Friday 24th May 2013

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
MON 27/5 UNITS 3 & 4 GAT PRESENTATION
TUES 28/5 SENIOR WINTER SPORT WHITTLESEA YEAR 10 DRIVERS EDUCATION YEAR 7 MUSIC INCURSION
WED 29/5 OUT OF UNIFORM FUND RAISER
THUR 30/5 YEAR 11 ABCN ASPIRATIONS PROGRAM YEAR 12 EAL EXCURSION YEAR 10 STUDY HALL
FRI 31/5 YEAR 9 ENGLISH EXAMS YEAR 9 MATHS EXAMS
MON 3/6 – FRI 7/6 YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 EXAMS
MON 3/6 SCHOOL COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS
TUES 4/6 INTERMEDIATE WHITTLESEA WINTER SPORT
WED 5/6 ALLIANCE FRANCAIS POETRY COMPETITION EXCURSION CONNECT COMMUNITY SERVICE
FRI 7/6 DANTE ALIGHIERI EXCURSION (YEAR 9/10/11)
MON 10/6 QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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
The more you prepare, the luckier you appear.
Terry Josephson

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
On the evening of Friday 17th May I had the pleasure of attending the Victorian Education Excellence Awards with the Principal team (Mrs Cain, Mr James and Mr Jewell), our School Council President Mrs Karen Freeman, Ms Boyce (the Principal Team Assistant) and Mr Valentic (IT Manager). The evening celebrated the achievements of individuals and teams working in Government Schools. It highlighted for me the good work that staff in government schools are doing as well as reinforcing the work that the staff at Lalor Secondary College are doing for our community. The event was attended by our three Victorian Education Department Ministers, the Hon. Peter Hall, MLC (Minister for Higher Education and Skills), the Hon. Martin Dixon, MP (Minister for Education) and Hon. Wendy Lovell, MLS (Minister for Children & Early Childhood Development), as well as Regional Directors. While we missed out on an award, I want to thank my team for their support on the night.

Over the last four weeks I have had the wonderful experience of once again being a classroom teacher for Ms Saltmarsh’s Year 11 English class, while she was on leave. I am an English teacher ‘by trade’ and when teaching I taught primarily at the VCE level. I want to say thank you to the students of Ms Saltmarsh’s class for reinforcing my enjoyment of being in the classroom teaching interesting texts to senior students. I aim to take the opportunity to teach English when extended teacher absences arise.

Last term a number of Year 7 students participated in a group interview with a journalist from The Age. In this week’s paper, the article to which our students contributed, along with students from other schools, was published – entitled ‘What’s it like being 13 in 2013?’ Our students responded to questions about issues surrounding young teenagers in 2013 – from social media, expectations, adult perceptions of them and their feelings about school teachers. I want to thank parents who allowed our students to participate and represent the teenage perspective on being 13. The students who participated were; Clare Freeman, Kevin Lee, Silviya Lal, Casey Jasper, Fatima Al-Hamza, Charmay Dabab and Quita Nipoe from Year 7.

I wrote in the newsletter of the 24th April that we would be reporting the outcome of the Uniform Survey that parents responded to at the end of Term One. The Uniform Sub-Committee presented School Council with the results last week. 12% of our parent community responded with 73% of respondents stating that they were satisfied with our current policy. Having said this, the Sub-Committee and School Council discussed the idea of school trousers for girls as 14% of respondents raised this as a suggestion. After a lengthy discussion...
at the Uniform Sub-Committee and sample trousers presented to the subsequent School Council, which
again had significant discussion about the possibility of trousers being available for girls, it was decided that
the items of uniform would remain as they currently stand. The Uniform Sub-Committee will be continuing
discussions and review of other elements of the uniform, including jewellery. Should you wish to access
the overall results of the survey, they are available on the school's website.

We have just passed the halfway mark of Term Two
and teachers are beginning their final assessments for Semester One. Exam timetables will be distributed to
students in the next few days however they are also available on the school's website under 'Notices and
Forms'.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

YEAR 9 NAPLAN
Last week the Year 7 and 9 students completed the
NAPLAN tests over three days. As you can imagine it is a
busy time and takes a lot of organisation and hard
work at the college. The testing went smoothly and
students approached the exams in a mature and
positive manner.

Thank you to all the teaching staff who supervised and
helped set up the administration of the tests, the Year 9
Student Managers; Ms Spence and Ms Leckie, the Year 9 & 10 Sub-school Leader, Mrs Edwards and the
Strategic Operations Leader; Mr Christou for his
organisation of the program.

YEAR 9 & 10 EXAMS
All students have received a copy of their exam
timetables. Year 10 students are not required at school
unless they have an exam and are expected to be at
home studying and revising. On Thursday 30th May
Year 10 students are able to attend Study Hall. Students
received a letter regarding this on Tuesday. Further information will be given to students later this week.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WEEK
All teaching staff were involved in workshops at Lalor
and the surrounding schools last week. Workshops are
facilitated by staff and allow teachers and other college
staff to improve their skills in areas such as ICT,
literacy, languages, on line resources and curriculum
development. This allows teachers to work together to
continue to improve their teaching practice.

