Good Times in Year 7

**7 ORANGE**

‘I liked meeting new people. I love food and P.E’
- Lachlan

‘I like how I can wear sports clothes on HAPE days’
- Sam

**7 GREEN**

‘It's been nice how the work is slowly easing to the hard work. So it's not such shock after the holidays’
- Michael

‘It's been nice to make new friends. So far so good’
- Brandon

**7 RED**

‘I really like the canteen’
- Flynn

‘I love how we get to change subjects a lot’
- Rachael

**7 BLUE**

‘The first week was fun’
- Ebony

‘Mr Malcolm is awesome’
- Molly

**7 PURPLE**

‘It's better than I thought it would be. High school is enjoyable’
- Dion

‘I’ve made lots of new friends’
- Monique

‘High school has been amazing. It’s a great opportunity to get to know new people’
- Olivia

‘High school is different, I feel like I'm in prep again’
- Christine
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A very special welcome to our new families at Year 7 and the twenty five new families who have joined us across years 8 – 12 in 2014. We have had a very impressive start to our new year with a visit today from our Senior Advisor, Alan Davis, who oversees the operations of all state schools in Geelong. Alan complimented us on our very innovative and progressive approach to ensure that all students are learning through our adoption of the Professional Learning Community structure. His email also highlighted our very orderly working environment “Great to see such a calm and purposeful atmosphere in year 7/8 area (and elsewhere). You and your staff should be so proud of the learning environments created in your school.”

I would like to welcome our new staff and introduce:

Assistant Principal (Middle Years)  Tania O’Callaghan. Tania joins us from an enormously broad educational background of working in primary and secondary settings, overseeing Senior Years and Middle Years and having expertise in Maths, Literacy and Special Education. She has slipped into the role very smoothly and is already a highly productive member of our team!

I would also like to welcome:
- Ben Johnson — HAPE/ Outdoor Ed / Leading teacher in Developing Positive Behaviours
- Anita Jaboor — Middle Years English/ Humanities
- David Mitri – Middle Years English / Humanities
- Cally Cronk – Art/Drama
- Megan Choong — Senior English
- Cassie Mahon — Sports Administration
- Tiffany Hassett — Office Administration
- Welcome back to Kelly Butler — Indonesian / ICT administration leader

Our first day for teaching staff was highlighted by research presented by Vic Zbar, international educational researcher and educational consultant. Vic’s morning presentation reinforced our current work which is focussed on continual improvement of teacher practice and in particular the quality of instruction in every classroom. Along with this he reminded us of the very important development of increasingly effective feedback to students. We know through John Hattie’s research that effective feedback has an enormously positive impact on student learning. These are two areas of particular focus for teaching staff in 2014.

Staff have already established high expectations and will persist in demanding high standards in all areas of our work. In our first student assemblies I highlighted the importance of aiming consistently for high standards by being the best you can be, and emphasized that it was EFFORT not ability that leads to success. It’s been a pleasure to visit classes throughout the past two weeks and witness the order, focus and effort put in by all through both Middle and Senior Years.

Lyn Boyle
Principal
boyle.lyn.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

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LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE

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college calendar

FEBRUARY

11th Feb  Yr 12 ODE
12th Feb  Photography day
19th-21st Feb  Yr 7 camp
24th Feb  House swimming sports

MARCH

4th-5th  9G Connections Hike
6th - 7th  Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
11th—12th  9O Connections Hike
12th - 14th  Yr 8 Camp
18th—19th  9P Connections Hike
19th - 21st  Yr 10 Science Camp
25th  Yr 12 Media Excursion
26th  Yr 10 GPAC “Skill Up”
27th  House athletic sports
31st  Yr 7 (all) & Yr 9 (boys) immunisations

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FREE WORKSHOP AT LARA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Wicking Bed Workshop Sunday Feb 9, 2pm.
The garden will be open from 10am to 4pm
We have a local wicking expert coming down and we
will be wicking two potato boxes into productive,
water saving beds.
ALL WELCOME!
Scutti Court, Lara
Or enter through Lara Primary School

Enquires or to receive our newsletters and updates
Email lcgap@outlook.com or phone Natalie on
0414 817 020
Instrumental Music
The Music Department have started 2014 with a bang! Monday and Tuesday saw all year 7 classes visiting the music room for Instrumental Try Outs. The students had a great time making some big sounds on trumpets, trombones, clarinets and saxophones. We hope this has sparked some new interest in music and students are now bringing back enrolment forms to undertake instrumental lessons.
We currently have 55 students across the school enrolled in music lessons and our tutors’ timetables are filling fast. Should you wish to enrol, please get a form from the front office, fill out the details and sign the bottom, and return it to the front office with your payment.
Lessons only cost $50 per term and instrument hire is free, so get it while there are still lesson times available.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Rebecca Newman, Director of Music.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORT
Welcome back to school to all our families, especially those who are new to the school. As with the start of any school year, there has been a flurry of activity amongst both staff and students as the final preparations have taken place for the Year 7 camp, the Year 9 Connections program already being underway and the year 8 camp quickly approaching…. And that is without the Starting Out Right program for all our Middle Years students in order to establish high expectations, prepare the students for their year of learning and establish sound routines and practices which will enhance their capacity for a successful year. The Year 7 group has had a wonderfully smooth start to the year, a result of the hard work by both staff of our Primary Schools and Lara Secondary College, and families in the readiness phase for secondary college.

