Thank you one and all for helping us celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the College last week. It was wonderful to host a number of special guests at our Thanksgiving Service on Friday including founding families, past and present Council members and dignitaries. It was particularly special to welcome back Rev. Peter Miller the founding Principal who received a very warm reception. Our Twilight Carnival was a great opportunity to celebrate as a community and for families to mix and mingle. The fireworks display was a real highlight. Our thanks go to Mrs Alison Goodall who organised the events of the weekend and to all who assisted in making it such a success.

Our PTFA AGM was held last Tuesday and it is my pleasure to announce the new PTFA Executive; Narelle Maxwell as Chair, Sandra Raftery as Secretary, Alison Goodall as Treasurer and Jeanette McLaughlin as Fundraising Coordinator. I wish to thank Sean Raftery who stepped down as Chair after 9 years of service to PTFA-Thank you Sean!

The true measure of a society must be the way it cares for the most vulnerable. In response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Victorian Government Betrayal of Trust Report outlines a number of measures to further protect children from abuse including three new offences:

- a grooming offence which targets communication, including online communication, with a child or their parents with the intent of committing child sexual abuse
- a failure to disclose offence that requires adults to report to police a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed against a child (unless they have a reasonable excuse for not doing so)
- a failure to protect offence that applies to people within organisations who knew of a risk of child sexual abuse by someone in the organisation and had the authority to reduce or remove the risk, but negligently failed to do so.

These laws broaden the responsibility on all adults in the community to protect children from harm. Further information can be found on http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/ and search for Betrayal of Trust.

There’s a slightly risqué story in the bible. One day Jesus was reclining at the dinner table with some important men when a woman with a ‘bad reputation’ came in. She knelt at Jesus’ feet, washed them with her tears, dried them with her hair and poured sweet-smelling perfume on his feet.

The important men were scandalised! Even looking at such a woman would be too bad for them much less being touched by her. But Jesus knew what they were thinking. “Tell me,” he asked, “who feels better, the person who has a $50 debt that he doesn’t have to pay back to the lender, or the person who owes $500,000 and doesn’t have to pay it back?” The important men said, “The person who owes $50.” Jesus explained that the woman had so many sins, she loved him so much more for being forgiven than everyone else would feel.

As we approach Easter Sunday, when we believe that Jesus rose from the dead just to save us from the bad stuff we do, let’s celebrate knowing that no matter what we have done, Jesus always sets us free from our pasts.
Junior School News

Phonological Awareness
The early years have been testing students in the area of Phonological Awareness in order to enhance the reading and spelling ability of all students. Phonological Awareness (the ability to identify and manipulate speech sounds) includes being aware of rhyme, syllables, words and sentences and attending to and manipulating the units of sound within words. It is highly related to later success in reading and spelling. Those students who would benefit most from this early intervention will be working in a small group environment with our program tutor, Mrs Kate Markel from our Learning Enhancement Department, to hone their skills in this area. Developed in conjunction with a speech pathologist and having proven success in similar schools, the Lakeside Phonological Awareness Program continues to be an exciting addition to the early years.

Lakeside Junior School staff will be hosting this year’s ‘Monster Book Fair’ from Thursday, 17th March to Thursday, 24th March 2016.

Please also add our costume parade to your diaries which will be held on Thursday, 24th March. The theme this year is ‘Monster Madness’ and we encourage all students to come dressed as a monster for the day.

Let’s Be Buddies!
Each year, our new Prep students are allocated special buddies from Year 5 to assist them in settling in to school. Buddies play an important role in helping to build confidence in Prep students as they develop an immediate connection with an older student that they can look to for guidance and assistance, particularly in the playground. For our Year 5 students, it allows them to demonstrate kindness, care and a sense of responsibility as they become role models and mentors to our younger students.

Buddies participate in various activities each fortnight and have great fun together! So far this term, we have made photo frames, played “Duck, Duck, Goose” and “Indians and Teepees” in a games afternoon and drawn portraits of one another as a keepsake. The Prep students have also completed some descriptive writing about their buddy as a special gift to accompany their portrait.

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Buddy time is a very special time each fortnight which all the students and teachers look forward to with eagerness. It is a time in which both older and younger students learn to appreciate and care for one another and develop relationships which will continue throughout their schooling. Just look at the smiles in these photos and you will see the fun we have together!

Mrs Carter, Mrs Robilliard and Mrs Cox

Junior School Sport News

Primary District Swimming Carnival Results
The College is proud to share the results of our successful primary swimmers who competed in the Officer District carnival on Wednesday 24th of February. Caitlin Lim (Year 3), Makiah Hansch-Sabin (Year 4), Katie & Breana Granger (Year 5), Charlotte Axtell (Year 5), Alyssa Hall (Year 5) and Kaitlyn Fitzgerald (Year 5) all placed in the top 5 in their respective events which placed the College 4th out of 7 schools. Congratulations to Breana Granger and Caitlin Lim and the Girls relay team who placed first in their individual events and will all go on to compete at the Cardinia Division event on Wednesday 9th March.

Equestrian News
On Saturday March 5th, Phoebe Dixon competed in her very first Interschool dressage competition representing Lakeside College.

