LARA STUDENTS

‘TAKE OVER’

G.P.A.C.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of Term
The past few weeks have been a very busy time for students and for teachers, with exams, final assessments and report writing for our teachers. Reports will be sent out to families at the end of week one in Term Three. The writing and collation of reports is an enormous process and we hope that families receiving reports at the start of the new term will reflect on results with their children to ensure ongoing improvement in all areas of student work.

There will be a change of teachers to some subjects in term 3 as Ms Smith returns from leave, and we farewell the wonderful Ms Powne as she leaves us on maternity leave. Louise has been an outstanding teacher and enormously flexible and positive in everything she does. Her work in teaching her Year 8 class English, Maths, Integrated Studies and Drama would have been an enormous challenge but as always Louise took this in her stride and did a brilliant job. She will certainly be missed. Mr. Tom Boyle will move from teaching senior years to the Middle Years and is keen to join our Middle Years team.

We also farewell Anne Davis (Finance Officer) who has been successful in gaining a position as Business Manager at Rollins Primary School. Anne has been a huge asset to our school and will certainly be missed by our Education Support team and the Principal team – along with all our teaching staff. We wish Anne the very best in her new role!

Communication with Families
We now have 100% of email contacts for families who are accessing the internet from home. This is certainly the majority of our families and we are very impressed with the opportunity that this gives us to ensure open and fast communication between the school and home, and particularly your child's classroom teachers and home. All families who do not have internet available will receive SMS or hard copies of all information distributed. I would like to acknowledge our Community Liaison Leader, Clive Allen Paisley for his determination in ensuring that we achieved our important goal of 100% contacts.

Compulsory Levies
Thank you to all families who continue to finalize their payments for compulsory levies. These subject levies are for high cost materials and service provision, not for tuition which of course is provided through the school at no cost. The Department of Education provides funding for the payment of our teachers so that tuition can be provided to our students at no charge, but NO funding is allocated to support high cost subject materials or services. For this reason I have needed to send home reminder letters to families to ensure payments are made. This will enable us to continue to offer the broad range of subjects across our curriculum and to continue to engage our students in high interest areas. Once again thank you to parents who have organized payments or payment plans via the office.

Curriculum Day - August 2nd
We have an extensive process and program to ensure professional learning is undertaken in an ongoing manner across the year by all teachers. I would like to inform you that our CURRICULUM (student free) day planned for AUGUST 13th has been changed to AUGUST 2nd. The College council approved this change of date to allow us to employ a consultant to support our work in individualizing student learning. On August 2nd we will spend a day in developing further skills in differentiating products and processes to ensure that we are providing students with work at the appropriate level to them – and work that will challenge them to continuously improve in their standards. I appreciate your understanding with this change of date as this was the only opportunity we had available to engage the relevant consultant.

I wish you and your family a relaxing break and look forward to continuing our work together in term 3.

Lyn Boyle - Principal
boyle.lynn.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Congratulations to Brad Barlow who achieved a perfect score 50/50 in VET engineering. This is an outstanding achievement. Brad was presented with his plaque at the Premier’s Excellence Awards and is one of ten state school students across Victoria to receive such an award. We are extremely proud of Brad and this achievement.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term Two has gone incredibly fast and we will have Faye Smith returning from her long service leave after the holiday break. This means that for me I will be returning to my role as Senior Years Leader (Applied Learning). I would like to thank staff, parents and students for supporting me to be successful in this role. It has been a great learning experience to move outside the classroom and get a whole school view on how it is runs. What has stood out to me is seeing how important each person’s role is in ensuring we meet our target of having every student reach their full potential. We are truly lucky at Lara to have a dedicated team of staff that continually goes above and beyond the responsibilities of their role and it has been a great insight for me to work so closely with team members across the whole school.

Looking ahead to Term 3, it is important that if you have a student in Years 9-11 that you put the dates of information evenings and course counselling into your diaries. The decisions students make in regards to classes and courses are some of the most important they will need to make in their time at school. It is important that parents get along to these events to support students making educated decisions on their pathway.

Have a safe and enjoyable break; I look forward to seeing you back at the start of Term 3.

Damian Marra
Acting Assistant Principal
marra.damian.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

UNIFORM REMINDERS

We have had great success this year in fully implementing the school uniform policy. This has been with support from parents. The cold weather however has seen an increase in the number of students wearing non-uniform jackets and windcheaters to school. A Lara Secondary College warm fleecy jacket is available through our uniform suppliers. Lowe’s of Corio are offering a 15% discount on these and the school rugby tops from June 30th to July 15th We encourage parents to take advantage of this offer and continue to support us in the implementation of our uniform policy.