Our senior students have hit the ground running and are applying themselves to their increasing study loads. Congratulations to all on a fabulous start to the year.

Already there have been a number of forms sent home to families. The first was for the School Photos, taking place next Wednesday, 12th February. All students are expected to be in their full school uniform, not their SEPEP uniforms. Extra order forms are available from the office with all orders placed online.

Immunisation cards have also been sent home for all students in Years 7 and 10, and for the Year 9 boys. Year 7 students will be immunised against Human Papillomavirus and Chickenpox, and the Year 9 boys against the Human Papillomavirus also. Year 10 students will be immunised against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis. A number of resources are available on the Victorian Department of Health immunisation website including fact sheets about the vaccines. The website is: www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets.htm. We would encourage all families to avail themselves of this service as the government funds the cost of the vaccines, with the human papillomavirus estimated at $450 for the full three courses.

We look forward to continuing the strong relationship between students, their families, and the school.

Tania O’Callaghan & Faye Smith
Assistant Principals
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smith.faye.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Year 9 Connections
More photos on the next page
YEAR 9 CONNECTIONS PROGRAM: Team Building Day

The Year 9 Connections Program commenced earlier this week with a series of team building activities at Eumeralla Scout Camp and Point Addis Surf Beach. In TLC groups, students took part in various initiative tasks and challenges designed to improve their skills in teamwork, leadership, organisation and problem solving. Whilst at the beach, there was also time scheduled for swimming / body boarding, as well as an opportunity to explore the marine life with the shallow inter-tidal rock pools.

Next week, all students will participate in our overnight hike preparation workshop where they will be briefed on how to pitch a tent, camp cooking, equipment and clothing requirements, minimum impact bushwalking and safety. Permission notes for the overnight hike and a trip booklet will be distributed following the workshop.

Over the coming weeks, students will be encouraged to participate in a series of physical challenges including surf kayaking, indoor rock-climbing, snorkelling, horse riding / mountain bike riding and the overnight hike. For more specific information regarding when each of these activities will take place, please refer to the weekly planner distributed earlier in the year.

Finally, just a reminder regarding payment of the Connections Levy of which the first $220.00 instalment was due Friday 7th February. The remaining balance may be paid in two $110.00 instalments, due Friday 28th March and Friday 30th May respectively. You are of course welcome to pay in full or establish a payment plan with Karen Wilson in the administration office. Failure to meet these deadlines may mean your child will miss out on some exciting opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding the Connections Program please contact me at the College.

Brent Hodges
Connections Program Leader

2014 Welcome

To parents/guardians of year 7 students and also parents/ guardians of new students in all other levels. I would like to welcome you to the Lara Secondary College community.

The relationship that we want to build with you and your son or daughter is shown in the logo above which emphasizes we will work with you, in partnership, for the academic and personal growth benefits for your son or daughter.

To the parents/guardians of students, who were at Lara Secondary College in 2013 we make a commitment to continue to value your important role in supporting your sons and daughters in partnership with us, to achieve to the very best of their ability as they progress through the year levels of their education at Lara Secondary College.

I came across a quote the other day from Leonardo da Vinci which I thought was a good way of approaching the 2014 year ahead -:

“I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Being willing is not enough, we must do.”

Cheers
Clive Allen-Paisley
Community Liaison Coordinator
Lara Secondary College
Email allen-paisley.clive.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
GEELONG HOCKEY CLUB

PLAY HOCKEY
- have fun
- get fit
- make friends
- learn a new sport

Geelong Hockey Club is seeking new and returning players—all ages, all abilities
Juniors and Seniors for the 2014 season

4-week Junior Come and Try Clinic
Ages 7 up
Starts: Wed Feb 19, 2014 4pm-5pm
Leisuretime Centre, Anakie Road, Norlane
Gold coin donation per session

Registrations essential—please contact GHC Junior Convener Adam on 0427 713 184 for more information
www.geelonghockeyclub.com

FOOTBALL CLUB
Lara football club junior registration
Day.
All age groups—
When: Sunday Feb 23rd 10am-12noon
Where: Lara sporting club rooms

Karen Feldman’s Dance Studio
ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2014

DANCE CLASSES

10 LOCATIONS ACROSS GEELONG

Mixed Style Dance Classes (Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Cheer)
Ballet Classes - Adults & Children (Royal Academy of Dance Syllabus)
Boys Only Break-dancing Classes

CLASS PRICES: $9 per class (pay per week)
$10 per class for Ballet, Seniors & Advanced Seniors classes
Family discount applies: 2 dancers from the one family pay $15 or 3 pay $20.

Contact Karen: 03 5276 1357 / 0432 493 527 or karen@karenfeldmansdancestudio.com
www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com
Parent Contact

The saying is very true, that it takes a village to raise a child. We value the communication from families in the education of each student at Lara Secondary College, and take great pride in their success. This does not occur without a team of people supporting, liaising and prioritising the needs of each child. If you need to communicate with staff regarding your child, the following staff members are the first contact to make as their TLC teachers:

**Year 7 Students:**

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Each of these staff teaches the middle school students for multiple subjects and get to know your child very well. It is important that they know important information regarding your child so that their learning environment remains strong and focussed.

In the senior levels of the school the teacher who oversees the ongoing educational development of your child is the pathways teacher. Due to the nature of classes in the senior years, it is unlikely they will teach your child for multiple subjects, but will maintain frequent contact throughout the day and in pathways classes to ensure success. These staff are:

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Please feel free to contact them on 5282 8988.