SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2012
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATING DARYL SPALDING AND THE WORK OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

Nominations for school council have closed and I would like to congratulate the following parent members on their reinstatement to school council for the next two years, Neville Gillett, Chris Anson and Cindy Cooper who joins us again as a parent member after being co-opted to council as a community member in 2011. I would also like to congratulate Damian Marra who has been reinstated as a DEECD member along with Glenda Ward and Faye Smith. Our College council continues to play a very important role in overseeing the operation of the school and welcomes input as a representative body of the school community. Office bearers for 2012 will be announced after our next meeting. This meeting will include the Annual General Meeting, open to all members of the college community from 6.30pm to 7pm. We will then hold our first meeting of new council to elect office bearers.

This will be the final meeting of our long standing and highly respected college council president Daryl Spalding. Daryl has been an outstanding supporter of our school and it has certainly been an enormous pleasure to work with him as our president since our opening in 2003. Daryl has led and supported a wide range of initiatives and achievements at the College including the completion of stage one and two of our building program along with the planning and completion of our Middle Years Centre, or stage three of our building program, ongoing landscaping and grounds development, safety improvement through negotiation with the city of greater Geelong regarding the issues with the location of the bus bays and much more. He has shown enormous trust and support for the work we have undertaken as a college to build a strong culture of respect, excellence, commitment and teamwork. Daryl has certainly modeled each of these values at every opportunity and will be very much missed as the leader of our very special group on College Council.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Harrison of Year 12 who after a second round of Lions Youth of the year zone event went on to win the regional final this week. Harrison competed against students from Geelong Grammar, Grovedale College and Newcomb Secondary College. This is an outstanding achievement and a result of Harrison’s dedication to his school and to his community, and his willingness to take on any challenge presented to him. The impromptu speeches were “what is the biggest threat to the global environment?” and, “what are your thoughts on the Balliueu government spending $55 million on the grand prix?”. Harrison did a brilliant job in presenting a comprehensive response which was very clearly articulated. The school community and the Lions club of Lara would like to wish Harrison the very best for the district final on March 24th.

YEAR 7 PARENT WELCOME

I look forward to meeting with all the families of Year 7 students on March the 21st. I’m sure you will enjoy learning from your child and their TLC group the programs and processes in place to ensure that every individual child is able to achieve their best.

Lyn Boyle - Principal

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college calendar

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UNNAMED LOST PROPERTY

We have a large collection of unnamed lost property that must be claimed by Friday March 16th. These include both uniform and casual dress items. Most of these items have been in lost property since 2011 and will be taken to the Lara Op Shop if unclaimed after March 16th. These items can be collected from Mrs Harvey in the 100 staffroom.
I would like to chat about school diaries or student planners (as they are sometimes called).

It is important for all students to have the Lara Secondary College diary. There are two forms of diary – one for Years 7 to 9 and one for the senior years (10-12).

**Student diaries**
- provide a consistent format to help students to keep a record of homework and due dates
- provide an easy permanent record of communications between parents and the college, including little things like time taken out of class and so on.
- provide students with many hints and reminders to help them with their organisation skills and with their academic work.

We recognise that computer technologies have had an impact on the use of diaries but at this stage are still requesting that students maintain their diary use as instructed by their teachers. Emails between parents and teachers are a fantastic way for students to get homework instructions if they have forgotten but teaching middle years students to use a diary reinforces that it is their responsibility to manage their homework, not their parents.

A percentage (still under 50% we think) of our senior students use phone technologies to record due dates for their important pieces of assessment and we are certain that this type of organisation will increase in the future. However at the moment we still request that students use their diaries as a backup, a way of reinforcing good habits. Teachers may often find it difficult to check a student’s phone but a quick check of a diary is a really easy way to assess if a student is staying on top of the workload in the senior years.

