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Quote of the week:  
The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do, well.  
Henry W. Longfellow

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Wednesday evening last week we had the second of our now annual Lalor Secondary College Art Exhibition. The artwork and technology designs on show doubled in quantity, varying from abstract, portraits, sculptures, design specifications for woodwork as well as food technology. It was extremely pleasing to see the number of parents and students who attended the function and I want to thank those students who shared their talent with the community of Lalor SC. Thanks also must go to Ms Timos and the Arts faculty as well as teachers in Wood and Food Technology. The exhibition was appreciated by all.

Friday evening saw our Year 12 students let their hair down after a year of study towards completing their VCE and their VCAL. 30 teachers along with the class of 2012, had a really enjoyable time at the Waterfront Venue in the Docklands. Our students appeared to all have a good time, and I know they appreciated the work of Mr Aziz and the celebration committee in organising the event. I now look forward to seeing our Year 12 students on the 19th December at our Presentation and Graduation Evening.

Our Year 9 and 10 students have completed their exams and while our Year 9 students are completing their course work, our Year 10 students will be participating in the Year 11 Orientation Program in preparation for 2013.

Students and parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 would have received a series of notices from the school in relation to the end of year program. It is hoped that all students complete the tasks expected of them prior to the Activities Program in the last two weeks of school so that they have a good chance of being placed in activities they prefer.

To this end, we have created a new page on our website under the ‘News and Events’ tab, entitled ‘Notices and Forms’. Forms and notices that students take home for excursions, incursions and other programs for which permission is needed will be placed on-line under this section of the website so that should students misplace the form or notice, they or parents are able to download the relevant form. This is in the initial stage, however you will find the relevant form for the annual school picnic as well as the form to be completed by parents for the collection of Semester Two reports, on line now.

Ms S. Sena  
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

VCE exams & orientation program
All of our students who completed a Unit 3 & 4 subject have now completed their exams. The feedback from the VCAA supervisors was positive and the students were exemplary in all exams.

Students completing a Unit 3 & 4 subject in 2013 also took part in an orientation program last week. All students were set holiday homework to complete. This must be done before the first class next year and students are expected to have read their English novels before the start of next year.

Presentation Evening
Presentation Evening is fast approaching. The evening is on Wednesday 19th December. Information will be distributed through the student bulletin and newsletters and the school web site. Award and certificate winners will be notified. For further details contact Mrs Anne Borrell at the college.

Mrs J. Cain  
Assistant Principal, Years 11 & 12
As you are aware upgrades to the grounds and buildings at the college are ongoing. At the moment we are re-carpeting the library which is a major undertaking and will mean the library will be closed to students and staff until December 11. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause- but it will be worth it! Two of the computer rooms in the 100s building are being re-fitted with new computers and will be ready for next year and all of the lockers in the 400s corridor are being replaced with the same lockers that have been used by the VCE students for the last couple of years.

Last Tuesday evening we formally welcomed the 2013 Year 7 cohort to the school. Parents/Guardians and students were provided with information packs, had all their questions answered and, most importantly, were able to meet some of their 2013 managers and teachers. We look forward to working with the new Year 7 students and their families and we will see them all again on Orientation Day which is held here at the school on December the 11th.

A reminder to all Year 7 and 8 students and parents to check Mrs Kubeil’s article in this newsletter for information and updates on the End of Year Activities Program. I am aware that a good number of Year 7 students have logged on and made their selections but not enough Year 8 students have done so. Please log on and make your selections before Monday December 3rd so you will be able to participate in what will be a fantastic Activities Week.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal, Years 7 & 8

Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students who completed their exams this week. Exams can be a stressful time for students, however, they are excellent preparation for future years and give both parents and students an insight into the learning and preparation that has taken place throughout the semester. The Year 10 students continue next week with an alternative program which includes receiving feedback on their exams and Year 11 Orientation. Attendance during these 4 days which commences on Monday the 3rd of December is crucial for a smooth transition into Year 11 and is therefore compulsory for all students wishing to achieve at the highest level.

Year 9 students will be involved in the new City Experience as part of their end of year activities program commencing on Monday the 10th of December. I wish both students and teachers involved in this program the best of luck, and I know everybody involved will really enjoy everything the program has to offer. We look forward to the reports from this program during our next newsletter.

