From the Principal

The only constant in life is change! That sounds like such a modern idea with the pace of change seeming to increase year on year. But in fact, that quote is from the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus, around 535 BC. The experience of change and transition is part and parcel of the human experience and a number of recent events have brought this to mind. While there is still one term left in the year, our Yr 12’s only have a few weeks left as part of our College community. We will formally farewell and bless them early next term as they begin the final exam period.

Mr Tom Brennen, who has been appointed Principal in 2017, visited the College recently to meet staff. I am very confident that Mr Brennen will be a wonderful leader of the College and it was a privilege to welcome him. Mrs Kerrie Richardson will be retiring at the end of this year and we will certainly miss her passion and enthusiasm in our classroom music program, musical productions and major events.

As part of our Germany Tour 19 students, accompanied by Mr Wilson and Chaplain Kathy, depart this Sunday. Mr Todzy will also be assisting the tour during his time in Germany. We look forward to the stories, photos and new relationships that will be created and wish them safe travels and return home.

Given that transitions are a normal part of life, the key question is how we respond to them. Sometimes change can create anxiety and stress, at other times, opportunity and new perspectives. The Bible reminds us that Jesus Christ never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13) When everything seems to be in flux, it is important to have that as our reference point. His love and grace is the true constant in all life’s changes.

Ministry News

What will it cost us?

Bills. Everywhere you turn there are lots of them. Water, gas, electricity, rent, mortgage, school fees. The cost of running a family is pretty high. Even if you bought something you’ve always wanted, the costs can still mount up. Have you ever wanted to learn the piano for example? First there’s the piano – a brand new one could cost you $5,000 easily. Then there’s the teacher - $50 a lesson. And books? $25 - $50 is pretty standard.

Then there’s the piano practice. One hour per day is considered the minimum. That’s one hour less to spend on other things, like mowing the lawn, or cooking or just relaxing in front of the TV after a long day.

There’s a cost to following Jesus too. He said that to be his follower we have to take up our cross and follow him, even if we lose family and friends and maybe even our lives in the process.

That’s a pretty big price – bigger than the cost of learning piano.

But when you look closer at the things he asks us to do, maybe the cost isn’t so big after all. He asks us to love each other, care for people in need, share our food and goods, and forgive people when they do the wrong thing.

In other words, he asks us to love each other, and love him. Doesn’t sound so costly after all. Or so hard.

Peace
Chaplain Kathy
Junior School News

Year 5 Classroom News – A Space Adventure!

How is the Earth a part of the system of planets and objects orbiting the Sun? Why does the earth rotate? How do planets maintain their orbit? Can humans actually land on other objects in the Solar System? These are just some of the questions that students in Year 5 have posed at a commencement to their inquiry into ‘Our Place in Space’ unit of work.

To engage and immerse students, the classroom has been transformed into a model of the Solar System. With the endeavour to promote higher order thinking, students are encouraged to investigate and inquire, working both independently and collaboratively to seek answers to the questions they have posed.

The students were first exposed to life in space with an incursion to the Skylab Planetarium which visited the school in Week 6 of this term as a part of Lakeside College’s Twilight Open Day. Students were then asked to demonstrate their understanding of the Sun, Earth and the Moon’s movement by working collaboratively in groups of three to make orreries (models), which they will be able to modify as their understanding of Solar System develops. A further investigation task was to comprehend the massive distances in space by creating a live scale model of the solar system on the school’s oval.

Through role play, song, modelling, creating and researching, students will continue to enhance their understanding of ‘Earth’s place in Space’. The Unit will culminate at the end of term with a visit from “Hands on Science”. This incursion allows science experts to work with students to enhance their knowledge and provide a further opportunity to investigate and understand the extraordinary science of space. The students of Year 5 extend a warm welcome to the Lakeside community to take the opportunity to visit the Year 5 classroom and view some of the wonderful work students have completed.

Mrs Cox and the Year 5 Class

Junior School News

Junior School Assembly – Notice of change of date

Due to a rescheduling of District Athletics, we have had to change the date of our Junior School Assembly. Please be advised that our Term 3 Assembly will now take place on Tuesday, 13 September, at 2:45 in the Senior School (Chapel rooms).

