New iPad program to help students SUCCEED at Lara Secondary College
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our year is quickly slipping by with our Year 12 VCE students now finishing their revision week prior to their exams. All students in years 9 – 11 should also be beginning preparation for their exams and ensuring that all work requirements have been completed. For those who have earned the right to move on to the next year level through 90% attendance and completion of all work requirements, preparation for 2013 will begin with our commencing program for 2013 for students moving into Years 11 & 12. This is a vital preparation for the new year where the work for 2013 begins and tasks set to ensure a successful start to the new year.

Our year 12’s celebrated their graduation from secondary school and the completion of their final year last week at the Arena. It was a very special celebration with our school captains Lisa and Harry speaking with great passion about their schooling, their teachers and Lara Secondary College. We welcomed back Megan Spalding who is currently studying pharmacy at Latrobe University and Paula Trotter who took a gap year to take on a leadership role in Camp America in the USA. The message was consistent – that each individual is responsible for their own future so make the most of opportunities!

You will be aware that there are currently a range of Australian Education Union bans as a result of reductions in funding to state schools and the impact that this will have on the operation of state schools. There is also concern over what the AEU sees as broken promises. As a result there is likely to be a change to our reporting process at the end of the year with grades provided but the possibility of no written comments. If there are concerns with your child’s progress teachers will, of course be in contact with you but I also urge you to contact your child’s teachers prior to the end of the year if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s progress.

Finally I am excited to announce our new and progressive information technology initiative in moving our school rapidly forward in ensuring that our students are provided with the best opportunity for success in the 21st century. Our uSuccess program will introduce iPads across the school as the device of choice for Lara Secondary College. I have included a flyer introducing our program and attached a letter to all families with our College Times. We have an important information evening on Monday November 19th regarding the opportunities that iPads provide with purchase or leasing options. A flyer regarding the opportunities that iPads provide with purchase or leasing options. A flyer regarding the opportunities that iPads provide with purchase or leasing options. A flyer regarding the opportunities that iPads provide with purchase or leasing options. A flyer regarding the opportunities that iPads provide with purchase or leasing options.

I look forward to seeing you at our uSucceed information evening in November!
Lyn Boyle - Principal
boyle.lynn.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

This is one of those articles full of bits and pieces.

Uniform
As you know, our policy and processes aim to have all students in class in correct uniform. We have lent out a number of pieces of uniform to enable students to stay in class. This has included new sports shorts and track pants and white socks. If your child has borrowed any of these please wash and return them to the school.

Piercings
At the start of each term we sometimes have the unpleasant task of negotiating with students and their parents about new facial piercings. We cannot allow students with new piercings to simply avoid school rules- this is not following our values. If you are in discussions with your child about a new piercing, please help us by keeping this in mind. The piercing shop at the Corio shopping centre (who are always very helpful in these matters) suggest that students need to consider getting piercings at the start of the long break rather than expecting us to not enforce our rules.

Conveyance Allowance
You may have seen newspaper articles and radio interviews concerning changes made by the state government to the conveyancing allowance which concerns bus travel. We received detailed information about this yesterday and will distribute information as soon as we understand the changes in full. A quick reading of the information indicates that the changes will affect people who are new to a school or change address. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
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Parents and Friends Group
2nd Hand VCE Book Sale
Monday 3rd December 1pm – 5pm.
Books may be dropped off for sale on Friday 30th November.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 11th December 8.30am – 11am
(Year 7 Orientation Day)
Clothing may be dropped off for sale on Monday 10th Dec
8.30am – 4pm.
More information to follow.

college calendar

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YR 7 IMMUNIZATIONS

STUDENT FREE DAY
**Sporting News**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Following on from a successful Term 3 when we had our Senior boys hockey team come runners up in the Barwon South West Competition, our year 7 girls win the Geelong regional finals in the Volleyball and the Intermediate girls in the State finals in the soccer, we have had some students achieve outstanding results in individual events.

Jared W recently won the Melbourne Half Marathon and Chelsea R was on the dais receiving a bronze medal for high jump at the State Track and Field competition in Melbourne. We congratulate both Jared and Chelsea on achieving so highly in their respective sports and look forward to further achievements from our teams and individual athletes next year.

**Rob Galtry**

**NAPLAN 2012 at Lara Secondary College**

NAPLAN is a national Literacy and Numeracy test undertaken by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year our Year 9 students’ performance improved significantly in Reading and Numeracy, with our average growth between student results in Year 7 (2010) and Year 9 (2012) exceeding that of the state. These positive results can be attributed to the range of innovative, quality programs implemented in the Middle Years. These include our Maths and English Independent Learning programs, Literacy Circle Progression Program and Working Mathematically (problem solving) Program, all of which have been designed and developed by our dedicated teaching staff, and aim to develop students’ abilities to learn independently and to set goals for continual improvement.

If you have yet to receive your students’ NAPLAN results, they are available from the office at the College.