- Just to clarify for parents and students all students are expected to wear full school or SEPEP uniform including correct footwear at all times i.e. Sports shoes only
- Hoodies and Beanies are not allowed to be worn at school.
- Canvas shoes are not allowed to be worn at school at any time.
- Long sleeved skivvies worn under school shirts must be white.
- No long sleeved skivvies or shirts are to be worn under SEPEP Rugby shirts. All year 10 students are expected to be in full uniform at the beginning of term three.
- Students must use school bags not handbags
- At the beginning of term 3 wherever possible appropriate uniform items will be offered to students who are out of uniform in order for them to remain at school.
- Senior Students who are out of uniform will be sent home.
- Middle Years students will once again be excluded from class and will be supervised in the uniform room. The following day they will be asked to return to school in full school uniform only.

Students/Families who are experiencing difficulties in complying with our uniform policy should speak with their Pathways/TLC teacher or a member of the principal team as soon as possible.

LOWES SCHOOLWEAR LARA S.C

15% OFF SCHOOL HOLIDAY SALE

15% OFF all Lara Secondary College Rugby Tops and Fleece Jacket

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Starts 30th June 2012 – 15th July 2012

LOWES CORIO

Corio Shopping Centre, Purnell Rd, Corner Bacchus Marsh Rd, Corio Victoria, 3214  PH: 03 5275 6069

Trading Hours:
Mon -Wed 9-5.30pm, Thurs 9-7.00pm, Fri 9-9.00pm, Sat 9-5pm, Sun 11-3pm
7-Day Trading, Eftpos Facilities & Change Rooms available

LOWES SCHOOLWEAR LARA S.C

email: lara.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au  Web Site: www.laraszw.vic.edu.au
In the Drum Circle ELO I have learned so much about the drums. Clive was patient and understanding whilst we were learning the drum beat. Drum circle was a fun and an exciting ELO. Playing the drums was a fun and exciting experience. After the first lesson, at home, I was playing the drumbeats on the bench the table and anything else I could find. But the lesson wasn’t only about playing the drums it was finding the rhythm. If I had the chance I would definitely do it again!!!!

! Ashleigh M. 8G Drum Circle ELO

In Drumcircle ELO I learnt so much drum beats. When I get bored I play the beats everywhere and I loved doing this ELO and I would do it again but when it comes to preforming in front of the whole school it was scary at first but when it was over it was ok but overall I loved doing itirtual!!!!!

Laura 1 8G  Drum Circle ELO

My elo is media and we learnt about making websites. You had to have a home page and an index page. We made Pac-man we had to make a packman on flash we also made the YOu Yangs we had to draw them in flash. When we finished the Pac-man we had to make it eat and put a score in it. You could put it on your website and then you could play it on the web site.

Natasha H

E.L.O- Media
We learnt how to make websites, pacman move around and eat food, we made a you yang scene from day to night and we made pivot or paint to represent a message of subject we like and a subject we dislike and on the website we can add pages to the website interesting.

My Pacman

My You Yangs
By Ebony R

This term in ELO the students have been learning how to play an instrument in a Jazz Band. The students have learned to play; trumpet, trombones, tenor saxophone, clarinet, flute, piano and the Drums. The students have learned to conduct and to play some really cool songs. We have had so much fun!

From Miss Vicary
Director of Music
LIBRARY NEWS
LSC STAFF FAVOURITE BOOK COMPETITION
The “Into the Wilderness” series of books by Sara Donati is the favourite of Ms Johnstone. James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl is Mr White’s favourite book. Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff by Richard Carlson is Ms Alic’s and the “Emperor” series by Conn Iggulden is the favourite of Mr Smith. The latest prize winners were Ms Wilks, Cameron M., Mr Maine, Taylah B., Mr Allen-Paisley, Ryleigh D. & Ms Forrester. Ms Sartori & Ms McCrea - Library

Jodi Picoult event you might like to attend

Join us to hear Jodi Picoult & her 16yo daughter, Samantha van Leer, talk about the book they have co-written—Between the Lines

Thursday 26 July
7.00pm
Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre

Click on this ad for full details

Only 400 tickets available

This event will be followed by a book signing. Between the Lines will be available for purchase at the event.
GIRLPOWER PROGRAM

GirlPower is an eight-week personal development program for Year 8 girls. It aims to build self-esteem and confidence, and teach each girl to appreciate their own worth by identifying and valuing their strengths. GirlPower sessions cover topics including Friendships, Self-esteem and Body Image, Health and Fitness, Communication Skills, Being Me and My Future. The program is being run twice this year at Lara Secondary College.

