Presented by Lara Secondary College Senior Drama Students

Directed by Michelle Fitzgerald
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After a week of final assessments and exams, teachers are busy finalizing results and writing reports as students begin their commencement week program for 2014. This is a very important time for students to show their full commitment to their chosen program and to begin the serious application to their work for the new year. Students have been reminded that for over subscribed subjects one important factor influencing their retention within the class is their commitment and application in commencement week. Students have also been reminded of the high expectations in regards to their learning and that only those students who have successfully completed all outcomes and required assessments will be eligible to move to the next year level in 2014. If your child is contacted regarding the need to submit or resubmit required work, attendance at school next week for senior students, will be compulsory.

Teachers have commented on the very positive start the new year with strong focus and application from so many of our new Years 10/11 and 12 students. The year ahead looks very promising!

I would like to congratulate all students who nominated for SRC positions and particularly our current Year 11 students who nominated for school captain positions for 2014. There was certainly a strong field and it was a rigorous process to ensure that we were fair and equitable in our decision making. Students had to write an application and make a speech to the student body where students voted and staff scored performance. After short listing at this point, students were interviewed before a collation of scores determined the outcome of our four new School Captains. Congratulations to Isaiah G, Hannah T, Rochelle A and Tim C who will represent our school as student leaders in the new year. SRC representatives will be announced at our Awards Day presentations on Tuesday December 17th

As we near the end of our school year we are still full steam ahead with so many extra curricula activities including THIS WEEK:

* White ribbon day to raise awareness of violence against woman and children.
* Brains for Life for our Year 7’s and parents which we held on Tuesday evening – to promote awareness of the importance of not allowing our children to drink before the legal age and important medical reasons why this is so vital.

And NEXT WEEK:

* Odyssey a film festival led by our very own Trent Edwards in conjunction with the City of Greater Geelong. The festival will focus on showing the very best VCE Media productions from 11 schools across Geelong at the Village cinema on December the 4th. Well done to both Hannah T and Joey K who have their films being shown on the night.
* The very famous SHORTCUTS is the following evening at GPAC a showcase of the new devised work from Centre Stage, Year 11 VCE/VCAL Drama and selected solo performances from the Year 12 VCE.

What a dynamic lead up to the end of our school year!
end of year pressures are really on as our Middle Years Team strive to complete end of year learning activities. Our Year 8s are right in the middle of preparing for their round table presentations which will be held on Friday December 6th. The concept of the roundtable presentation has been around quite a while in universities and the senior years of schooling but it has been very effective as an assessment tool in our Year 9 Connection Program. Including a roundtable assessment in the last weeks of Year 8 really drives home the message that students have nearly completed this year level and are preparing for the next stage of their schooling. Too often Year 8s feel like they are ‘treading water’ waiting until they move through to the next level. Good curriculum design ensures that they are developing the skills necessary for the later years.

Our Year 7s have been incredibly busy with their involvement in the Brains For Life projects. Lyn has written about the great benefits of this. The Year 7s will now finalise the year with a ‘Whodunit’ Integrated Studies unit which encourages them to work in teams and use deductive reasoning skills.

On Tuesday December 10th it is statewide Orientation Day. Our Year 7s will be moving into their Year 8 rooms with their Year 8 teachers and our 2014 Year 7s will be in their rooms with their 2014 teachers. Just a reminder Year 8s will not be required at school on this day.

If you need to check just what is happening at the end of the year, please check the calendar in this newsletter or revisit my article in the newsletter of November 1st which gave a ‘countdown’ to the end of the year.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
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Lions Club of Lara Community Raffle

There are Books with 5 tickets for families to sell, or $2 individual tickets are available NOW at the college office. 100% of ticket sales through the college will be reinvested in Lara Secondary College. $2 Tickets are on sales NOW.

The time line is short, so please call in and pick up a book to sell to family and friends, or buy a ticket or two as a present for a friend, or yourself.

There are TEN wonderful prizes to be won.

Books of 5 Tickets are at the College office and must be returned by December 9th, 2013.

