

Principal Report

During week 2 of this term we sent all of our Year 10 students out on Work Experience. This is both a nervous and exciting time for many of our students who take on a variety of new skills in many different environments. The feedback from the wider community has been really positive with many employers glowing in their praise of our students. The following is just one example of an email I received from an employer.

I wanted you to know how impressed we have been with Anthony on work experience this week. Anthony is an ex-student of St Clare's and we have been so impressed with how he has matured and how he has interacted with both staff and students this week. Every teacher who has had Anthony as a helper in the classroom has commented on how well he has done, assisting those students who are having difficulty and taking time with the most challenging students. He sat in the staff room during breaks and had conversations with the staff rather than sitting with his head in his phone, which is what often happens with work experience students. It has been a pleasure watching him take the Prep and Junior students under his wing and observing how he gives them his attention when they need it.

I think it is important to pass this along as he has done exceptionally well. He would make a great teacher in the future if he chose this profession.

Well done to every Year 10 student who went out into the community and did our school proud. The entire school is very proud of the way you conducted yourselves during this time. A big thank you to Ms Bussell and Ms Cujic who have been tireless in their efforts to ensure this week was well planned and the students felt very supported.

A reminder to those parents who have received information related to the parent opinion survey. The individual survey links have been sent out to parents via email and can be completed online taking around 10 minutes to complete. I encourage all parents who receive the correspondence to please take the time and share your opinions about how the school is going. It is information that the school finds vital in helping plan for future decision making. If you have any questions about this survey or would like more detail, please refer to the previous newsletter or contact the general office or myself.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 12 and Year 11 information evenings last week. While the students undertake sessions during the day outlining the information received by parents, it is important that the school continues to find opportunities to develop an ongoing partnership with all parents as their children move through the college. This partnership is critical to ensuring that the students at the college get the best out of themselves. This week we will have the Year 10 information evening on Tuesday the 7th of August and the VCAL information evening on Thursday the 9th of August. The Year 9 information evening will be the following week on Tuesday the 14th of August. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on these evenings.

Over the next month the school is involved in a variety of activities around different themes. Next week beginning the 6th of August it is Science week. The theme of this week is *Game Changers and Change Makers*. The week after this beginning the 13th of August is Languages week. Each week will be filled with a variety of activities for both staff and students and I encourage all students to get involved. Languages week will be celebrated with the Languages Soiree on Tuesday the 21st of August and I encourage all invited parents to attend this celebration.

If you have any questions or queries in relation to the information above please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Best Regards,

Corey Jewell

College Principal



Year 11 & 12

Last week we had two parent information evenings and student information assemblies, for those students enrolling in Year 11 and 12 in 2019. These info sessions were designed to give parents and students a detailed overview of the key considerations and expectations for students embarking on their final two years of schooling. I have been very impressed by both the Year 10s and the Year 11s who have been asking some great questions after our presentations to them. Please feel free to contact a member of the Senior team if you have additional questions. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to meet some of you.

For those parents considering a VCAL pathway for their child, there is a VCAL information evening on Thursday 9th August.

We continue to work with students currently in year 12 who have also had a careers assembly on the 3rd of August which goes through the VTAC application process.

I am very proud of the work of our Senior team, Careers coordinator, VCAL coordinator and well being team who offer extensive supports to students as they transition through their senior studies.

I remind all families to pay for the Graduation Evening at the end of the year. This is an evening where students receive their VCE/VCAL certificate and are awarded for their achievements. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 Cohort with you.

The office is now taking deposits for the Year 12 CAMP for 2019. Year 11 students have been given information about this and there is a notice on Compass. This camp is part of students first three days of school and is a compulsory activity that counts towards student attendance. Having been on the camp, the benefits for students are obvious as they have study sessions, wellbeing activities and time with their senior teachers to get them ready to start their final year in the best possible mind set. Any questions, please contact Ms Domm and Mr Hill our Year 12 Student Managers.

Julie Ryan

Assistant Principal

Senior School

Year 9 & 10

Supporting our students through their *Pathways* Journey. Selecting the best suitable academic pathway for your child can be at times a little challenging however, the middle school team are aware of the uncertainties that some parents and their children may face. As a college community, we try to support you through this journey. Last term all year 10 and 11 students were provided with the opportunity to attend the Lalor Secondary College Careers Expo. The Expo was designed with the goal of providing students with information to assist them in their planning towards possible future career pathways and as support for the upcoming subject selection processes.

