What has been your highlight of the Rio Olympics? It probably depends on your own personal interests but Kyle Chalmers’ sensational gold medal in the men’s 100m freestyle final was certainly among the best in my view. Only adding to the interest is the fact that Kyle is a student of Immanuel College in Adelaide, a sister school to Lakeside. At least three of our Lutheran schools in Australia are keenly watching the events in Rio. Old Scholars of Lutheran Schools include swimmers Maddie Groves, Georgia Bohl and Maddie Wilson, Bronte Barrett, Emma McKeon, Mitch Larkin and Grant Irvine, Jessica Hall, a rower; Dane Bird-Smith 20km race walker; and Pita Taufatofua, Taekwondo, are also enjoying the Olympic experience.

I wish to provide you with an update regarding the recent media reports in which our College was named along with more than 70 Australian schools in relation to a website that exchanges nude images. Following further investigations, I am able to confirm that the College’s link to this site is through a forum comment posted by someone who is not a member of our community. The post mentioned the College by name in the context of a wider comment regarding girls at another school. There were no images of Lakeside College students or evidence that our students have posted to this site.

I am very concerned that the media chose to name individual schools without justification or substantiation. This is irresponsible and has only compounded the hurt for any victims and called into question our reputation. Our College community has always been one of respect and care and I am pleased to report that this is now vindicated.

As a way to further support and empower our students we have arranged a cyber-safety presentation for all secondary students for next Tuesday 23rd August. The session by Victoria Police will also include time for students to meet in gender groups to address concerns with female students having the opportunity to speak with a female Police Officer supported by female College staff. We are also planning to offer a seminar in the near future for parents and we will advise you when that has been finalised. I encourage you to continue the conversation at home with your students and refer on any concerns to the relevant authorities.

I wish to pass on my congratulations and thanks to the Junior School students and staff for the excellent production of The Little Mermaid last Thursday. The hard work and preparation certainly paid off and I wish to especially acknowledge Kerrie Richardson and Brigitte Fox for their passion and enthusiasm. Well done everyone!

Science Week has been a special feature this week as was the annual Public Speaking Competition. Thanks must go to the Science Coordinator, Mr Anderson and to Mr Quill for their organisation of these special activities.

Week 7

- Monday 22 August - Year 2 Teddy Bears Picnic Period 5 & 6
- Tuesday 23 August - PTFA Lunch Order Day
- Wednesday 24 August - Year 7 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
- Thursday 25 August - Primary Year 3 to 6 District Athletics Carnival - Select Students
- Thursday 25 August - Prep Open Morning 9am to 10am
- Friday 26 August - Bulletin
- Sunday 28 August - Christian Worship Service - Lakeside College 4.30pm

Week 8

- Monday 29 August - Year 7 Immunisations
- Tuesday 30 August to Wednesday 31st August - Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Warburton Camp
- Tuesday 30 August - Year 9 & 10 Interschool Basketball
- Tuesday 30 August - Prep & Grade 1 Art & Music Incursion
- Tuesday 31 August - Year 10 Music Excursion to Matilda the Musical
- Thursday 1 September - Father’s Day Stall
Junior School Production The Little Mermaid

As part of our Performing Arts Curriculum, last Thursday our Year 2-5 students performed the Little Mermaid at the Cardina Cultural Centre to a full theatre. It was a wonderful and exciting experience for our students to perform to such a responsive audience and to experience first-hand the many different aspects of being involved in such a production. The students are to be congratulated on their performance. They were committed to performing their role to the best of their ability.

We would like to thank Mrs Kerrie Richardson, our Junior School Music and Choir teacher, for her tireless effort, her passion and her creative vision in preparing the students for the production. We’d like to thank the teachers, College staff, and the many parent volunteers who contributed in various ways to the team success of the night. Your time, support, patience and good humour are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Mrs Brigitte Fox and her Year 9 and 10 students who assisted staff so brilliantly behind the scenes. Their help was invaluable and they were wonderful role models to our younger students.

Jane Wiebusch
Head of Junior School
It has been another busy couple of weeks in the Middle School. This week has seen our first Twilight Open Evening catering for potential new Lakeside College families. A massive thank you to all students, parents and staff who helped make this a great night, it takes a lot of effort for such events to be successful. Congratulations as well to all students who participated in the Annual Public Speaking competition for 2016. Winners will be revealed in the next installment of the newsletter. Thanks to Mr Quill for organising this great event. We have also completed Science Week with a huge variety of activities (including a piglet dissection and the “Mystery of the Stolen Skeleton”!) for students to participate in throughout the week. Well done to the Science department for running such engaging activities.

