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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As term one comes to a close we would like all students to take some time to reflect on the term. What have you done really well? What have you learnt? How did you make the most of your learning opportunities? How could you have improved your learning? What do you need to do in Term two to make sure that you make the most of all learning opportunities? Learning at school happens through a partnership between students and teachers, with support from parents and families. Our commitment is to do our very best to ensure that all students have every opportunity to learn.

Our teachers set Guaranteed Curriculum that they strive to ensure ALL students learn. They assess regularly, to monitor student learning and to act when students haven’t learnt by providing further learning opportunities within and beyond the classroom. They recognise when students have already learnt the guaranteed curriculum and strive to provide them with enrichment and extension. However, learning will not be maximised until students also take responsibility for their own learning. This means making sure that they know what it is they need to learn, where they are in their learning, seeking feedback and assistance as they need it. They need to make the most of all opportunities, in class, through homework, study and extra tuition, if they are to achieve the best possible outcomes. We are aiming, through our work in developing Lara Secondary College as a Professional Learning Community, to maximise learning for all students. If every student could commence Term Two by acting on just one commitment to improve their learning, we would see improved learning outcomes across the school. Conversations at Parent/Teacher interviews would have provided you with many ideas about how this improvement could occur. Please have this conversation with your child over the break, and support them to achieve their potential in Term two.

A massive thanks to Judy-Ann Gillett for the enormous contribution she has made to our school over her eleven plus years on School Council. Lyn has written a separate article about the commitment that Judy-Ann has demonstrated over this time. Judy-Ann we will all miss you, and wish you all the best for whatever you take on in the future.

Faye Smith
Acting Principal
smith.faye.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our friendly Canteen Ladies would like some Volunteers to please help out in the canteen from 9-11 during the week.

If you would like to help out please contact Kerry Brown our Canteen Manager on 5282 8988.

STUDENTS

Bottles of water in the canteen are still available for just $1!

School Levy Payment Plan

As the start of year can be a little daunting financially for families, we are offering payment plans for 2014 Booklist Levies. If you would like to commence a payment plan now to ease into the year, by making small regular payments over a period of time, please contact Karen Wilson or Shirley Niblett in the College office to fill in the Payment Plan Form and commence payments.

Options include BPAY, cash, EFTPOS, credit card, cheque or Centrepay.

Phone 5282 8988 for Karen Wilson or Shirley Niblett.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Updated Contact Details:
The communication that takes place between school and home is crucial in supporting the development of students, working together in the implementation of strategies and in understanding what may be taking place which is impacting upon learning. In some situations communication may be due to a medical emergency and the need to contact a parent/guardian is imperative. Recently there have been a number of occasions where various staff have tried to make contact with parents/guardians but have been unsuccessful due to phone numbers being changed, emergency contacts having been altered and the school has not been informed of these changes. If you have recently moved, obtained a new phone or just changed your number, please contact the school by email or phone so that we can ensure the contact details we have for your child are up to date.

Uniform:
As the weather is cooling, students will begin wearing their winter uniform. For 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, navy or white, 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 Lowes. Flares 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.

Term 2:
The first week of term 2 will be a shortened week consisting of the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only. Easter Monday is a public holiday and with Anzac Day occurring on the Friday this gives students a 3 day week. Please ensure your child is attending the first week as the start of the term is crucial in the introduction of new topics and re-establishment of routines and expectations.

Parent - Student -Teacher Interviews:
Many thanks to the families who were able to attend the interviews to reflect upon the learning and celebrate the growth of their child, as well as learning how this can continue to be developed and their success maximised. We appreciate that these times may not have suited all families and with multiple students attending the school it is not always possible to coordinate availabilities. If you would like to speak to a staff member, this can be organised at any time and is not dependent upon formal interview times. We encourage families to chat with staff and learn about what their child is doing and to find out how they are going, as it is this three way communication which supports the education of all our students.

We wish all our Lara Secondary College families a safe and relaxing Term 1 break.