We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Middle School News

Only two more weeks to go until the end of Term 3! As they say “time flies when you are having fun!”

Congratulations to our Annual Public Speaking Competition winners! This year we introduced new awards for the winners and each level now has a specific shield referencing a particular famous Australian speech. For the Junior competition (Years 6-7) we now have The Tenterfield Shield.

Year 8-9 comprise the Intermediate Competition and they compete for the Bendigo Shield.

Finally, the Senior Competition fights for the Redfern Shield. As always, the competition was fierce and the speeches inspiring. Our students continue to impress and deliver speeches that inspire, inform and persuade us all.

The 2016 Winners are:
The Tenterfield Shield: Taylor Edwards (Year 7)
The Bendigo Shield: Nyanyal Hoth (Year 9)
The Redfern Shield: Mickey Wong (Year 10)

Science Week was also a huge success. The Year 6 students were the first to find “Michael” using Forensic Science skills to solve the crime. Well done to our sleuth some of the older students!

Year 7 students had a great day out at Healesville Sanctuary last Wednesday. Despite being a fairly chilly start to the day, the students were excited and engaged in the discussions and everyone enjoyed seeing all of the native Australian animals. One of the highlights was seeing a mother and baby Koala jumping from limb to limb, not too often do you get to see Koalas so active.

In fulfilling our requirements to the Commonwealth Government, please note our statement of democratic principles on the College website
Many of the Year 9 students were away for a Duke of Edinburgh camp to Warburton. They had some wild weather and a rather long walk, but all returned safe and sound, albeit with some damp shoes. Thank you to Mr Quill and Ms Fox for taking these students out for such a rewarding program.

This Sunday we will farewell a number of students from Year 8-10 as they travel to Germany and beyond. We wish all 19 of them all the best as they explore the world and make memories that will truly last a life time. We will be looking forward to hearing all of the stories when you return in Term 4.

Jason Prochazka
Acting Head of Middle School

**Sport News**

The College would like to congratulate our Year 9 and 10 students who competed at inter-school basketball on Tuesday 30th August. Two of our teams had a very successful day with some fantastic wins in their respective competition pools. A special mention must go to our Boys (2) side who were undefeated on the day and won the Division 2 pennant. Thank you to Ashley Mason and staff coaches for their efforts and expertise on the day.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Miles, Nathan Gavin and Gus DaCosta who played in the winning Under 15 Division 1 Grand Final at Casey Fields on the weekend. The boys are in a team from the Pakenham Junior Football Club.

Only 3 more weeks left of Term 3 and everyone’s ready for holidays. This term has been an exciting one with preparation for next term under way.

We have been selecting our subjects for next year and talking with Mrs Waldron and Mr Wilson about whether or not our subjects will fit into the timetables. Mr Anderson, Mr Wilson and Mrs Waldron have been working hard trying to create a timetable that will accommodate all our selections and are doing a great job. This process has been going on for a few weeks now and we are all very grateful for all the effort that they have been putting in.

Also we had the Basketball on Tuesday where a majority of the year 10’s went off to represent the school, while the remaining students took part in water aerobics during their sport class.

We would also like to wish all the students and teachers best wishes and safe travels for their trip over to Germany where they will get to experience the German culture and live with host families. We hope they take in as much as they can and hopefully share some photos and stories of their travels.

On Wednesday 31st August the year 10 music class is went to see Matilda in the city with Mrs Fox.

A reminder for next term, it is Summer uniform so if you need to get any dry cleaning or purchase new clothing, we suggest you begin to get that done now as the stores will be busy on school holidays.

As we keep counting down the number of days until holidays, let’s all enjoy school, keep going and reward ourselves with the break for when it comes. So remember....

“Don’t give up, the hard work pays off”

Chelsea Bloor
Year 10

As our Year 12 students approach their final weeks of Secondary Education, and to assist you with your planning, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some upcoming significant dates and events that will be occurring.

