Lalor Secondary College 50th Anniversary Celebrations – Saturday 19th October 2013

Thursday 17th October 2013

This weekend is also special as we will be unveiling our Master Plan for what we hope are the new buildings that will take Lalor Secondary College into the next 50 years of success. The Plan will be on display in the foyer of the administration area on Saturday, as well as on display at the reception. As you can appreciate, we do not currently have the funds to support all stages of the plan, so we will be hoping to open a Building Trust Fund to which our community members can donate towards the new buildings for our future students. More information about how you can contribute will be available in future newsletters.

Last week we had our 3rd Annual Fun Run which saw students in red, blue, green and yellow run laps around the school. It was a really positive day for our students which, for further student enjoyment, the Principal, that is myself, locked up for the entire lunchtime – in a cage beside the courts for the display of all students and staff. If the comments I received from the students are anything to go by, I know they enjoyed seeing me behind bars and restrained. I want to thank Nick Milne and his team for organising the Fun Run and Melanie Hayward and her team for all the activities that supported Mental Health Week. I know that locking me up raised a good amount of money for KidsHelpline – anything for a worthy cause!

Term Four is a crucial one in finishing off the year for our senior students and preparing them for next year. Exams, Orientation Programs, End of Year Programs, Assemblies and Presentations mean a lot of information will be imparted on students and parents and we hope that you ensure you read all notices and newsletters that are sent home.

Ms. S. Sena
College Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

2013 YEAR 10 - SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2014 – PROGRESS TO DATE

The Sub-School Leaders and Student Managers have been catching up with students regarding their subjects for 2014. Once the blocks are completed there may be some clashes and students will be counselled regarding this.

Students who have chosen VCAL for 2014 will also be completing interviews over the coming weeks. Students will be given further information shortly.

If there are concerns or questions please contact the relevant Sub-School Leaders or Student Managers.
YEAR 9 ENGLISH EXCURSION TO THE JEWISH HOLOCAUST CENTRE

Over the last week and in the next few weeks all Year 9 students will be attending the Jewish Holocaust Centre to complement their study of the text ‘The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas’. I was fortunate enough to attend the excursion on Tuesday and found the information and displays both informative and confronting. Our students were excellent and all demonstrated the college values and showed respect at all times. Congratulations on your behaviour; the school has received positive feedback from the staff at the centre.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The Curriculum Leader, Ms Kubeil, and the KLA Leaders and teachers are currently working on the End of Year Program for Years 7 to 9. Details about the program for Years 7 & 8 and the Year 9 City Experience will be provided to students in the coming weeks.

STAFF PROFILE

Chelsea Miller
Ms Miller is the Humanities KLA Leader and also teaches English, History and Geography at the college. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne and a Diploma in Education from Australian Catholic University. She also taught in Perth, Western Australia in 2011 and lived in and travelled around Europe in 2004 to 2006.

SCHOOL VALUES

Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

- CASELLA, Monica 07E
- FREEMAN, Daniel 11D
- GIANCOTTI, Benjamin 08B
- MARTIN, Jamie 08F
- THOMAS, Liam 08E
- TUIMASEVE, Akeripa 07C

Mrs J. Cain
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

Our SRC students continue to work hard at contributing to the wider school community. A number of Year 7 and 8 girls were involved in the 40-Hour Famine last term and raised $673.00 which was donated to World Vision. I would like to thank both Clare and Crystle our Year 7 and 8 SRC representatives for organising this event and the following girls for participating and raising money for this worthy cause: Year 7 – Clare, Annie, Cindy and Angelica. Year 8 – Crystle, Claudia, Kim and Chloe. Well done girls!

The Whittlesea Youth Cluster had their final meeting for the year on Wednesday 9th of October at the VicSRC building in the city. The members of this group have run some inspiring events this year and took part in an Amazing Race around the city, as well as a planning and debriefing session for 2014. I would like to thank the following students for all their hard work throughout the year especially the Year 12 students who have contributed over the past two years: Ashlea, Peter, Domenic, Katerina, Monique, Chelsea, George, Ron and Clare.

