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A Lara Secondary College Production

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 & FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6
7 PM
The Drama Theatre GPAC
Tickets $25.00
FROM LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE
PH: 5282 8988
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have been very impressed with feedback from returning teachers and a number of casual replacement teachers who have made extremely positive comments regarding the high level of respect shown by students across the school and the dramatic improvement in attitude and commitment to work. I am extremely pleased with this anecdotal evidence suggests that the structured processes that we have put into place across the school and the vigilance in staff following processes and policies have impacted so significantly on our workplace.

This term is a very important one for the senior years student in particular. Students are currently involved in selecting courses for next year or considering very closely what will be the preferred choice of tertiary institution or work, beyond secondary school. This is a vitally important time for our Year 12 students who need to ensure that they are working to the best of their ability in the coming weeks. It is imperative that we offer our full support with the school and home working closely together to support the achievement of individual best. If you were unable to attend recent parent teacher interviews please don't hesitate in contacting Lana Ryder, our Year 12 program leader and Senior Years leader, to organize meetings with relevant teachers.

Last week we celebrated Literacy and Numeracy week in great style. Thank you to our Leading Teacher in Literacy, Monica Sherry and in Numeracy, Kate Ivermee for their work in ensuring that our recess and lunch breaks were filled with a fun focus on literacy and numeracy. More details on events can be seen throughout this edition of the College Times.

This week we welcomed our sister school from the island of Kyushu in Japan, Kumamoto Diachi. It is always a very valuable experience for our students along with our sister school students who all have the opportunity first hand experience in sharing lifestyle, customs and culture. Thank you to Jarrod Maine and Tom Collier for their organization of the visit.

Thank you to all families who have returned the Parent Opinion Survey which went out to a random sample of families last week. In the coming weeks a school based survey, constructed by both Parents and Friends and the College Leadership team, will be emailed to all families. Both survey’s are of enormous importance to us as families can make direct comment in a wide range of topics within our school. The information is taken very seriously, as is the student attitude to school survey, and we work very hard to address any concerns as well as build on the strengths that you identify in your response.

Lyn Boyle - Principal
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SCHOOL LEVY PAYMENT PLANS

Families are welcome to enter a payment plan for the current years unpaid Curriculum Levies, by entering an agreement and by making small regular payments. This is also available for the 2014 Levies, if you would like to plan ahead. Please contact Karen Wilson in the college administration office by Ph. 5282 8988, by email, <wilson.karen.l@edumail.vic.gov.au> or in person.

Navy blue scarves are available to purchase from the office for only $3.00!

Students may purchase these during recess or lunchtime.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

Lyn has mentioned what a busy time this term is as we swing into gear for course counselling for our senior students. It is an equally busy time for our middle years students as they prepare for student-led conferences. This is the third year we will be holding these conferences instead of the more traditional parent–teacher interviews and believe that each year we are refining the process.

This year we will be holding the student-led conferences in week 9 of the term. Doing this will mean that there will be catch up time for students in the final week of term if needed, students will have a chance to reflect on the process and we will have vital information regarding planning for next year. As in past years, Year 9s will combine student-led conferences with course counselling for Year 10. Consequently their appointment times will be for 30 minutes. They will make their appointment times as part of the Year 9 into Year 10 Course Counselling evening on Thursday 15 August. No classes will be held for Year 9 students on Wednesday 11th of September through to Friday 13th of September to allow for these intensive student, parent, teacher consultations. It is such an important time for our Year 9s as they prepare to move into the senior years of schooling.

Year 7 and 8 students will be have their student-led conferences on the Thursday and Friday. More specific details about the timing of these will be emailed/posted to parents and we are hoping the on-line booking system for parents will make organising this process very efficient. Your feedback after the student-led conferences will always be welcome.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
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SRC NEWS

This year the SRC has proposed for some changes in the uniform policy. They worked very hard trying to create a fair and accurate policy that would work and be successful. The new rule for the uniform is

1) Neutral nail polish.
The rules on wearing nail polish would include:
- Neutral, pale, discrete colours.
- Pale pinks
Any nail polish that is not these colours or is left in a messy state will be asked to remove it by their teacher at the office.

