FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| MONDAY 14/5 | WHITTLESEA CROSS COUNTRY; VCE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT EXCURSION |
| TUESDAY 15/5 | NAPLAN - YEAR 7 & 9 |
| WEDNESDAY 16/5 | NAPLAN - YEAR 7 & 9 |
| THURSDAY 17/5 | NAPLAN - YEAR 7 & 9; TOUR OF SCHOOL FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – 9.30AM; SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING |
| MONDAY 21/5 | YEAR 8 INCURSION |
| TUESDAY 22/5 | YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS |
| WEDNESDAY 23/5 | YEAR 12 COSI INCURSION |

Quote of the week:

'The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up'

J M Power

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week saw the annual Cultural Concert performed over two nights – Tuesday and Wednesday. Once again our students have shown us the impressive level of their talents in areas ranging from martial arts, instrumental, singing, dance, comedy and tech support. I was particularly proud of the fact that our students are keen to practice the art of a culture not necessarily theirs, particularly in the area of dance. I want to thank all of our student performers for their enthusiasm and sharing their talents on stage and backstage. Likewise I congratulate the organisers of the event, Ms Walsh, Ms Nguyen, Ms Timos, Ms Sakellaris, Ms Constantinou and all the staff who supported the event through supervision and attendance.

On Tuesday evening this week, we showcased the school to the parents of potential Year 7 students. We held our annual Discovery Evening where we had parents and students tour the school, observe presentations in the areas of Outdoor Education, LOTE, Food Technology, Health & Physical Education, Science, Maths, English and Humanities/Commerce/IT. Our staff and student volunteers presented the school with enthusiasm and pride and I thank everyone involved, from education support staff to teachers to students for all the hard work in preparation of this significant event on our calendar. I wish to give particular thanks to Mrs Jewell and Ms Clarris who did a lot of the preparation work prior to the evening itself.

During the first three weeks of this term I had the absolute pleasure of teaching Mr James’ Year 12 English class while he was on leave. While the students may have been a little nervous of me, I have to say I think I was more nervous as the last time I taught a class was over five years ago. The reason why I am including this in my report this week is because I want to say it allowed me to have a closer look at how our senior students are handling their final year of school and it allowed me the huge pleasure of observing one of their assessment tasks – their Oral Presentations. On Thursday the 3rd May I observed approximately 41 students present their views on a number of current issues. We all know that speaking in front of an audience is difficult; doing so for 5 – 10 minutes, and presenting a point of view in a convincing manner is a challenge. I was absolutely impressed with the quality of presentations I was privy to observing, and I know all the Year 12 English teachers were likewise impressed. Well done to all the students.

Next week we will be having our School Council Meeting on Thursday evening. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting to which anyone from the school community is able to attend. The AGM will commence at 7:00pm with the School Council Meeting commencing at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing interested parents there. Should you have any queries about what the AGM entails, please contact Ms Debbie Boyce on the school’s number.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

Invitation to our School Community
to the
School Council 2012 AGM
7.00pm
Thursday 17th May 2012
Lalor S.C. Conference Room

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Australian Curriculum Introduction

In the last newsletter I mentioned the college’s Curriculum Day and our focus on the introduction of the Australian Curriculum. In 2013 four studies will change in Years 7 to 10, these are: English, Mathematics, History and Science. Many teachers have already started working on the new curriculum. In addition the college has established four Working Parties with four groups of teachers working as a team to ensure our students are delivered the new curriculum. Draft papers for other subject areas such as Geography and Health & PE have also been released but there are no changes in these areas for 2013. In addition VCE & VCAL will remain the same for the next few years.

Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion

On Thursday 9th May I joined Ms Ryan and her Legal Studies class on an excursion to the Supreme and County Courts. As a Legal Studies teacher I enjoyed the opportunity to see the ‘law in action’ again. Our students represented the school in an exemplary manner and I
thank Ms Ryan for her excellent organisation. Our students have many opportunities to be involved in subject based excursions, presentations and extracurricular activities. These only take place due to the hard work and dedication of the teaching and Education Support staff. Thanks also to the staff who were involved in the Discovery Evening. I know that this has been acknowledged in the other reports but it was a successful evening due to the hard work and organisation of the college staff.

Walking to school and headphones
Staff have noticed a large number of students walking to school listening to music through headphones. Our concern is that while wearing headphones students are less aware of their surroundings and traffic. There have been a number of accidents and fatalities in the media and this highlights the need for students to be able to hear what is going on around them. We want our students to arrive at school and at home safely.

