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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week, on Tuesday 21st October, the students of the Class of 2014 completed their last day of secondary schooling. The celebration day was one that was filled with colour and enjoyment from the Year 12 students who participated in the activities organised in an appreciative manner. I know that many of their teachers were touched by the students’ shows of appreciation. And this week many of them started their VCAA exams. And so the markers for the end of secondary education for the 190 or so students begin, and mark for us the first of the many events that signal the end of the school year. The next time we meet with the group that is the Class of 2014 will be on Presentation Evening on the 17th December, when we celebrate the true completion and success of their secondary education.

Term Four is a term in which we complete the school year with assessments and various events that conclude and celebrate the year for all our year levels. It is the term in which we prepare for 2015 – student enrolments, staffing, program development and timetabling. It is also a term where we may have to farewell staff who, for various reasons, are leaving Lalor SC. And so one of our staff members, Mr Mariani, Sub School Leader of Years 7 and 8, will be leaving Lalor for a position outside of schools but still related to education. Mr Mariani will be leaving on the 7th November, and I want to take this opportunity to thank him for the contributions he has made to the school in the time he has been with us; at the junior year levels with his leadership and in the senior level through teaching in Food Technology and in the VCAL program. I know the community of Lalor wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Last week Laura Forster, new Assistant Principal at Lalor began her work with us. Ms Forster’s responsibilities include ‘management’ of the Year 9 and 10 students as well as Curriculum and staff Professional Development. Her first two weeks at the school have allowed her to see and begin to understand the students, staff and structures at Lalor and I believe she has had a positive start to her time with us and I once again welcome her to our school.

Over the next month or so, the Leadership Team will lead the development of our new School Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2018. School Council will have a significant role in guiding the goals, strategies and targets which will be included in the plan and which will likewise guide the school’s direction over the next four years. Once the Plan is completed and endorsed by the council, it will be made available to the school community.

And so we move towards the second half of Term Four, and the conclusion of the 2014 school year. Information in preparation for 2015 will be forthcoming to our Year 7 and 8 students in the next few weeks. Notices or information sent home with students will also be placed on the school’s website to ensure all parents and students have access to necessary information as it becomes available.

Ms S. Sena
College Principal

This week saw the conclusion of the Year 7 Read, Inspire, Strive, Exceed (RISE) program. The RISE Program is a literacy enhancement program organised and sponsored by The Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN). Twelve of our students have been working with mentors from Price Cooper Waterhouse and completed the program on Thursday. The students who completed the program this year were Yoesef AlBahrani, Michael Amuso, Sean Bohndorf, Stephanie Santos, Simon Smith, issac Tui, Joe Yan, Naomi Brancolino, Luxshika Kannan, Jessica Merhi,
Luke Conte and Ka Wei Li. I am very proud of the effort they put in to the program and I would like to thank Ms Markovska and Mr Carey for their support of the program and Mr Shaun Minehan of ABCN whose work, done on behalf of our school, is greatly appreciated.

A reminder to Year 7 and 8 students that we are now in the 4th week of term 4 and while the VCE students are into their final exam period there are still many weeks and many assessment tasks left to complete in term 4 for junior students. Students need to make sure that they are completing ALL of the required assessment tasks in ALL of their subjects. It is extremely disappointing to me to see students receive N’s in their report and not achieve what they are capable of because they did not complete the required work.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal Years 7 & 8

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

It is with a sense of great excitement and privilege that I join the Lalor College Community. I appreciate the good fortune to have been selected for the position of Assistant Principal in one of Victoria’s most improved Secondary schools of recent times, with such terrific VCE results and a great calibre of excellence in teaching and learning, and I hope to contribute towards continuing improvement at Lalor Secondary College over the coming years.

My experience as an educator has been broad, and during my time at Keilor Downs College I was involved in managing many programs, including those of Curriculum Development, Staff Development as well as Student Coordination.

I have a particular interest in how students learn effectively and in the ways that we as teachers can best support and challenge students in their own learning, not to just learn but to be able to monitor and accurately articulate their learning needs and together with their teachers plan the next steps for future learning.

Years 9 and 10 are exciting years in a students learning. They can be challenging but also highly rewarding, as students start to explore future pathways. I look forward to working with the College staff to ensure rich curriculum and learning opportunities both in the classroom and in the community setting to encourage each student to achieve their best.

Both Years 9 and 10 students will shortly be beginning their Semester 2 exams. It is important that students plan their revision and actively prepare at home. You can assist them by providing them with a quiet area to study and by encouraging them to avoid distractions such as those provided by popular electronic devises. Adequate sleep, participation in some outdoor or physical activities and healthy nutritious meals will also support your child during this time.