I would welcome any feedback you have about this issue. We will certainly be discussing new technologies and ideas with ‘our diary people’ and of course the Ultranet will provide a communication platform for students, teachers and parents to share. But in this transition time we still need all students to have a LSC diary.

Glenda Ward & Faye Smith
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**Breakfast Club**

Welcome to all
Every Tuesday and Friday between 8.00—8.45am
Available: Toast and spreads, assorted cereals.
(Hot meals available occasionally).
Sponsored by the Gateway Church Lara.

**Engagement and Communication**
It is very important, so that we can maximize our engagement and communication with every parent/guardian that we have your contact details up to date. Next week we shall be giving students a form to take home so that you can notify us of any contact detail changes.
If your son/daughter can supply these details themselves then they can complete these on the form and submit it to their TLC/Pathways teacher.

**Pre-order the new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Books today to receive over $150 in additional offers!**
We are pleased to announce that we'll be selling the new 2012 | 2013 Geelong, Surf Coast and Ballarat Entertainment™ Books as a fund-raiser for Lara Secondary College Music Department.
Entertainment™ Books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities.
The new Book is only $55, and you'll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers until 1 June 2013. So you can choose what you want to do and when you want to do it.
Plus, the good news is that $11 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising!

**Here are just some of the valuable offers in the new Book!**

Pre-order your Book now and you'll receive extra value... Pay for your new Geelong, Surf Coast and Ballarat Entertainment™ Book before 23 March 2012 and you'll receive Bonus Offers*, valued at over $150, which you can use immediately!

Or contact us to order your Book:
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Contact: Clive Allen-Paisley
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Reminder: Melbourne Uni Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day. Attend lectures, pet demonstrations, tours and get course advice; 10am-3pm, Sun 25 March, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; www.vet.unimelb.edu.au

Yr 10 Students interested in applying for an ALCOA Future Leaders of Industry Scholarship please see Nell next week.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS? The Careers Centre is the obvious starting point, however, there are many other places to obtain information. There are CAREER EXPOS, university and TAFE OPEN DAYS, CAREER EVENTS held during the year, and WEBSITES to check.

CAREER EXPOS:
Why attend? Career Expos are a great opportunity to collect information and to talk to staff from a wide variety of education and training providers at the one time and location. They are an excellent starting point in your exploration. Coming up (dates for your diary):
The Age VCE and Careers Expo is from Thurs 3 to Sun 6 May at the Caulfield Racecourse
The National Careers and Employment Expo: 18/19 May at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
The Herald Sun Career Expo is on 27 – 29 July
Engineering Careers Expo is 2-7pm, Thurs 29 Mar, Etihad Stadium; www.engineeringexpo.org.au

OPEN DAYS:
University and TAFE Open Days are a great source of information as attendance at these provides the opportunity to speak to staff and see facilities. (If you plan to apply for a course requiring an interview,folio presentation or audition as part of the application process, attending really is essential). Generally 10am-4pm: from June – Sept

CAREER EVENTS:
Various Career Events run throughout the year, and will be notified in CareerNews. Starting very soon is the annual ‘At Monash Seminar series’. These give you a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. What/When (all 6.30-8pm): Architecture (7 Mar), Nursing, Paramedics (8 Mar), Pharmacy (13 Mar), Business (14 Mar), Physio & Occupational Therapy (19 Mar), IT (20 Mar), Health Sci & Social Work (26 Mar), Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Rec (27 Mar), Medicine, Biomed Sci, Radiography & Nutrition/Dietetics (28 Mar), Arts (29 Mar), Design & Fine Art (18 April), Psychology (19 April), Science (8 May), Performing Arts (15 May), Law (17 May), Engineering (28 June). Info: 1800 Monash/9903 4810; Register/locations: www.monash.edu/seminars

Trial-a-Trade day at William Angliss Institute, offering 14-18 year olds the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers (eg chef, baker, barista or patissier); When: 9.30am-12pm, Sun 18 March; Where: William Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; Cost: $28.00; Info/registration: 1300 264 547 or www.angliss.edu.au/trial.