2) Jewellery
We think that wearing 2 pieces of jewellery is a reasonable decision addition to earrings. We also are aware that jewellery being worn in SEPEP classes is not permitted and this rule will still apply. Many other schools have the rule that allows students to wear a small amount of jewellery and have no problems. This doesn’t include facial piercing; they still need to be clear.

This will only be a trial for term 3 and if these rules are not followed the uniform policy will go back to its current state. This new policy was taken to the School council by one of the SRC members, Kate W who spoke on behave of the SRC and explained the proposal. After a few discussions and some thinking it was agreed to be a trial.

This was a very successful project and the uniform team are excited to see if this trial works.

60 seconds of science film competition!

Prepare and submit to your science teacher a 60 second science film for your chance to win the Lara Secondary National Science Week Competition.

Your film can be based on any science topic, pick your favourite.
Group and individual prizes will be awarded.

Films need to be completed and submitted by Thursday 15th August.

Please see your science teacher for more information - or ideas!!!

BADMINTON CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the LSC Senior Badminton Team for their outstanding participation in the GSSSA this month. Our very own Trent Edwards takes much pride in presenting his team with their participation certificates—Living our values.
Last week students and staff at Lara SC celebrated Literacy and Numeracy Week, a national initiative, in a variety of fun and memorable ways. Throughout the week students in years 7-9 participated in a variety of literacy and numeracy activities. Lucy Bond and her Peer Mentoring Connections class visited Lara Primary School to participate in a variety of literacy activities with the primary students which was enjoyed by all involved and strengthened the relationship between the two schools.

Lara Secondary College’s Annual Literacy and Numeracy Week Writing Competition was open to all students and attracted numerous eloquent and entertaining entries. Stay tuned to read the winning pieces in the Lara Secondary College Magazine at the end of the year. Winners will also be announced at a school assembly.

On Tuesday Jordan Smith ran our very popular ‘Pi for a Pie’ competition which saw students reciting pi to as many decimal places as possible. Students received a piping hot party pie for every ten places they could recite. Congratulations to Emily P from Year 7, David G from Year 8, Harrison B from Year 10 on winning for their year levels and also to our overall winner, Jordan R of Year 11 who was able to successfully recite pi to 102 places!

In session four on Friday a hush fell upon the whole school as staff and students in every classroom set aside their regular activities and instead enjoyed half an hour of Universal Sustained Silent Reading. Regular reading helps us improve our ability to learn, communicate and think, and this was a very popular whole school activity. On Thursday staff enjoyed a celebratory morning tea in the main staffroom, where teachers ate cupcakes decorated with a Literacy and Numeracy theme and participated in a very entertaining word game organised by Lana Ryder. Thank you to all the staff involved in the organisation of the week’s events, and to all students and staff who took part.
Tickets are available from Lara SC Office during the following times:

**Students** can purchase Mon-Fri during Recess, Lunch and after school.

**Parents and community** members can purchase tickets Monday to Friday during business hours 8.30am – 4.30pm.

Tickets cost $25.00 and the performance dates are

- Tuesday 3rd September @ 7pm at GPAC
- Friday 6th September @ 7pm at GPAC
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Parent Information Evenings Monash and Deakin Universities:
Is your child planning to go to University? Do you need more information about University?
Monash and Deakin are both running Parental Information evenings in Geelong.