The Year 11 students were involved in the School Captain elections on Tuesday 8th of October. The 13 students who nominated had the task of making a speech to both the Year 11 and Year 12 students who then made their decision and cast their silent ballots. Teachers were also involved and were encouraged to vote throughout the day on the eligible candidates. All of the speeches were high quality and we look forward to announcing our leaders for 2014 at the Year 12 Orientation starting 19th of November.

The Parent/Teacher Conferences were held at the end of last term and we encourage all the parents who were unable to attend to collect their child’s progress reports from the General Office. For those students who are not achieving at the level expected of a Lalor Secondary College student a letter will be sent home by the relevant Student Manager outlining the school’s concerns and providing some advice on how to assist your child in meeting the guidelines outlined in the school’s promotion policy. I would like thank all the parents who did attend and those students who received excellent reports for their progress so far in Semester Two.

Over the holidays all of our Unit 4 students were involved in the Indicative Exams. I would like to congratulate these students for their excellent attendance at these exams and hope that the experience of completing these practice exams has provided them with some guidance for their upcoming VCAA exams. It was the last full school week of regular classes for all of our Year 12 students this week which is a very exciting time for all of them. While most of the students are still busy preparing for their final VCAA exams we do have a day to celebrate the wonderful achievement of finishing 13 years of schooling next Tuesday. Parents of the Year 12 students are invited to come down to the school in the morning and see all the students in their costumes. All parents received a pack in the mail before the holidays which included a schedule of events for the rest of year which is attached to this newsletter.

The Year 11 students are also busy preparing to finish with final assessment tasks being completed across all subjects. This is an important time for all students to remain focused and make sure they finish the year off strongly as planning for 2014 is underway and their final results may affect the available pathway offered to them for 2014. With some year 11 students completing Unit 4 subjects and all students commencing exams, there will be a significant change to the regular school program. All students and parents will receive
a letter outlining these changes as well as highlighting significant events for these students such as the Year 12 2014 Orientation Program. Parents are encouraged to keep a copy of this letter so they are informed of all changes. Some of these arrangements are attached in this newsletter.

Term 4 also brings nicer weather and the change-over from winter to summer uniform. Students have had the first two weeks to make the change-over and all students will be expected to wear summer uniform by Monday the 21st of October. Students who are unable to attend school in full summer uniform are to attend school in a full alternate Lalor Secondary School uniform such as the sport or winter uniform with a note from their parents. Students are not permitted to attend school in casual clothes as this makes it extremely difficult to recognise them as Lalor Secondary College students in the school grounds and becomes a safety concern for members of the school. Arrangements will be made for those students to return home when possible or be removed from the regular school program until the school uniform can be worn.

If you have questions in regard to any of this information please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal Years 11 & 12

Welcome to Term Four. Our maintenance team continued to make multiple improvements around the campus during the holiday period. Two rooms in the 100s block have been recarpeted and the carpet has been repaired in 4 rooms in the 300s. Five split system air conditioners were installed in staff offices meaning we now have both heating and cooling in all class rooms and work spaces across the college. More outdoor seating was constructed and installed throughout the grounds - 28 new seats have been installed this year alone and that’s a great boost to the comfort and practicality of our campus.

A big thank you to all the parents of our Year 8 students who attended the subject selection information session late last term and have helped with and contributed to the selections for their sons and daughters. That process is now complete.

I will end on a note of caution regarding traffic flow in and around the school in the mornings and afternoons. Firstly, I would ask all parents who drop off and pick up students at the beginning and end of the school day to mindful of where they park their cars during this process. Please do not drive into the school grounds, park in restricted areas or use the driveways and parking areas of neighbouring properties when dropping off or picking up. Traffic around the school is extremely heavy at these times and the dangers that presents are real. Late last term a young child was hit and injured by a car on Dalton Road outside the school. This incident occurred on a Saturday Morning and the child was not a student at LSC but it does illustrate how easy it is for accidents to happen if care is not taken and rules not followed.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

STUDENT PROGRAMS

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
During our first week back students and staff celebrated Mental Health Week. During this week, there were interactive events across the state of Victoria and to celebrate, Lalor Secondary College participated in lunch activities for staff and students. Those who participated enjoyed music organised by DJ’s Daniel Loutas, Mehmed Dulic and Julian Cassela, Mindfulness and Mediation session, an Exercise and Fitness session, board games, cupcake decorating and the finale of the week, a sausage sizzle and Lock up the Principal. Congratulations to Alexia Muscat 9G for her winning cupcake entry.