School Levy Payment Plans

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 coming year, by making small regular payments over a period of time for the 2014 School Levies, rather than paying them in bulk next year, please contact Karen Wilson or Shirley Niblett in the college office to fill in the Payment Plan Form and commence payments.

Payments options include BPay, Cash, EFTpos, Credit Card, Cheque or Centrepay.

Ph. 5282 8988 for Karen Wilson or Shirley Niblett

Summer Reading: VCE English and Literature Texts for 2014

To ensure 2014 Year 11 and 12 English and Literature students complete their compulsory Holiday Homework in plenty of time, it is recommended that they purchase the necessary novels, plays, textbook etc. as soon as possible. Students are expected to have read these texts by the beginning of term one next year. The texts are available on the College’s online booklist and many can also be purchased from shops such as Landmark or Hedleys in Geelong or using online stores such as Book Depository (free delivery). Please contact your student’s 2014 English teacher if you have any questions. Thank you.

Monica Sherry
Literacy Leader
Congratulations to Sarah W from 9 Orange for her continuing success on the bowling greens. She has been selected to represent Victoria at the Under 18 Test Series against Tasmania in December playing Singles and Triples. Following this she is flying to Adelaide with the State Team to compete in the Under 18 Test series being played against South Australia in early January. Sarah was also recently crowned the Regional winner of the Women’s under 25 State Singles.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16.*

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

BASEBALL SECTION
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES
COME AND TRY!!

- Be introduced to a fun, dynamic team sport
- Learn the basics and play modified games each week
- Boys & girls welcome
- Location will be Lara Baseball Ground located at Lara Primary school
- Don’t have a baseball glove or bat? No problem all equipment will be supplied
- Clothing - wear something athletic and comfortable
- Not sure who you will play with? Bring a friend and double the fun

4 week program in February/March 2014
PLEASE CONTACT JARROD FRAIM ON EMAIL jarrodfraim@lcwater.com.au
or phone 0439 447 806
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Under Construction 2013
Breakfast Club
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.

2nd HAND VCE TEXT BOOK SALE

The Parents and Friends Group of the school are holding their annual
2nd Hand VCE Text Book Sale.

The Book Sale will be held on Monday December 2nd in room 311 (follow the signs) from 1pm - 4pm for those wanting TO BUY text books for 2014.

Books that you wish to sell, can be dropped off to room 311 on Friday 29th November between 1pm – 5pm or dropped to the office.

ALL BOOKS NEED TO HAVE A LABEL ATTACHED GIVING YOUR DETAILS AND THE PRICE YOU WISH TO SELL THE BOOK FOR.

After the sale, the labels will be used to work out how many of your books have sold and for you to collect the money owed to you from the office on Wednesday Dec 4th.

This is a service provided to the outgoing and incoming VCE students.

The Parents and Friends group take a 20% commission which is used to support programs at the school.

The labels are available now from the office. The same labels can also be used on any uniforms you may wish to sell.

The Uniform Sale will be held on the Year 7 (2014) orientation day, Tuesday 10th December 8.45-11am in the canteen.

Uniforms can be dropped off for sale on Monday 9th December 9am-3.30pm to the conference room. (Ask at the office for directions.

Instrumental Music
Lara Secondary College offers many opportunities for students to be a part of an exciting Instrumental Program. This program provides students with an enjoyable way of learning new skills, developing confidence and making new friends.

Instrumental lessons take place in small groups, during class time.

Instruments that are on offer include:
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Drums
- Piano/Keyboard
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Bass Guitar
- Voice

The cost of music lessons is only $50 per term.

Equivalent private lessons usually cost around $200 per term! So take up this opportunity while you can!!

Concert Band instruments can be hired from Lara Secondary School at no extra charge.

Instrumental music students throughout the school participate in a variety of ensemble rehearsals and performances. Ensemble rehearsals will take place during lunch time or after school at no extra charge and all instrumental students are expected to participate in at least one ensemble.

