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Excursion

college calendar

07/05  Indonesian Speaking Competition 9 - 3.20pm
08/05  Unit 3 Biology SAC at Ecolink 8 - 3.30pm
       Yr 10 Shape Your Destiny Day 9 - 3.20pm
       Senior Boys & Girls Football 9 - 3.20pm
10/05  Yr 10 ODE Bushwalking to Werribee Gorge 9 - 3.20pm
       VCE Music Performance SAC Outcome 2 12 - 1.30pm
       Yr 9 Shakespeare On Trial 2 - 3.20pm
14/05  Yr 9 Sport Golf at Elcho Park 11.30 - 1.30pm
15/05  NAPLAN Testing (Yr 7 & 9)9 - 1.30pm
       VCAL PE excursion to Bowl A Rama 12 - 1.30pm
       Yr 10 FTP Body Attack excursion to Norlane Waterworld 1.30 - 3.20pm
16/05  NAPLAN Testing (Yr 7 & 9) 9 - 1.30pm
       Yr 10 Health Career Expo excursion to Deakin 10.15 - 1.30pm
17/05  NAPLAN Testing (Yr 7 & 9) 9 - 1.30pm

LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Instrumental Music Evening

Tuesday May 8, 7PM
Music Room (204)
Lara Secondary College

You are all invited to please join us for a night of music performance to support our talented and hard-working students.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Team effort
It’s great to be back in such a smooth running school after a wonderful long service leave break. I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Glenda Ward and our acting assistant principal Damian Marra – along with our outstanding leadership team including Lana Ryder (Senior Years), Jordan Smith (Middle Years), Sarah Foley (Student Learning), Kerry Mills (Student Well Being), Kate Ivermee (Numeracy), Monica Sherry (Literacy), & Shirley Niblett (Business Manager) for their work not only in the past two weeks in my absence, but for their tremendous drive and hard work. They have ensured that all areas they lead are operating at their peak to support all of our students to feel supported at school and do their very best.

Reporting and assessment
We are currently working on redeveloping our reporting program for the end of semester reports with a significant amount of work being done by all staff in this area. Year 9’s in particular will see some major changes, with increased accountability for all year 9 students, including common assessment tasks being scored on reports. Year 9 students will also sit exams at the end of each semester in all subjects, with material from across the semester being examined as is the practice in the senior years. Further information will be forwarded to Year 9 students and families in the coming week regarding this change of process.

Congratulations
I would like to congratulate the fantastic achievement of both of junior and senior debating teams who were successful in their recent debates against Kardinia College – Josh, Hannah, Isaiah, Keenan, Tess, and Monique.

We continue to achieve very impressive results in so many areas of the curriculum and extra curricula activities. Sarah S (Year 12) must be acknowledged for her leadership in enabling the Alpine School project to go ahead in 2012. Sarah showed determination and enormous initiative in ensuring that this valuable program, which she attended in 2010, was available to other students in our school. Another outstanding achievement, both individually and for our school, was that of Bradley Barlow who, in 2011, received a score of 50/50 in VET Engineering—Aviation which was the top score in the state for this course. No doubt our musical production, which started rehearsals this week, will again be a resounding success as a result of the hard work of the teachers, who give up so much of their time to work with our students on these extra curricula events. Well done to Michelle Fitzgerald our drama teacher for her initiation in supporting the Year 12 drama class to write an original production for 2012.

Cyber Safety Presentations by Brett Lee
The College has invested heavily in engaging the services of Bree Lee (Ex Police Officer) to work with students, staff and parents next Thursday May 10th. We are all aware of the benefits that ICT provides but at the same time we are all challenged and sometimes unaware of the issues that are presented through its usage. Brett has been engaged for the benefit of all members of the community. We have invited parents from Lara, Lara Lake, Little River, Anakie and St Anthony’s schools to join our parents for the evening session. As mentioned in the last edition of the College Times it is vital that we all make the most of this opportunity. It is an excellent chance to ensure that we can all be more vigilant regarding online dangers and support our children in internet use. The evening will be beginning in room 311 at 7.00pm, finishing at 8.30pm.

Lyn Boyle - Principal
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Senior English Study Sessions
As part of Lara Secondary College’s commitment to providing our students with every opportunity to succeed in Senior English, we hold weekly Study Sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the College library.

Staffed by Senior English teachers, these sessions provide students with an opportunity for extra discussion and assistance. During a Study Session students can discuss class work with a teacher and peers, complete homework and prepare for assessment tasks, SACs and exams. Students may attend Study Sessions every week, as needed or when recommended by their English teacher.

MATHS HELP
Every Monday from 3:30pm till 4:30pm.
Room 113, opposite the 100 Staff room.

If your child needs support, help or just some quiet time to do his/her homework, then come along and join Mr Calnin.

All year levels are welcome, just bring some work to do and a smile.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

Next week all classes will be completing the Attitudes to School Survey and soon after students in Years 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN assessments. Both are extremely valuable in informing us of how are students are feeling about being at our school and if the modification to our operations after last year’s survey results were successful. NAPLAN is always of value to diagnose what students are understanding well and in which areas of both Maths and English we can further support skill development.

After skiting about the fabulous autumn weather in the last newsletter, winter has certainly made itself known in the past week. I would just like to remind students and parents about how students can keep warm and still be in uniform. Long sleeved plain white t-shirts can be worn under uniforms and are often very effective. Students who have purchased the fleecy lined jacket which was an initiative of the SRC report that these certainly provide extra warmth when worn over a woollen jumper or rugby top. Students may still wear the rain jackets which were part of the initial uniform too. Students are not permitted to wear other types of jumpers or hoodies over or under their uniforms and will be instructed to remove these. We have spare rugby tops, jumpers and rain jackets students may borrow for a day if required.