Tania O’Callaghan & Faye Smith
Assistant Principals
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Year 7 Parent Welcome Night

On Monday the 24th of March, LSC hosted the Year 7 Parent Welcome Night. Many families attended and enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner before being entertained by several musical performances, including the Year 7 Rock Band, the Year 8 Rock Band and the Year 7 Vocal Ensemble. The night was a huge success as parents and teachers were able to chat informally and continue to build relationships that support the students. Students and teachers were also able to share information with the parents about how the middle year’s PODS operate, which enabled parents to understand some of the processes and language used at LSC. Thanks to all families who attended and teachers who stayed back after school to support their students at this event.
Year 10 Camps – Expression of Interest

As part of the Year 10 Program, we are offering our students the opportunity to attend two camps: New Zealand Ski Trip or the Central Australia Experience.

Year 10 students are invited to collect a letter from the office after registering their expression of interest with either Mr Hassett (Snow Riders Camp) or Mr Alexander (Red Trekkers Camp).

Cupcake Competition

On Sunday the 23rd of March, Kailey entered in the Cup Cake Competition at the Lara Food & Wine Festival. She entered under the Secondary School Section and won the overall competition for her section. Congratulations Kailey.
INAUGURAL SCHOOL COUNSELLOR RETIRES
Thank you Judy Anne Gillet

After more than eleven years of service to our school, Judy Anne Gillet has retired from council. Judy Anne was a member of the inaugural school council who worked closely with the education department in the set up and establishment of Lara Secondary College. Judy Anne led the uniform committee to design and implement our uniform and associated policy. She has been our very efficient and effective treasurer for the eleven years of our operation and has worked tirelessly and passionately on a range of committees, including the very demanding work associated with the organisation of the debutante balls.

Judy Anne and Neville Gillet have seen three children move successfully from Year 7 to their chosen pathways, and through close association with our school have supported our school to flourish. We are fortunate that Neville has retained a position on council, but has moved from the parent category to a DEECD representative.

On behalf of our staff, our current school council, and I’m sure, the parent body whom Judy Anne has represented, I would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the outstanding work that Judy Anne has undertaken in her role as school counsellor, since we opened our doors in 2003.

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

‘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

Student accident insurance / Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school.

Please be aware the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance / ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

The Department cannot advise parents / guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
ELO in Term 1

STUDIO SESSIONS

GARDEN GURUS

GIRL POWER

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Lara Secondary College have been fortunate enough to be offered an exciting fundraising opportunity from Geelong Lyric Theatre Society.

Annie is a Broadway musical based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and the book by Thomas Meehan. Set in 1930’s New York, Annie is the story of a loveable young orphan, who tries to combat the hard hearted orphanage matron, Miss Hannigan, and escape the oppressive orphanage in search of her parents who had promised to return to collect her one day.

Students, parents and staff have been offered special tickets for the show at GPAC on Thursday 8th May, 7:30pm. $5 from every ticket sold at LSC will go towards developing our Music Department. Should you wish to purchase tickets for this event, fill out the order form below and return to the front office, with full payment, by Thursday 24th April.

Adult tickets: $40  Children tickets: $34

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Class: ____________________________

Number of tickets: Adult ___________________________ Student ___________________________

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The Importance of Parents/Guardians in their Sons/Daughters Education.

Over the last month I have spoken at the year 11 and 12 Success in Senior Years Information Night and also the Year 7 Welcome to Families evening. Even though these evenings were for the parents/guardians of students both commencing their secondary education and also at the concluding stages, the message that I was conveying was exactly the same. Parents and Guardians have the biggest impact on the academic outcomes of their sons and daughter. In a year students attend school for 19% of time and are not at school for 81% of their time. We can see from these figures that out of school time is by far the biggest proportion of our students yearly activity. Following on from above, international research has shown that the potential impact that parents/guardians have on the academic outcomes of their sons and daughters is 60% and schools have a potential 40% impact. In fact some research shows that parent/guardian impact is in fact higher than 60%.