The Ensembles Lara Secondary College have to offer are:
- Wind Ensemble
- Rock band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Vocal Ensemble
- Drum Circle

If you are interested in enrolling in our Instrumental program, please complete the attached enrolment form and return to the LSC front office, with your $50 fee, to secure your spot for 2014.
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VTAC

How to get your results by SMS:

Registrations Open 9am, Monday, 11 November

You will need to pre-register if you would like your results to be sent to you by text message.

19 787 888 SMS cost $1.10 max (incl. GST)

To register to get your results by SMS, send a text message as follows:

- Student number – eight digits only, not the letter
- Space
- PIN (four digits)
- Send to 19 787 888

Salmat Digital – SMS cost $1.10 max (incl. GST).

Obtain bill payer’s permission before using this service.

Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration.

You can register from 9 am Monday 11 November until midnight Sunday 15 November. Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7am Monday 16 December

SMS access available until 5pm Friday 20 December

If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant you will need to use your VTAC PIN. If you are not a VTAC registrant your PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111.

To find out more information about this service please check out http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms

Other options - Access your results on the internet

The results and ATAR internet service is located at resultsandatar.vic.edu.au. This is a free service and is available 24 hours a day from 7am Monday 16 December until 5pm Friday 20 December. In order to login and view your results you will need your VCAA student number and PIN. If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant you will need to use your VTAC PIN. If you are not a VTAC registrant your PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111.

The resultsandatar.vic.edu.au website is optimised for smart phones and other mobile devices with an internet browser. To find out more information about this service please check out the results and ATAR page on the VTAC website.

How to get your results in the mail

A current Year 12 student with a fully paid application submitted through VTAC will receive a hard copy of their ATAR statement through the post from Tuesday 17 December.

If you are not a current fully paid VTAC applicant and you wish to obtain a hard copy ATAR Statement you will need to fill out the ATAR request form and send it to VTAC. These requests incur a processing fee of $15.

Please note: the VCE Results and ATAR service is only for 2013 results.

PRAS (Post Results and ATAR Service)

After you receive your VCE results and ATAR you can also contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) if you have any questions about your results, ATAR, or scaling. The PRAS is made up of staff from both VTAC and VCAA who will be available from 7am to 5pm the day results are released (Monday 16 December) and 9am to 5pm from Tuesday 17 December to Wednesday 18 December. The PRAS can be contacted on (03) 9032 1717 (metropolitan callers) or 1800 653 080 (free call) and can also be emailed at pras@edumail.vic.gov.au or check out the VCAA/VTAC blog: resultsandatar.wordpress.com

You cannot access your results through the PRAS

1. YEAR 12 CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD – After you obtain your results on Monday 16 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up till 12 noon on Monday 23 December. Universities and TAFEs offer the following assistance to Year 12 students at this time.

- Australian Catholic Uni. – Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228); Info: Expo; 3-7pm, Thurs 17 Dec (Melb), 6-7.30pm, Wed 18 (Ballarat)
- Box Hill Institute – Change of Preference Evening: Wed 18 December; Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- Charles Sturt University - Call 1800 334 733
- Chisholm: Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- Deakin University – COP Hotline: 1300 DEGREE; Info evenings: Burwood 5-7pm, 17 Dec; Geelong Waterfront campus, 5-7pm, 18 December; www.deakin.edu.au/preference
- Holmesglen Institute: Hotline: 9564 2720; COP Event: 4-7pm, Wed 18 December
- Kangan: Hotline: 13 TAFE
- La Trobe University – Change of Preference Advisory Day, 11am-2pm, 18 December (Melbourne and Bendigo); Hotline: 1300 362 203; www.latrobe.edu.au/choices
- Monash University: Change of Preference Expo, 3-7pm, Building H, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield; Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 874), or see www.monash.edu/cop
- NMIT – Hotline: 9269 1200