Monash University:
Venue: The Geelong College, Talbot St, Newtown
Date: Wednesday 21 August 2013
Time: 6.30pm
Register your interest at: http://www.monash.edu.au/study/options/parents/

Deakin University:
Venue: Deakin Geelong Waterfront Campus
Date: Wednesday 11 September 2013
Time: 6pm-8pm
Register your interest at: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/why-choose-deakin/parent-information

OPEN DAYS 2013 – available on the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au, go to Dates and Fees, then to View all Open Day 2013 dates.
These are a great opportunity for you to check out facilities, courses, locations, attend presentations about courses and careers, and to talk to staff and students. Year 10 and Yr 11 is a good time to start attending these. (generally 10am to 4pm – check websites)

Sun 11 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne)
Deakin (Geelong); Gordon (Geelong); RMIT (University and TAFE)

Sun 18 Aug – La Trobe University (Bendigo); Melbourne Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA)

Sun 25 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat University; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora); Victoria University and TAFE; William Angliss

Sun 1 Sept – La Trobe University (Albury/Wodonga)
Note: Holmesglen has an Open Day every third Wednesday of the month; www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS

Don't wander aimlessly….try the following:
Obtain an Open Day Guide and plan beforehand (eg from websites like www.deakin.edu.au/openday, or www.openday.unimelb.edu.au) - some hard copies of thea Guides are in the careers room
Plan to be at Open Day when relevant information sessions are conducted
Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
Speak to staff about courses that interest you - note your questions beforehand
Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you
Collect information/brochures
Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment

Ask about international study opportunities – a very popular option
Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won't obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus.
ATAR's are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Planning to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/ audition? As part of the selection process you may be asked what you learnt/found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance is A MUST!

For info on courses and prerequisite subjects access the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au


EXPLORING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS A CAREER –
Interested in a career as an O.T.? If so, go to an information and demonstration evening and hear from Occupational Therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health and neurology. When: 5.30-8pm, Thurs 12 Sept; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studeley Rd, Heidelberg; Register: email Monica.williams@austin.org.au – all guests must be registered and places are limited to a maximum of 2 attendees per reservation – you will receive a confirming email.

HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO – a large and comprehensive expo encompassing career opportunities from employment and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors. There will be a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, a large university and training representation, and a ‘hands on’ Skills Industry Hub. When: Fri 16 – Sun 18 August; Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank; Info: www.careerexpo.com.au. An opportunity to collect information, talk to people and find out more about careers in one location.

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DESIGN COURSES AT SWINBURNE IN 2014 – Swinburne will be making some changes and additions to a range of Bachelor of Design courses in 2014. The Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) will become a four-year program. The Bachelor of Design (Interior Design) will be replaced with a four-year Bachelor of Design (Interior Architecture). A new course, the Bachelor of Film and Television (Animation) will commence in 2014.

SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE – Swinburne will be offering new majors in the Bachelor of Science in 2014; Applied mathematics, Biomedical physiology, Biomolecular science, Chemistry, Computer science and mathematics, Environmental science, Physics, Psychology, Psychology and Psychophysiology.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ARTS DEGREES – ACU is committed to developing graduates with strong communication and analytical skills, flexible and innovative thinking, who will seek exciting career options in the global workforce. Arts Advantage is a new subject which will stimulate students to think from the very beginning of the degree about work readiness and the attributes sought by employers. The compulsory unit will focus on work readiness, and building relevant skills and knowledge in essential areas. It will be undertaken in the B. Arts, B. Creative Arts and the B. Arts/B. Global Studies from Semester 1, 2014.

PARENTS AND DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Would you like to be better informed about further study options for your child, how to prepare for this important transition, and key dates and processes? You will be able to meet staff and students, find out about the range of courses, the costs associated with further study, the VTAC application process and more about campus life. When/Where: 6-8pm, Wed 24 July, Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway; 6-8pm, Wed 11 Sept, Geelong Waterfront Campus, 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong; Register: www.deakin.edu.au/parents. Refreshments will be served, and you can enter a draw to win a $1,000 travel voucher.

STUDENT AND PARENT EVENING AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY – The transition from school to further education can be daunting for parents and students. Find out about courses, facilities, the VTAC system, how parents can assist with transition, and talk to VU representatives. When: 7-9pm, Tues 13 Aug; Where: Footscray Park Campus; Register: www.vu.edu.au/vce-information-evening.