Experience environmental science and engineering day at RMIT. Undertake interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geometric space science; When: Thurs 5 April; Cost: Free (incl lunch – a bargain); Info/register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays; Call: Clare, 9925 3699; more ‘Get Real Experience’ activities coming in arts/design, computing, marketing and medical sciences (info soon)

What Really Happens After High School? Find out by being a uni student for a day at La Trobe Uni, which is opening its doors, inviting Yr 10 - 12s and parents to ‘Experience La Trobe’. Join in workshops, find out about student life and check out the campus. It’s free, entertainment and lunch provided. When: Fri 13 April and Tues 3 July (holidays); Where: La Trobe (Bundooora); Register (and check sessions at Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga): www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine is holding a Career Information session offering insights into career opportunities in the forensic sciences. When: 12:30 - 4:00pm, Fri 13 April; Where: VIFM Lecture Theatre, 57-83 Kavanagh Street, Southbank; Registration form located at: http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Registration-Form-13-April-20121.pdf. For info. visit: http://www.vifm.org/events/16/vifm-careers-information-afternoon/. No seats for parents.

WEBSITES:
University and TAFE websites are a great source of information. NOTE: A website provided in the last newsletter regarding tertiary study, costs and financial assistance (with links to other great careers sites) for tertiary education has been updated to www.studyassist.gov.au. A very useful site combining a wealth of career information...

FOCUS ON A CAREER: I WANT TO BE A NURSE
You have many study options and combinations to consider:
The Bachelor of Nursing (a 3-year undergraduate degree for registration as a Division 1 nurse) is taught at many universities (ACU, Ballarat, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT and VU). It is also taught at some TAFE Institutes (eg Gordon)
A number of universities such as ACU and Monash offer a Bachelor of Midwifery. Some offer a double degree in Nursing/Midwifery, where students complete both qualifications in four years (eg Deakin, La Trobe and Monash - Gippsland)
A number of universities offer other combinations of double degrees such Nursing/Bus.Admin(ACU), Nursing/Paramedics (ACU Ballarat,Monash), Nursing/Psychology and Nursing/Public Health and Health Promotion at Deakin
Melbourne university has a post-graduate nursing degree (Master of Nursing Science) Specialisations: Nursing (Community Health – Monash Berwick), Nursing (Mental Health) ACU and Nursing (Practice Leadership) ACU
In addition, many institutions offer the Diploma of Nursing (Division 2), for example, The Gordon. It is sometimes possible to up-grade this qualification to Division 1.

Nell Wilson Career Advisor
The most recent prize winners were Ms Jane, Ms Harvey, Sean T., Brayden D. and James I.

Wuthering Heights is the favourite book of Ms Foster. Ben Hogan: the authorised biography is Mr Buckingham's.

Every Monday in the Student Bulletin some titles will be listed. Pleased to say that there has been some discussion about favourite books lately.

Lara Secondary College Book Club
Our book club is up and running and has student and staff members. At our inaugural meeting we decided to read “The Hunger Games”. When we next meet we will decide on a name for the club.

New Arrivals
These books have just arrived and are available for borrowing.

Alexandra Adornetto had her first book “The Shadow Thief” published when she was 15. Hades is the 2nd book in her Halo Trilogy series. Bk 3 “Heaven” will be released in Aug. this year.

Karrattha is a mining town in W.A. The landscape is extraordinary, being composed of vast heaps of dark red earth and rock poking out of the never-ending bush. I imagine that Mars must have a similar feel to it. I went exploring and discovered the bronze statue to Red Dog outside the town of Dampier. I felt straight away that I had to find out more about this splendid dog. I spent two glorious weeks driving around collecting Red Dog stories and visiting the places that he knew, writing up the text as I went along. I hope my cat never finds out that I have written a story to celebrate the life of a dog.” Louis de Bernieres

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