

From the Principal

As we look around the College and see shiny new shoes and school uniforms, new books and computers, new staff and students, even a new building being built, we look like a great College. But these material things in themselves do not make a great school. A school may look like great on the outside, but it is what happens inside the buildings that really makes a school.

Great schools are built on strong home and school partnerships where students are nurtured, supported and encouraged to excel in keeping with our community values and desires. Great schools see committed staff viewing their role as serving students. Not just to teach students the curriculum, but to engage them in developing skills outside of the classroom. Great schools see school staff committing to a student's development academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually. They place pastoral care and concern as a paramount importance. Great schools ensure that all students are known, valued and celebrated.

Great schools have students who know that the secret to success in learning and in life is the attitude we take. A student may have shiny shoes, but without a similarly shining attitude, learning may not take place. As my grandfather often reminded me 'Tom, you will have many times when you cannot choose the path that must be taken, but you can choose the song you sing while walking it'. Great schools have students who are just as interested in their classmate's success as they are in their own.

Lakeside College is indeed a great school and one that I am honoured to serve as Principal. As we commence a new year let us all be reminded that there is no more important work in our school community than the creation and maintenance of great relationships between students, families, staff and the wider community. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new students and families to the College. It is great to have you with us. I particularly acknowledge our new staff who have joined us.

It was a great privilege to install our school leaders officially as one of my first duties as the Principal of Lakeside College. I congratulate them and wish them the very best as they commence their service to our community. Let us always recall that Christ walks with us each day as we strive to use our gifts to serve those around us in Pakenham and beyond. As we do so, let us recall the following encouragement from the Bible:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

Blessings



Photo: Mr Tom BrennEn (Principal) meets Mr Tom BrennAn student

Calendar Events

Week 3

- **Monday 13 February - Year 1 Information Session in Classroom - 3.30pm to 4pm**
- **Tuesday 14 February - JS Chapel in Junior School Foyer 8.45am to 9.05am and then every Tuesday**
- **Tuesday 14 February - Year 2 and 3 Information Session in Classroom - 3.30pm to 4pm**
- **Wednesday 15 February to Friday 17 February - Year 6 Camp - Anglesea**
- **Wednesday 15 February - Prep Day Off**
- **Thursday 16 February - Year 4 and 5 Information Session in Classroom - 3.30pm to 4pm**
- **Thursday 16 February - Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinic Junior School**
- **Thursday 16 February - JS Chapel in Junior School Foyer 8.45am to 9.05am and then every Thursday**
- **Friday 17 February - Bulletin**

Week 4

- **Monday 20 February - 2016 DUX Assembly 8.45am 9.15pm**
- **Monday 20 February - Round 1 Year 7 Immunisations**
- **Wednesday 22 February - Prep Day Off**
- **Wednesday 22 February - Prep Open Morning - 9am to 10am**

Welcome to 2017

It is always exciting to see students return for the start of another school year. It is especially exciting to welcome our new Prep students and other new students and their families to our school community. So much learning already takes place in these first days and weeks of the year as students get to know their new teachers, reconnect friendships or perhaps begin new ones, learn new routines and look forward to new opportunities to grow.

We are thrilled to welcome two new teachers to our Junior School teaching team, Mrs. Deidre Priebbenow in Year 2 and Mr. Michael Groves in Year 4. Both of these teachers bring to Lakeside College a wealth of experience and expertise to enrich the learning of our students. Our students from Prep –Year 3 will also have the opportunity to learn German with our new German teacher, Mr. Frank Bonig whose talents will complement the German program already established at the College. He will work closely with Mrs Claudia Cox who takes our Year 4/5 German program, along with the German department at the College.

Thank you

Thank you to all our parents for the part you play in ensuring our commencement to the new year has been so positive. The communication between parents and teachers is greatly valued. We thank you especially for your patience and understanding with the continued building works for our new Junior School classrooms. The students and staff have continued to cope and adapt wonderfully to their evolving environment. We anticipate these works to be completed by the middle of the year.

We thank parents for their continuing cooperation and support in waiting outside the Junior School building until the school day has concluded to minimise congestion and disruption to our students. Please feel most welcome to drop into our classrooms upon the dismissal of students to speak to teachers or arrange a suitable time to meet with them regarding any concerns or questions you might have.

Up and running

Already, we have been busy making arrangements for the individual screening of our Junior School students to ensure we meet their individual learning needs. This information gives us valuable data to inform our teaching programs. Over the next two weeks all students from Prep to Year 2 are individually interviewed to accurately determine the learning profile of each student in key areas of Numeracy. In addition to the routine school entry screening for Prep students conducted by their class teachers, next week our Preps will also be individually assessed to give us a clear understanding of their phonological awareness. Phonological awareness is the ability to identify and manipulate speech sounds. This includes being aware of rhyme, syllables, words and sentences and attending to and manipulating the units of sound within words. Phonological awareness plays a key role in a child's readiness for reading and all aspects of literacy.