LOCK UP THE PRINCIPAL
Staff and students dreams were realised when we locked up our Principal, Silvana Sena, all for a great cause, the Kids Helpline. The Boss was locked up by Year 9 law enforcing class captains. Despite resisting arrest, Ms Sena was locked up for the duration of lunch time resulting in an amazing donation of $538.20 to the Kids Helpline. Well done to all staff and students involved, especially Ms Sena.

Ms M. Haywood
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

LALOR SECONDARY COLLEGE AT THE STATE SOCCER FINALS
What an achievement for Lalor. Our Year 8 boys played in the School Sport Victoria State Soccer Finals on September 5th at Darebin International Sports Centre. They qualified for the State titles by winning both the District and the Northern Zone competitions and put in many hours of both practice and game time along the way.

With one of our key defenders under a late injury cloud we took along 17 boys and unfortunately for Abdi Omar his injury prevented him from taking his place on the ground. This threw out our plans but to the boys’ credit they took it in their stride and coped with moving out of position. We were by far the most even team with good players in all positions. In our first game we lost a valuable 7 minutes of game time because our opponents, Ballarat, arrived late and in the end this may have cost us. We started the game...
exceptionally well and scored quite quickly through Kosta Popovski but missed at least 4 other relatively easy chances. To their credit Ballarat improved and were able to level the scores with a penalty that looked obvious to the referee but not so from our angle. A draw was disappointing but it kept us in the contest. Everyone watching from the other schools thought we should have won convincingly.

Our second match was against Dandenong and it was a tight tussle. Both sides created a few chances to score but we couldn’t put any away. In goal Ahmed Fayrooz Ali was responsible for some great saves that kept us in the match but eventually they managed to get one past him. William Sokan late in the game hit a scorching free kick from about 35 metres out only for it to smash into the cross bar and deny us an equaliser, so we went down 1 nil.

Our last match pitted us up against Catholic College of Wodonga and we dominated from the outset. We finally got the reward for our strong attacking play and put away 4 goals with a double to David Trajanovski, which included an expertly taken free kick, and singles to both Emmanuel Yiah and Jonathon Stavrou.

Our results in the round robin put us in second place behind Dandenong so we didn’t make it to the Grand Final but our one win, one draw and one loss were good enough to allow us to finish a fantastic equal 3rd in the state. I am extremely proud of the boys and their efforts and can honestly say that it was a pleasure to work with a group of boys who displayed talent, commitment and self-discipline. I have mentioned some of the team in the report above but the other equally valuable team members were Tommy Petrovski, Hisham Al-Sakran, Sukwinder Kang, Adrian Stavrou, Seapan Sidiq, Ethem Salloski, Cagri Ozdemir, Hussain Al-Jabery, Matthew Kirkopoulos and our late call up Tim Isijanoski. They should be very proud of the way they approached being part of the team and on their achievements over all three competitions. Well done boys!

Mr Tony Wilkinson
Coach

FUN RUN 2013

Last Friday the 11th of October, Lalor Secondary held their annual student Fun Run. The weather really looked after us with perfect running conditions. Students came to school fully kitted out in their house colours which was fantastic to see. It was the year 7’s & 8’s that hit the 1km course first during P1 & 2, followed by the year 9 & 10’s who ran during P3 & 4. Selective VCE students ran with the junior school in the morning acting as role models to encourage the younger students to run that extra lap! Some outstanding individual results were recorded on the day including the following. Augustine Sokan 15 laps, Mohamed Dabab 14 laps and India Baxter 10 laps. Well done to those students and every other student that participated on the day. The final results;

1st Cowan
2nd Paterson
3rd Dunlop
4th Bradman

Thanks to all the staff that helped out on the day!