SCHOOL VALUES
Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

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AL-HUSAINAWY, Zainab
ALIULA, Somaldeep
BASTOW, Byron
CAPALDO, Justin
CLEARY, Nathan
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FRANCO, Ilario
GREENHILL, Kiona
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MAI THI, Tu Quyen
MCCARTHY, Caitlan
MEIZHENSUOWA, Alina
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TONG, Thien
VUN, Danica

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Mrs S. Sena
College Principal

Mrs J. Cain
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10 and
Teaching and Learning

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge our Year 7 students for the manner in which they coped with their first
secondary school NAPLAN tests. The tests are time
consuming and challenging and the large majority of
students approached them with a thoughtful and
focussed way. I would also like to thank Mrs Edwards,
Mrs Borrell, Ms Snowball, Mr Christou and the Year 7 &
9 Student Managers for the massive amount of work
done by the whole process run smoothly. A
NAPLAN report on each student will be sent to the
school later in the year. The same report format is used
for every student in Australia. The school will notify
parents when the reports are being sent home.

Planning is underway for the re-running of the 2013
Year 7 camp. The original camp which would have been
held in February was postponed due to the state wide
AEU bans. We are planning to utilise the original venue
Alpine Ash at Toolangi and Mr Carey and Ms Markovska are currently designing the program. The
camp has become an important part of the Year 7
program at Lalor and I look forward to providing you
with more details in the coming weeks.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

The senior school is coming to the end of Unit 1 and 3
assessment, which means that over the next two weeks
leading up to the 7th of June students should have
finished their school based assessment for these Units.
This means the next two weeks can be extremely
demanding on most students and all VCE students need
to make sure they are applying themselves to all
aspects of their schooling to ensure they get through this
difficult period. Year 11 students will commence
exams during this period starting on Monday the 3rd of
June and finishing on Friday the 7th of June. All Year 11

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students are involved in these exams which help to assess their ability to cope with exams during Year 12 and also help the school determine their ability to excel in their chosen subjects. The normal program during this week will not run for Year 11 students and they are only required at school when they have a scheduled exam. Please refer to the exam schedule that has been supplied to all Year 11 students and has been placed on the school website for scheduling information.

All students who are completing a Unit 3 / 4 subject will also complete the GAT (General Achievement Test) on Wednesday the 12th of June. The GAT is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. While the GAT results do not count directly towards a student’s VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school assessments and examinations have been accurately assessed and students are encouraged to complete this test to the best of their ability to assist in that process. Therefore the school will run a lunchtime session on Monday the 27th of May for all Year 11 and 12 students to help them perform at their best for this test and we encourage all students to attend.

The Year 12 students will also be involved in a two day mid-year study skills camp on the 22nd and 23rd of July. Payment for this activity was due to the general office last week and we thank the 70 students and families that have already payed for this activity. We encourage all families to please have their medical forms and payments in as soon as possible. If there are any concerns with supplying either items for your son or daughter please contact the Year 12 student management team so alternative arrangements can be made. This is a compulsory event in the Year 12 calendar so the normal program of study will not run during these two days and students who do not attend will be marked as absent.

The Year 12 students were treated to a performance of COSI in the drama centre on Wednesday the 22nd of May. This live performance provides a unique view of the play they are studying as part of their Year 12 English course and we hope allows them to gain a deeper understanding of the concepts discussed in the play.

All students in Years 7 to 12 will be involved in a casual dress day next Wednesday the 29th of May. All students who participate in this event are asked to provide a gold coin donation to raise funds for State Schools’ Relief. All students are asked to follow the guidelines outlined in the LSC Uniform policy for Casual Dress days listed below.

1. Clothing must be Sunsmart
2. No thongs or sandals. Footwear must be closed toe and cover the majority of the foot
3. Tops with offensive language or images must not be worn
4. No midriffs may be showing
5. No leggings can be worn
6. Shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh length

7. Singlets are not to be worn.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information above then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal Years 11 & 12

STOCK EXCHANGE GAME

The Australian Schools’ Stock Exchange Game One of 2013 has now finished and the final rankings have been published. Congratulations are extended to Reine Ismail 10C who achieved an outstanding result. She finished 19th out of 5,351 syndicates in Victoria and 69th out of 17,807 syndicates in Australia. On hearing the news, Reine said, “I feel honoured.”

Mr Cahill
Commerce Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that many new reading books are regularly purchased in order to engage our students to develop a positive reading habit. The library also regularly purchases other type of resources, whether in print and or electronic formats, specifically to support our curriculum taught at Lalor Secondary College.

We have introduced two new electronic sources this year for students and staff to use. All students are required to write a bibliography correctly when they submit research assessment tasks. We subscribe to a website called ‘Online Referencing Generator’. This online resource enables students to produce correctly formatted citations to include in their bibliography.

