MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our very special 10 Year Celebration is coming up next Friday March 15th. The organizing committee have done a brilliant job ensuring that there is a celebration during the day for current students; including a lunchtime festival and entertainment throughout the final session of the day. In the evening we will celebrate with past staff, students, school counselors and local community members. Our inaugural Principal, Greg Sperling will be in attendance to celebrate the schools achievements and we will certainly be celebrating his contribution in the early years of our development.

Keep March 15th free and join the celebrations. Tickets are still available at the office.

We continue the celebrations in 2013 with the school captains being announced. In addition year level captains and House captains were presented with their leadership badges at assembly last week. It was wonderful to have so many parents join us to celebrate. Congratulations to:

School Captains: Lauren Lewis, Christopher Linaker, Sarah Sobey, Mary Ann Reyes and James Lynch
Year 11: Isaiah Graham and Hannah Teesdale
Year 10: Brone Simkus and Kate Willmott
Year 9: James Sheriff and Kiandra Case
Year 8: Ninka Yu and Jakie van den Bosch

House Captain Badges
Orange: Tori Tonkin
Red: Amy Trotter and Joel Russell
Blue: Cassie Papa
Green: Alvin Joston
Yellow: Ben Housten and Megan Hindle

Last week we were visited by five Principals from the Hobson’s Bay network that have joined with our school to create a network of schools who will work together as we continue to develop our PLC (Professional Learning Community). Our PLC is an extension of the work we have been developing over the past four years and this year we have an even stronger and more explicit focus of teacher teams working together to develop a consistent process to ensure that all students are learning to the best of their ability. I was introduced to the PLC model at the conference I attended in Seattle in 2012 and now all leadership team members have attended workshops to familiarize them with the model and its operation. The structure and the work associated with the PLC “model” is a major focus of our school’s work in 2013 and supports ongoing teacher learning in collaborative teams. Our visitors toured the school and visited classrooms. They were delighted with what they saw and spoke very highly of student engagement in every classroom visited, the visually stimulating learning environment and the calm and order across the school. A further impressive comment was in relation to how respectful and happy the students were at Lara Secondary.

Please note that you will not receive written interim reports at the end of the term as per the Australian Education Union bans. In week one of term two you will have the opportunity to meet with each of your child’s teachers to discuss progress including attitude, effort, completion of required work and assessment task results. Considering the bans are restricting to some degree information provided out of school hours I urge all parents to come to the school to meet with teachers. Information regarding the booking process will be provided later in the term.

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College Calendar

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Swimming Sports

On Friday February 22nd the staff and students walked to the Lara pool to take part in the annual house swimming sports. The carnival started with our enthusiastic new year 7’s competing in the freestyle and progressed smoothly all day until the relays which always prove to be a great finale to the day. It was good to see parents there cheering on their youngsters. The victors on the day were Red House (the 7th time in 11 carnivals) by a considerable margin. As a result 30 students qualified to represent the school at the inter-school swimming carnival on Friday March 1st.

Thank-you to all the competitors and staff who made the day a great success. More on those who have qualified to represent the school at the next level in our following newsletter.
Rob Galtry Sports Co-ordinator
Assistant Principal’s report 8th March.

We have all been getting a bit misty eyed and nostalgic in the lead up to our 10th Anniversary. I have been going through our old copies of the College Times and as always happens some things remain the same! This was the front page of the third edition…

No logo, no photographs, but still lots of information about uniform. Sports shorts were a problem then too.

The first day the students came it was 38 degrees with horrible north winds which whipped up the dust of the construction site. Inaugural Principal, Greg Sperling proudly noted that we had 100% attendance on our first day and the assembly (held in what is now the 100 staffroom) finished with three cheers for the new school.

Students could order their lunch through the primary school canteen and by the fourth edition, we had just experienced our first Avalon Air Show (someone had forgotten to mention that a school now used ‘our’ oval) and the walls for the gym had just gone up.

By the fifth edition we really had the curriculum up and running with students working on the immersion phase of the “My Community” project and you can see from Tracy Van Gemert’s article later in this newsletter that we have kept all the good ideas from way back in 2003 and kept on improving on them.

Quite a bit of the first few editions of the College Times were taken up with information about buses and our expectations of student behaviour while travelling to and from school. This is something else that has not changed. This is just a reminder that students are expected to behave in a way that reflects the school’s values while travelling on buses whether they be school provided buses or public buses. Legislation specifically states that schools have the right to enforce student management consequences for poor behaviour in these cases. This can range from detentions through to banning students from the use of the bus.

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Great Start for the Year 7’s

It has been a great start for the new students in Year 7 at Lara Secondary College this year. After completing the Starting Out Right Program the students celebrated with a fun day playing Minute to Win It games, a walk at the You Yangs and some team building activities to finish off.

Everyone is now well into our Term 1 curriculum based around the theme My Community and answering the essential question “Where do I Belong?” The addition of a basketball ring and some new sports equipment in the Year 7 area has meant that there are plenty of activities to keep students busy at recess and lunch times. The VCAL PDS students have also been providing extra activities such as dodge ball and scrapbooking as part of their peer mentoring commitments.

