From the Principal

So what is Easter all about? Walking through the supermarket the other day I heard a radio ad which said; ‘Easter is about more than fluffy bunnies and chocolate eggs,’ I found myself agreeing. The ad went on to say; ‘Easter is about family and friends’. I wanted to say; ‘Yes that’s true, but it’s really about Jesus!’ I find it remarkable how we manage to obscure the central message of Easter. Yes it is a time for family (and at 17 and 19, my kids still love an egg hunt), but at the centre of the celebrations is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is about a God who will stop at nothing, not even death, to have us know we are loved beyond measure. Easter is about new beginnings, new life and hope—that is definitely worth celebrating.

It has been a short but very busy term. Thank you all for the excellent start to the year - so much has been achieved already. Please note the interim reports will be mailed home shortly along with instructions for accessing our new Parent Access Module (PAM). The PAM will allow parents to request parent-teacher interviews, track student learning and download progress reports. Please ensure any outstanding permission and medical forms are promptly returned to Admin to prevent students being excluded from excursions and sport activities.

Congratulations to Meagan and John Volta on the safe arrival of Austin Peter Volta, a brother to Lawson. We wish Ms Vanessa Murfet every blessing as she commences her parental leave and look forward to Mr Jason Prochazka taking on the Acting Head of Middle School. Ms Sarah Farrel will also commence parental leave early Term 2 and we welcome Ms Jessica Fox and Mr Brian Ahern who will be taking on classes in their absence. I wish you all a blessed Easter and safe holiday period.

Calendar Events

Week 1 - Term 2

- Tuesday 12 April - Students Resume 8.40am
- Wednesday 13 April - PTFA Meeting - Board Room 6.30pm
- Thursday 14 April - Parent Teacher Interviews from 3.30pm onwards
- Friday 15 April - Bulletin

Week 2

- Friday 22 April - Newsletter
- Sunday 24 April - Christian Worship Service - Lakeside College 4.30pm

Week 3

- Monday 25 April - ANZAC Day - No School
- Wednesday 27 April - Year 9 Romeo and Juliet Excursion
- Friday 29 April - Bulletin

Week 4

- Monday 2 May - Year 7 Immunisations
- Wednesday 4 May - PTFA Meeting 6.30pm Boardroom
- Friday 6 May - Newsletter
- Saturday 7 May - College Open Day - 10am to 2 pm

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Back up and reread
Sometimes when reading a story, adults get to a point where they realise they do not understand what they are reading. They lost concentration and therefore the meaning of the story. When this happens, as adults we stop, back up and reread. Children are no different to us. They need to be taught the strategies good readers use to be successful.
Your child has been introduced to the comprehension strategy of check for understanding. In learning this strategy the children are taught to stop throughout the story and ask “who” and “what”. When they cannot answer these questions they are taught the comprehension strategy of back up and reread.
How can you help your child with this strategy at home?
1. Model the strategy for your child. When reading stop to check for understanding. If your child has difficulty answering “who” and “what”, remind them to back up and reread. Remember modelling is one of the most effective teaching strategies.
2. Remind your child that using the two strategies, check for understanding and back up and reread, together will help with understanding the story.
3. Often it is easier to understand text when you read it slowly and ask yourself “does this make sense?”
Ideas and strategies are taken from the CAFÉ Book by G. Boushey and J. Moser.

Jane Wiebusch
Head of Junior School

Year 4 & 5 Camp Iluka - Shoreham

The morning of Wednesday 16th March, saw 51 excited Year 4 and 5 students board the bus for the drive to Camp Iluka at Shoreham. Students spent an exciting 3 days of fun and adventure participating in an extensive variety of activities. The focus of the camp was ‘teamwork’ and students were challenged individually and in groups. Highlights included Rock Wall Climbing, Bike Education, Canoeing, Beach activities and the Team Challenge Obstacle Course. The evenings provided for more team games and a visit from an Aboriginal Elder from Queensland to further enhance students’ knowledge with his talk and demonstrations on aboriginal life and culture. All students are to be congratulated on their positive outlook and encouragement that they gave each other.