In term 2, a group of year 8 girls got taken out of different classes once a week to do the GirlPower program. Bree, the School Counsellor, was the leader of this group. We learnt about friendships, body image, self-esteem, communication, your strengths and your future. The girls who participated were: Ashleigh M; Laura I; Stacey R; Sarah W; Mikayla S; Stephanie M; Tess B; Alyssa R; and I. We all enjoyed our time being at Girl Power with Bree. We learnt a lot and played lots of games. If we got the chance to, I think we would all want to go back and do the program again but we have to let different year 8 girls have a turn! We all learnt something different about other people we don’t normally talk to. Everyone in this group loves each other and we wish one day we can do GirlPower one more time 😊 Charlee G Yr 8.

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.

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.

TRAINING

Hurry! New courses starting soon

- Certificate IV in Small Business Management
  Commencing early July
- Certificate III Visual Arts and Contemporary Crafts (Photoimaging)
  Classes commencing March 30th
- Certificate IV Photoimaging
  Classes commencing March 30th
- Diploma of Visual Arts
  Classes commencing March 30th
- Certificate IV in Training & Assessment
  Commencing July
- Working in Tourism & Customer Service
  Commencing soon

School Holiday Programs

- Digital Photography
  Ages 12 to 18
  BYO compact digital or digital SLR
  Wednesday 4 July 1pm to 3pm
  $40
- Painting and Drawing Workshop
  Ages 8 to 18
  Also suitable for VCE students wishing to extend their folios
  Tuesday 3 July 10am to 12pm
  $40

Short Courses

- Anaphylaxis Management
  Monday 2 July
  $70
- Responsible Service of Alcohol
  Tuesday 17 July
  $68
- Food Safety for Food Handlers
  Wednesday 18 July
  $120
- Senior First Aid
  Thursday 19 July
  $155
- CPR
  Thursday 19 July
  $70
- Responsible Service of Gambling
  Wednesday 25 July
  $68
- Medical Terminology
  Commencing Wednesday 22 August

Art & Photography Short Courses

- Digital Photography for Beginners
  Commencing Wednesday 18 July
  $260
- Introduction to Photoshop
  Commencing Monday 30 July or Thursday 2 August (Evening classes)
  $260
- Life Drawing
  Commencing Tuesday 31 July or Monday 30 July (Evening classes)
  $190
- Printmaking
  Commencing 3 August
  $260
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for the school newsletter

Information for 2012

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must: be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and be an eligible beneficiary of a Centre link pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (16 July 2012).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 3 August 2012 for the second installment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students and is paid in two installments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2012 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

If you applied in semester one you don’t need to reapply.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

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Careerspace

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HORTICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT?
Then check out courses at Burnley Open Day. Learn about sustainable gardening and horticulture practice at Melbourne’s famous heritage-listed Burnley Gardens, 500 Yarra Boulevard, Richmond. Hear lectures by horticultural experts and attend workshops on sustainable practice. When: 10am-3pm, Sun 15 July; See the program at: www.land.environment.unimelb.edu.au.

RMIT SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOUR – Science at RMIT provides you with the knowledge and practical skills to tackle real world problems. Degrees available in: biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. Students and parents welcome. When: 11am-1pm, Wed 11 July & Tues 25 September (lunch provided); Register: www.rmit.edu.au/scienceinthecitylab.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE DEPARTMENT TOURS – Medical radiations at RMIT in collaboration with St Vincent’s and the Austin are offering behind the scenes visits for Year 11/12s. Nuclear medicine is a relatively small profession with only five programs available in Australia. RMIT has the longest standing nuclear medicine program in Australia, with 100% of graduates over the last five years obtaining internship positions following graduation. Find out how the profession investigates, diagnoses, treats and monitors diseases. When: Thurs 27 and Fri 28 Sept; Register: www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits.

INTERESTED IN OUR URBAN FUTURES? More than ever people are choosing to live in cities, with Melbourne’s population forecast to hit 5 million before 2030. The Urban Futures Competition is an opportunity for Year 10/11/12 students wanting to create sustainable cities and regions. Win up to $300 by coming up with the best idea to help tackle the challenges our cities face. To enter: www.rmit.edu.au/environmentplanning/urbanfuturescomp. To find out about urban planning at RMIT: www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp188.

