MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin the new term I would like to acknowledge all families who were able to attend parent/student/teacher interviews at the end our first term. This opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child’s progress was certainly taken advantage of and I commend parents for the very high level of attendance.

We are currently reviewing our end of semester reporting system with an intention to move away from the detailed written reports to a more timely and ongoing reporting process. I am aware, from comments in parent option surveys in previous years, that there is a degree of dissatisfaction with the written reporting system and I look forward to offering the opportunity for parent input into a discussion regarding this in the near future. Our reporting review team is currently investigating alternative means by which schools are reporting on student progress and the trend is certainly towards a more regular reporting process reflecting the ongoing measurement of student progress in accordance with our PLC (professional learning community) process.

The potential change in the reporting process aligns with my recent learnings from the conference I attended in California USA in the last week of term one. The conference titled “Leadership Now” (Defour/Marzano) confirmed the value of our focus on the PLC process and teacher focus on the four critical questions:

- What is it that we want students to learn? (guaranteed curriculum)
- How do we know if they know it? (formative assessment along the way)
- What do we do if they don’t learn?
- What do we do if they already know it? (Both of these points require clear differentiation of curriculum to ensure that students are provided with work at their own ability / learning level including intervention of support and extension work.

The conference also enabled me to reflect on the growth of leadership in our school and the means by which I can further support our leaders to drive progress in our school. Next week the Senior Leadership Team - including our Leading Teachers - Lana Ryder, Sarah Foleys, Ben Johnson, Aaron Hassan, Monica Golding, Kate Ivermee and Suzan Nielson finalize our two day “coaching for leadership teams” program - one which we were successful in our application for in 2013. This program will support the work of high performing teams in continuing the development of a strong and positive culture across our school - one which I believe we have done well to date...

The high standards we continue to achieve, have been reflected in our first whole school assembly for Term Two. Our assembly was held last week to commemorate ANZAC day. Our school captains, Rochelle and Isaiah led the commemoration while our captains, Hannah and Tim attended the Geelong Schools ANZAC day service (you may have seen this already on our Facebook page). The assembly was outstanding, a result of the very positive and respectful response by our student body. This highlighted to me why we should all be so proud of our students and our school.

Our assembly celebrated a range of student achievement in relation to our school values: Congratulations to...
- As celebrated in the Geelong Advertiser last week - Dylan H in 7 Red for becoming the national Go-Karting champion in his age group.
- Our students nominations in the Geelong Youth Impetus Awards in April. The awards highlighted organizations and individuals working on youth issues and programs.
- Iesha A in Year 8 was nominated for the Active Achievement and Inspiration award. Iesha is currently the fastest BMX female rider in her age group in Australia and is currently 2nd in the National Series. We wish Iesha the very best in her final rounds of racing for the National Championships in early May.
- Hannah T in Year 12 was the winner of the Impetus Leadership award, a category which recognizes individual young people who through their demonstrated leadership have made a difference in the lives of others. Hannah was nominated alongside 6 other young people from the Geelong region. Hannah is working to inspire a new generation of young women to speak up and voice their opinion on world issues, involve themselves in leadership roles and in the community workplace.

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College Calendar

MAY
- 5th Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
- 6th Senior Boys and Girls Football
- Yr 10 Deakin Experience
- LSC Open Day (9.15-10.15am)
- 7th Yr 10 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion
- Sayembara Lisan (Indonesian Speaking/Listening Competition for Yr 7-12 Indonesian Students)
- 8th Intermediate Boys Football Year 9/10
- LSC Open Day (9.15-10.15am)
- 13th Grade 6 Information Evening
- 14th Yr 12 Biology Excursion
- 16th Yr 10 Outdoor Education Sailing
- 19th Yr 10 WWW Excursion
- 20th Yr 10 BC and 11 Studio Arts Top Arts Trip
- 21st Yr 7 Aquarium Excursion

JUNE
- 6-13th Senior Year Semester One Exam Week

Lara Community Garden and Arts Precinct invites you to our Permbablitz May 4, 9.30am-2pm

Geelong Permaculture Group are conducting their first ever Permbablitz.

This is great opportunity for you to
See a Permbablitz in action
Check out your local community garden
Come and learn something new
Meet our current members
Have some free lunch
Get involved if you wish

For more information phone Natalie 0414 817 020 or 5282 1110
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Despite a disrupted first week of Term 2, all students have made a fabulous start and have certainly academically picked up from where they left off. Feedback provided at the parent, teacher and student interviews is starting to be implemented by different students, all eager to improve their learning and maximise their opportunities. Many thanks to the families who were able to attend the interviews and learn more about how their child is going this year and what we, as a team, can do to continue their success. If you were unable to attend and would like feedback regarding your child, please make contact with the appropriate teacher/ s.

