Welcome to Term Four. It is always a busy term filled with activity and a number of important events. Next week we have the opportunity to formally farewell our 2016 Yr 12 students at our Graduation Service on Thursday 20th October. VCE exams commence soon afterwards and at the conclusion of these, students celebrate with staff and families at the Valedictory Dinner. We wish our Year 12’s all the best as they prepare and sit their exams over the coming weeks.

As the College grows, we continue to review various structures. One area we continue to develop is the House system which will grow to be the key pastoral structure for students. Staff have been reviewing how our student leadership positions can better align with the House system.

While a number of student leadership opportunities exist throughout the College in classes and at sub-schools, the School Captains and House Captains are the formal positions to which students have been elected and in which they officially contribute to College life on behalf of all students.

The following 22 positions will be available for student election:
2 School Captains selected from the current Year 11 cohort. They represent the College at formal events and work together with House Captains to develop College-wide initiatives. School Captains cannot also be elected as House Captains.

20 House Captains are elected as Senior, Middle and Junior House Captains and are responsible for creating and maintaining House identity and running activities which include sport charity, music, assemblies, community service and chapel services during the year.

The selection Process requires students to complete an Application Form which asks students to respond to a range of prompts detailing why they would be a suitable student leader. Students and staff have an opportunity to vote according to their House for the student of their choice. Elected positions will be recognised formally at the Presentation Night and installation of positions takes place at the commencement of the academic year.
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Junior School News

JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSIC NEWS

Year 4 and 5 Music program
In the upper years of Junior School, there is a big focus on moving and listening to music to learn to appreciate different genres and styles. Students work together playing in percussion ensembles. This term, Year 4 students are learning ‘Calypso style’, and Year 5 students are investigating ‘The Blues’. Every student has regular opportunities to practice using a microphone to gain confidence presenting to an audience and learning about P.A. equipment.

Production Recording
The Little Mermaid will be available for purchase shortly in USB format. Junior School students will receive an order form next week. If anyone else would like to order, please obtain forms from the office.

Term 4 Music Performances
Our students are looking forward to performing for relatives and special people in their lives on our Celebration Day at school Wednesday afternoon 19th October.

Instrumental Concert: The ukulele club will be performing at the Instrumental concert, Monday evening, 24th October, including all students who learn through our Instrumental program.

Kindergarten visit: The Year 4 class will be singing for the Goodstart Early Learning later this term during the school day.

Presentation Night: The Christmas message will be told through songs by all Junior School classes on Monday evening, 5th December at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Pakenham Community Carols: Our school choir has again been invited to sing at the Community Carols, Saturday 10th December at Toomuc Reserve for both Junior School and secondary students who are able to attend (after our school term is concluded).

As many of you will know, I am ‘retiring’ from classroom teaching at the end of the term. I have appreciated the encouragement I have warmly received from all the school community and feel very blessed to have taught music at Lakeside College. I am always amazed how music sparks energy in every individual.

An exciting term! Let’s celebrate with music!

Kerrie Richardson
Junior School Music Teacher

Celebrating Success – 27th most improved primary school in NAPLAN across Australia
The Lakeside College Junior School recently had occasion to celebrate. Lakeside Junior School is the 27th most improved primary school, in all Australia, in their NAPLAN results (you may have seen a report about this in the Weekend Australia’s Education lift out). The success of the Junior School has been achieved through the enthusiasm, commitment and diligence of the people who comprise our community (classroom teachers, specialist teachers, Learning Enhancement Tutors, students, parents and carers, volunteers, PTFA, College leadership and School Council). Thank you all for your individual and collective efforts in nurturing, challenging and encouraging our students to grow intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally, culturally and spiritually.

Junior School CELEBRATION DAY
Wednesday, October 19, 1:45 – 3:20 p.m.

A reminder to all Junior School families that the Junior School is hosting a special afternoon, next Wednesday from 1:45 – 3:20 pm, to celebrate significant adults in our lives who love and care for us - grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, godparents or special friends. Celebration Day recognises the wonderful support provided by a variety of carers, extended family and friends within our school community. Special guests are invited to visit our Junior School classrooms to share some afternoon activities. Guests will also be invited to hear our Junior School choirs perform at various timeslots throughout the afternoon.

At 3:00pm special guests are invited to move to the College Boardroom, located near reception, for afternoon tea while students and teachers pack up and get themselves ready for you to collect students at our regular home time.

To help ensure the smooth running of the day and to ensure minimal disruption to other College programs, we would ask all those attending Celebration Day not to enter the College grounds prior to the 1:45 start time.