DIPLOMA OF LANGUAGES – RMIT is now offering the Diploma of Languages, designed to complement undergraduate programs, or as a stand alone program. Languages currently offered are: Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish. See: www.rmit.edu.au/languages/diploma. A similar program is offered at several other universities. They can be studied along with any degree, adding a year to your study program.

ARE YOU GOOD AT ORGANISING AND PLANNING? If yes, then a career in logistics may be for you. Logistics is involved in practically every industry. It’s about having things in the right place at the right time – not too much not too little. The Victorian Transport Association is offering a Logistics Cadetship Program. This two-year program which has young people aged 18-25 (and completed Year 12) employed fulltime with logistics companies while studying a Diploma of Logistics. Cadets are released from work to study at Victoria University. The next intake is due to start in March 2013. However, if a company chooses a cadet, employment can start at any time before training begins. Cadets are allocated a mentor and move to different areas of the business. Cadets can later choose to study for a university degree in logistics. Logistics is one of the biggest and fastest growing industries in the world. See www.vta.com.au for details; resumes are being accepted now.

FIND OUR ABOUT LAW AT ACU – Australian Catholic University is hosting an informal ‘drop in’ session to answer questions and to give you more information about the courses available in Melbourne in 2013. Meet faculty staff, collect information, learn about the pro bono program and Law Induction Week and learn about graduate employment. When: 6.30-7.30pm, Thurs 28 June; Where: ACU, Christ Theatre, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy; RSVP: law.enquiries@acu.edu.au.

PODIATRY: A STEP INTO A CAREER IN DEMAND – Podiatrists are health professionals who work with patients who have foot, ankle and knee problems. They work on the treatment, management and prevention of disorders across age groups. With an aging population and a rise in foot and ankle injuries from sport and everyday physical activities, the demand for podiatrists has remained strong and will continue to do so – especially in regional area. Podiatry graduates have strong career prospects both in Australia and abroad with 70% of graduates from La Trobe Uni working in the private sector and the remaining 30% working in the public health network. This is a great course for students interested in rehabilitation and in the treatment of sports related injuries.
Gforce Job Vacancies

Dental Assisting Traineeship

Are you keen to begin your career in the Dental Industry?

Gforce is currently seeking applicants to undertake this Certificate III Qualification. This full-time, 12 month position will teach you all aspects of Dental Assisting.

All applications must include a covering/application letter expressing your interest in the position.

New

Cabinetmaker—Wood Machinist Apprenticeship

Begin your career today!

Gforce are currently seeking self motivated and enthusiastic individuals to undertake a full-time Apprenticeship within a successful Geelong business.

Applicants must be physically fit, willing to learn, reliable and have a genuine interest in the trade.

New

Security Cabling Traineeship

Do you have a keen interest in Electrotechnology?

Gforce is currently seeking applicants to undertake this Certificate II Qualification. This full-time, 12 month position will focus on assembly and set-up of wired and wireless base level security systems.

Those who have previously completed a Certificate III Qualification or higher need not apply.

New

Business/Administration Traineeship — Industrial Employer

Entry level administration position.

Gforce are currently seeking self motivated and enthusiastic individuals to undertake a 12 month full-time Administration Traineeship. Applicants must be willing to gain their forklift licence.

Those who have previously completed a Certificate III Qualification or higher need not apply.

New

Home and Community Care Traineeships

Work part-time whilst gaining a Nationally recognised Qualification

Gain valuable on-the-job experience

Gforce has excellent opportunities in Home and Community Care. These positions are part time and based in Geelong and the surrounding areas.

New

Business Equipment Service Technician

Do you have a keen interest in IT software, networking and problem solving? Have you considered a career in Business Equipment Service?

Gforce is currently seeking applicants who are wishing to complete Certificate II in Business Equipment Servicing. Position will involve servicing Photocopiers, Scanners, Fax machines etc.

New

Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques - Soil Testing

Fantastic opportunity to begin your career and gain a nationally recognised qualification

Gforce currently has a fulltime vacancy for a self motivated individual to undertake a 3 year traineeship with a Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques. Soil testing prior to construction.

This position will involve assisting other personnel to solve technical problems and to interpret and evaluate experimental information.

New

Rural Operations Traineeship

Do you love working Outdoors?

Gforce is currently seeking applicants to undertake Certificate III in Rural Operations. Will involve 75% weed control, safe operation of plant and machinery, fencing and farm maintenance.

Current Drivers licence is essential. Position is based in the Bellbrae region.

To apply for these jobs or to view all vacancies simply log on to www.gforce.org.au and go to ‘Job Vacancies’