It is highly related to later success in reading and spelling and has, therefore, been the focus of much research. We run an intensive Phonological Awareness program to support students in this important area. Every new student to the College will be thoroughly assessed in all areas of Literacy and Numeracy to help create an accurate profile of their learning needs.

This year we have some exciting new programs happening across the Junior School, including Enrichment programs running across the College in Numeracy, Science and Literacy. We encourage you to come along and find out more about our programs at the Year Level Information Sessions outlined below.

Junior School Year Level Information Sessions

The staff of the Junior School are looking forward to working with you in partnership to guide your child along their learning journey which will assist each child to reach their full potential academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. This year we will run Information Sessions (times and dates listed below) to share with you some specific information pertaining to the learning programs, expectations and organisation for your child's year level. We strongly encourage you to attend these brief sessions. Strong partnerships between home and school benefit your child's learning. We look forward to meeting you personally. Should you wish to discuss more detailed and/or private information with your child's teacher, please make a separate appointment at a convenient time.

Junior School Year Level Information Session Times

Feb 13th	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Year 1 information session (in classrooms)
Feb 14th	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Year 2 and 3 information session (in classrooms)
Feb 16th	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Year 4 and 5 information session (in classrooms)

Parents as Partners

We greatly value parent help in the Junior School. Parental assistance may be utilised in a variety of ways within the classroom to support our learning programs and activities. In order to optimise parental assistance, we ask that all potential helpers in the Junior School attend a Classroom Helper Information Course, Parents as Partners. This will take place on Thursday, 23rd February at 2:30pm. Please return the intention of attendance slip, on the bottom of the notice sent out earlier this week, to the Head of Junior School via the front office or your child's Classroom Teacher by Monday 20th February.

Jane Wiebusch
Head of Junior School

SPORT and PE

This term at Lakeside College we are honoured to welcome back Melbourne Victory Football Club (MVFC). MVFC is an Australian A-League professional soccer club based in Melbourne. MVFC is very successful having won three Championships and three Premierships. The club is currently 2nd on the ladder. In the past, MVFC has attended the college and coached junior school students by providing sporting opportunities and improving their soccer skills. This term, MVFC will be attending Thursday afternoons working with Year 3, 4 and 5 students over the next 4 weeks (16th and 23rd February, 2nd and 9th March).

Jess Fox
Sport Teacher

Middle School News

Welcome back from the Middle School

Welcome to the new year, is it really 2017? I hope this year will be an outstanding one for the School and exciting and fulfilling for all members of the Lakeside College community. I trust that the holidays were relaxing and refreshing for everyone. The Middle School staff and students at Lakeside College are looking forward to another exciting, energetic, busy and rewarding year. A special welcome is extended to our new Lakeside students and their families in the Middle School. It is always a pleasure getting to know new faces and you will be amazed at how quickly you settle and become an important part of the College community.

We are blessed to have an enthusiastic and experienced number of Homeroom teachers in the Middle School this year and I am looking forward to working alongside each and every one of them. The following are Homeroom Teachers for 2017:

Year 6: Jo Rothwell & Lisa Benn

7A: Caroline Courtis & Carolyn Niewand

7B: Mirjana Simjanovska & Chris Donaldson

8A: Elise Macreadie

8B: Luke Deery

9A: Damien Anderson

9B: Sophia Herrington

Please remember they are your first port of call with regard to contacting the College with any concerns about your daughter/son and communication with them is always welcome and encouraged either via phone, email or College Diary. Alternatively, you can phone the College office to make an appointment with any of the teachers at the College.

We also have been fortunate enough to begin the new year with minimal staff changeovers in the Middle School. We welcome the addition of our new English teacher Mr Chris Donaldson, Mr Ryan Tebble in Maths, Mrs Caroline Courtis in HPE and in Humanities Mr Luke Deery. The Middle School also welcomes our new Principal Mr Tom Brennen to the College. We wish our new staff members all the best and hope their association with Lakeside College is a happy and fulfilling one.

After just over the first week of the school year, it is wonderful to feel the buzz of excitement and expectation in the Middle School, to see the genuine energy in the School grounds – especially our Year 6 and 7 students. Well done to our Year 6 & 7 students who are settling into Middle School life well, as they manage the newness of routines, a variety of classrooms, a multitude of teachers and the fine art of ‘juggling’ books, in particular, congratulations to our new students who are finding their feet and doing a wonderful job hitting the ground running. The Year 8 students, who are season “veterans” now, are almost settled back into new-old routines, and must be looking forward to their Year level Base Camping experience at the beautiful Wilsons Prom later this term. And then...we have our MY9 students, who as leaders of the Middle School, should by now, be realising they set the example and are role models for the younger students, many of them engaged in leadership and big and little sister/brother programs. They are geared up and ready to take on the unique experiences offered in Year 9, and I encourage them to make the most of every opportunity.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and let's make 2017 a GREAT year!