We look forward to seeing you!

Jane Wiebusch
Head of Junior School

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The College is proud to share our commendable results from both the Primary Division competition held on Wednesday 5th of October and the Secondary Southern Metropolitan Regional competition held on Thursday 6th of October.

**Primary Division Results**
Breana Granger (Year 5) 2nd in Shotput, Charlotte Axtell (Year 6) 2nd in Shotput, Kaitlyn Fitzgerald (Year 6) 1st in Triple Jump and 2nd in Discus, Cooper Lanting (Year 6) 2nd in High Jump and Jai Butler (Year 3) 3rd in 800m.

Breana, Charlotte, Kaitlyn and Cooper will advance to the Southern Metropolitan Event to be held on Thursday 13th October.

**Secondary SMR Results**
Nyakoak Puok (Year 7) 5th in hurdles, Erin Maxwell (Year 8) 3rd in Javelin, Jordyn Fitzgerald (Year 9) 3rd in 100m and Triple Jump, Gus daCosta (Year 9) 5th in Javelin, Meg daCosta (Year 10) 5th in Javelin, Kaylah Mason (Year 10) 4th in Long Jump, Riley Lanting (Year 10) 5th in Javelin, Matt Aquila-Moses (Year 11) 3rd in Triple Jump, Josh Lanting (Year 12) 5th in Javelin and Chloe Maas (Year 12) 3rd in Javelin and 5th in Triple Jump.

The College would like to congratulate our Year 8 Girls Table Tennis team for their commendable efforts at the Preliminary Finals. Despite losing their match against Dandenong High School the girls played extremely well and are to be congratulated for their outstanding sportsmanship and efforts.

_Amanda Moss_  
_Sport and PE_

Lots of stories have been told and they enjoyed themselves. We hope that everyone else had a wonderful and a relaxing holiday.

This term we have a few things happening. The biggest being the Year 12’s preparing for their final Exams. May they not stress and try their very best. Also on the first Thursday back we had our Regional athletics. Congratulations to everyone who participated and made it through again to the next round. We are incredibly proud.

We also have the Year 10 and 11’s doing Exams during week 7. This would be a good time to revise over previous work from Term 3 and check with your teachers on any outstanding work you may have. Then in week 8, Head Start begins for our year 10 and 11’s. This will run for 2 weeks.

And for year 10’s, make sure you have signed and handed in your lunch forms otherwise you won’t be able to go out on Friday lunchtimes.

We hope everyone makes the most of Term 4.

_Chantel Borg and Chelsea Bloor_

**Year 9 Camp**
Year 9’s are currently doing a 7 day expedition at Charnwood near Mansfield. We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences and seeing photos in the next newsletter.

**Reminder of Important Dates Year 12**

_Graduation Assembly and Breakfast, last day of School for Year 12 - 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 be a special activity day with lunch to be run by Mr. Ashcroft and Ms. Nielsen.
## Senior School News

**Study release** – Friday 21 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

The function will be at Clover Cottage, Berwick from 6.30pm to 11.00pm. It is a celebration of the Year 12 students and their time at Lakeside College. Please ensure that you purchase your tickets through the office. Refer questions to Mr. Ashcroft, who is organising the evening.

**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.

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

*Paul Wilson*
*Head of Senior School*

## Reminder

**Save the date**
**Monday 24th October**

**Instrumental Music Concert**

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## Ministry News

Being thankful is good for us! Scientific and medical studies show that there are significant benefits to cultivating gratitude. They include: gratitude enhances relationships; gratitude improves mental and physical health; grateful people sleep better; gratitude enhances self-esteem and reduces anger and aggression. How good is that!

The bible often directs us to be thankful, and to deliberately name our blessings and our attitude of gratitude for them. The gospel of Luke tells a story about ten men who came to Jesus, asking to be healed of leprosy – a devastating and socially isolating skin disease – which had kept them out of society for years. Jesus healed them and sent them on their way. Only one of the ten men came back to publicly thank Jesus for his great gift of healing. (Luke 17:11-19).

Pause for a moment. What do you have to be grateful for? What blessings in your life would you like to publicly name? Take the challenge to tell someone about them. All of life’s blessings – health, relationships, capacity to work, education – come from God, whether or not we recognise the source. Forgiveness, love, restoration of relationships with God and others – these are gifts from God through Jesus, just as significant as the healing of the ten men from leprosy. Thank God for all his gifts! Cultivate an attitude of gratitude.

*Pastor Nathan Hedt*