Mrs J. Cain
Assistant Principal, Years 11 & 12
Lalor Secondary College was on display earlier this week for the prospective Year 7 Parent and Student Discovery Evening. The evening is designed to provide information to Year 6 students and their families and it gives our teachers an opportunity to showcase the teaching and learning that occurs across the school. Numerous school tours were conducted and many questions were raised and answered during the course of the evening and it is hoped that the Year 6 students and their families found the evening beneficial as they consider schools for 2013. Many thanks to the large number of teachers and students who spent many hours organising classroom displays and assisted during the course of the evening. I am aware that some families of prospective students were unable to attend the Discovery Evening, as a consequence, the school will conduct a further tour on Thursday 17th May at 9.30am. Please contact the school on 9463 7300 if you wish to be on this tour.

A reminder to Year 7 students and their families that the NAPLAN Tests will take place next week. Year 7 students will be required to sit Literacy and Numeracy tests Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May. Students are aware of their timetables for these days and a NAPLAN information pamphlet has been sent home to families of Year 7 and 9 students with this newsletter.

The second round of immunisation for Year 7 and Year 10 students will take place at the school on Monday 22nd May. Year 7 boys and girls will be immunised against Hepatitis B (1st dose), Year 7 girls against HPV (2nd Dose) and Year 10 students will be administered the Boostrix vaccine. Consent cards will be distributed to students next week and must be signed and returned by Friday 19th May. Students are asked to return the cards signed by parents or guardians even if they do not wish to be immunised.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal, Years 6 & 8
Every Home Group at Years 7 to 11 elected a Class Captain at the end of Term One. These results have now been confirmed and the class captains from each year level were awarded their badges at Home Group assemblies during the last two weeks. We thank everyone who participated in this process and congratulate those students who were successfully elected to this role. The whole school looks to these individuals to lead by living the college values and being an example to all other students. We look forward to seeing the contributions they will make to their year levels and Lalor Secondary College.

I would also like to thank every student who participated in the Student Attitude to School Survey. This is an extremely important process for the school as it allows us to gauge the students’ feelings across a variety of areas within the school. The students were actively engaged in this process as each was given the opportunity to express their opinions.

Year 9 students will be involved in the annual NAPLAN testing next week starting on May the 15th and finishing on May the 17th. Students will be involved in testing for approximately 2 hours each day over a variety of areas including Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The results for the past 4 years can be seen at the following website:- http://www.myschool.edu.au/ The results for 2012 will also be available at this website when released.

To assist the school with student management in 2012 we ask that any major disruptions to your child’s learning throughout the year be discussed with the school prior to the disruption. This includes overseas holidays or extended illness as this may impact on your child’s ability to meet the academic requirements set by the school, and most importantly at the senior level of the school the standards set by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

If you have any questions in regard to any of the above issues then please contact me on 9463 7300.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal, Years 9 & 10

CHEMISTRY AT LALOR
On Friday afternoon 4th May the Year 11 Chemistry class participated in a series of experiments run by CSIRO Education-RMIT University covering Nanotechnology and Polymer Chemistry. The students watched polyurethane foam rise up out of a beaker and then hammered a sample to destruction. The plumbers favourite polymer, Teflon tape, was stretched and strained to breaking point, providing amazing insights into its linear and lateral strength. Students took a sample of a cornstarch-based polymer used in packaging and watched as it was mixed in hot water and dissolved! If only we could do the same for all that non-biodegradable polystyrene packaging that comes with those household gadgets and appliances.

School Captains: Phillip Te & Monique Wasa; Vice Captains: Michael Thompson & Kristina Miseva; Sport Captains: Julius Ristevski & Jessica De Lima Fernandes
CSIRO has developed nanoparticulate zinc oxide used in sunscreens and students tested the UV resistance of different samples including that old beach favourite, zinc cream, which makes beachgoers look like white ghosts. Nanoparticle sunscreens are almost completely transparent and are therefore far more popular, however students were made aware of some of the potential problems they pose.

Our thanks to the CSIRO scientist, Sarah Harvey who coordinated the experiments and also the support of RMIT University.