Year 10 Immunisations
A reminder to families that Monday, 12th of May is the Year 10 booster injections for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. If you have not yet submitted the permission forms for your child to receive their immunisation, please contact Barwon Health for additional forms.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Year 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, Wednesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 15th. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of these tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement. Letters will be sent home to families next week with more information regarding the testing schedule.

Uniform:
Another reminder to families, with the cooler weather now well and truly upon us it is expected that students will be wearing winter uniform. For most of the boys this change affects their pants, with the dark navy trousers to be worn. Socks for both boys and girls are to be plain black with no slogans/brand names around the banding of the sock. For the girls, though, the change of seasons brings the change of a number of items of clothing.

Long Pants – purchased from Bellarine Uniforms, Geelong. Flairs are not considered appropriate uniform. Winter skirt -worn as a longer length as appropriate for a professional setting.

Tights - 60 denier black worn with shoes. Socks are not to be worn over the top of the tights. Tights are to be plain and without any adornments e.g. studs, patterns.

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‘Like’ us on Facebook!

We’ve recently created a Lara Secondary College official Facebook page. www.facebook.com/LaraSecondaryCollege.
‘Like’ us to keep in touch with some of the fantastic events happening at our college and to celebrate the achievements of our students. You’ll already find photos of the Year 8 Camp, the Senior Years Information Evening, Year 10 Fit to Play Surf camp, the Swimming Sports and our newly appointed School Captains.

Kelly Butler ICT Admin Leader & Sarah Foley Student Learning Leader

Parking

City of Greater Geelong Council has become increasingly aware that parents have been parking next to the school’s car park on the nature strip/road when picking up and dropping off their children. Another area of concern is that parents are not parking in the designated parking bays in the car park area. Parents, please be aware that C.O.G.G will now be issuing fines to anyone not parking in the designated parking bays. Thank you.

Same Love Performance

On Thursday April 25th, the year 12 Drama students began the school’s tour of their Same Love performance. They performed at Newcomb Secondary in front of 220 year 9 and 10 students. What started out as a very challenging affair with some fairly excited and rowdy students in the audience, soon turned into a completely quiet cohort of engaged, at times shocked and ultimately moved students in the audience.

I personally, am very proud of the efforts of my Drama students, as they displayed great courage, bravery and professionalism, and presented a very powerful and moving performance under both challenging and confronting conditions. The next performance will be on Tuesday, the 13th of May, at the flag raising ceremony for IDAHO day - the International Day Against Homophobia - at GPAC. Followed by a performance at Grovedale College. There are also future plans to tour to Colac later in the year.

Michelle Fitzgerald
VCE Drama Teacher/Director of Performance
1. **VCE AND CAREERS EXPO** – ‘The Age’ VCE and Careers Expo is Victoria’s largest education and careers fair. Universities, TAFEs, private providers, and many others will have representatives there. Get your questions answered, collect information, and be informed. **When:** 9am-3pm, Thurs 8 & Fri 9 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 10 & Sun 11 May; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** $10 (family concession); [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

2. **CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – ‘Focus on Melbourne’ seminar. Explore your options, meet staff and students, and hear about courses and careers.
   - 27 May –Commerce
   - 28 May –Environments
   - 3 June –Science
   - 4 June –Agriculture
   - 10 June –Law
   - 11 June –Engineering and IT
   - 18 June –Conservatorium of Music
   - 25 June –Victorian College of the Arts (VCA)
   **More information and bookings:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014)

3. **PHARMACY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY** As of 2015, the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree will be titled to Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) and Bachelor of Pharmacy (Scholars) will be re-titled to Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (Scholars). All students considering the Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2015 should be aware that the Supplementary Information form will no longer be required when applying for the course through VTAC. In addition, the

4. **DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE A CAREER IN MEDICINE?** Deakin University is holding an Information Evening at the Waurn Ponds Campus (post-graduate medicine degree). Delivered by the School of Medicine, you will learn about the courses and pathways available in medicine and optometry at Deakin. **When:** 6-7.30pm, Tues 20 May. Details to follow. **NOTE:** Medicine is also offered in Victoria by Monash University (undergraduate and post-graduate degrees) and the University of Melbourne (post-grad degree).