Nick Milne
Fun Run Organiser

GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

This year Lalor Secondary have entered a team of 11 students to participate in the Great Victorian Bike Ride which sees the students start off in Mt. Gambier South Australia, and ride their bikes all the way along the Great Ocean Road back to Geelong Victoria. The total kilometres covered is 610 over 9 days!!! The event takes place 22nd November to the 1st of December. The team would desperately love to get their very own Lalor Secondary riding uniform to take along on the trip, however these do come at a cost. If you think anyone might be interested in making a donation towards uniforms and general subsidy of the trips costs then please email milne.nick.j@edumail.vic.gov.au. Thank you very much in advance!

Nick Milne & Thomas Kuhne
(Organisers of the Lalor Secondary Team)

RSPCA DONATIONS

As part of the Year 12 VCAL program (Personal Development Skills) our group has chosen to run a donation drive for the RSPCA. It would be much appreciated if you could donate your unwanted blankets, animal beds and even newspapers for the animals at the RSPCA BURWOOD. We would appreciate donated goods to be clean and in good condition. We will make sure that everything that you have donated will go directly to the RSPCA.

There will be a bin in front of the library that has a RSPCA poster that asks for donations. Any goods you donate for our drive will be highly appreciated (even animal food is accepted). Please donate! The donations will end at October 22nd 2013.

Genesis Sarabia & Aidan Alessi,
Year 12 VCAL

2013 PRESENTATION EVENING

At the end of every year, Lalor Secondary College holds a Presentation Evening which celebrates our students’ achievements and marks the graduation of our Year 12 students. This year the Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th December, 2013. Further details of the night will be available closer to the date.

Anne Borrell
Event Organiser

School Captains: Zoe Konstantinidis & Mithun Hunsur; Vice Captains: Peter Stojecevski & Ashlea Anderson; Sport Captains: Joanne Kontogiorgis & Katerina Kajfakis
ENVIRONMENTAL WELFARE PROJECT, OUR YEAR 7 SCIENCE INQUIRY INITIATIVE

A group of dedicated Year 7 Science students recently completed a very meaningful major science project which directly assisted a local community welfare organisation and also helped to improve the environment through the reduction of food and container waste.

Students from 7G approached Edlyn’s, a food distributor in Epping, and managed to organise an agreement to obtain, collect and deliver a large quantity of excess food stocks for the non-profit Sole Fathers United Inc community organisation. These goods included, apple juice, pancake mix, flour, cordials, various sauces and mayonnaise. Edlyn’s has kindly agreed to make this an ongoing arrangement.

The students also volunteered their time to assist during this initiative by assisting in a welfare meeting which was hosted by the Mill Park Y.M.C.A last Thursday, 10/10/13. During this excursion students entertained the children involved in the organisation. They then bottled up foods for distribution to needy families and for use in the organisations monthly cooking classes. They also gained an understanding of the necessity, benefits and operational procedures of this welfare organisation through discussions with the president Mr Tyrell Moore and members. This experience has inspired a number of participating students to organise ongoing voluntary work with the welfare organisation.

This initiative was greatly valued by the welfare organisation who provided a pizza dinner and presented our students with a certificate of appreciation at the event. The Y.M.C.A, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Glyn Davis highly commended our students on their excellent behaviour and stated that "it was a pleasure hosting such lovely polite students that are a credit to Lalor Secondary". Mr Davis presented each student with a family swim pass as recognition of their contribution.

The welfare organisation Sole Fathers United helps families with housing advice, counselling & nutritional advice in order to help provide the best start in life for children. They were recently promoted on the television show ‘A Current Affair’. Further information may be obtained on their website www.solefathersunited.org.au New member inquiries, donations and voluntary work experience opportunities may be directed to the founding president, welfare & programs director, Mr Tyrell Moore who may be contacted on 0450720808.

Ms M. Saminaden
Science Teacher

EMA 2014

A note to all Parents/Guardians eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance with students under the age of 16, the EMA application process for 2014 and EMA payment rates will remain unchanged.