Year 9 students are still attending their Community Service placements every other Friday. These volunteer placements are intended to develop student empathy, resilience and sense of community. It has been really great to see so many students rising to the challenges and embracing the growth opportunities provided to them. Thanks to Alistair Mildred for creating a video about “A Day in the Life of a Lakeside Year 7 Student” that was displayed during the open evening.

Year 8 students have begun printing some interesting and amazing 3D designs in their STEM program. They have also submitted some fantastic specialised cell models in Science. Many of students took part in the Science Week activities including the dissection of a piglet.

Year 7 students are off to Healesville Sanctuary next week for a Science excursion. Thanks to Mrs Austin-Brophy for organising this opportunity for the students. Christian Studies students have also been doing community service, helping out around in the school, in the office and in the Primary School. In Food Science students learned about sugar and crystalisation and were then able to create their very own toffee apples.

*Correction to the previous newsletter, it was Taylor Edwards, not Holly-Jane, who crashed into a crowd of other skiers on camp.

Year 6 students were able to take part in the planetarium incursion (associated with open evening), all reports were that they loved it and wanted to go again. What a great opportunity for our students. They enthusiastically participated in the lunch-time Science Week activities, a particular hit was the microscope activity in the Senior Science lab. As usual, they represented our school very well at ‘Hoop Time’ last week as well.

Jason Prochazka
Acting Head of Middle School

Sport News

On Sunday 17th July, nine girls from Year 8 and 9 headed to Geelong for the Geelong Junior Volleyball tournament. The Lakesides Seagulls played three U17 teams first. Although they didn’t win a set, they came very close on a number of occasions and were the best U15 team to play the older girls. They then played the Heidelberg U15 team and were beaten in two tightly contested sets. They had to win their final game in order to make the U15 final. It was a close affair with the girls winning both sets 25-21 and 25-10. Once in the final the girls found some confidence and lifted their intensity. They played against Heidelberg again and came out the victors in two close sets, winning 25-17 and 25-20. Congratulations to the girls for displaying impeccable sportsmanship on the day and being a joy to coach. Thanks also to the wonderful parents for getting up early and cheering us on. Volleyball training is open to all interested students from Year 4-10 on Sunday afternoons from 3-4 at Cardinia Life at a cost of $2.
Deb Ball
On the 5th of August 2016 the Year 11 students completed their Deb Ball at the Cardinia Cultural centre. The girls woke up very early to get ready whereas the boys slept in. We all met 3pm ready for the limo to take us to the Cultural Centre. It was such an exciting time for all of us and we loved every minute of it!! Definitely a night to remember.

We would like to thank the Rotary club and the teachers for making this day happen.

Grace O’Toole

Subject Selections for 2017
There will be a final subject selection form arriving home with Years 9-11 students next week. This form will have a list of the subjects chosen and checked on the relevant VICTER guide. Students will have had or be in the process of having course counselling with Mrs. Waldron to assist them with their managed pathways planning. The final subject selection form will need to be signed by students and parents, before a final counselling discussion and sign off with Mrs. Waldron and Mr. Wilson.

Paul Wilson
Head of Senior School

Ministry News

What is a human being worth? The Christian understanding of a person’s value is based in the belief that males and females are created ‘in the image of God’ – each person, in their individuality and uniqueness, reflects God and therefore is of unlimited value and worth. Recent distressing news reports this week, with a response to Lakeside families through a letter from our Principal, show us again that there are people in our society who devalue people not as human beings but as mere objects. There are (mostly men) who would objectify women and girls and use them or their images simply as ‘prizes’ or ‘wins.’ The objectification of women and girls is abhorrent.

Respect, on the other hand, starts with the recognition of the value and worth of the other as a human being, not an object. We are working hard at Lakeside College to give our students not just an academic education, but to instil a culture of mutual respect, value and worth of each person.

People who have had their dignity ripped away by others, without their consent, are NOT TO BLAME for what has happened. Rather, they are vulnerable people who need help and support.

The Wellbeing Team of Chaplain Kathy and Pastor Nathan, together with the Leadership Team at Lakeside College are working hard to provide pastoral care and support to all our students, to treat them with respect and dignity as people of infinite value created in the image of God, and to build a culture of respect and dignity in the College.

Below are some resources to help you, parents, carers and families, to respond to some of the issues raised. If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexual assault or exploitation, support is available at 1800 RESPECT and Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.

Some websites with helpful education and counselling:
ThinkUKnow - Accessible cyber safety education
www.thinkyouknow.org.au
ACORN - Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network
www.acorn.gov.au
eHeadspace – anonymous online counselling for young people
www.eHeadspace.org.au
Kid’s Helpline – Kid’s counselling
www.kidshelpline.com.au

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