I’d like to thank the Principal team, College staff and the many students from LSC who have already made me feel so welcome, and look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

SCHOOL VALUES

Pride Achievement Caring Cooperation Honesty

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

ASTBURY, Madison  BARON, Katie
BILGIN, Meliz  BRAGAGNOLO, Christopher
CHAPMAN, Sharni  FURNARI, Veronica
GODINO, Andrew  HABIB, Khalil
HAJIKI, Mariam  HARRIS, Keegan
HASSAN, Bilal  HUF, Renee
KITANOSKI, Hristijan  KOSMIDIS, Marcus
KOUTSOUGERAS, Eleni  MELEISEA, Sera
MILA FENUNUTI, Tilomai  MURACHEV, Emina
MURIDI, Muridi  NAKHOUL, Jean
PHAM, Titan  RADHI, Zainb
RUBINI, Christian  SAAD, Fatima
SALAMONE, Ricky  SANDFORD, Coby
SHIMMINS, Monique  SINGH, Jovanpreet
TILEVA, Veronika

Mrs L. Forster
Assistant Principal Years 9 & 10

The 2014 VCE exams are underway with all Year 12 students now completing their final exams which commenced with the English exam on Wednesday the 29th of October. The Year 12 students finished off their formal classes with a great celebrations day on Tuesday the 21st of October. The students were treated to breakfast, a comedian, a parade and some carnival rides for the day and every student in attendance made the most of it. I hope they have all prepared well during their SWOT period and wish them all the very best during this stressful and challenging time.

The Year 11 students have finished scheduled classes for Unit 2 in 2014 today and start exams in a week’s time. This gives all students the opportunity to practice for next year with a week of study prior to the exams starting on Monday the 10th of November. Some Year 11 students are also completing Unit 3 exams and we wish all of them the best of luck.

School council approved a new initiative for 2015 that will see Personal Digital Devices used by students at Lalor Secondary College in 2015. This includes the use
of mobile phones, tablets and other Electronic devices under explicit teacher instruction. All parents will receive a copy of this new policy in 2015 and should look for its inclusion on the schools website. As part of this policy the Year 7 students will be involved in trialling the use of school managed personal computers. Information on this program has been sent to the parents of the 2015 Year 7 cohort today with instructions on how devices can be purchased. Further information will be presented at the 2015 parent information evening on Wednesday the 19th of November.

In 2015 Lalor Secondary College will be moving to Compass as its Information Management system. This will mean that the current use of the Xuno Parent Portal will be scaled back in 2014. If parents wish to contact staff directly please use the staff email addresses located on the school website. Information on the new parent portal including the use of a mobile app will be launched at the start of 2015, with increased use of this service by the school.

If you have any questions about the above information please contact me on 94637300 or jewell.corey.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal – Years 11 & 12

UNIFORM SHOP
Arrangements for coming week

Closed: Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November
(Melbourne Cup Day)

Open: Wednesday 5th November
3.00-6.00pm

Attention Grade 6 parents:
Now is the time to organise uniform for 2015.
Layby/EFTPOS available.

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
On Monday 20th October 2014 the State Constitutional Convention was held at Parliament House, Melbourne.

We were very fortunate to have eight Year 11 students selected to attend this event from Lalor Secondary College as this was the most we’ve ever had in the past and the most of any school in attendance on Monday.

Fourteen schools were represented from across Victoria, four of which were Government schools including ourselves.

The organisers selected a student from each school to prepare and present an opening statement on the topic of “Australia is in a ‘budget crisis’ and all Australians must share the burden – directly and indirectly.” This topic generated a surprising amount of discussion. The student selected to present an opening statement from Lalor Secondary College was Julia Pavia and she did an outstanding job.

I congratulate Lirim Mustafovski, Nancy Ghanem, Julia Pavia, Mouhamed Assad, Narzira Zghaib, Hana Youssef, Kenny Tran and Faith Tuituea for their enthusiastic participation and for their excellent behaviour throughout the day.

The National Schools’ Constitutional Convention will be held in Canberra from 24 to 26 March 2015. Up to 25 delegates from the 2014 Victorian Schools’ State Constitutional Convention will be chosen to attend this event (with 120 delegates from across Australia). The closing date for applications is 3rd November 2014.

Mr P. Leos
Humanities Leader

STATE ATHLETICS
On Friday the 17th of October, the State Track and Field Athletics were held at Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park. Our school had five representatives, Ayman Yassine, Evander Utai, Kenny Lam, Sasho Lumakovski & Dillon Ristevski. Along with Mr Simpson they headed into the stadium excited and full of confidence.

The boys were competing in various field events throughout the day. The competition was tough, all athletes were the best in the state and our boys had to bring their best!!!
All boys performed very well and should be very proud of their efforts but there was one standout, Dillon Ristevski, who came 3rd in the Under 17 Boys High Jump. He jumped 1.85m on the day which is a personal best.

Dillon only started athletics this year and in less than a year has made great progress. He is not far away from qualifying for national competitions.

We wish Dillon all the best with his athletics and with some luck we could see him competing for Australia at the next Olympics!!!!

Mr Magnano
Sport Co-Ordinator
Dear Parent / Guardian,

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Yours sincerely,

Lalor Secondary College,
School Council President

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.