This week was photo day! It was wonderful to gather again for the whole school photo at the Cultural Centre. Each year records our expanding school population and class photos mark the stages of growing up. Why not take time to look back over your own school photos and share these with your children. The changing fashions and hair styles are fascinating and tell their own story!

Parents and carers were mailed individual login details for the Parent Access Module (PAM) with the Term One Interim report. It is crucial that you become familiar with this portal as from mid-year, reports will no longer be printed and mailed home but accessed via PAM. If you are unsure of your access details, please contact the College Administration as soon as possible.

NAPLAN was conducted last week across Australia for all students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is intended to inform teachers about your child’s learning progress and is not meant to be used as a tool to compare schools. Schools are complex communities with multiple variables including gender, ethnicity and socio-economic status. NAPLAN is only one moment-in-time measure of learning progress and teachers are constantly involved in assessing individual learning through a variety of tools both formal and informal. You are always welcome and encouraged to discuss your student’s progress with teachers.

Thank you to all who supported our College Open Day on May 7th. We have received a significant number of inquiries and applications and encourage you to speak to interested family or friends to avoid missing out on a place for 2017.

**Ministry News**

It’s that time of year again. The weather is getting colder, the days are getting darker, earlier. It’s easy to get an attack of the blahs and feel a bit out of sorts.

Things like worrying about home life, or exams, or bills can really get us down even more when we feel like this. We can feel under-resourced – like there’s not enough fuel in the tank – or even feel a bit sensitive and overreact to things.

Jesus talked to his friends about this and he had a great solution to all our cares and burdens. He said we can give them all to him and take up his ways and we’ll feel much better. He asks us to take up his rules, his ideas, and our lives will be free from all the heavy things that drag us down.

When we repay wrong with right, hate with love, anger with forgiveness, then all our burdens disappear. The blahs go away. The tank gets refilled and we feel good about ourselves and each other.

And the best thing about Jesus offering to carry our burdens is we can start anytime. He’s always waiting for us.

**Pakenham Lakeside Lutheran Church**

Please join us for worship and our new program for primary aged children called Kids4Christ this Sunday at 4.30 in the Senior Building. Everyone is welcome.
CODING CLUB Wednesday lunch time for students in Year 3 and beyond

WHAT IS CODE? Simply put, code is a tool that lets you write your story with technology. If you can code, you can communicate your ideas with a computer or a program so they can be brought to life in bigger, brighter, and more creative ways. With code you can build a great new app or design the next trend in wearable fashion or even build a robot that can help doctors and nurses save lives.

Programming and coding during our Wednesday lunch time club, helps students to develop skills of logic, problem-solving, critical thinking and creativity, allowing them to become the creators of technology rather than just consumers. As Marc Andreessen said: ‘Learning to code is the single best thing anyone can do to get the most out of the amazing future in front of us’ (CoderCourse, 2015).

Why do students who begin programming early become so successful? Students who learn to program early in life gain a deeper and more complete understanding of the logic and advanced thinking behind programming. Like learning a language early in life, learning and practicing this type of thinking early in development actually influences a child’s brain as it is still developing. This is why early learners have experienced such boundless success in this field (think Gates, Zuckerberg, Jobs,…the list goes on and on). We all know the future of our world is digital…so what can be more important to a child’s future than to provide a child now with a rich foundation in these integral thinking and problem solving skills that will be so valuable for success in his or her future world.

Come along and join us in the computer lab each and every Wednesday during lunch time. Everyone in year 3 and above is welcome.

Anita Karnakowski
Year 3 Teacher

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’!

If anyone from our school community would like to help with costumes or make up for the production please contact Mrs Richardson

Middle School News

Can you believe Term 2 is now more than halfway over? It is a long 11 week Term, however, the Middle School is still abuzz with activity, excitement and, of course, learning. The winter showcase is quickly approaching on the 10th of June, highlighting the talents of our Year 6-10 music and drama students. All students are reminded that they are encouraged to join in the various music ensembles offered.

Year 9 students visited the Old Melbourne Gaol as part of their City Experience. They learnt about the development of Melbourne, in particular the rapid growth and exodus during the gold rush era where they heard personal stories of many prisoners, from some as young as 5 years old. They were engaged in a lively retelling of Ned Kelly’s life, arrest and subsequent execution. Year 9s will also experience their first exams on the 7-9 of June. Good luck to all and happy revising!

The Year 8 students are encouraged to participate in the Activ8 Leadership program. This is a self-driven leadership program specifically designed to foster personal responsibility, independence, self-awareness and confidence. Students complete various activities in relation to class activities, co-curricular activities, community service and establishing positive relationships. They are expected to demonstrate the correct wearing of the school uniform and the program culminates in a reflective essay towards the end of the year. Again, all Year 8 students are welcome to participate. Year 8 students have swapped over some of their electives for this Term, so instead of SFX and Unsinkable, they are now doing HPV or Pirates. Also in Year 8, students are off to the city next week with Ms Herrington and Mr Prochazka to explore Melbourne’s street art scene.

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Some of the Year 7 students cannot wait until Year 8 (when they participate in the STEM program) and have begun designing models for the 3D printers. It is very exciting to see so many students excited by the new technology being offered. All reports from students indicate that they are continuing to thoroughly enjoy their elective subjects. The Year 7s are relieved that NAPLAN is over and they will not have to do them again until Year 9.

Year 6 and the Beanstalks! Students in Year 6 Science are enjoying watching their beans sprout. They are learning about photosynthesis and how changing conditions will influence how things grow. The Year 6s are enjoying the competitive nature of the house points system being utilised within the classroom. Keep up the good work - go Bunnerong!

Jason Prochazka  
**Acting Head of Middle School**

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<td>Our Year 7 Girls netball team will compete later this month.</td>
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<td>Congratulations must go to all primary students who competed in the Primary Officer District Cross Country on Friday 6th May. It was our most successful primary cross country to date, with all our runners achieving personal bests from last year. The following students after placing in the top ten in their age groups will progress to Division and represent the College on Monday 23rd May; Kaitlyn Fitzgerald (Year 6) 4th, Breana Granger (Year 5) 6th, Alyssa Hall (Year 6) 7th, and Mason Hall (Year 4) 10th.</td>
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Amanda Moss  
**Sport Teacher**
Much has been happening these past couple of weeks. Last week the year 10’s took part in work experience. It was a great opportunity for us all and we definitely gained lots of experience about work life and knowledge. All the year 10’s seemed to love their placement and have realised the difference between the school and work life.

On the 7th of May our College had our open day. It was a successful day and we had some of our lovely students give tours. There was rock climbing, music and dance performances and lots of delicious food. It was a great day!

Today was our secondary cross country. It was hard but everyone managed to get through. Everyone tried their very best to help their team win. Also on Friday is Toomuc day. If you are in Toomuc house, you can either dress up as an animal, or wear free dress, while bringing a gold coin donation. On Monday we had our senior girls netball tournament and the boys soccer. The girls managed to come second while the boys drew two games, lost two games and played really well.

On Sunday, we have the year 11 camp to Sydney, where they will be doing a sailing experience and camping at the same time. Everyone is so excited as it will be a great camp and an awesome experience. They will return back on Friday.

Chantel and Chelsea (Senior School Newsletter Editors)