Parental engagement (of various kinds) has a positive impact on many indicators of student achievement including -:

- Higher Grades and Test Scores
- Enrolment in higher level programs and advanced classes
- Lower drop out rates
- A greater likelihood of commencing post-secondary education
- More regular school attendance
- A greater sense of personal competence
- A greater engagement in school work

**HOW CAN PARENTS/GUARDIANS HELP?**
Parents/Guardians can communicate their expectations and educational aspirations by:

- Discussing subject selection and choices
- Discussing learning strategies
- Affirming their child’s growing autonomy, independence and academic skills
- Helping their children to plan for the future by discussing post secondary school pathways and academic aspirations

**Student Boarding**

One of our independent year 12 students will very likely be looking for housing accommodation shortly. If any family could offer a student paid board at their house for the remainder of year 12, please contact Faye Smith on 0412523007 in the first week of the holidays. No obligation if you just wish to discuss the possibility initially.
Lara and District Men’s Shed Give Thumbs Up

Lara Secondary College offered a piece of land at the school so that Lara and District Men’s Shed could build a shed, so that they can have a home base for their meetings and activities.

This process has taken approximately 18 months, but after a very exhaustive collaborative approach, The Lara and District Men’s Shed voted last week to in fact locate their shed and facilities at Lara Secondary College.

This I view as a win/win situation for both the Men’s Shed, Lara Community and Lara Secondary College, as from the outset we have looked upon this venture as one that could benefit our students utilizing the vast technical and life experiences, of the members of The Lara and District Men’s Shed.

The Shed will be built next to the Lara and Community Garden Arts Precinct which will make the whole western boundary, an interactive community, school based precinct.

Lara Performing Arts Centre Project
We are pleased to announce that through a collaboration with Cr. Tony Ansett and the City of Greater Geelong, Lara Secondary College has secured a $70,000 grant as the first stage to convert the large auditorium area of the Middle Years building, into a performing arts Centre similar to the Drama theatre at GPAC and the Potato Shed at Drysdale.

The theatre, once completed, will have sound, lighting and staging to allow our brilliant productions to be held in this space, as well as being able to be utilized by the talented music department for performances. We have also made a commitment that this theatre complex shall be able to be used by community groups. This will certainly be an exciting space and asset for the whole Lara community, and once again highlights our endeavors and ethos to be a school of the community.

I shall keep you informed as we progress with this project and if you have any questions or queries, please call me or email me to discuss.

Clive Allen-Paisley
Community Liaison Coordinator
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Mob: 0405959111
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Reminders
- 'At Monash' seminars - Architecture 29 April; Interior Architecture 30 April; Psychology 1 May; Medicine/Biomedical Science 6 May; Law 7 May. See: www.monash.edu/seminars.
- 'Experience La Trobe' - meet staff, be a Uni. Student for a day, get course info. Fri 11 April. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.
- 'A Day at Melbourne' - explore the campus, study options, current students, entry requirements; 10am-3.30pm, Fri 11 April.
- Register www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events, or call 13 MELB for information.
- VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS (VCA) AND SOUTHBRANK PRECINCT – There is to be a major redevelopment project at Southbank, jointly supported by the University of Melbourne, the Victorian Government, the Myer Foundation and the Ian Potter Foundation. This is good news for the University of Melbourne (VCA is part of the University), and for the cultural vitality of the city of Melbourne. This is the largest redevelopment project in the history of the VCA, extending the campus space with a new visual arts wing. It will also create a new entry point to the university, opening the campus more fully to students, business and residents. The plan involves using the historic Victoria Mounted Police Branch stables in Dodds St as a dedicated space for arts education, exhibition and public access.