Student Managers are currently collecting data on academic performance assessing the performance of all year levels. Starting next week student managers will be organising parent meetings for some students who have not met the requirements for promotion which is outlined in the Lalor Secondary College promotion policy (this can viewed on the LSC website). We ask all parents to attend these meetings as crucial information on the progress of their child is given including important feedback on academic performance and the discussion of future pathways and transition into 2013.

If you have any questions about the above information then please contact me on 9463 7300.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal, Years 9 & 10

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

As in previous years students Year 7-9 will participate in an ‘End of Year’ activities program. This is a celebration of the year’s work and will commence on Monday 10th December and conclude with the traditional school picnic on Tuesday 18th December. All details will be provided to you in the notices that have already been sent home. The program this year will run in a similar manner to that of the previous year. We have attempted to make the program adaptive to the individual interests of each student by having a ‘choice’ component in the program. On most days students will be able to choose a double session, which will run in addition to the ‘core’ subjects. Special guest speakers and year level assemblies will also take place during this time.

It is expected that all students attend every day of the Activities Program. School starting and finishing times will be as usual, with the exception of the Picnic Day (Tuesday 18th December) when an early dismissal will occur after report distribution. This is will occur between 2.30 and 2.45 dependant on return bus arrival.

Students in Year 7 & 8 have been asked to do their ‘Choice’ Selections via an online process. The selection sheet, which you will be asked to generate from this online process must be returned to the General Office with the completed parent and student signature. Any payments that may be attached to selected activities, are also due at this time. An individual timetable will be available for each student before the activities program begins, so they are aware of which ‘choice’ sessions they will be participating in. These will be sent soon.

In addition to this, Year 7 students will attend a year level excursion to Fun Fields, Year 8 will be going down to Adventure Park, Geelong and the Year 9’s will be participating in a ‘City Experience’. The City Experience will challenge the students to explore and navigate their way around the various tourist attractions, features and significant places around Melbourne.

Finally, it is very important that students maintain their efforts, enthusiasm and engagement whilst at school, even though we are fast approaching the holiday break. It is expected that all students attend the classes they are timetabled in and that they demonstrate the school values at all times. As an incentive for all students to display our values at this time, there will again be a raffle, which will reward the students who show any of the values with the chance to win some very cool prizes! The prizes this year are; 1st iPod Shuffle, 2nd iTunes gift cards and 3rd Hoyts Double Student movie pass. Your child’s teachers will be responsible for who and how many entries students get into the raffle for a chance to win a prize. As this will be drawn on the picnic day, Tuesday 18th December, only students who attend on that day will be able to receive these prizes.

Mrs Kaylene Kubeil
Middle Years Curriculum Leader

School Captains: Phillip Te & Monique Wasa; Vice Captains: Michael Thompson & Kristina Miseva; Sport Captains: Julius Ristevski & Jessica De Lima Fernandes
HIGH PERFORMANCE IN PRE-DRIVER EDUCATION

High performance and efficiency is not just something we should look for in a car, but also in our students. The aim of the Pre Driver program is to not only make students more aware of the associated responsibilities of holding a drivers licence, but more importantly, that having the right attitude is also key to not becoming a statistic. We would like to personally congratulate the following students who achieved outstanding assessment outcomes this semester. Each one of these hard working students will receive a free 45 minute driving lesson with Camelot driving school. We would also like to wish all the families of the Lalor Secondary College a very safe and relaxing holiday break. If you are traveling over this time, then please be safe and ‘arrive alive’.

Congratulations Taylah Bullock, Steven Lapworth, Amany Chami and Adam Florio

Ms. Kubeil & Ms. Mercieca
Pre Driver Education Teachers

RISE PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the RISE – Read – Inspire – Strive – Excel Program for 2012.

AJANAF Ramzey – 7F
DAOUUD Bilal – 7D
GIANCOTTI Ben – 7B
IBAIDA Jamal – 7E
SINGH Jovanpreet – 7E
ASSAD Khodar – 7D
DIB Rodaina – 7D

CHRISTOU Nathan – 7F
DELCIELO Olivia – 7A
MOHAMAD Mirna – 7A
RANA Himanshu – 7E
WEST Nicholas – 7G
VINIGNI Chiara – 7B

At the conclusion of the final reading session, the students and mentors attended the Closing Ceremony at the offices of Price Waterhouse Coopers. The students received certificates of successful completion of the Program and a novel that they can enjoy reading. The smile on the faces of students at the Closing Ceremony was evidence of the success of the Program. The interactions of the students with their mentors clearly demonstrated the rapport they had built up over the course of the Program. Further success is the evidence that the students have worked hard on their reading and comprehension skills as well as the improvement regarding the valued discussions they had with their mentors, about what they read.