Over the coming days, the College will be continuing to host Parent Information Evenings for 2019 subject selections. These Information sessions are designed to provide you with information that will enable you together with your child, to make confident and suitable choices for the best possible educational pathways into their senior years of secondary school. These have begun for current year 10 and 11 students.

Tomorrow we on Tuesday 7th August we have the year 11 2019 Subject Counselling Day. Parents of current year 10 students would have already received a letter regarding the arrangements for this day. On this day, no formal classes will be held and students have been issued with appointment times for their subject selection interview. Details of which, have already been conveyed during the information evening this week. We are expecting that you will have had discussions with your child about their selected pathway prior to this interview. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. Parents are encouraged to attend on this day.

For students currently in year 9, the Parent Information session for year 10 2019 will take place on the evening of 7th August at 6.30 in the Drama centre. Again, it is vital that parents attend.

It has been great talking with many year 10 students who have had such positive learning opportunities through their work Experience Placements last week. I am proud to convey that several students were offered part time work from these placements, and that students were impeccable ambassadors of our school in the wider community.

Laura Forster

Assistant Principal

Middle School

Year 7 & 8

As we move into the second half of the year, I try to spend as much time as I can visiting our local primary schools, as it is these schools from where the College draws many of our students. This week, I spent some time looking at the writing program at Thomastown East Primary. As well as being impressed by the energy and enthusiasm for learning at TEPS, I also enjoyed experiencing the writing program in action. This targeted program is producing students with a genuine understanding of the writing process who are able to produce high quality written work across all genres. Some of our English and Literacy teachers have also seen the program in action and we are all really looking forward to working with these talented students when they come to Lalor Secondary College.

Once again, I have to make mention of the increasingly concerning road safety issue on the roads around the school, particularly in David Street. The roads are extremely busy and congested at both drop off and pick up times, but it is more dangerous in the mornings when

parents arrive before school, park on the left hand side of David Street and allow their children to run across the street to the nearest school gate. There is a controlled school crossing a little further along the street, which is where all students should be crossing the road. I have contacted the City of Whittlesea and they will be sending local by-laws officers to the school at these times to monitor the situation. Traffic engineers will also be looking at ways to alleviate the congestion and provide safer streets for our community. In the meantime, I ask parents who are using David Street to drop off their children, and not to allow them to cross the road anywhere but at the controlled school crossing.

Further information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/parking-roads-footpaths/road-safety/parking-and-driving-in-school-zones/>

Peter James
Assistant Principal
Junior School

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LAW TALK- Juvenile Justice- YEAR 10

Wednesday 1/8/2018

As part of our Juvenile Justice subject at Year 10, 27 students participated in a program offered by the exclusive law firm, King & Wood Mallesons. Lawyers run the program in which there are six sessions. The first five sessions are held at Lalor Secondary College and the sixth is held at the law firm in the city. Lalor Secondary College is the only Victorian Government school selected to take part in this program.

The students seemed to enjoy the first session, especially the morning tea organised by Mr Kotsopoulos.

This is what four students said about the first session:

On Wednesday the 1st of August, we got the chance to participate in the Talk Law program. In this session, we had the opportunity to discuss and talk to lawyers from different companies about consumer rights. It gave us the experience to understand our own consumer rights and how to deal with issues in store and online. In the next upcoming months, we will be involved in a number of sessions learning more about the way the world works. We also get the opportunity to go to a law firm and see what they do. Amalia, Suzie, Sabrina & Amira

Thank you to Ms Cartisano who supervised the session and assisted in organising the program.

Mrs Kotsopoulos



Mixed Netball

On Friday 27th July, the Senior boys set off to compete at the region level in Mixed Netball. The boys were able to warm up in their first two matches against Gladstone Park and Bundoora, beating them by 8 and 12 goals respectively. The Seniors were aware that their toughest competition would come in the final against Mount Ridley College, a school that have been known to win at the region level on a consistent basis. The boys made a slow start, struggling to get the ball moving through the midcourt and into the goals. After half time however, and with an improvement in passing, the boys were able to pull away. Throughout the day and particularly in the final, the defence was our biggest strength with Isaac Tui preventing any of the opposition goalers from being able to score consistently. In the end Lalor Secondary won by 6 goals and will now compete for the State title in September. Congratulations to all the boys involved as it was a fantastic effort. Thanks, Miss Christian.