- EXPLORE DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Parent and student tertiary information nights:
  - Warmnambool campus – 6-7.30pm, Wed 2 April
  - Melbourne Burwood – 6-8pm, Wed 21 May
  - Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wed 28 May


- CLINICAL EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY – Enjoy studying sport? Then Clinical Exercise Physiology might be the career for you. Where physiotherapists assist people with movement disorders using techniques to assist muscles and joints to move to their full potential, clinical exercise physiologists use exercise to prevent and rehabilitate disease and injury in the community. Accredited Exercise Physiologists are formally recognised by the Dept. of Health and Aged as allied health professionals, which means that they are able to deliver Medicare-compensable services. Deakin’s Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology aims to produce quality exercise physiologists (the first and only accredited exercise physiologist course in Victoria to be accredited by Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSAI). To be eligible for this program, students must be able to demonstrate eligibility for exercise scientist accreditation from ESSA, and provide evidence of 140 hours of exercise service delivery for apparently healthy clientele. This can be achieved by completing Deakin’s B. Exercise and Sport Science, including the accredited exercise science – ESSA sequence.

RMIT NEWS – RMIT is a ‘dual-sector’ institution, offering degrees, diplomas, certificates, pre-apprenticeships and short courses. The main campus is in Swanston Street, Melbourne, with other campuses located at Brunswick and Bundoora. What are a few of the courses available?
- Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) – This career-oriented degree prepares students to work in international development, security, diplomacy, political economy, law and global governance. An international internship and language study is compulsory (Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French, German, Greek or Italian). Some graduate destinations: Department of PM and Cabinet, Dept. of Premier and Cabinet, AusAID, Dept. of Defence, Dept. of Immigration and Citizenship.
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Property and Valuation) – covers property law, planning, valuation, development, investment funds management, asset/commercial property management, law, construction techniques and project management related to commercial property, real estate. It involves infrastructure like ports and schools. Why study it? It is financially rewarding, you’re not in an office all day, it has a mixture of management and hands-on work.
- Bachelor of App. Sci. (Project Management) – A project is an event with a start and a finish time. The course offers students the opportunity to gain structured employment experiences within the industry to enhance academic learning. Graduate destinations: Construction - building and infrastructure projects and property development; Non-construction – client-side project management, event project management, business project management, IT, health.

NOTE: The first year of the above two degrees is the same, along with the B. App. Sci. (Construction Management). This allows for collaborative projects to be undertaken.

- Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots) – Boeing estimates that 192,000 new pilots will be required by 2032! On graduating, students may find employment in charter/regional airlines, outback station flying, sightseeing, fire spotting and beach patrols, and flight instructing (with Instructor Rating). With enough hours, they may go on to chief pilot, fleet, or flight operations manager. Pilots are trained for the general flying test, private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence and air transport licence. The current annual fee is about $60,000 (NOTE: a total of up to $96,000 can be borrowed through FEE-HELP).

What makes RMIT Science programs special? RMIT has entry pathways from Diploma and Associate degrees run in VET. You have a choice of specialisation, with a major/minor combination, double degree or integrated honours. RMIT courses have a strong hands-on component with plenty of practical experience, labs, pilot plant and field trips. All students complete an independent project in their final year and they all complete a work placement or a project-based team working component. There are overseas experiences, semester exchanges and International Student volunteer opportunities.

NOTE: RMIT is holding ‘Big Picture Experience’ information sessions about many of their courses in the Term 2 holiday break. See later editions for details, or www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

2 x school-based traineeships in Business Administration - Newtown & Hamlyn Heights.
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To find out more contact Amanda Vernoon,
Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support
on 5278 8122 or averoon@bethany.org.au

LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE

HUGE UNIFORM SAVINGS
15% OFF SUMMER & WINTER SALE

Uniform Sale Items

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15% Off normal retail prices for all Lara Secondary College uniform items!

Discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers.

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LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE STUDENTS

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All of the above memberships come with full access to all classes, personalized health assessments and programs which are both re-evaluated every 6 weeks. Please note 12 Month Memberships come with the option of being placed on hold (eg: School, work, holiday etc.) hold time will be added to existing expiry date. Our Direct Debit Membership requires no sign up fees, cancellation fees and there are no lock in contracts.

For further information please don’t hesitate to contact us on 0449 587 697 or 5282 6873.

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