Next term the theme is Extreme Environments. To support this we will be visiting the Melbourne Aquarium. We will also have our camp towards the end of May, which is going to be held at Camp Cooriemungle near Port Campbell. So a busy term ahead!

Tracy Van Gemert

Congratulations to Brett McKnight!!!

The Gordon awards for excellence Winner of Most Outstanding VET in schools Student.

What’s happening in Science

Year 12 Chemistry - investigating components of a fertilizer using volumetric analysis

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Careerspace

Will help you keep in touch with new courses, career seminars, Career Expos, Open Days and information about selected careers. Take a few minutes to read it and plan to attend events that will assist you in your career decision making.

HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER?

You need to think about your interests, hobbies, abilities and values. What do you enjoy doing? How do you spend your spare time? What are you good at? What subjects do you enjoy at school? What is important to you? Thinking about and answering these questions will start giving you some clues. REMEMBER: You are likely to have several careers in your lifetime…so only think in terms of the next five years or so at this stage.

Think also about the type of study you would like to be involved in after completing school. For example, would you like to earn money while you qualify? Are you good with practical things? In that case, consider an apprenticeship or traineeship (e.g. to become a carpenter or hairdresser). Would you like to study a subject(s) in depth and at a high level for 3 or 4 years? In that case, consider a university degree (e.g. to become an accountant or a nurse). Would you like to study for a year or so? In that case consider a TAFE certificate or diploma (e.g. in childcare or hospitality). Remember, this is only a start. You can often move (articulate) from TAFE to university, gaining credits as you go. Conversely, some people with a university degree later study at TAFE (NOTE: government won’t fund qualifications at the same or lower level than you already have. For example, if you have a university degree, the government will not assist with the cost of a TAFE diploma).

HOW DO I OBTAIN CAREERS INFORMATION?

There are many useful sources:

- General careers websites (see below)
- University and TAFE websites
- University seminars (- details later in the year)
- School career counsellor
- Pamphlets and booklets available at school and institutions
- Careerspace and attending relevant events
- University and TAFE Open Days (generally in August – dates to be supplied soon)
- Career Expos – eg ‘The Age’ on 3-5 May; local career expos eg Deakin Waterfront in June

Friends and relatives are often a useful source

SOME GREAT CAREERS WEBSITES TO EXPLORE –

- developing your own career plan go to www.myfuture.gov.au
- to find out about job opportunities, pay, job outlook for a particular -job/career go to http://jobsearch.gov.au
- find out about a particular job, what it involves, the kind of person you need to be to suit it, and how you can get qualified by going to www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au.
- ‘Career Architect’ on the La Trobe university website considers your personality style along with your strengths and talents to recommend that right jobs and courses for you at: www.latrobe.edu.au/all-ways/find-your-career
- For comparing degrees and universities see www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com, a website with info direct from university students about universities throughout Australia.

FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES

All universities run short courses which can be useful in improving your skills, helping with career decisions and preparing you for future folio presentations. They cover areas like: architectural drawing, 3D product design, autoCAD, drawing, fashion, studio textiles, design jobs, visual/fine art, desktop publishing, interior decoration, graphic design, advertising, visual merchandising. Google the uni websites. Some courses run on Saturdays, others in holidays.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS -

Melbourne has its annual Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day at the Werribee campus on Sunday 17 March. If you would like to find out more about studying veterinary science, then attendance is a must (details later). NOTE: Melbourne Uni is the only university in Victoria with a veterinary science degree (it’s post-graduate). Competition for places is fierce.

First preference applications for the University’s Arts and Science degrees were the most popular courses in Victoria in the 2012 course applications. The courses received 2829 and 2365 first preferences respectively. Commerce was fourth with 1421 first preferences. The clearly-in ATAR for Arts was 91.4, for Science, 91.95, and for Commerce, 95.00. HOWEVER

Clearly-In figures do not take account of the fact that some students are offered places in courses with less than that for reasons such as disability, non-English speaking background, personal circumstances and so on, or because they performed particularly well in a relevant subject. It means that anyone who gained the clearly-in ATAR, and met the prerequisite, was definitely offered a place.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –

MUSIC SCHOOL - Monash will soon have a new state-of-the-art building to house the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music.

In addition to teaching and practise spaces, it will include a concert hall, jazz club and a recording studio. The building will offer world-class facilities. Other news is the addition of a subject: “Song writing: how to write a pop tune”, including weekly lectures focusing on popular composition and creative writing. For information and to see a virtual image of the new building: http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/music

DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH NUMBERS?

Like numbers, and want to work in a fast-paced and well-paid business environment? Then what about Actuarial studies? The profession of actuary landed second on the ‘10 Best Jobs of 2012’ study ranking by the Wall Street Journal’s job site CareerCast.com. The course gives grounding in the traditional actuarial skill set of mathematics, statistics, demography, finance and economics, taught in the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Economics. See www.buseco.monash.edu.au/ebs/student/undergrad/actuarial. NOTE: The University of Melbourne also offers actuarial studies in its Bachelor of Commerce. You are advised to take specialist maths in Year 12.

