Indonesia Study Tour
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This will be the last newsletter for our Year 12’s as they leave to prepare for their final exams or VCAL outcomes, and as they take their first step to an independent life through further study or tertiary education employment. I look forward to the elaborate activities planned to celebrate the completion of six years of secondary school and thank Lana Ryder and the Year 12 team for their hard work and passion in ensuring that this is a very exciting farewell for our final year students.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our school captains, Maryanne, Chris, Lauren, Sarah and James who have been extremely conscientious in undertaking their leadership roles in 2013. They have each taken on the challenge of leadership with enthusiasm and their work in leading and working with other students in the Student Representative Council has led to many significant achievements throughout the year. The development of our community memorial garden is just one of these and we look forward to inviting our 2013 student leaders back for the official opening in term one 2014.

This is an important time for all students who must ensure that they are working to the very best of their ability and maintaining a high level of attendance which will ensure that they are successful in moving to the next year level in 2014. Students in Years 9, 10 and Year 11 must retain focus on their class work and studies as their exam period approaches and after that the vitally important commencement programs to ensure that our students have the best possible start to their year 10, 11 or 12 program. These compulsory programs enable students to start the next year level in the last weeks of school in preparation for the best outcomes in the new year. This year we have expanded this successful program to will include students in both VCE and VCAL.

Families of students in Years 7 & 9 will soon receive NAPLAN results for your child. It is important to remember that this is one test only and does not necessarily reflect your child’s ability. One test can never be a true indicator of anyone’s ability and we always use several measures to assess where students are in terms of their learning in literacy and numeracy. These can include teacher judgement through AusVELS assessments as you find on reports, portfolios of student work to judge student improvement along with an online monitoring assessment process “on demand” testing. Our newly adopted Professional Learning Community model across the school ensures increased individual monitoring of student learning and appropriate responses through differentiation of the work to support and or extend students, and where necessary intervention programs to ensure that ALL students are learning.

This week we have celebrated HAPE week (HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION week) with a huge range of activities for students and staff every day of the week. Well done to Neesha Little and the HAPE team for their initiative in organising the program to engage our students in the all important physical education and health focus.

Our REST IS BEST day coincides with HAPE week and was celebrated on Thursday with a free breakfast available for all students and a very exciting parade of staff and students in their pyjamas! Natali Alic and the Arts/Tech team use this promotion to raise funds for the UNDER CONSTRUCTION evening coming up on the evening of Thursday November 7th. This annual event is a brilliant celebration of student work in arts and technology across the school.

Finally I would like to congratulate:

* Hannah T in Year 11 who has been invited to join the State Constitutional Convention after exemplary involvement in previous state and national conventions.

* The Year 11 VCE drama students who were invited by GPAC and GASP to perform their “same love” piece to local schools in Geelong for RU OK day. We are excited about an upcoming opportunity where this talented group of students have been invited to tour this performance to schools in the Geelong Region.

Lyn Boyle - Principal
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Year 11 English Students

Please note that on Thursday 24th of October all Year 11 VCE English students will be completing their Persuasive Oral Presentation on an Issue SAC.

Students will not be required at school on this day except to make their presentation at their appointed time.

Year 12 and VCAL classes will run as normal.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

Emergency Management.

Obviously I think schools are pretty special places to work but they are also unique work places because there is the staff (all very well trained professional) and then there is the student body (a large number in comparison with the staff numbers and of course, younger and less experienced). This poses particular issues in terms of emergency management. I went to an annual briefing last week concerning emergency management and it was highlighted how important it is to involve the whole school community to raise awareness of the particular issues faced by schools.

Each year we need to prepare and update an Emergency Management folder which identifies the risks that the college could face, the assessment of those risks, how the staff are organised into Incident Management Teams if an emergency is faced, maps and evacuations diagrams, procedures for a range of responses which include evacuation, lock downs (students are kept in their classrooms) and lock-outs (isolating an area of the school if there is for example a gas leak) and responses for students with special requirements. As you can imagine this is a sizeable document! At the moment we are in the process of updating our folder in preparation for 2014.

Risks that schools need to plan for do not just include the obvious ones of grass and bush fires, floods and high winds but also include plans to cope with pandemics (such as the response to swine influenza) and intruders – people coming into the school without permission during the school day. Which do you think is our most likely risk? Surprisingly, it is not bush or grass fires but intruders. We plan accordingly.