**VTAC timely applications (Tertiary course selections) – Monday 1 August to Friday 29 September (5.00 pm)**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Committee (VTAC) will start accepting applications for 2017 Tertiary courses from Monday 1 August. Students applying for tertiary courses should register with VTAC and have their course preferences entered no later than Friday 29 September. Our Careers Counsellor, Mrs. Gail Waldron is currently in the process of explaining to students how to enter tertiary selections to VTAC. Please note that a $32.00 administrative fee, payable to VTAC, must be paid to complete the registration process. Failure to pay will
result in no offers being made. Please refer to the VTAC website http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html for more details.

**SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) applications - Monday 1 August to Wednesday 4 October**

VTAC also takes submissions for the Special Entry Access Scheme for students who have experienced significant disadvantage beyond their control. Mrs. Gail Waldron will explain the SEAS process to students when she is explaining the VTAC application process. Students wishing to apply for SEAS can do so only once they have submitted a course application through VTAC. All documentation must be delivered to VTAC by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 4 October. Mrs. Waldron will be available to assist with both VTAC and SEAS applications. Students should contact Mrs. Waldron on gail.waldron@lakeside.vic.edu.au if they do require assistance.

**Graduation Assembly and Breakfast, last day of classes - Thursday 20th October**

Students and their families are invited to a shared breakfast in the Senior School at 7:30am. Students and families are then asked to proceed to the Cardinia Cultural Centre at 8:30am in preparation for the Graduation assembly. Parents and families will be ushered to seats at the front. It is anticipated this event will conclude at approximately 10am. Students are required to be in full school uniform including tie and blazer. At conclusion of assembly students are to return to Senior School common room for meeting and blessing from Year 12 pastoral teachers. Periods 3-6 will continue as usual.

**Last Day of School - Friday 21 October**

Last Day of Year 12. Year 12s are not required to wear school uniform on this day, but they are still expected to dress in a neat casual manner appropriate to a school day (i.e., it is not a fancy dress day). The day will begin at 9.00am with a meeting of students and pastoral staff in the common room. Following the meeting, Year 12s will leave by bus for their final day excursion, before returning to be dismissed from school at 3:30pm.

**Study release – Monday 17 October to Tuesday 25 October**

Students are free to come and go from the College as they please during this period. This is an ideal time for students to consult with their teachers as they put the final polish on their preparation for their exams. Students are free to wear neat casual clothes while at school during the study release period.

**Final VCE written exams – Wednesday 26 October to Wednesday 16 November**

Students are required to wear school uniform to all their VCE exams. The usual uniform expectations with regard to shaving, make-up and piercings still apply. On non-exam days, students who choose to be at school in order to use the common room and/or to consult with subject teachers may dress casually.

**Valedictory Dinner – Monday November 14th at Clover Cottage, Berwick**

This date was booked by previous Senior School Administration without consideration to the completion of VCE exams. I apologize to the two students who have exams on the following day. The function will be at Clover Cottage, Berwick from 7.00pm to 11.00pm. It is a celebration of the Year 12 students and their time at Lakeside College. Students are not permitted to smoke or consume alcoholic drinks both before and during the function.

**Receiving an ATAR and change of preference week Monday 12 December – 16 Friday December**

Students will be notified of their ATAR on Monday 12 December. At this time VTAC will allow applicants to change the order of their preferences or add/remove courses to their preference list. Mrs. Gail Waldron will be available to assist students, should they require help with this.

**Expectations**

It is expected that in their final days at school, Year 12 students will not be involved in any activities which may be considered to be:

- hurtful or distasteful to other people
- damaging to school or personal property
- disruptive or upsetting to other classes or the normal daily schedule of other students.

Students whose actions show that they are not prepared to abide by these expectations will forfeit their right to attend the Valedictory Dinner and will risk sitting their final examinations at a different location.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the College.

Paul Wilson
Head of Senior School

We invite you to attend a Cyber Safety Presentation on **Wednesday 14th September** conducted by Victoria Police. It will be held from **6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Senior School Building**. The presentation will be relevant for Parents and Guardians of students of all ages.