NURSING OFFERED AT CLAYTON IN 2013 –Nursing will be taught at the Clayton campus this year in addition to the Peninsula campus. Pre-requisites are: 3/4 English (any) and maths (Units 1 & 2 general or methods, or 3/4 maths (any)).

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WANT TO STUDY MEDICINE OR PHYSIOTHERAPY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY IN 2013?

If so, you will need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). Applications to complete the test open in April, and close at 5pm on 7 June. The test is on 31 July. (The UMAT is required for some interstate universities as well). NOTE: the other three medical degrees at Victorian universities are all post-graduate (Melbourne, Monash (Gippsland) and Deakin (Geelong)).

INTERESTED IN SOUND, LIGHTING AND VIDEO OPERATION FOR LIVE EVENTS?

Then the Cert IV/Diploma in Audio-visual Technology may suit you. Graduates are highly sought after for work in: AV operation for live events, broadcast TV and radio, education AV support, lighting operation, permanent AV design and installation and vision operation. Technically minded? Love jumping into active productions or school events? You will probably enjoy this course. Selection is based on interview. Completing VET Music Industry or Live production, theatre and events is good background. Info: go to TAFE websites

CONSIDERED COMPLETING A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP?

Pre apprenticeships are offered in areas like plumbing, electrical, carpentry and automotive. Completed before attempting to gain an apprenticeship, they cover some modules normally covered in the apprenticeship. They usually take about four or five months and assist students gaining an apprenticeship. Many employers of apprentices expect applicants to have completed one. They can be done at TAFE, or are sometimes offered (at least in part) through VET courses in schools (eg VET Building and Construction).

Apprenticeship Opportunities


“Parts Interpreter – MEGT - 2 x apprenticeships” - Please contact Ray 0425 726 475 for interview

1 in Geelong must have manual licence and be interested in the Auto Industry

The other is in Altona - licence not essential but must be able to get there - easy location

Gapmedics – What is it really like being a doctor? Before any student starts applying for the many years of study required to qualify as a doctor, it can be helpful for them to get some firsthand experience of what being a doctor actually entails.

Through Gapmedics would-be medical students travel to Tanzania, the Czech Republic or Thailand to shadow experienced doctors and healthcare professionals. Visit www.gapmedics.co.uk for info re placements. Email: info@gapmedics.com

Geelong Regional Library

Not a member? Then become one. Even if you aren’t one for actually visiting your local library and borrowing, members with a pin number have access to a vast range of Online resources such as e-Audiobooks, e-Books, Encyclopaedia Britannica Online, The Berg Fashion Library, Digital copies of magazines, Newspaper data bases, Science Online …….

For members who usually just borrow in person and don’t have a pin, request one when next at your branch so that you can access all of the online resources.

Ikeally all students at Lara Secondary College should be members. Librarians from our local Geelong Regional Library branches will be visiting classes to demonstrate the advantages of being a member. Parent/guardian will need to complete student Membership Applications.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books (recently published and requested titles)

Here are some of the many new books that have recently arrived which are available for borrowing:

Life in outer space by Melissa Keil

“A romantic comedy about a movie geek and the dream girl he refuses to fall in love with. Sam Kinnison is a geek, and he’s totally fine with that. He has his horror movies, his nerdy friends, World of Warcraft, and until Princess Leia turns up in his bedroom, worry about girls he won’t. Then Camilla Carter arrives on the scene. She’s beautiful, friendly and completely irrelevant to his plan. Sam is determined to ignore her, except that Camilla has a plan of her own, and he seems to be a part of it! Sam believes that everything he needs to know he can learn from the movies. But perhaps he’s been watching the wrong ones.”

OVERDUE BOOKS RETURNED

I’d like to say a big thank you to the parents and carers who helped with the return of student overdue books from last year. We have found quite a few books in the return slot that we thought we’d never see again. Also, really appreciate the email replies advising that books were lost and the offer of a payment towards replacing.

STUDENT ID CARDS

All students who were here on photo day should have received their new ID cards. Students need to bring their ID card to school every day. They need their ID to borrow and in the library at lunchtime. Keep old cards as a spare. Replacement cards cost $5. Students away on photo day or recently enrolled, need to come to the library at recess or lunch time to have their photo taken. We hope to do this by Friday the 15th March and new cards will then be ordered which should arrive before the end of term.

e-Book borrowing is coming to Lara Secondary College

Watch this space for more information in the next College Times issue.

Ms Sartori & Ms McCrea

School Library
DANCE CLASSES IN LARA

Monday nights will never be the same!
Karen Feldman’s Dance Studio has fun, modern, energetic dance classes for all ages on Monday nights at the Bisinella Community Centre - Grand Lakes Estate, 73 Buckingham St, Lara. Timetable as follows:

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Cost: $9 per class (pay per week)
Or enrolments contact Karen: (03) 5276 1357 / 0432 493 527
Email: feldmans@ncable.net.au
Website: www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com

Breakfast Club

Welcome to all
Every Monday & ? 8.00—8.45am
Available: Toast and spreads, assorted cereals.
(Hot meals available occasionally).
Sponsored by the Gateway Church Lara.
Pastor Ellie Griffin - Lara SC Chaplain