Newstart and the Kokoda Trail

We were very proud that one of our Year 11 students, Lachie who had the opportunity, through the Newstart Geelong program to walk the Kokoda Trail during the Term 3 holidays. In earlier years of Secondary School Lachie had struggled with attendance and feeling connected to school. The Newstart Geelong Program (where Lachie spent a term with 8 students from 8 other schools in the region) really helped Lachie develop strategies which enabled him to work on these problems. Most importantly, Newstart kept in contact with Lachie when he returned to school and gave him this fantastic opportunity. Lachie has promised to share some great photographs with us. A Channel 9 crew went with the group and we also have some wonderful clips which hopefully we will be able to share via our website.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
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BOOKLISTS 2014

Booklists will be available shortly for all year levels.

OfficeMax is the provider for 2014. Ordering from the Booklist processes have changed from previous years in an endeavour to benefit families and Lara Secondary College by reducing costs.

All OfficeMax orders:

- Need to be placed on-line.
- Will be home delivered, or to a place of your convenience eg: your work place, grandparents, etc.
- Will be processed and delivered as they are received by Officemax, which means if you order soon you will have your order prior to the end of the year.
- Are being delivered to families, so there will not be a booklist pick up day prior to the commencement of 2014 at the college.

Families still have the option of buying their stationary at other retailers if they prefer.

A second hand book sale will take place later this term. More information will be distributed later this term in our College Times and Family Informer. Levies can be paid during the 2014 school year at the Lara Secondary College Office, if you do not wish to pay them when placing your OfficeMax order.

If you would like to place an order with OfficeMax, but do not have the internet, or credit card/debit card facilities please contact the College Office for assistance.

End of year Activity selection forms are due by Friday 16th October (This Friday). Please return them to your TLC teacher by this date. (All end of year activities money should have been paid to the office. End of year activity payments will no longer be accepted at the office).

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Julie K for winning artist of the month

Parking in Scutti Court

Parents and Students who use Scutti Court during pick up and drop off times. Just a friendly reminder not to park in or block driveways. Please park appropriately.
Welcome to all
Every Monday & Thursday 8.00—8.45am
Available: Toast and spreads, assorted cereals.
(Hot meals available occasionally).
Sponsored by the Gateway Church Lara.

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HOST AN
INDONESIAN
STUDENT

A great experience for the whole family!
Lara Secondary College will be hosting a group of Indonesian students from
Wed 6 to Sat 16 November 2013

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!
Students can travel by bus to & from school
Indonesian language not necessary (students can speak English)
Provide normal Australian meals
Volunteer host families will receive a fee to assist with hosting costs

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ATTENTION ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS.

Thinking of the end of exams and what to do with your text books?
Then look no further as the Parents and Friends group will be holding a VCE 2nd Hand Book Sale on Monday December 2nd from 1pm – 4pm.

Books will be able to be dropped off for selling on Friday November 29th from 1pm-5pm.

Books will need to have a label attached with your name, contact details and price. Labels will be available from the office.

Parents and Friends Group will take a 20% commission on books sold which will go back to support programs at school.

ALL CURRENT YEAR 10 and 11 STUDENTS mark the date of the book sale, so that you can purchase your text books at great prices for 2014.

A 2nd hand uniform sale will also occur on Tuesday December 10th from 8.45 – 11am. Clothing in clean condition will be able to be dropped off on Monday December 9th, 9am-3.30pm.

Labels will again be available from the office for each item of clothing.

