posted.

A group of Year 11 students have been selected to participate in the Aspirations Program in partnership with the Australian Business and Community Network. The students will attend five days of workshops in the city to experience a variety of activities led by the business leaders involved. This program was launched at Lalor Secondary College on Wednesday the 1st of May in the Creina Moloney Senior Study Centre and will run over the coming months. We look forward to working with ABCN again and wish all of our participants success in the program.

The Attitude to Schools survey has been conducted over the past week across all year levels with all students involved. The survey provides all students an opportunity to give their opinions on a range of issues including their Wellbeing, Teaching and Learning and Student Relationships. I thank all students for the way they conducted themselves during this survey and we look forward to receiving and presenting the results of the collective student voice within the school.

The Year 12 Study Skills Conference will now run on the 22nd and 23rd of July in Term Three. Information for this camp has been provided to all Year 12 students and I ask that the permission letters and payment please be returned as soon as possible. If any parents have concerns about his activity can you please contact Mr Aziz or Mr Wolter as soon as possible, so these concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

Year 12 students attended the Age VCE and Careers Expo on Friday the 3rd of May at Caulfield Racecourse. This event provided information and resources for VCE as well as information from Universities, TAFE, Training Courses, International Exchange and Gap Year Programs. There were also people there who were able to offer career and study advice. We hope this excursion provided all students with the opportunity to explore their options for 2013 and beyond.

A reminder that it is now the end of week four of Term Two and all students should now be in their Winter Uniform. If any parent is having an issue providing their son/daughter with this uniform please contact your relevant student manager so some assistance can be arranged.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal Years 11 & 12

STUDY HALL

I would like to congratulate the 45 students who attended our first Study Hall session on Wednesday evening. The session commenced at 6.00pm and ran for 3 hours in duration. Study Hall provides students the opportunity to work with their peers to discuss and simplify subject material. The evening included a break for students to snack on some pizza-YUMMY!

We are hoping to run another Study Hall session later in the year and after speaking to some of the students who attended, I would anticipate an increase in the number for our next session, as the feedback from the participants was extremely positive.

The evening could not have been such a success without the input from the teachers who volunteered their time. A huge thank you to the following teachers for your efforts as the evening would not have been the success it was without your valuable contributions: Mr Aziz, Ms Bruno, Mrs Cain, Ms Chomiak, Ms Haywood, Mr James, Mr Jewell, Ms Kubell, Ms Miller, Ms Sena, Ms Spence, Mr Vecino and Mr Wolter.

We were also fortunate to have a number of our successful 2012 Year 12 students come on the evening to offer advice and guidance to the students. It was terrific seeing these ex-students and hearing about their successes with university, and to also watch them in the collective student voice within the school.

Finally a big thank you to Mr Aziz and Ms Bruno for their efforts and support in organising the night.

Mr M Watson
Year 11 & 12 Sub School Leader

YEAR 9 GOLD COAST CAMP

In week four of Term Three, the Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend the Gold Coast camp from Monday 5th of August to Friday 9th August. Permission slips have gone home, however if any parent wishes to receive more information, there will be a Parent Information Evening this coming Monday 13th May from 6.00pm-6.30pm in the Drama Centre. A reminder that deposits are due by Friday 17th May to secure your child’s place.

Ms. Leckie & Ms. Spence

EMA SEMESTER 2 APPLICATIONS

A reminder that parents who are eligible for EMA but did not apply for Semester One can now apply for Semester Two payments. Only those parents who did not apply earlier this year need to apply now.

Ms S. Pileio
EMA Administrator
SCHOOLS’ STOCK EXCHANGE GAME
Congratulations to the 155 students currently enrolled in the game. The last day of trading is on Wednesday 15 May. If your strategy has served you well to this point – be careful of making any last minute panic decisions – keep going back to your plan before deciding to buy or sell. Just a reminder – you do not have to sell the shares in your portfolio on the final day – the rankings are based on the value of your shares plus any cash you have remaining.

You may have learnt that monthly decisions by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) determine significant influence on interest rates in our economy. Changes in interest rates are a very important tool for either stimulating the economy or slowing the economy down. The official interest rates fell by 0.25% last Tuesday, which puts more money in the hands of consumers to spend on goods and services.

Mr Cahill
Commerce Faculty

YEAR 11 VCAL
Over the next few weeks Year 11 VCAL students will be organising numerous activities for students and staff. All proceeds raised will be going to various charities.

Ms Sakellaris
VCAL Coordinator

CUP CAKE DAY AT LSC
Next Thursday 16th May – a small group of Year 11 VCAL students will be selling Cup cakes to students and staff at lunchtime.

Cup cakes will be $1.50

All proceeds will be going to the RSPCA.

