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A LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE PRODUCTION

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11 & 12 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM
THE DRAMA THEATRE GPAC
tickets $20
FROM LARA SC PH: 5282 8988

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Yr 7 & 8 MATINEE PERFORMANCE

Reminder to Yr 7 & 8 students that permission form and money for the EXCLUSIVE matinee performance is due back to the office by Friday 17th August
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week we received our results from the Student Attitude to School survey. As you will see on the following page these results are very impressive and I am very happy that the hard work that we continue to undertake is seeing continuous improvement in student perception and beliefs about our school. I have also included results that will allow you to compare student feedback over the past few years. You will see particularly strong growth in student morale – how happy or positive students are at school – the extent to which students feel negative at school. Responses to teacher effectiveness are outstanding and close to the top of the state – these areas include teacher effectiveness, teacher empathy and stimulating learning. It is very positive to see continued growth in student feelings connected to our school and in the confidence in learning while at the same time, although improved, there is still work to be done in building student motivation to learn. Student relationship responses have maintained strong levels of response over the past two years including how well students are getting along with their peers, low levels of bullying or harassment and continued improvement in classroom behaviour.

Such outstanding results from this survey - where ALL results are above the average for the state is a credit to our teachers, our leadership team and to you. Our school can only continue to grow and improve if we continue to work together to achieve the very best results and outcomes for every student in our school.

Receiving feedback from all members of our community – students, teachers and parents is vital to ongoing improvement. For this reason we have decided that all families will be invited to complete a survey to give feedback to the school on what you believe we are doing well and where we can improve.

Early next week you will receive an email with a link to an online survey or for those who receive the College Times in hard copy – a hard copy survey will be sent to you. Teachers will complete an internal school survey later in the term. All results will be available to our school community.

On August 15th I will begin two weeks leave. Faye Smith will be acting Principal and Damian Marra will once again take on the role of Acting Assistant Principal until my return. I look forward to reporting back on the conference I will be attending in Seattle, Washington.

Lyn Boyle - Principal

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

Student Led Conferences - A growing trend

Last year at the end of term three we held very successful Student-led Conferences for Years 7 and 8. This involved students presenting a digital portfolio of their learning to their parents and their core Maths and English teachers. Feedback about this initiative was very positive so as well as continuing with Student Led Conferences in Years 7 and 8, we will be introducing these at the Year 9 level. For Year 9s students will be presenting their digital portfolios to their parents and TLC teachers. This will naturally lead on to discussions of future pathways so course counselling will also be covered.

To allow 20 minutes for each of these important interviews and to ensure that Year 9 TLC teachers also have time available for traditional parent/teacher interviews for their other classes, Year 9 Student-Led Conferences/Course Counselling interviews will be held over two and half days: Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20th of September and Friday 21 September until 12:30. Students will be required at school for their interviews on these days. Year 9 classes will not be held. This arrangement will replace the course counselling day for Year 9 students that had previously been advertised for Wednesday 5th September. We believe this will be a more efficient and effective approach for Year 9s.

If you want to find out more about the concept of student led conferences googling the term will give you a wealth of information. In the next two newsletters I will be continuing to discuss the advantages of student-led conferences and provide some guidelines about the types of questions parents can ask at these.

Parents of students in Years 7 to 9 will be receiving letters next week regarding appointment times.

If you have any queries about Student-Led conferences do not hesitate to contact your child’s TLC teacher, Program Leader or me.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
Assistant Principal

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college calendar

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Your school's strengths and weaknesses relative to all schools with Year 7-12 students

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL DATA
Alpine School

Four weeks into their experience at the School for Student Leadership, commonly known as Alpine School, Kate, Courtney, Brone, Jack and Tyler are doing us proud. Through their involvement in team building activities such as bridge making, and recreational pursuits such as surfing, mountain bike riding and an overnight hike, these students have developed strong bonds within their group, as well as with the rest of the 45 students on campus. We have received glowing reports on the leadership, communication and relationship skills this group of 5 are continually building. The Community Learning Project they are developing on ‘Healthy Eating’ shows commitment and excellence in their team effort.

Keep up the great work team!

Adriana Van Noordenburg
Alpine School facilitator

Change of English SAC date
The year 12 English SAC which was scheduled for Tuesday September 18th is now taking place on September 13th during period 4.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE RE NETBOOKS:
All student netbooks must be brought to school EVERY DAY. This is most important next week as each individual device must be reconfigured for access to our updated wireless network. If your child’s netbook is not reconfigured there will be NO ACCESS TO INTERNET.

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.

LSC Community Book Drive
In the lead up to Literacy and Numeracy Week (27 August – 2 September) Lara Secondary College is holding a Community Book Drive. We’re asking families to clean out their bookshelves and donate suitable unwanted novels to the College Library collection.

What we want: recently published novels suitable for teenage readers in good condition, novels from school booklists, novels which may have been studied by older children in the family or that parents enjoyed reading in their teenage years.

Where and when: Any suitable books can be left at the College Office during school hours, up until September 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kate W from 9P who has been selected in the U/17 State Softball team. Kate will play in the national championships in Sydney in January as pitcher / second base. Well done Kate!

National Science week is coming so we are celebrating by holding the LSC Science Challenge!!

When: Friday 19th August 2012
To enter - Create a poster or display about a science topic or issue that interests you (can be digital)
All Work will be displayed in the library
Open to all year levels
AWESOME PRIZES!!!!
All entries need to be submitted To any science teacher by recess on Friday 19th August

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 Room 403. 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.
“Family” as mentioned in the above heading, is intended to include “All the various arrangements that people make to ensure our young people and others are nurtured and cared for”. This includes carer relationships, extended families and blended families in addition to nuclear families. The logo is a symbol of both families and Lara Secondary College working together in a partnership for the benefit for all of our students. We value parental engagement and the benefit it brings to all our students.

**Partnerships about What?**
Effective partnerships are always about achieving some mutually desired purpose or outcome. At first glance, the overall purpose of family-school partnerships could be seen as generically about ensuring students make the grades, pass the tests, keep ahead of the work, achieve results in the fields of maths, science, sports, arts or whatever area can open up career opportunities. But even more fundamentally our desire to engage and partner with families to support young people’s well-being and their ability to cope in the face of the negative experiences that everyone confronts sooner or later.

Lara Secondary College’s approach is one of a holistic partnership incorporating all of the above.

**Students Attitude to School Survey**
I only became aware of the brilliant results from the survey after I wrote all of the above. The results confirm that by investing in student, family, school partnerships we can continue to grow and improve to achieve the very best results and outcomes for every student in our school. I agree with Lyn when she wrote “such outstanding results from this survey - where ALL results are above the average for the state is a credit to our teachers, our leadership team and to you.

Lara Secondary College, as part of a holistic partnership as mentioned above, is committed to the healthy development and well-being of our students. We are currently participating in a community project to reduce adolescent alcohol use and prevent alcohol related harm. Research has shown that early initiation of alcohol affects school commitment, mental health and healthy brain development.

**KEEP em SAFE** is a not-for-profit incorporated organization founded in Lara that has been an advocate for “keeping our young people safe from alcohol related harm”. Keep em safe is a partner with Deakin University and Communities That Care Ltd who are inviting school communities across Australia to participate in this National project that aims to prevent community alcohol problems by assisting young people and their families to adopt Australian Alcohol Guidelines discouraging adolescent alcohol use. The project has been funded by an Australian Research Council Linkage grant to the Deakin University School of Psychology and is being supported by the Centre for Adolescent Health at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute in Melbourne.

Lara Secondary College will be working in partnership with Keep em safe and Deakin University in promoting our campaign this year to Yr. 7 students, parents and the community. This will include alcohol education and awareness, including: promoting National Health and Medical Research Council recommendations, effects of alcohol on adolescent brains, emotions and school commitment and strengthening positive community/parental attitudes towards delaying initiation of alcohol.

In term 4 an alcohol education and awareness program, called “Smart Generation : Brains for Life®” will include National Health and Medical Research Council recommendations, effects of alcohol on adolescent brains, emotions and school commitment and strengthening positive community/parental attitudes towards delaying initiation of alcohol. This will be incorporated into the Health curriculum and will conclude with a student and parent evening.

We would like the campaign to be embraced by all of the Lara community and would appreciate your support and endorsement in keeping our youth safe and enhancing their health, well-being and school commitment.

We feel that by working together and being proactive to help and support the youth of Lara, we as a community benefit as well.

Links for further information are:-

**Communication**
During the first half of 2012 we lifted our active family email contact from under 40% to 92% with 8% of families not having an email address. This means that we can use our modern technology to communicate with families and recommend and encourage families if they have queries of any kind to make contact with us.

I would also encourage anyone who may have suggestions on how we might improve our family/school communication, even more to email me on allen-paisley.clive.l@edumail.vic.gov mobile 0405959111 or 5282 8988.

**Parents and Friends Club**
We would like to extend an invitation to all parents/families to attend our Parents and Friends Club meeting to be held on Monday 20th August at 2.15pm. Our office staff will direct you to the meeting room.

We look forward to enjoying the company of as many parents/families who are available to come along.

**Entertainment Books**
Could all families of year 7 and 8 students who received an Entertainment Book and do not wish to purchase it please return it by Monday to the Office. If you want to purchase it please forward payment to the Office. We need to conclude this fundraiser so your assistance will be appreciated.

**Clive Allen-Paisley**
**Community Liaison Coordinator**
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Mob: 0405959111
Ph: 5282 8988
LIBRARY NEWS

LSC STAFF FAVOURITE BOOK COMPETITION
A History of Mathematics is the favourite book of Mr Findlay, The Secret Power is Ms Ong’s, Oscar and Lucinda by Peter Carey is Mr Allen-Paisley’s, The Greatest Lies in History by A. Canduci is Ms Woodford’s, A Game of Thrones by George Martin is Ms Bond’s and The Host by Stephanie Meyer is Mr Irvin’s favourite. The latest prize winners are Michael S., Josh L., Ms Bond, Ms Vest, Gerdtz, Lochlan D., Braydon T., Mr Buckingham, Anthony D., Mr Tomkin, Ms Alic, Liam B & Ms Ivermee.

Some of the many new additions to the library

SPINE CRACKERS BOOK CLUB EXCURSION TO THE STATE LIBRARY

On Wednesday the 1st of August we went and visited the State Library. It was an amazing experience. The day was awesome fun and there were many books. Madison, Mikayla & Stephanie.

We spent the day exploring the State Library and quirky Melbourne book shops. We learnt about the history of the library and the books in it. We saw ‘evolution of writing’ and even the archives of newspapers. It was a fun, informative and intriguing day! Tess

If your family would like to participate in a special Saturday Storytime session at the Lara Library on Saturday 25th August 10.30am to 11.30 am to celebrate Reading Hour see the attached flier.

Ms Sartori & Ms McCrea - Library

LARA LITTLE ATHLETICS SEASON 2012/13

REGISTRATION DAY

FRIDAY 7th 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).

Contact: Sue Skilton 0402 101 547

LARA SPORTING CLUB JUNIOR CRICKET

REGISTRATION DAY

Players for U13/15/17 (Sat mornings) & U11/13 (Frl nights)
Tuesday 21st August 2012
From 6.00 p.m. at Lara Sporting Club.

All new/first players must register - bring a parent to sign registration papers and new junior players to bring copy of birth certificate.

Coaches and assistant coaches will be required - please consider.

Equipment is payable at registration: $70 per player to max $140 per family.

LSC 2012 Junior membership fee (TBA) is payable – family members exempt.

Both Drinks & other give-aways for all players playing applicable fees.

Shirts & Pads/Caps and Hats: Available on the night depending on stock.

For more information:
Dave Scott 5528 4160 or 0417 385 283
Brett Cifelli 0421 064 404

Bills Registration Night
Friday 1st Oct 2012 (TBA) at 8.00 PM LHQ
Friday nights for ages 5 to 8 years. Fees: TBA. Season: Nov to Feb.
For more information:
Dave Scott 5528 4160 or 0417 385 283

LSC club web page: http://lara.vic.sportsclubs.qvb.net
Follow the links to junior information pages for U5/7/9/11/13 registration forms and other junior information.
Celebrate Reading Hour

Join the celebrations for *Reading Hour* along with thousands of other people across the nation.

Reading aloud and reading together is one of the most important activities for families to share.

Come and help celebrate with us at a special Saturday Storytime session for the whole family to enjoy!

**SATURDAY 25 AUGUST**
**10:30AM - 11:30AM**

Belmont, Corio, Lara
Newcomb, Ocean Grove and
Waurn Ponds Libraries

*Sessions are free of charge but bookings are required via phone or our website.*

For further information and bookings please phone 5272 6010 or see [www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au)
Dear Parent/Guardian

In 2011 the Victorian Government announced it would continue with the myki ticketing system in a modified form.

One of the modifications identified was the phasing out of 2 hour and Daily short term tickets on regional bus services and this means that everyone will require a myki to travel when this change takes effect.

This means if your child/ren uses the bus to get to and from school, or uses buses on weekends and for other purposes, they will need a myki to travel.

The Transport Ticketing Authority (TTA) would like to assist you to make the transition to full myki operation for your child/ren as easily as possible. For your convenience, the TTA, with the assistance of your school, will arrange for a myki card to be delivered to your child’s school upon completion of the section below.

The cost of each general concession and child myki is $3.

Child cards (4 to 16 inclusive)
Concession (VPT Student Concession Card holders)
Full fare (17 years and over and no concession entitlement)

All cards come with no value so will need to be topped up prior to travel. You can top up a myki onboard your town bus (maximum $20), at a local retailer where you see the myki sign, or online at myki.com.au.

This myki card will not be registered. The TTA advises you to register the myki so that if the card is lost or stolen, any value on the card can be transferred to a replacement myki at no cost. This can be done at any time via the myki call centre (1800 800 007) or online at www.myki.com.au

For further information about the benefits of myki in regional Victoria please visit our website http://www.myki.com.au/Fares/Regional-fares/Regional-fares-2012

Please return your form along with payment by 24 August 2012. Your new myki will be delivered to the school during the week commencing Monday 10 September 2012

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