Glenda Ward & Damian Marra
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PLEASE DONATE BLANKETS AND TOWELS!

This term our year 9 Connections group are visiting the North Melbourne Dog Pound on Wednesday the 9th May. We would really appreciate if you have any old or spare blankets or towels to bring them in so we can give them to the animals. Bring them in as soon as you can to the box located at the front office. Thank-you.

Digital Life Skills
Keeping our Youth Safe Online

parent information evening

ABOUT BRETT:
Worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years
This includes 16 years as a Detective in Child Exploitation
Brett specialised in undercover internet child exploitation investigations

BRETT WILL COVER:
• Cleaning up your digital footprint
• Protecting your information and photographs
• Recognising and protecting yourself against online dangers
• Online friend, contact or stranger?

Location: Lara Secondary College
Date: Thursday 10th May
Time: 7pm in Room 311
ALL WELCOME

VACANCY AT LARA SC CANTEEN
ASSISTANT REQUIRED

6 hours a week over two days
Currently Mondays & Fridays
Position Description is available at the college office or on our website: www.larasc.vic.edu.au in the ‘contact’ section.
Applications must be in writing addressed to:
Shirley Niblett
Business Manager
Lara SC
PO Box 387
Lara 3212
Working With Children Check is required.
Previous experience in catering, including food preparation, customer services, cash handling, and deliveries receivable would be an advantage.
Applications close: 4pm Wednesday May 9th, 2012.

Lara Secondary College
Parents and Friend Club

“Meet n Greet Morning Tea”
Tuesday May 8th 9.00am – 10.00am

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend our Parents and Friends Club “Meet n Greet” morning tea to be held on Tuesday 8th May from 9.00am till 10.00am. Just go to the general office and they will escort you to the “Meet n Greet”
We look forward to meeting as many parents who are available to come along
Parents and Friends Club

Emma K, 9 Red.
LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Homework is a vital part of developing your child’s capacity to learn independently and manage their time – skills they will need throughout their lives, at work and in further education. Homework reinforces material learned in class, and allows your child to explore an area in depth; for example, by creating an artwork, or researching a topic for a future class.

Homework helps students establish good study habits and self-discipline.

At Lara Secondary College your child will generally have homework each day. The number of hours per day will increase as they move into the senior years. Refer to the attached document ‘Homework Recommendations’ to understand the homework expectations for each year level.

Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or guardians take an active interest in their work. Even if you can’t remember some of the things you learned at school, you can help your child by asking questions, helping them focus and encouraging them to persist with difficult material. But don’t do your child’s homework for them. Homework is not just about getting better marks – it’s about cultivating self-discipline and learning how to be an effective independent learner.

It is important that students maintain a healthy balance between homework, study, employment and social and recreational activities.

If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s TLC or Pathways teacher.

Expectations of Homework Completion Years 7 - 12

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Massive Debating Win!

Last Thursday night, as most of you huddled in front of the warm soothing glow of your televisions, a small troop of your fellow students braved the biting cold and ventured forth into battle. With tongues and minds sharp, LSC’s two debating teams leapt into the fray.

Slightly stunned, but unhurt, our brave fellows re-emerged into the fluorescent-lit mausoleum of words that is the Geelong Grammar Library. Wiping the blood of Kardinia’s C and D grade teams from their hands they congratulated each other on a night of glory.

Our brave representatives were Josh Z, Hannah T, and Isaiah G, in C grade, and Keenan F, Tess B, and Monique S for D grade.

If you too crave the elation of lacerating others with wit and word, attend to Misters Pardalis or Maine with your inquiry, and they will welcome you into the fold.

Mr Pardalis & Mr Maine

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

LIBRARY NEWS

LSC STAFF FAVOURITE BOOK COMPETITION

Tomorrow When The War Began was named as the favourite book of Ms Baird, Ms Simpson, Mr Marra & Mr Galtry.

Under The Volcano is Ms Ward’s, The White Masai is Ms Cvijanovic’s, The Day Of The Triffids is Ms Harbridge’s, The Potato Factory is Ms Kassai’s and The Da Vinci Code is Mr Taylor’s favourite.

The latest prize winners were Ryder W., Hannah T., Ms Simpson, Will W., Sam B., Ms Ryder, James I., Aiyden W., Brayden D & Ms Borchard.

Lara Secondary College “Spine Crackers” Book Club

The Spine Crackers now have an ultranet page. If you are interested in joining the club or would like to know what we have been doing check it out on the collaborative pages and search for Spine Crackers.

Did you enjoy reading The Hunger Games? If so try these next:

New Arrivals

These new novels have just arrived and are on display waiting to be borrowed.

THE CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

The Lara Secondary College Canteen needs volunteers any day from 9:30am until 12 midday.

Please contact the school on 5282 8988 if you are able to help.

FOR SALE

UNIFORMS (only 6 months old)

Dress $35 – size 12
Pullover $65 – size 16
Snr rugby $60 – size XS chest 95cm
Shirt 5/S x 2 $15 each – size 16
Winter skirt $50 – size 20
Sport polo $30 – size S
Sport short $15 – size M

Phone: 9731 0289 (ring after 6pm)