**Monica Sherry**

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**Certificate III in Aged Care commencing November 2012**

Aged Care is a fast growing industry in Geelong, with a high demand for qualified professionals. Certificate III in Aged Care is a standard entry requirement for workers in the Aged Care sector. The qualification will prepare you to work in an aged care residential facility. On successful completion you will obtain a dual qualification including First Aid Level 2. Working in the Aged Care industry is challenging, however, making a difference in the lives of the aged is rewarding.

**Venue:** 3V Corporate Services, Level 1 140 Moorabool Street Geelong

**Duration:** 6 Months

**Start Date:** 26th November, 2012/Monday

For further information please call 03 5222 8006

**3V**
At the start of 2012 I was lucky enough to be selected to participate in the Cogg Youthlink East Timor Program. This involved 6 months of meetings, planning and fundraising and eventually resulted in travelling to East Timor for 2 weeks in Sept / Oct.

The adventure began the second we left the world of technology and stepped off the plane into the humid, muggy, hot air of Dili in East Timor.

After a long, bumpy, slow, 8 hour drive, we finally reached our destination – the town of Viqueque where we would stay for the next 8 days.

You’d think we would be missing the luxuries of Australia but there wouldn’t be a second we’d stopped to think of our home as we were surrounded by beautiful people and their unique culture.

Whilst in Viqueque, we travelled to the remote towns of Karas and Ratahu where we took educational, sporting and arts equipment to their schools. There were 3 classrooms in Karas which had around 70 students in each of them. This was challenging for us as we could barely speak their language, however, just seeing a smile on their faces explained everything. Other unique experiences we had were working in a local kindergarten, teaching English to teenagers and befriending and building relationships with locals, listening to their music and learning about their culture.

Being on this trip showed me that we are so fortunate to have what we have. If I could change one thing about Australia, if would definitely have to be that we should come together more as a community.

This trip will stay in my heart forever and has definitely put a new perspective on my outlook on life.

Sheridan H
LIBRARY NEWS

LSC STAFF FAVOURITE BOOK COMPETITION
Mao’s Last Dancer by Li Cunxin is the favourite book of Ms Santi Sherry. A Recipe For Dreaming by Bryce Courtenay is the favourite of Mr Burrowes. The latest prize winners are Harrison 10RSW, Liam B., Ms Ivermee and Ms Niblett.

New releases and additions to the library

Burning Blue by Paul Griffin
“When Nicole Castro, the most popular girl at her high school, has her face splashed with acid, her classmate, loner and brilliant hacker Jay Nazarro, does more than just gawk at her. He decides to find out who did it. The deeper he digs, though, the more he falls for Nicole…”

Torn by David Massey
“Afghanistan. In the heat and dust, young British Army medic Elinor Nielson watches an Afghan girl walk into a hail of bullets. But when she runs to help, Ellie finds her gone. Who is she? And what’s happened to her?”

Blowin’ in the Wind lyrics by Bob Dylan, illustrations by Jon J Muth (includes a CD with the song)
This beautiful picture book has the lyrics of singer/songwriter Bob Dylan’s classic song which was written 50 years ago and is still relevant today and is recognized by the younger generation as well.

The Voyage of the Unquiet Ice is the second book in the Ship Kings series by Andrew McGahan

The Diviners by Libba Bray
1920s New York: A teen clairvoyant. An old evil. It has begun... Evie O’Neill has been exiled from her boring old home town and shipped off to the bustling streets of New York City - and she is pos-i-tute-ly thrilled! New York is the city of speak-easies, rent parties, shopping and movie palaces, and soon enough Evie is running with glamorous Ziegfeld girls and rakish pickpockets. The only catch is that Evie has to live with her Uncle Will, curator of the Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult - also known as 'The Museum of the Creepy Crawlies'. When a rash of occult-based murders comes to light, Evie and her uncle are right in the thick of it. Even Evie’s new pals - hoofer, numbers runners and activists, but all swell kids - are drawn into the investigation. And through it all, Evie has a secret: a mysterious power that could help catch the killer - if he doesn't catch her first...

Ms Sartori & Ms McCrea

LARA WOODWORKERS

Meeting at the Lara Secondary College the Lara Woodworkers are a group of like-minded people who love working with wood and where there is a range of machines that are available for use by members who are mainly hobbyists involved generally in wood-turning, toy making, DIY and utilising and learning new skills.

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Annual membership fees are set each year for both adults and juniors and all members are fully covered insurance.

The club has recently completed a rocking chair which is the major prize in a raffle that is being conducted in the area. Tickets are on sale now from members and the chair will be on display in Centreway at the end of the first week in December and we will again be providing a prize for the outstanding Year 10 student in the woodworking arena. The prize includes a year’s free membership for the student and a mate or parent.

New members are always welcome . . . how about coming to have a look?

Further information from 0417 335 698 or john-grainger@bigpond.com.

FOR SALE
Lara Secondary College school bag for sale
Good condition
$30.00
Contact Jan on:
5282 2291

REMINDER
If you are riding to school it is very important that you bring a lock to secure it for the day.