Vanessa Murfet
Head of Middle School

Police Cybercrime/Cybersafety Presentation

In the next two weeks, Police Youth Resource Officers will deliver a presentation on cybercrime and cybersafety to year level cohorts from Years 5 to 12 (as detailed below). A Parent Information Session on cybersafety and cybercrime will be held at the College at a time to be advised. Education on the legal aspects of online behaviour, and ways of being safe online, is an integral part of overall learning for Lakeside College students. I encourage parents to ask their children about the content of the presentation.

Wed 15th February, Yr 10-12 at 9:05am (Senior School)

Wed 15th February, Yr 7-9 at 10am (Seattle/New York)

Wed 22nd February, Yr 5-6 at 11:15am (venue tbc)

If you want more information, please contact Pastor

Phillip Island --Island Bay Ranch Year 12 Retreat



On Monday the 30th of January, the year 12 class of 2017 embarked on a journey to Island Bay Ranch in Phillip Island for 3 days of retreat. The purpose of this retreat was so we could have 3 days of rest before we head out

into the busiest and most stressful year of our lives (so far). From fun activities to helpful study tips, the retreat served to get us into the right mindset to tackle year 12 head on.

As soon as we arrived, our phones were taken off us and locked away, in an effort to make us more focused on relaxing and getting ready for year 12, when in reality it just made us more stir crazy than we would have been otherwise. It was shocking that we managed to survive 3 days without our phones, but also eye opening for us. At Island Bay each room was equipped with a double bed, mini kitchen, bathroom, and even a TV! To put it simply, we were living in luxury. One of the greatest parts of the retreat was the food. We were provided with breakfast, lunch, and dinner and it was to die for!

We had many seminars from guest speakers and teachers alike, who spoke to us about various ways to cope with year 12. We had the Dux of the College for 2016 Brittany Suttie come to talk to us about her experience with year 12 and we even had our wonderful home room teacher Mr Quill tell us about different career paths and how life is unexpected. Everything we learned really helped us put year 12 into perspective, and we will hopefully be able to apply some of the tips and tricks we learned throughout the year.

It wasn't all year 12 preparation though, we also had time for fun, fun, fun activities! We had surfing lessons and spent a whole day catching waves! We also went and watched the penguin parade with very close seats! It was truly a marvel. We also had fun activities back at the ranch, from Swimming to table tennis, darts to pool, and even an insanely fun board game called Avalon, that Pastor Nathan introduced to us, which proved to me that I truly am a bad liar.

Overall, it was a bonding experience. A time in our lives that we can spend together, having fun, before we head out into the crazy world of year 12.

Matthew Galic
Year 12

It has been a positive start to the school year for Senior School students. For the first time, we have had VET classes offered and running at school in Sport and Recreation and in Information Technology. This in conjunction with our existing partnership with Chisholm TAFE, means that Senior School students now have even more pathways to choose from than

previously. With the expansion of VET, we have appointed Mrs Rebecca Austin-Brophy in the role of VET Coordinator at Lakeside College. Mrs Austin-Brophy will also be working in the role of Careers Practitioner, in a transition role from Gail Waldron, who has retired. Mrs Waldron will still occasionally be seen around the College as a consultant in Careers, working closely with Mrs Austin-Brophy. A reminder to our Year 10 cohort, that work experience placements need to be finalised very soon.

Already, our Year 12s have had a very successful Retreat at Phillip Island where they explored spiritual awareness and study habits. It was a time of bonding and discovery for them. Thanks to Pastor Nathan, Chaplain Kathy, Russell Quill and Rebecca Austin-Brophy for their part in making the Retreat a success.

Paul Wilson
Head of Senior School

Ministry News

Thank you to all the families who joined the students and staff last week to formally welcome our new Principal, Tom Brennen, our new teachers and our student leaders for 2017. It was a great blessing to be able to thank God for their service and talents and encourage them in their work for this year.

It was wonderful to see so many members of the broader Lutheran family at the service – staff from Lutheran Education, other Principals and Vice Principals of Lutheran schools, Council members and pastors joined us to praise God for the wonderful people he has sent to serve here at the school.

Chapel this week looks at Valentine's Day and the meaning of love – hearts, flowers and chocolates are lovely, but God's symbol of love is something else – the cross, on which our Saviour, Jesus died. The cross is a simple thing that communicates a big message – the love of God is so great that he would willingly die for us to save us. That love is available to all of us, and all we have to do is love Him back. As you celebrate the feast of love over the next week, I pray that the love of Jesus, which passes all understanding, fills your hearts with great peace and joy.

Chaplain Kathy.



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