Looking forward to everyone’s support.

Jane, Linh, Latisha and Brooke of 11V

FIFA TOURNAMENT
Year 11 VCAL students are organising a FIFA tournament on the 20th 21st and 23rd of May for Year 11 students only. A small fee will be charged for each participant and spectators.

All proceeds will be going towards the Leukaemia Foundation.

If you wish to participate please see Ricky Hadjiiletemachou, Adam Sleiman, Henry Vo and Jarryd Woolcock in room 127 at lunchtimes next week.

GET YOUR STEP ON …
Lalor Secondary is bringing dance to you. Join us in Room 125 during lunch times as we introduce Hip Hop, Jazz and Contemporary dance. Cost is $3.50 per week. Students must bring their runners and a water bottle. Everyone is welcome to participate. No spectators are allowed!
Come and have some fun and get fit. We would love to see you there. We will be signing up participants during recess on Monday and Tuesday – in the library foyer. All proceeds will be going to the Smith family.

Taleen and Samir 11V

GREEK EXCURSION
As part of their cultural studies for Greek all students studied the topic “Greek Orthodox Easter”. Students also made cards and decorated candles – which are known as lambathes.

To reiterate class work covered and to broaden their knowledge and appreciation of the Greek culture, all students were invited to attend a morning mass on Good Friday at the Greek Orthodox church Transfiguration of Our Lord in Thomastown on the 3rd May.

The students found the service very enlightening as it gave them a deeper understanding of the traditions and rituals undertaken on the day.

The priest’s acknowledgement of our college’s attendance was also a very positive experience.
LIBRARY NEWS
Throughout the year, new resources are purchased regularly. When resources have been catalogued, they are prominently displayed in the library on our New Books Display stand for a short period of time before they are shelved.

Below are some selections of new reading books that have come in this term. Students are always encouraged to pick up a book to read. Now that the weather is getting cooler, it is a perfect opportunity to sit cosily in a quiet, warm spot to read.

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager

FREE STUDY FOR OVERWEIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKING FOR HELP
The Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is conducting a randomised controlled trial of an online weight management program designed for overweight adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.

We want to find a fun and interactive way to help adolescents learn about healthy food choices and physical activity. Around 30% of all 12 to 17 year old Australians are overweight and spaces in clinical services are limited. Staying Fit is an interactive online program designed to help adolescents learn about healthy lifestyle choices. We would like to find out if it is more effective than the information that is already available to Australian adolescents.

We are looking for 550 overweight adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. Both groups will receive information for young people about healthy food choices, physical activity, stress and coping with eating disorders, and a list of useful websites to visit. The Staying Fit group will also spend about an hour each week (for 12 weeks) working through a fun, interactive, online session and they will be provided with a pedometer and a walking program.

If we find that the Staying Fit program is more helpful, then at the end of the study the Usual Care group will also get access to the Staying Fit program.

All participants are asked to complete questionnaires and have their height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months follow-ups. Parents are also invited to complete questionnaires, height and weight measurements. These measurements can be taken at the Royal Children’s hospital or during home visits (not at schools) and all individual information is confidential.

Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for overweight young people aged between 12 and 17.

If you would like to know more, contact the Staying Fit Project Coordinator, Karly Cini on (03) 9345 6954 or email: stayingfit@mcri.edu.au web: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit

PRACE

INTRODUCTION TO AUSLAN
An introduction to the basics of Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) that will allow you to communicate with members of the Deaf Community in both social and work situations.

Dates: 9 May—27 June 2013
Days: Thursday
Time: 12.30pm—3.00pm
Duration: 8 weeks (includes some homework activities/practice)

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS AND BASIC WORD PROCESSING
This introductory course will give you the confidence to perform basic word processing tasks on a computer.

Location: Mill Park Library 394 Plenty Road, Mill Park
Fridays, 10th May—26th July 2013 for 10 weeks from 1.30 – 3.30pm
Cost: $22 (eligible for subsidised training), $165 (not eligible)

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

School Captains: Zoe Konstantinidis & Mithun Hunsur; Vice Captains: Peter Stojcevski & Ashlea Anderson; Sport Captains: Joanne Kontogiorgis & Katerina Kafkakis
Parents Victoria Online Conference

Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the seventh annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday 19 May, with discussion topics including:

Reporting
School Canteens
Teachers
Inclusive Education
Education Funding
The Impact of Technology
Bus Safety
The Role of the School

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues.
Participation is free. No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. Each day there will be a PV host and/or special guests who will be able to respond to comments and stimulate discussion.

To register go to http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/default.php

For further information, email: office@parents.victoria.asn.au

Telephone (03) 9380 2158 or visit: www.parents.victoria.asn.au

The conference is proudly supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development