It is comforting to know that this Program, organised with ABCN – Australian Business and Community Network and PWC – Price Waterhouse Coopers, is now an annual fixture with Lalor Secondary College.

Thank you to the teachers and staff who helped make the Program the success that it was.

Mrs. Robyn Edwards
Ms. Jackie Cuic
Ms. Mary Snowball
Mrs. Lauren Jewell

Rhonda Saltmarsh
Literacy Support Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

Direct Phone No: 9463 7331

Parents of our 2013 Year 7 students are encouraged to order uniforms now to avoid delays at the start of next year.

Uniform Shop hours:

Monday: 10.30am – 2.30pm
Tuesday: 10.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday: 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Order now or layby, and be prepared for 2013.

Mrs G. Williams
Uniform Shop Manager

ADULT LITERACY

Want to improve your reading and writing in a friendly and supportive environment? Enrolments are still being taken for Adult Literacy classes commencing in 2013. Day and evening classes are available.

Cert III in Education Support (Teacher’s Aide)
Enrolments now being taken for 2013. Gain the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings.
Starts: 11th February 2013 for 7 weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9.30 –2.30pm

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077.

BRANCH OUT LIFELONG LEARNING

UPCOMING COURSES

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE RING 9435 4550.

Level 2 First Aid (HLTFA301C)
The First Aid certificate required in all work places, First Aid is also a wonderful life skill. An informative and fun blend of practical skills and theory, the training is delivered by a very experienced nurse with many interesting, real life case studies!
Teacher: Sue Glembin
Saturday December 1 & 8 (2 sessions) 9am - 4.30pm
Laurimar Community Activity Centre
Fees: Concession: $35 Basic: $92 Full Fee $170 (Fees include $20 for manuals)
### UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP HOURS

**DIRECT LINE 9463-7331**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR FAMILIES

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Who is eligible? Any Parents/Guardians with a current Pension or Heath Care Card.

How to apply: Apply for EMA at Lalor Secondary College and provide a copy of your Pension or Health Care Card before 28th February 2013.

Payment details:
Funding from DEECD up to the age of 16.

Year 7 Students $300 per year
$210 in March 2013
$90 in August 2013

Year 8 – 10 Students $250 per year
$175 in March 2013
$75 in August 2013

Parents can choose to have their EMA paid directly to the School to help pay for School Fees, Excursions, Uniform etc. (The School no longer receives any EMA on behalf of any Student).

Parents who do not sign over their EMA to the School must pay their Subject fees in Cash or Eftpos at the beginning of each Semester.
Payment plans can be organised with the Business Manager in the General Office.

School Kids Bonus (Replaces Education Tax Refund)

Who is eligible? All Students whose parents are on Pension or Health Care Card or Family Tax Benefit.

How to apply: No need to apply, will be paid automatically in the following instalments by Centrelink.

Payment details: $820 per year paid directly to parent.
$410 from 9th January 2013
$410 in July 2013

This payment is given to parents to help pay for school expenses including Subject Fees, Uniform, Books etc.
Information for Parents

Safety is a conversation between young people, teachers, the community and most importantly, you – as a parent – with your child.

Many young people won’t tell their parents if they are being bullied. If you suspect or know that bullying is taking place, don’t ignore it. The consequences can be serious. Ask your child how they are, and listen and take their feelings and fears seriously.

Help by:
- Normalising any feelings of embarrassment, hurt or fear
- Reassuring them that bullying is not their fault and that they are not responsible for what is happening to them
- Making sure they are safe. Sometimes this may require taking action that they are not happy with. Have a conversation if this is the case
- Trying to give them as many options as possible to find solutions so they feel more in control. This is really important as many young people stay quiet about being bullied because they are worried that speaking up will make matters worse. Solving problems with your support, can increase self-esteem and ensure that you achieve their desired outcome
- Working on improving the young person’s confidence by building on the things they do well
- Helping them feel good about other things in their lives
- Reassuring them that they are not alone, it shouldn’t be the responsibility of your child to do something about the situation by themselves

For more information
Check out the Facebook Bullying Prevention Resource Centre: https://www.facebook.com/safety/bullying and the Facebook Safety Centre: www.facebook.com/safety or go to www.headspace.org.au to access support. To receive daily posts of inspiration and advice, check out the PROJECT ROCKIT Facebook page: www.facebook.com/projectrockit