Hockey

On Thursday 26th July a group of year 11 boys represented Lalor Secondary College in Hockey at the Northern-Metro Regionals. The students, many of whom have never played hockey before, had tough competition facing Diamond Valley College, Aitken College and St Helena College and unfortunately did not progress to the next stage.

The students showed great commitment on the day and continued to put in top effort in all of their games until the final whistle.

The students had a fun day out while learning new skills in hockey and are eager to compete again next year.

Thanks,
Mr. Tempone



Library News



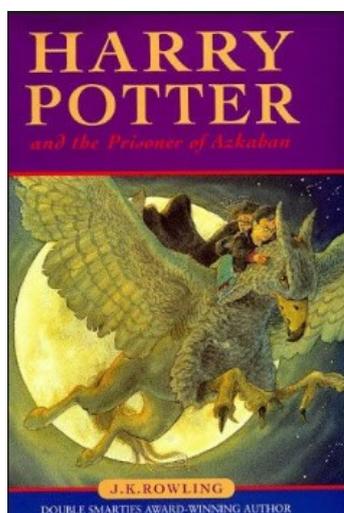
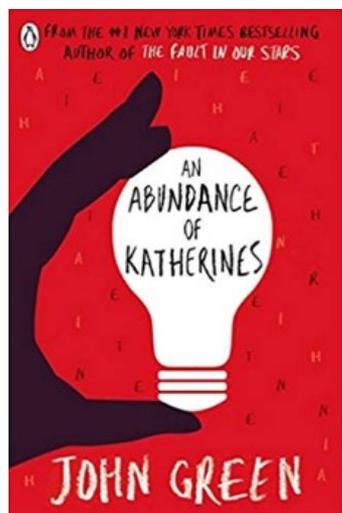
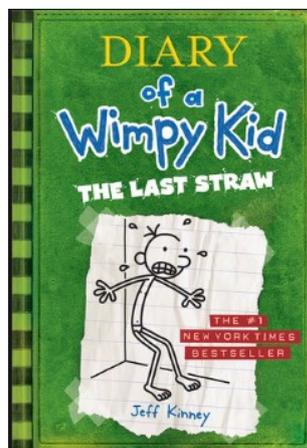
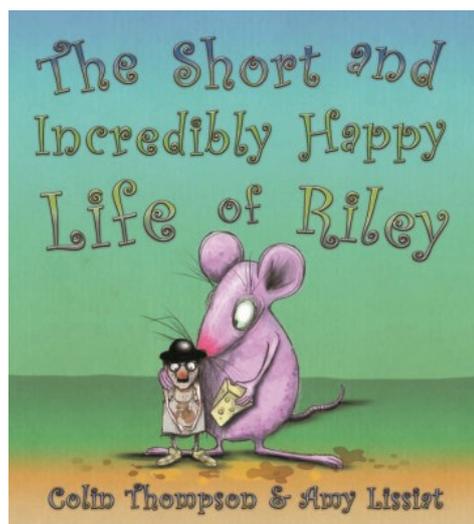
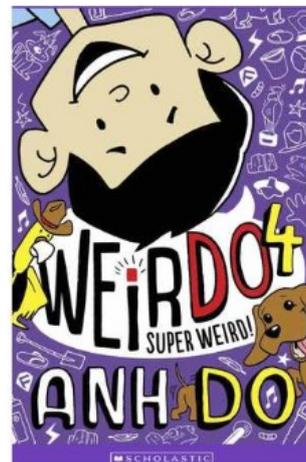
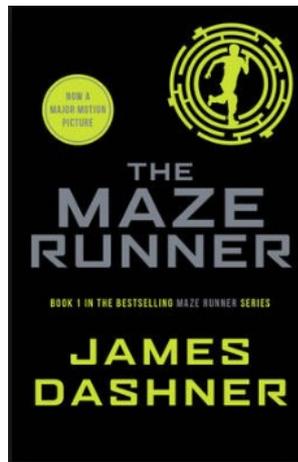
We are heading towards the last month of the **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**. The last day is on Friday 7th September.

Our Challengers are reminded to log on to their Reading Challenge account regularly, to enter any books they have read so far. Some students are so close to finishing. If they are struggling to read the final few books, they are encouraged to see the Teacher Librarians to find some suitable books that they can read quickly. Suitable books include picture books and graphic novels.