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF FRANKIE THE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE DVD’S ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR $25.00. THIS PERFORMANCE WAS PROFESSIONALLY FILMED BY VIDEOWORKS ON THE CLOSING PERFORMANCE NIGHT.
Lara Chamber of Commerce
On Tuesday night Lara Secondary College hosted the October Lara Chamber of Commerce dinner which was attended by approximately forty members from businesses within Lara.
This dinner was integrated into the VCAL Foods curriculum and under the supervision of teacher Kerry Mills the VCAL Foods class undertook all the organization aspects of the dinner as well as the food preparation, cooking and serving. As a member of the Chamber said to me on the night “this dinner has been at restaurant quality”. A huge compliment for all of the VCAL Foods students and Kerry.
The Chamber members were also entertained by the Drumcircle group who are students who are learning the African drums as an after school activity at school. Sarah W, Jodie J and Harold M, performed their own original composition to the enthusiastic response of every Chamber member.
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How to Succeed in English!
Do you long for better results on your English SACs or assessment tasks?
Do you need a good score in English to get into your course next year?
Are you struggling to keep up with your English homework?
Would you like some extra help with your English skills?
Do you need a supportive group of study buddies to motivate you?
Well good news! Your search is over! Come along to our weekly Senior English Study Sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Room 408 and you can discuss class work with a teacher and peers, complete homework and prepare for assessment tasks, SACs and exams. Staffed by Senior English teachers, these sessions provide you with an opportunity for extra discussion and assistance. You may attend Study Sessions every week, as needed or when recommended by your English teacher. ALSO, starting this term, every time you attend an English Study Session, your name goes into the draw for a fantastic end of term prize! So don’t wait another moment, put it your diary or phone right now! Success in English and an extra chance to win the prize every time you attend – win win!

Fabrics is looking for donations of any old patterns you may have at home that you no longer require. If you have any lying around and would like to donate them to the fabrics room can you please bring them into the office.
Also if anyone out there has experience with a felting machine and would like to give me some basic lessons on how to use it, can you either contact me at the school or give me an email.
Meaghan Clark

Gap Year - Projects Abroad - Information Evening Details - Melbourne and Online
Students interested in overseas volunteer programmes:
Date: Saturday 9th November
Time: 1.00 – 3.00 (drop in anytime for as long as you like)
Venue: Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote, 3070
Details: Projects Abroad organises volunteer and work experience programmes in 28 developing countries, in areas such as teaching, childcare, conservation, human rights, healthcare, and community work
In countries such as Kenya, Nepal, Cambodia and Peru. The evening will feature presentations from staff and past volunteers, along with lots of opportunity to chat and ask questions.
For people who can’t make this event, we are running an online information session on Tuesday 19th November, more details here http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-us/#online-information-sessions
Careerspace

New local jobsearch website!! Go to www.geelongcareers.org.au

Yr. 12s: Missed the SEAS deadline? What are your options? Don’t panic, there are other options available to you through the VTAC Personal Statement - an application found in your User Account when you login. Question 3 allows you to outline exact circumstances and how they have affected your academic performance. You can post VTAC supporting documents using the Personal Statement cover sheet.

What if I applied for SEAS online but have not been able to supply my SEAS supporting documentation before the closing date? If we receive documentation after the closing date, we will still add it to your application so that course selection officers at institutions have access to it but only in the VTAC Personal Statement section. So you should also fill in the VTAC Personal Statement section.

Students who are considering studying architecture next year are advised to visit a new online Architectural Education Portal. The site provides concise and practical information about a career in architecture and what courses are available in Australia (as well as further afield). “We are actively involved in architectural practice, and due to our keen interest in the evolution of architectural education, we felt developing a site such as this would be valuable to students (and parents of students) who are considering their future career options.” link: www.archied.com

Federation Uni - the merging of the University of Ballarat and Monash University’s Gippsland campus in 2014 means some big changes on the VTAC system. Applicants that have preferred a course that will be offered in 2014 by one of these institutes will notice some changes in their VTAC preference list. In 2014, these courses will be offered under the new name of Federation University Australia (FedUni). Noticeable VTAC changes might be as simple as a preference showing a name change for the institute offering the course. It also could mean for a short period of time the course will appear as ‘cANCELLED’ in their preferences while the name change process is implemented. This will depend on the course that an applicant has preferred and its location.

MathsLink

Swinburne is now accepting applications for MathsLink, a bridging program that can be used as a prerequisite for entry to Swinburne’s Bachelor of Engineering courses. MathsLink is a 10-week online program facilitated by an experienced mathematics teacher using interactive resources. It’s designed for well performing students who are undertaking (or have completed) VCE Further Mathematics but wish to study engineering at Swinburne and therefore require completion of VCE Mathematical Methods. MathsLink runs from 3 December 2013 to 21 February 2014, including a two-week break over Christmas/New Year. It requires approximately 10 hours of study each week and students will be expected to attend an orientation session in December and mid-term assessment in January at Swinburne’s Hawthorn campus. All other assessment is conducted online.