5. **WHAT IS SPEECH PATHOLOGY?** Speech pathologists (or therapists) diagnose and treat people with communication disorders (eg speech, voice) and people with problems swallowing or eating. They may work with people who have a cleft palate, delayed speech, stuttering or brain damage, and work with other health professionals. A number of universities in Victoria offer degrees in speech pathology. Australian Catholic Uni, La Trobe Uni and Charles Sturt Uni at Albury-Wodonga (a NSW university) all offer 4-year degrees. Speech pathology can also be studied at the University of Melbourne where students first complete a 3-year undergraduate degree followed by a 2-year Masters in Speech Pathology. The Clearly-in-ATAR last year for ACU was 85.20, La Trobe (Bundoora) 90.15 (Bendigo) 83.10, and Charles Sturt 75.00. **Note:** last year’s ATAR is only a guide – students are sometimes offered a place with a lower ATAR because they did well in certain subjects (receiving a Subject Bonus), or because they had a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application due to some disadvantage experienced in their education. ATARs move up and down according to factors like the number of applicants, the applicant’s ATARs, and the number of places available.

6. **INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN IT, GAMES OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS?** Box Hill Institute has an Information Night where you can learn about courses leading to careers in IT, Games or Telecommunications. You can also meet teachers and check out facilities. **When:** 6-8pm, Mon 2 June; **Where:** Room N1, G 32/33, Nelson Campus, cnr Nelson/Whitehorse Roads; **Info/bookings:** Ph 9286 9830, ict@boxhill.edu.au.
1. **BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY SEMINARS**
The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University (Parkville campus) is offering support to current Unit 3 & 4 Biology and Chemistry students. Seminars are designed to reinforce key learnings, delivered by qualified VCE teachers. **Dates:** Biology - 5.30-7pm, 4 June, 27 Aug and 8 Nov (one already been held); Chemistry: 4.30-6pm, 11 June, 3 Sept and 15 Oct (one already held). **Where:** Monash University (Parkville), 381 Royal Parade, Parkville; **Cost:** Free; **Register:** [www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events/vce-seminars.html](http://www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events/vce-seminars.html); **Info:** Tom Day, phone 9903 9594, tom.day@monash.edu.

2. **CAREER DISCOVERY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES** – To assist you in selecting the most appropriate fashion program, RMIT Fashion and Textiles is conducting a Career Discovery in Fashion and Textiles program. It will cover trends in the industry, courses available, and practical activities. Career options in fashion and textiles are diverse and multi-faceted and RMIT’s School of Fashion is acutely aware of the skills and knowledge required by graduates to participate and positively contribute in today’s competitive marketplace. Educational programs and pathways servicing this industry and the skills and knowledge they provide are specifically varied in content and focus. **Who:** Year 11 and 12 students; **When:** 9.30am-4.30pm, 1-3 July, 2014 (three days); **Cost:** $350; **Enrol:** Contact RMIT Training on 9925 8111.

3. **PARENT AND STUDENT TERTIARY INFORMATION NIGHT** – Deakin University is offering an evening where you can start to plan your VCE, university and career. Find out about courses, VTAC applications, prerequisites, costs, scholarships and pathways to university. Geelong Waterfront campus – 6-8pm, Wed 28 May.

4. **A YEAR WITH THE DEFENCE FORCES** – If you would like to earn good money, make new friends, and get great training, the Army is currently recruiting for roles with only a 12-months commitment. After a year you can choose to stay in the Army or use your training elsewhere. To find out more go to a One Year Roles Information Session. **When:** 5.30 (arrival time) for 6pm start (7pm finish), Wed 7 May; **Where:** Level 14, Reception area, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; **RSVP (essential) to:** CPTVIC@dfr.com.au.

5. **BACHELOR OF LAWS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** Based in Queen St, Melb, VU’s approach to learning combines theory with practice. VU’s partnerships with the courts and community legal services give students a unique exposure to the real experiences of the justice system. These opportunities challenge students through practical experiences for a rewarding career in law that could range from working for government, the community or in private enterprise. [www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-laws-blaw](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-laws-blaw).


7. **Looking for a full time job?** Go to [www.geelongcareers.org.au](http://www.geelongcareers.org.au)

8. **Get your Tax File Number Application Form** from the Careers Room (not the front office)

   If you have your birth certificate number OR passport number with you, you can apply on the spot! Please DO NOT bring your birth certificate or passport to school – you only need the number. (Put it in your phone??)
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