The number of students who have completed this year's Challenge is now **63!** This is a fantastic achievement so far. Let's see how many students will complete this year.

So far, a total of **2,758 books** have been read since the beginning of the Reading Challenge. Students have been awarded with School Value Cards for every 5 books read, up to 15 books. A total of **326 value cards** have been issued.

As students enter their books on their Reading Challenge online account, the system collects data on students' reading habits. The following book titles are being read and enjoyed by our Challengers



Happy Reading!

Ms S. Graetsch

Library Resource Centre Manager

CAREERS NEWS

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

University open days are currently taking place across most tertiary institutions over the coming few weeks. All students in years 10- 12 have been encouraged to go along to gather as much information as they can about prospective courses and university campuses. An outline of the upcoming open days are below.

INSTITUTION	DATE
Monash Uni	August 5th
La Trobe	August 5th
RMIT (Bundoora Campus)	August 5 th
RMIT (City & Brunswick Campus)	August 12 th
ACU	August 12 th
Vic Uni	August 19th
Melbourne Uni	August 19 th
Melbourne Polytechnic (Preston campus)	August 19 th
Deakin	August 26 th

VTAC APPLICATIONS

This afternoon year 12 students attended a presentation outlining the process for VTAC applications for 2019. All parents should have received a letter earlier this week outlining the key dates in this process. If anyone wishes for more information please contact the careers office, visit the school careers website www.lalorsccareers.com or www.vtac.edu.au for more information.

VTAC applications will open this Monday 6th August, and will close on September 27th.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Last week our Year 10 students completed a week of work experience. We had students complete their placements in a wider variety of industries including engineering, IT, animal care, education, retail and publishing- just to name a few! The majority of students were visited by a member of staff who reported back on how they were going. Overall the Year 10 cohort seemed to enjoy their experience and represented Lalor Secondary College as enthusiastic young adults in the wider community.



FREE Parents Workshop from the team at PROJECT ROCKIT

- Social Media digital literacy
- Trends in how young people are using online media
- Credible tips and strategies for supporting young people online

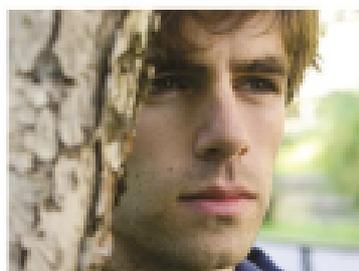
**WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST
6:30 - 8:30PM
WATERMARC - LEVEL 4
1 FLINTOFF ST, GREENSBOROUGH**

To book, head to: <https://bit.ly/2uuu2Cb>
Or call 9457 9855



Northern Region

A workshop for parents of adolescents who are behaving with aggression and violence



Please join us to discuss the impact of challenging behaviours and violence on families and relationships and to consider the role adolescent development, styles of communication and patterns of relating have in family relationships.

Our intention is that parents feel less alone, better equipped, more hopeful and confident in their ability to respond to challenging behaviours in a way that promotes safety, trust and connection for all family members.

Course runs over two mornings (attendance required for both sessions)

Tuesday 4th and 11th September 9.30am -12.30pm

Please call intake to secure a place on the number below.

For more information or enquiries please contact:

T.A.R.A Program on **(03) 9450 4700**

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9401 6630

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WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE



The Village is a program for parents and guardians of trans, gender diverse and gender non conforming children. This program is a safe space for parents to unpack any experiences and anxieties they may be feeling. The group discusses various topics each week.

**Join us at the Epping Community Services Hub
from 6-7:30PM!**

July 18: Introductions and Family Dynamics

July 25: Understanding Trans and Gender Diversity

August 1: Navigating Educational Settings

August 8: Promoting Health and Wellbeing

August 15: Where to from here? Celebratory dinner



Email catherine.wilson@ds.org.au or call (03) 9863 6733 for further details or to register.



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1. Choose a time and place for your gathering before 1 October - a cuppa at a home, a BBQ or picnic in a local park
2. Go to the City of Whittlesea website for an application form
3. You will receive a \$50 voucher to spend at a local supermarket for catering
4. Invite at least 10 neighbours and friends
5. Return a photo of you and your neighbours getting to know each other

For more information and application details, please contact Council email: commgrants@whittlesea.vic.gov.au or phone 9217 2397



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