Many students will be familiar with the twenty-two volume set of World Book Encyclopaedia. We updated the encyclopaedia to the 2012 edition last year. This year, students are able to access the online version of World Book Encyclopaedia. This is an exciting development.

As part of organising subscriptions to these fantastic electronic resources, students can access these resources outside school where they have a computer and internet access. We provide detailed step-by-step instructions and other details such as website address, login and passwords for all electronic resources the library provides. These handouts are readily available from the Library Resource Centre.

Ms Susanne Graetsch
Library Resource Centre Manager

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
**CUPCAKE DAY AT LSC**

Thank you to all students and staff who contributed on Tuesday, whether they bought a cupcake or generously donated money to support the work of RSPCA. We raised just over a $100. We would also like to say a big thank-you to Ms. Sakellaris, Mr. Matzke and Ms Lena Petrovska who helped us on Cupcake Day.

![Cupcake Day at LSC](image1)

**GET YOUR STEP ON!**

We would like to thank the students who so far have participated in this program. Two more sessions will be running next week in Room 127.

We are continuing Hip Hop classes – as they have been the major request. We would love to see more students participate. It is $3.50 for a double session and all proceeds are going to the Smith Family.

Students must bring their runners and a water bottle. No spectators are allowed! Come and get out of your comfort zone and make new friends.

You can still sign up on Monday in the library foyer.

*Samir and Taleen 11V*

**FITNESS CLUB AT LSC!**

As part of our community project for Personal Development Skills in VCAL, we are starting a Fitness Club for all staff and students at LSC next week. Our aim is to get everyone active!

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday we would like to see as many of you at least doing two laps of the oval (walking or jogging).

Bring your runners, sports uniform and a water bottle.

Come and make new friends, whilst also getting fit. Meet us near the Science Centre end of the oval, at 12:45 on those days.

*Christian, Evander, Jake and Kareem of 11V.*

**SALVATION ARMY CHARITY DRIVE.**

As part of our community project for Personal Development Skills in VCAL, we are collecting items for the Salvation Army on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th May.

If you have unwanted items such as clothes, blankets, toys and books in good condition, please donate them to this worthwhile charity.

We will have a large bin in the library foyer for all donations.

*Alex, Jamie and Joshua of 11V.*

**SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL**

Congratulations to the Senior Girl’s Netball Team who competed in the District round robin competition on Tuesday the 21st of May. Their efforts throughout the day were second to none. Even though they finished second overall, their sportsmanship, determination and dedication to the team was evident the whole day. Well done Tayla, Rebecca, Celina, Erica, Zahra, Stephanie, Nicole and Zoe.

*Coach: Ms Salerno*
SCIENCE CLUB — YEAR 7’S
Each Wednesday lunchtime in Term 2, students in Year 7 have had the opportunity to participate in Science Club. This week as part of Education Week with a focus on language, Science Club used Science to write secret words!

Previously we’ve made crystal gardens, electronic circuits, solar power circuits and much more.

We have a new experiment every week so the fun never ends! Come to Science Club and have a great time with Science

Silviya and Gabriel Year 7

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK – WERRIBEE ZOO
Years 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D attended a fieldwork excursion to Werribee Zoo, on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May, as part of their study of endangered species. This opportunity allowed students to investigate the purpose, the benefits and the limitations of zoos in the protection of endangered species. Students explored the zoo facilities and animals, observing public keeper presentations and went on a safari tour of the grounds.

Ms Miller
Humanities KLA Leader

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS
It is extremely important that the school has on record up to date contact details for all students, particularly in cases of illness or other emergency. We therefore ask parents to please notify the school of any changes to address, home or mobile phone number or emergency contact person. Change of details forms can be collected from the General Office.

FOOD HANDLING–SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
Gain the knowledge to follow current workplace hygiene procedures in this one day course. (1 Core Unit towards the Cert. II in Hospitality)

Date: Wednesday, 10th July 2013
Time: 9.30 –3.15pm
Location: Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Duration: 1 session
Cost: $72 (includes manual)

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

Lalor Library is kicking off the Proteens program for 2013. We’re looking for young people to volunteer at the library, plan events for Lalor teenagers and have a lot of fun. You’ll get invaluable experience with event planning and promotion, running your own meetings and working with a team - plus a referee on your resume. We’re looking for creative and motivated young folks with awesome ideas. If this sounds like you, give us a shout at emurray@yprl.vic.gov.au

Free Hip Hop/Breakdance Workshop!
Lalor Library
2A May Road, Lalor

On the first Friday evening of every month, the library is only open to teenagers! There’s the Xbox, Wii, Wi-Fi, graphic novels, books and PCs and in June, a free Hip Hop and Breakdance workshop with the Wkid Force Breakers! Everyone 12-19 welcome… bring your mates!
Friday June 7, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

DO YOU THINK YOUR KIDS MAY HAVE HEAD LICE?
My name is Natasha and I’m a registered Nurse. I will come to your house, check your children for lice, treat them if needed and educate you and your family on how to prevent head lice in the future. I’ll also do a follow up.

Give me a call on 0423 284 064