RMIT University/TAFE – Info line: 9925 2260; COP Expo: 11am-3pm, Wed 18 Dec, Swanston Academic Building, Building 80, 445 Swanston St, Melbourne; visit Info Corner, Chr Swanston and La Trobe Sts, Melbourne; info www.rmit.edu.au/cop
- Swinburne University/TAFE - Hotline 1300 275 794 (1300 ASK SWIN); 10am-4pm, 18 December; one-on-one interviews in ATC building (no appointment needed); appointments can be made on line for other days
- University of Ballarat (Federation Uni) – Info Day, 11am-3pm, Wed 18, Ballarat and Gippsland
- University of Melbourne: Course Information Day, 2.30pm, Wed 18 December; see www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2013 or Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
- Victoria University/TAFE – Course Advice appointments – 1-6pm, 16-20 Dec; Change of Preference Expo: 3-7pm, Tues 17 Dec (Footscray); Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- William Angliss Institute – Experience Angliss Day; 2-5pm, 18 December

2. The Gordon scholarship program for 2014 has a number of scholarships available to full and part time students in 2014, each with its own selection criteria. Applications are open now on our website until the first week of February. Scholarships range from $500 to $5000, given in a lump sum at the end of March 2014. Students may select more than one scholarship when applying. All information can be accessed at www.thegordon.edu.au
Marion and Ernie Speight Scholarship (for students aged 17 - 23)
Geelong Galvanising Scholarship (for students looking to do studies relating to the steel industry, i.e. construction, manufacturing, metal trades, engineering, building, design and plumbing)
Mick Young Scholarship (open category, for the financially disadvantaged)
George Alexander Scholarship (open category)
Community Care Chemist (enrolling in financial studies or accounting course).

Full time apprenticeships:
- 1st year Cabinet Maker: Moolap
- 1st year Motor Mechanic: Corio
- 1st year Painter & Decorator: Belmont
- 1st year Hairdresser: Torquay

Contact Gary (0418 382853) or Jan (0409 933558) at www.sraprenticeships.com.au

Full time electrical apprenticeship:
drivers licence essential as employer works mainly in Torquay, Geelong and Werribee.
Jane Cairns VECCI www.vecci.org.au
20 Little Ryrie Street, Geelong
PH 5227 7940 M 0419 754 782

Antipodeans Abroad are hosting an online Information Night in December. This is primarily for Year 11s to get a jump start on their gap year plans, and a great opportunity for parents to gather important gap year information.

Below is a flyer promoting the event: [Flyer PDF]

Event Details: Monday 16th December 6.00pm
Online Webinar. A free presentation about GapBreak volunteer and work programs in over 16 destinations such as Argentina, Kenya, Canada and Nepal. Projects might involve teaching, animal conservation, summer camp jobs, sports coaching, childcare, conservation and community work.

Spine Crackers Book Club Excursion
On Tuesday the 19th of November, our Spine Cracker's did a "Living Library" guided tour of the majestic State Library accompanied by Ms Sartori, Ms Tonkin & Ms Locke. We had a great day, the sun was shining, and we also got to visit some book shops and check out the Myer Christmas windows.

It was an amazing experience, if I could do it again, I definitely would. Scott T.

It was a hands on way of learning about the history of the State Library and Melbourne, taking all the pictures and writing captions for them. Maddison L.

We took pictures of things that interested us the most in the State Library and before leaving uploaded our favourite pictures with captions. Here are some of our pictures and what they meant to us:

- 'So Many People In Such An Amazing Place!' – Jodie
- 'As the scrolls foretold' - Kooper
- 'Words Speaks Louder Than Silence'
- 'Love You Thiiiiis Much' - Ben
- 'Musical Chairs' - Imran'
- Silence – Riley V
- Written in the stars' - Scott
- 'To Infinity And Beyond’ – Liam

Library News

LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE'S EBOOK LENDING LIBRARY
All registered students can borrow. For details how to register and borrow go to [http://larasc.wheelers.co/](http://larasc.wheelers.co/)
Registration requests will be processed within 24 hours. Register now and you can borrow over the Christmas holidays.

email: lara.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au Web Site: www.larasc.vic.edu.au