Families will continue to have the option to receive their EMA by direct deposit into their own bank account, or direct deposit to the school to be held as a credit for educational expenses.

2014 EMA Application Forms are now available at the General Office.

Parents/Guardians who have had EMA this year must complete a new form for 2014.

Please be sure to present your Health Care or Pension Centrelink Card when filling in applications to avoid any issues with EMA.

Critical Dates:

28 February 2014 – Closing date for parents to lodge EMA application forms

Mid-March 2014 – Direct deposit payments (to either school or parent) will be made

Ms S. Pileio
EMA Administrator
VCE END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Return of net books: 16th October – 19th November
Students are to commence returning their net books. Failure to return net book by the 19th November will result in students being banned from the formal and Presentation Evening.

End of Unit 4: Monday 21st October:
Last day of scheduled classes in all subjects.

Celebrations Day: Tuesday 22nd October:
Last day of school for all Year 12 Students.

Swot Vac: Wednesday 23rd October – Tuesday 29th October:
During this time students should be at home studying, revising for exams. If it is necessary for you to see a teacher then you must phone and make an appointment. This will ensure that no time is wasted in the case of a teacher being absent etc. If you visit the school you must be in school uniform.

Examinations: Wednesday 30th October - Thursday 21st November
• All students should have a copy of their timetable. Ensure you are on time for all exams - there can be no allowances for students who miss an exam or arrive late.
• If an unforeseen circumstance arises affecting your attendance you must contact the school.
• Special Provision applications for the exam period must be lodged with the Year 12 Student Manager.
• Students must be in school uniform when at the school during 'swat vac' and the examination period.

Year 12 Formal: Friday 22nd November, Waterfront Receptions Docklands

Second hand book sale 5th December
Second Hand Books to be collected on Thursday 5th December Room 410. Then the sale of Second Hand Books will be the same day from 3.30 – 5pm in Room 410.

Unit 3 / 4 Results Released Monday 16th December:
Statements of Results and summary statements of grades sent to students by VCAA. Students have been given information on how to access their results by phone or internet from 7.00am on Monday 16th December.

Valedictory Evening / Presentation Evening: Wednesday 18th of December
Parents and students to attend an awards presentation and speech night starting at 7.00 p.m. sharp – Parade College.
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| Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November | End of Unit 2  
  - Last day of classes for year 11 students.                                                      |
| Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November | SWOT  
  - SWOT is an acronym for 'Study Without Teaching'.  
  - During this time students should be at home studying, revising for exams.  
  - If it is necessary to see a teacher then the student must phone ahead and make an appointment. This will ensure that no time is wasted in the case of a teacher being absent etc.  
  - Students must be in school uniform when at school visiting teachers.  
  - Normal classes for VCAL students. |
| Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November | VCE Unit 2 Examinations  
  - All students will receive a copy of their timetable in week 4.  
  - Students are expected to be on time for all exams - there can be no allowances for students who miss an exam or arrive late.  
  - If an unforeseen circumstance arises affecting your child’s attendance please contact the school immediately.  
  - Students must be in school uniform when at the school during the examination period.  
  - Normal classes for VCAL students. |
| Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November | Exam Feedback  
  - Students will receive their exam results and feedback from their teachers.  
  - The day will consist of regular timetabled classes (Monday Blue week). |
| Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November | Year 12 Orientation Program  
  - All students (VCE and VCAL students) are expected to attend.  
  - Students are given subject outlines/programs and holiday homework for each subject during the Orientation Program.  
  - It is the expectation that all Holiday Homework distributed will be completed prior to the beginning of classes in 2014.  
  - This includes the end of year assembly on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. |
| Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November |  
  - Counselling and promotion meetings for some students.  
  - Meetings for subject changes. |
| Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December | Second Hand Book Sale  
  - Books are brought to school between 10am and 1pm.  
  - Books will be sold between 3.20pm and 5pm.  
  - Please see information sheet for terms, conditions and prices. |
| Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December | Report Distribution  
  - Students to attend school to collect semester 2 report. During Periods 1 and 2 in the Drama Centre.  
  - Presentation Evening  
  - Awards presentation and speech night – Parade College at 7.00pm |