Phoebe rode her much loved pony named "Pearl" in two dressage tests on the day, and while the nerves were creeping in early in the morning Phoebe and Pearl spent sometime warming up before it was time for her to enter the arena and put their best "hoof" forward, which resulted in a very enjoyable experience representing her school. Phoebe is very excited and looks forward to competing at a number of interschool events this year representing Lakeside College and would love to have other riders that may be out there to be able to join her. There are many schools that enter these events and it would be fantastic to see other Lakeside College students participate.
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On Wednesday 9th March Alyssa Hall (Year 6), Charlotte Axtell (Year 6), Kaitlyn Fitzgerald (Year 6), Breana Granger (Year 5) and Caitlin Lim (Year 3) represented the College at the primary Division Swimming Carnival at the Noble Park Aquatic Centre after placing first in their events at district.
I am very pleased to share with you their fantastic results:
Kaitlyn Fitzgerald- 1st 12/13 Girls Breaststroke
Breana Granger- 1st 11 Girls Backstroke, 3rd in Breaststroke
Caitlin Lim- 1st 9/10 Girls Breaststroke and 3rd in Butterfly
The girls also placed 2nd in both their open freestyle and medley relays.

Kaitlyn, Caitlin and Breana will go through to represent the College at the Southern Metropolitan Regional Championships on Thursday 24th March.

Junior School Music News
Amy Whitlock, Year 3 recently competed and placed 1st in the Mirboo North Idol, primary category. Reece Mastin, winner of Xfactor Australia 2011, judged the competition. Amy won a photo with Reece Mastin and a cash prize.
This weekend a few singing students will be joining students from Creative Souls Studio to perform at Casey Relay for life Friday night and Saturday morning.

Middle School News
On the 26th of February, all of the Middle and Senior school students competed in the house swimming carnival held at the Pakenham Outdoor Pool. We began the morning with the novelty event where everyone got in the pool and swam as many laps they could in 8 minutes. Then we started all the events, freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and the relays. Many records were broken on the day by Daniel Hodge, Matthew Kane, Amanda Lim, Jordyn Fitzgerald and Kevin Kane. We also acknowledged the age group champions of the day for the students who received the most points for their age group.
And also a huge Congratulations to Jamieson House for winning House Carnival year.

Age Group Champions

Boys
13/U
1st- Tyler Plowman & Evan Plowman
2nd- Daniel Hodge
3rd- Thomas Brennan
15/U
1st- Matthew Kane
2nd- Mackenzie Miles
3rd- Blair Coker
17/U
1st- Braiden Fernando
2nd- Josh Slender
3rd- Riley Lanting
Open
1st- Kevin Kane
2nd- Josh Lanting
3rd- Brandon Motta

Girls
13/U
1st- Charlotte Axtell
2nd- Kaitlyn Fitzgerald
3rd- Holly- Jane James
15/U
1st- Amanda Lim
2nd- Jordyn Fitzgerald
3rd- Ruby Broomhall
17/U
1st- Natalie Best
2nd- Chelsea Bloor
3rd- Meg DaCosta
Open
1st- Allira Cronin-Little
2nd- Chloe Desants
3rd- Veronica Mulenga

Junior School Production this year will be held on Thursday, 11th August 7pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The cast will be from students in Years 2 to 5.
Put the date aside for ‘The Little Mermaid’!
Ukulele Club started this week! (Years 2 -5) Tuesday nights after school. Bookings through Mrs Richardson.

‘In fulfilling our requirements to the Commonwealth Government, please note our statement of democratic principles on the College website.’
Senior School News

Cardinia Fun Run

On Sunday 6th of March, 11 students and Mr. Wilson assembled at the school ready to start the 5km Fun Run around Lakeside. We all arrived with such enthusiasm and excitement, ready to start. We lined up at the starting line and the horn went, we were off. The 5km race was over before we all knew it. We had some outstanding and highlighting finishes, with Deng in year 10 coming 2nd in the male youth competition, Kevin Kane from year 12 coming 3rd in the male youth competition and Noel Lawrence coming 4th in the male youth competition. Sophie Gray coming in 3rd for the female youth competition. Mr Wilson also took out the Gold medal for the Open Men’s Competition. Special mention to other students that ran, Riley Lanting (Year 10), Josh Lanting (Year 12), Chloe Maas (Year 12), Jerry Alengaden (Year 9), Matt Kane (Year 9), Bailey Edwards (Year 5), Freya Marchetti (Year 7) and a special mention to Taylor Edwards (Year 7) who ran the 10km race. Thanks to all the parents that came down and supported us.

It was great fun and we can’t wait to do it again next year.

Josh Lanting.

10th Anniversary News

Thank you to all the Lakeside College Community for coming together on Saturday afternoon to make the 10th Anniversary Twilight Carnival such a huge success. Many thanks to our generous volunteers, helpful staff on the stalls and our wonderful families for the donations and sponsorship. We would also like to thank YOU for attending, and supporting the day! It was wonderful to see the smiles on the kids’ faces enjoying the rides, food and movie on the big screen. The fireworks were a great way to finish the Carnival with a bang!

Ms Alison Goodall

Music Department News

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

REHEARSAL TIMETABLE
YEARS 6-12

MONDAY RECESS: Stomp! all welcome (percussive dance)

MONDAY LUNCH: Drama Club all welcome

MONDAY 3:30-4:15pm: Funk It Up! (Boomwhacker and junk percussion group) all welcome

TUESDAY RECESS: Saxophone Ensemble saxophone students

TUESDAY LUNCH: Chapel Band all welcome

WEDNESDAY LUNCH: Secret Men’s Business all male singers welcome

WEDNESDAY 3:30-4:30pm: Senior Students rehearsal (by prior arrangement only)

THURSDAY LUNCH: Matrix Melodies all female singers welcome

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL: Choose Your Own Adventure. Learn what you want at your own pace

FRIDAY LUNCH: Senior Choir all welcome

For more information see Mrs Fox or any of the Music Captains.