Mr P. Parle
Chemistry Teacher

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP

This term saw our Year 9 students enjoy a successful trip to Hampton and Brighton beach as part of their study into ‘Coastal Processes’. The fieldtrip provided a fantastic opportunity for us to explore first hand, many of the coastal processes and management techniques that we have covered in Geography this term. The purpose of the fieldwork was to investigate whether the management practices at Hampton beach were sustainable. Once again our students rose to the challenge. Each of the three days ran smoothly with the students proving why they are such an asset to our school and wider community. With the rain holding off on all but one of the days, an enjoyable and enriching educational experience was had by all. Thank-you to all students who attended and the teachers who worked hard towards making this trip such a successful event on the year nine Humanities calendar.

Mr I. Burns
Geography Teacher

YEAR 8 HOME GROUP SPORT COMPETITION

For the next five weeks Year 8 students are given the unique opportunity to participate in an exciting sport competition. It will involve each Home Group competing against other Home Groups over five different sports – (during lunch times 12.45pm to 1.15pm on Fridays). Only students listed on team sheets will be allowed to participate and be allowed to wear sport uniform (for the day) on the Friday of their event. All team sheets are to be handed in to either Mr Kotsopoulos or Mr Mariani before the day of the event or risk disqualification.

The winning Home Group will be awarded the privilege of seeing a movie with their Home Group at Epping Cinemas.

The rules are as follows:
- Boys and girls can participate in each event
- Participants must be listed on team sheets
- Teachers who teach in that Home Group also play (Maximum of 2 teachers per event)

Points are allocated as follows:
- 4 points awarded to winning teams
- 2 points for a draw

Bonus points allocated to:
- 1 point for each teacher participating.
- 5 points if every student in the Home Group participates at least once during the 5 weeks

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Mr S. Kotsopoulos
Year 8 Student Manager

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Year 7

Well done to the following girls who represented Lalor in softball.

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The girls lost in a close game that could have gone either way against Pascoe Vale. The final score was 8 vs. 9.

Year 8

Congratulations to the team who made it to the final on the day. They started fantastically and defeated Pascoe Vale 16-0. Unfortunately they were unable to continue their dominance, losing to Montmorency 15-0 in the final.

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KNITTING CLUB

The Knitting Club runs during Term Two and Three

Come along and learn to knit for charity. Wool and needles supplied.

Room 307 Thursdays lunchtime.

Mrs Williams
UNIT 3 PSYCHOLOGY EXCURSION – MELBOURNE MUSEUM

On Friday 4th May, Year 11 and 12 students studying Unit 3 Psychology went to the Melbourne Museum. There they attended an education session with Museum staff. Students had the opportunity to participate in experiments and assess the usefulness of those experiments. After the education session, students took a self-guided tour through the Labyrinth of the Mind exhibition. The exhibition supported concepts already covered in the classroom and gave students hands on experience of some psychological concepts. Students enjoyed the learning experience beyond the classroom.

Ms K. Carmody
Psychology Teacher

YEAR 11 GLOBAL POLITICS

Students in Unit One Global Politics have recently been learning about why people seek political involvement. As part of our discussions relating to personal political involvement, they selected an issue that was of importance to them. They then had to write a letter to an Australian or international political leader, arguing for action needed by the government in relation to this issue.

Students wrote about a range of issues, including same sex marriage, global warming, poverty, nuclear power, racism and school funding and we posted the letters at the end of Term One.

Most students were amazed to receive replies, after they questioned whether politicians would actually pay attention to their letters. We received replies from staff working for Foreign Minister Bob Carr, Community Services Minister Jenny Macklin, Schools Minister Peter Garrett and Resources Minister Martin Ferguson. Even Julia Gillard’s office sent a reply to one of our students.

Most members of the class were impressed with their replies which gave detailed outlines of government policies and reasons why particular decisions were made. Some of the staff working for the various Ministers mentioned that responding to school aged students was considered a matter of importance.

I encourage students to pursue political change about matters important to them as they continue their learning journey beyond school.

Ms S Chomiak
Later Years Curriculum Coordinator and Global Politics teacher

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Students at Lalor Secondary College are encouraged to read for recreational purposes. English classes have been coming in to the library since the beginning of the school year with the aim of students borrowing reading books. This well known quote by Dr Suess, “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go” is very relevant. When students read, whether it be fiction, non-fiction, biographies, magazines or newspapers, students enter a world of new ideas, places, people and events.

Students who have a passion for reading have been coming to the weekly lunchtime Library Book Club which is run by Ms Flaskan. Other students are welcome to join and participate in this fun book club.

New resources are regularly purchased and have been throughout this year. When resources are processed and catalogued, they are prominently displayed in the library for a short period of time before they are shelved. The New Books Display regularly changes as new resources have been catalogued. Here are some examples of new reading books purchased.

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager