End of Year Activities

The boys on Reel Time 2 (a.k.a. Barrel Buster) proudly display the best of their catch. Details on page 4

Fishing Charter
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of another brilliant year comes so quickly! Our tenth year has been filled with adventures in so many different ways. Education is really about supporting the development of the whole person - to be a reliable, responsible, honest and hard working – one who can laugh with others and at themselves and who is ready to take risks to be the best they can be. Our school is based on our vision to support every student to achieve success, around living our values of excellent, commitment teamwork and respect – and we work to engage students in their learning and to achieve this in every program that we operate whether that be within the classroom or as an extra curricula opportunity. The front page of the College Times this week reflects one of those opportunities with clearly very highly engaged and motivated students!

Our awards day ceremony was a very special event celebrating the efforts and achievement of an enormous number of our students and for a wide variety of achievements across the year. It has been another very busy and very successful year with camps, excursions, sport, drama performances, musical concerts, connections challenges, work experience, trips for our Year 10s, roaming reptiles, buskers day… and the list goes on.

Along with the opportunities provided by our teachers and education support staff we have a large number of volunteers and partnerships with our local and extended community – all of whom make a very important contribution to our programs and our students. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of Paula Trotter, our ex student from 2012 who has spent endless hours in working in the Connections program, in taking photographs for the magazine and in general classroom and administrative support. We will certainly miss Paula as she moves on to university studies in 2013 and wish her the very best. Robert Foster is also an outstanding contributor. Not only does Robert volunteer twice a week to support an ICT ELO at year 7/8, he is here to work in the breakfast program every week and is a co opted member of school council. Finally I would like to acknowledge Lara Woodworkers; Jim Damas, Mal College and John Thompson – without whom we could not offer the Heron Yacht building project to our enthusiastic year 8 & 9 boys. We celebrated the contribution of all volunteers with a morning tea this week - a small but heartfelt thanks!

I would like to wish every family the happiest of holidays and a very relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Seasons greetings,

Lyn Boyle
Principal
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Congratulations to our year 12 VCE students for 2012. The results are a reflection of the work that was undertaken and application to studies throughout the year.

A special congratulations to Brad Barlow who was our dux for 2012!

Jack R is spending six weeks in Bandung Java, Indonesia.

During this time he will be living with a host family and attending school as well as visiting some places in Java.

We wish him all the best!
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

Lyn has highlighted in her article the ‘big picture’ of our successes in 2012 and our thanks to community members. Our success would be impossible without them. I would like to ‘drill a little deeper’ and recognise some of the personal achievements individual students have achieved this year. I know we have already mentioned most of these achievements in one form or another but it is good to take a step back and celebrate the wonderfully diverse range of talents and experiences we have at this school. Jenae M was selected to participate in a basketball tour of US high schools and colleges alongside her selection for the School Victoria 18 Years and Under Girls Country Basketball team.

- Leigh R was accepted into NICA (National Institute of Circus Arts) for the CERT IV in Circus Arts. This is a very prestigious world renowned institute.
- Chelsea R medalled in four events when she participated at the Victorian State Swimming Titles.
- Isaiah G participated in the National Schools Constitutional Convention in March this year and along with Hannah T also attended the state version of this later in the year.
- Sarah S must be acknowledged for her leadership in enabling the Alpine School project to go ahead in 2012.
- Nathan B of Year12 VCAL was awarded the Defence Technical Scholarship. This was a national scholarship
- Jessica P and Jessica F were selected to participate in the Community Life Inclusion Project.
- Sarah W gained a place in the state finals of the Indonesian speaking Competition

No list can fully reflect the diverse achievements of a group of nearly 800 young adults. There have been students this year who have shown great perseverance in the face of adversity by simply attending school every day - these students also need to be quietly recognised.

Faye and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing refreshed and eager students at the start of 2013.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
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AWARD WINNER’S “Kaleidoscope” EXHIBITION
(report from the City of Greater Geelong–City News)

Anna J entered the Youth Development Units ‘400 Hands exhibition’ as part of her VET course at The Gordon. 35 pieces were entered by students graduating from Visual Arts – Cert III & IV and Diploma. Anna was the only VET entry.

Workers and young people who access our building/services voted on their favourite piece, her drawing study, based on ‘bowling pins’ was chosen.

Anna will receive a $500 Cavalier Art Supplies voucher to further her arts endeavours. She was presented the award at a ceremony on 21 November 2012 by Cr Bruce Harwood, who was impressed with her work and congratulated her.

You can visit the Kaleidoscope Exhibition at the Gordon Gallery.

Parents and Friends Group

We are a friendly group of people who raise money for the school and help out at various events. We meet once a month usually on a Monday at 2.15pm. Our latest fundraisers have been the 2nd hand VCE Book Sale and the 2nd hand uniform sale. Money raised has been given to the School Musical, the Awards Day Presentations, and for next year will go towards a Memorial garden to be built in front of the Year 8 area and the music rooms.

Our first meeting for 2013 will be on Monday 11th February @ 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you. Just come to the office and they will direct you to where we are meeting.

Thank you.

The Student Wellbeing Team would like to thank all families who have donated items of uniform throughout 2012. This assistance is greatly appreciated and enables the College to support students reduce their barriers to attending school by providing them with uniform. Numerous students have been provided with uniforms this year due to your generosity, Thankyou.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

School Magazines are available to pick-up from the office. These can be collected when the office reopens on 25th January.

VCE English Texts for 2013

To ensure 2013 Year 11 and 12 English students complete their compulsory Holiday Homework in plenty of time, it is recommended that they purchase the necessary texts (‘Maestro’ for Year 11 and ‘Così’ for Year 12) as soon as possible from shops such as Landmark or Hedleys in Geelong or using online stores such as Booktopia. These texts are available on the booklist but their arrival date in late January may not leave students sufficient time to complete the required homework. Please contact your student’s 2013 English teacher if you have any questions. Thank you.

Monica Sherry—Literacy Leader
Our annual end of year fishing charter proved to be a tremendous success as a group of expectant young anglers took to Port Phillip Bay in search of snapper.

Greeted upon arrival by calm mirror-like conditions and sunny skies, it really couldn’t have been scripted any better. All we needed now was a few fish and with Matt C and the crew from Reel Time Charters in charge, it was only ever going to be a matter of time. After an early departure from Lara, we set off at around mid-morning from the ramp at Launching Way on the Patterson River with half the group onboard Reel Time 1 with Matt C and the others with Matt B on Reel Time 2 (a.k.a. Barrel Buster!).

Sounding along the 12 to 13 m line directly out from the river mouth, it didn’t take long for the screen to light up with a series of solid arches stacked up on top of one another. The boys on Barrel Buster were the first to taste success as three rods screamed off simultaneously within minutes of setting the anchor. Before too long, both boats were hooking up regularly and there were some real crackers amongst them.

More than half a dozen reds up around the 3 to 4 kg mark were encountered throughout the session, the largest of which weighed in at 6.1 kilograms taken by Bryce Hall. Plenty of school fish in the 1 to 2 kg size range kept the students highly entertained and engaged for every minute of the five hour charter.

Returning to the ramp with grins from ear to ear, the youngsters proudly posed for photographs before preserving their catch on ice. Every student headed home with a good feed of fresh snapper, but more importantly, a whole host of fantastic memories which will no doubt be relived over and over for many years to come. Mission accomplished!

Brent Hodges

Indonesian Study Tour 2013

Next year, running into the September holidays, Lara Secondary College will be running an overseas study tour to Indonesia. The tour will run for approximately 10 days and include a language course as well as cultural activities including cooking, dance and music. Students will have ample opportunity to explore local sights and interact with culture through authentic experiences.

Keep your eyes and ears open as there will be updates throughout 2013.

Pak Collier and Pak Maine
LSC Indonesian Dept

Recollections of 2012

As I was doing forward planning at the commencement of the 2012 school year, the issue that was on the top of my list was to work towards embracing and expanding the supportive partnership between Student, Family and Lara Secondary College.

The ethos behind this was so the Families and LSC could work collaboratively with the focus to give your sons and/or daughters the best environment to do the very best they can whilst at school and thereafter. The more we understand each others perspectives, goals and aspirations the more positive attitude we shall all take into 2013.

I hope all families have a safe and happy festive season and a restful break and will look forward to recommencing our journey in 2013.

Cheers,
Clive Allen-Paisley—Community Liaison Coordinator
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Thank you OfficeMax for yet another year of donating stationary for our Orientation Day Show Bags.
ATARS were released on Mon 17 December at 7 am.

**How can I get my 2012 VCE Results (Yr 11&12) and ATAR (yr 12)?**

All students who are studying a 3/4 VCE subject can access their ATAR and/or study scores via SMS or phone or internet. Go to www.vtac.edu.au/sms

You can register from 9 am Monday 12 November until midnight Sunday 16 December.

Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7 am Monday 17 December SMS access available until 5pm Friday 21 December.

If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant, use your VTAC PIN.

If you are not a VTAC applicant your PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111.

**Yr 12 CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION**

You can change your VTAC course preferences from 26 Nov till 24 Dec (12 noon).

**WHERE CAN I GET HELP AT CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) TIME?**

*Nell Wilson – Careers Room - Ph 5282 8988 - wilson.nell.n@edumail.vic.gov.au*

‘Universities and TAFEs will have staff available to assist you till at least Fri 21 Dec (some till Mon 24th). They have provided the following information about assistance on offer (check websites for more information):

- **Australian Catholic Uni**: Call 1300 ASK ACU; COP Expo: 10am 3pm, Wed 19 Dec in Daniel Mannix Building
- **Deakin Uni**: Call 1300 DEGREE; COP 3pm-7pm, Tues 18 Dec (Burwood); See: www.deakin.edu.au/cop
- **La Trobe Uni**: COP Hotline: 1300 135 045, 16-22 December; see www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer
- **Monash Uni**: Call 1800 MONASH; COP Expo, 3-7pm, Wed 19 Dec, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Road; www.monash.edu/monash2012; flyers in Careers Room.
- **RMIT Uni & TAFE**: Call 1800 11 RMIT (8.30am-5.30pm weekdays);
  Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne www.rmit.edu.au/cop
- **Swinburne UNI & TAFE**: 1:1 appointments 9am-5pm, 17-18 & 20-21 Dec; online chat, 9am-5pm, 17-18, 20-21 Dec & 9-12noon, 24 Dec;
  COP Expo, 11am-3pm, Wed 19 Dec (Hawthorn);
  www.swinburne.edu.au/rightchoice; Call 1300 275 794;
- **University of Ballarat**: Call 1800 811 711; COP Information Day 11am-2pm, Wed 19 Dec (Mt Helen)
- **University of Melbourne**: COP Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352);
  website: www.cop.unimelb.edu.au; speak with staff one-on-one at the University Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St; attend
  Course Information Day, 10am-2.30pm, Wed 19 Dec, Parkville campus; register on-line to win: www.cop.unimelb.edu.au
- **Victoria University & TAFE**: Call COP hotline, 17-21 December on 1300 VIC UNI; Info Sessions, 19 & 20 Dec; drop-in at City Flinders St campus, 11am-4pm, 17 & 18 Dec

**WHAT IF MY ATAR IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH?**

**Rule 1.** Put the course you want most at number 1.

**Rule 2.** DON'T remove courses from your VTAC application just because your ATAR doesn't seem high enough. ATARS sometimes come down and it is not necessary to remove courses unless you have more than 12 courses for which you wish to apply.

If you want to go to university but your ATAR concerns you, there are other courses and pathways to consider, including the following (many have lower ATAR requirements):

- **Start with a TAFE course** in a related field; two years at TAFE often equals one year at university
- **For nursing** consider first completing Diploma of Nursing at The Gordon or any TAFE (Application is by Direct Entry Form on the institute website) Entry into many Gordon courses requires attendance at a compulsory Information Session in October, November and early December. [Check out the dates here.](#)
- **Deakin has Associate Degrees in Arts, Business and Science** which give you credit into degrees in Health, Education, Sport, Commerce (Application by Direct Entry Form on institute website) Complete a course at MIBT (Deakin Uni link); see page 265 of the VTAC Guide

Complete a Foundation Studies one year pathways course at Victoria Uni; application form at www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying

Consider studying a related university course with a lower ATAR; if you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later Consider a country/rural campus. ATARS are often lower due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)

ACU has certificate and diploma course that can lead on to degrees (through ACUCom) See: [http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2013](http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2013)

Consider Single Unit Enrolment

**Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Qualification Update.**

**NEWS ALERT: Apprentice Kickstart Initiative Available 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013,**

an incentive for small and medium sized employers to recruit apprentices into specific building and construction trades. The initiative is capped at 21,000 places nationally. Eligible employers may receive up to $3,350 in additional incentives. Eligible occupations (underpinned by a relevant Certificate III or IV qualification) may include: Carpenter; Cabinetmaker; Bricklayer; Electrician; Glazier; Landscape Gardener; Painter; Plumber; Tiler; Sheet metal worker; Welder; and Plasterer.

Full details on the complete range of occupations, employer eligibility, and all initiative terms and conditions must be checked out with a local Australian Apprenticeships Centre (www.aapathways.com.au/aac). For information www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au and click on the Australian Apprenticeships Reform page link.

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Apprenticeships

Apply by email, including a covering letter stating which apprenticeship you are interested in, to:
Kelly Binyon
Consultant - Victorian Group Training Co
E: kelly@vgtc.org.au
T: 1300 158 100
M: 0447 888 176

Bricklaying – contact Kelly Binyon for details

1 x 1st Year Apprentice Landscaper - Well respected
Torquay-based landscaping business is seeking applicants that can meet the following:
- must be able to get to Torquay by 8:00am Mon-Fri
- reliable, reliable, reliable
- physically fit and hard working
- genuinely seeking a career in this industry
- must enjoy outdoors work in all types of environments
- 4 year nationally recognised qualification

2. 2 x 1st Year Apprentice Joiners - Busy Belmont Joinery is seeking applicants that can meet the following:
- be interested in a trade career in Joinery
- possess good hand/eye co-ordination
- have prior experience eg Pre Apprenticeship or Work Experience in the construction trades reliable, -hardworking, honest
- be able to get to Belmont for a 7:00am start

Nell Wilson
Careers Advisor