Participating students who are on track to successfully complete MathsLink (as determined by the results of the mid-term assessment) and who meet all other course entry requirements, will be eligible to make a direct application to a Swinburne engineering bachelor degree. Direct applications can be made from 17 January 2014 and offers will be made from 18 to 31 January 2014.

Eligibility: Current Year 12 students or those who have completed Year 12 in the last two years are eligible to apply for MathsLink. Students must have completed or be undertaking studies in VCE Further Mathematics.

Documentation must be supplied to confirm a student’s suitability for the program. For more information visit our website Students must have access to: a computer (PC or Mac) with broadband access and a microphone and speakers (a headset preferred), use of a scanner, a smart phone with a camera or a digital camera. Applications are open until Thursday 31 October 2013. Students must apply online. Questions? contact or email Rosy Borland: (03) 9214 8955 E: rborland@swin.edu.au

NECA - pre-selection assessment for students interested in an electrical career.

NECA Victoria have partnered with E-Oz Energy Skills Australia to deliver a new national Readiness Assessment in place of the NECA Pre-Selection Assessment. Click here for a copy. The assessment is highly regarded by employers as it provides one common assessment of all candidates. Applicants who successfully undertake the assessment can provide employers with evidence that they have the potential to successfully complete an electrical apprenticeship, particularly the TAFE training component. All registrations will be done online via NECA Victoria website where candidates apply to sit the assessment.

On registration you will be taken to the Energise Oz website where you will be required to create a Username and Password and you will receive a confirmation email once you are registered. A 24 hour reminder SMS will be sent prior to your attendance at the assessment. Candidates who have already sat the Readiness Assessment are not required to sit it again but you will be required to complete the NECA privacy consent form to give NECA the authority to pass your details onto prospective employers. Sign and return the privacy consent form to E-Oz via emap@e-oz.com.au . The NECA privacy consent form can be downloaded here. The assessment covers both numeracy and literacy and is ‘free of charge’. Click here to register online.

A Career in Nuclear Medicine Technology

From 2014, up to five scholarships per year will be awarded to students who enter nuclear medicine at RMIT after completing Year 12. The scholarships are each worth $10,000 over the three year program. Go to: NuclearMedicineScholarships

What is nuclear medicine?

Nuclear medicine uses radioactive materials (radiopharmaceuticals) to diagnose and treat disease. Patients are scanned by equipment such as gamma cameras and PET scanners. Common procedures include cardiac stress tests, bone scans for orthopaedic injuries, lung scans for blood clots, and PET scans for cancer. A nuclear medicine technologist cares for patients, prepares and administers the radiopharmaceuticals, performs diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, processes scan images, and has professional, ethical, administrative and teaching obligations. Working hours are usually normal office hours, with some on-call. How is it studied in Victoria?

The RMIT Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) is a three year program including clinical placements. It requires a one year internship after graduation. For more information about the course, go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp148.

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Get your tax file number application from the careers room before you leave school.

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New eBook additions to our library

All registered students can borrow. For details how to register and borrow go to: http://larasc.wheelers.co/ Ctrl+Click on the books featured below for a synopsis. Registration requests will be processed within 24 hours.

Recommended reading:

“Bob No Ordinary Cat”
by James Bowen

This story takes place in London with a man named James Bowen. He is drug addicted and he lives on what he makes from playing his guitar in some areas of greater London. One day he finds a cat who is all hurt and he goes searching for its owner and he doesn’t find it and he takes it to the vet to be micro chipped and neutered and then he takes it with him to the Covent Garden and he makes double of what he would normally make in a day and that was the start of a beautiful friendship.

Why I like this story is because of how 1 cat changed 1 man’s life and he makes everyone around him smile.

Paul J. 8B

I am pleased to say that Lara Secondary College is a participant in the GASP/ PFLAG “Book Project” and we have been given ten new novels to add to our library. These are age-appropriate book titles containing gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender diverse content. At the book launch one of the guest speakers mentioned how he could not find characters similar to himself in any of the books in his high school library. This “Book Project” is helping put books on shelves for students like him.

I've read Every Day and highly recommend it. It's a very unusual love story which keeps you guessing to the very end as to how things will turn out.

Ms Sartori - Librarian