WHY STUDY SPORT AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY? If you are passionate about staying fit and healthy, and want to help others do the same, you can join a motivated group of like-minded people in VU’s College of Sport and Exercise Science. Be spurred on by internationally recognised teaching staff who are highly sought after in the sports and exercise science industries, as coaches, advisers and more. You’ll also benefit from the close links with sporting institutions such as the Victorian and Australian Institutes of Sport, Western Bulldogs, AFL and Netball Australia. With a range of courses spanning TAFE, bachelor and postgraduate qualifications, you will find an entry point that suits your level of education.

MONASH UNIVERSITY’S NEW BACHELOR OF COUNSELLING
Monash at Berwick is offering a new degree in counselling in 2014. Recognised by the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), the degree will provide students with a solid background in psychology, as well as in-field placement opportunities and will focus on delivering counselling to diverse communities. At completion of the degree, graduates will be job-ready as this course does not require further postgraduate qualifications to find accredited employment (unlike a psychologist).

Tax File Number application forms available from careers

Gforce Job Vacancies
Upholstery (Furniture) Apprenticeship
Full time four year apprenticeship in Certificate III Upholstery while learning on the job skills
This apprenticeship will have you working with a Geelong family owned and operated business
Typical tasks: upholstering new & old furniture, frame making, deliveries, fabric & leather cutting, reading & interpreting drawings
Business Administration Traineeships (x2)
Two full time traineeships in Certificate III Business while learning on the job administrative skills
Position One: working with a successful Real Estate firm, located in Bannockburn
Position Two: working with an Insurance Group, located in Geelong.
For a thorough description on what each of these vacancies entail and any pre-requisites please visit our website
Painting & Decorating Apprenticeship
Full time apprenticeship with a major Health Service in Geelong.
Full time four year apprenticeship for a hard working individual who is passionate about a career in Painting & Decorating.
Duties include: carrying out measurements & calculations, prepare surfaces for painting, apply paint and stains using a variety of methods.
Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanics.
Details on this as well as these other vacancies can be found on www.gforce.org.au
Little River Cricket Club

Little River Cricket Club are holding a registration night for all players on Friday 23rd of August from 7pm at the Little River Cricket Club. All ages are encouraged to come along as we aim to hold Milo cricket, U/11’s, U/13’s, U/15’s, U/17’s and senior cricket. Little River cricket club is a great club to be a part of. Boys, girls, past and new players are welcome.

For further details please contact Deana Green on 0427928042.

(LARA LITTLE ATHLETICS

SEASON 2013/14

REGISTRATION DAY

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, 5.30 – 6.30PM

‘LIONS DEN’, LARA COMMUNITY CENTRE, WAVERLEY RD.

New members must provide proof of age (birth certificate).
For ages 5 (Under 6) to 15 (Under 16).

Saturday 7th Sept. 10am – 12 noon, “Come and Try” Day.
Goldsworthy Road, Corio.

Go in the draw to win back the registration fee, two up for grabs for those who register and pay on the registration evening.
Season commencing Saturday October 5th

Contact: Danielle Connor 0437826123

Little River Cricket Club

Library News

USSR IN THE LIBRARY
As part of Lara Secondary College’s celebration of Literacy and Numeracy Week, on Friday the 2nd of August, Ms Sherry our Literacy Leader, organized for the whole school to participate in some Universal Sustained Silent Reading in the afternoon. Mr Hassett booked his Year 10 RSW class into the Library and it was a very relaxing session!

Our Geelong Library Competition winners for the first week
Angela T. from 10WWW remember to come and collect your prize!

Damon M. 8G
Angela J. & Marjorie P. 10WWW

Attention students who are Geelong Library Members
Would you like the chance to win a prize?
Simply enter your name in the competition box in the library. Every Friday this term, names will be drawn out and winners can choose a prize.

Attention students not Geelong Library Members
Do consider signing up. It’s easy. Pick up a form from our library. As a member you will be eligible to borrow a wealth of resources from Geelong Regional Library including e-resources which you can download on your device at any time. New members can also enter our prize draw.

“Zombie Invasion”
I can’t believe how many zombie books have just arrived for processing. I didn’t realize there were so many requests for zombie books.

Ms Sartori - Library