The camp provided an ideal opportunity for both teachers and students to get to know each other, make new friendships and see each other in a setting outside of the school environment.

Mrs Cox, Ms Connell & Pastor Nathan

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.

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Middle School News

As we enter the last few days of Term 1, it is wonderful to reflect on the fantastic learning opportunities that we have had in the Middle School. It has been short but extremely busy filled with year level camps to Wilson’s Prom and Anglesea, excursions, Duke of Ed kicking off, 1 to 1 Chromebooks rolled out, interschool swimming and volleyball, getting to know new teachers, transition programs and new curriculum. Most importantly …it has been a very happy term with ‘new’ and ‘old’ students settling well into the rhythm of 2016 school life. Whilst immersed in the varied activities and events of the current term, we are also focused on the year ahead with professional development with staff, planning and preparation taking place in a number of areas including Welfare, Curriculum, E-Learning, Parent Access Module (PAM) and Learning Enhancement.

Just a few reminders for Term 2:

Term 2
Classes begin for all Middle School students on Tuesday, 12 April. This is Week A Day 2 of the timetable.

Changeover to the Winter Uniform
Students may wear either the summer or winter uniform in the first 2 weeks of Term 2; however, it is expected the winter uniform will be worn from Tuesday, 26 April. The winter uniform requirements are listed in your Student Planners. As part of the winter uniform, students are expected to wear a tie. Check out www.tie.a.tie.net if you need some assistance with this.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on 14 April from 3.45pm for all Middle School students. The Interim report has a component where a teacher can respond to the question ‘Is a parent interview requested’ with a response of either ‘Welcomed’ or ‘Required’ and parents are encouraged to book appointments with teachers.

The Parent Access Module (PAM) will be launched soon to our parents, it is a vital component of our developing reporting and assessment policy and I encourage parents to make regular use of the Parent Access Module (PAM) as it unfolds throughout the year, to keep an eye on their child’s academic progress.

A BIG thank you to the Middle School students and staff this term who have continually strived to ‘Inspire, Believe, Achieve’. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holidays as we move through Holy Week and then into Easter Sunday, take some time to reflect on the Easter story. May the Easter season be a time of happiness and peace for all of our families. Every Blessing and Happy Holidays

Vanessa Murfet
Head of Middle School

PS
Some interesting reading that rolled across my screen that all Middle School parents might be interested in “Grunts and Eye Rolls …” which offers great reading and strategies on how to open communication lines with teens. Just check out the following link http://eepurl.com/by6QGn

Middle School News

On Wednesday the 9th of March selected students represented the College at the District Swimming Championships, held at Doveton Pool in the Park.

Congratulations to Amanda Lim and Jordyn Fitzgerald (both Year 9), who won Gold medals on the day and will advance to the Regional Championships to be held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on the last day of term. We wish them well on such a great achievement.

Pleasingly, we had many other place-getters on the day.

Thank you to all the students who participated for their commitment to the Swimming Team this year.

Mrs. Farrell

Ministry News

This week is known as ‘Holy Week’ in the Christian church. Tomorrow is ‘Good Friday’ – the commemoration of the death of Jesus, followed on Sunday by the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, or Easter. These historic events – Jesus’ death under the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, and his bodily resurrection on the third day – are the most important, foundational events at the heart of Christian belief and faith. Without them Christianity would not exist. They are events that have shaped the course of human history with an impact unmatched by any other. But it’s not just the historical events that are important – it is the meaning that they carry, and the truth that God invites us to become part of the ongoing story of Jesus. We find ourselves forgiven, reconciled, embraced by God through the death of Jesus, who took God’s punishment on himself for our sake. We find ourselves given new life and hope, beyond even the power of death itself, through Jesus’ resurrection. We find that Jesus is not just a historic figure or a great teacher – he is alive now, and we can know him personally.

My prayer is that you find yourself swept up in the events and the ongoing story of Jesus this Easter weekend.

You are welcome to join our commemoration of these life-changing events on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at Lakeside College at 10am.

Pastor Nathan
Senior School News

How the term has flown. We have welcomed a large number of changes and new staff in the Senior School this first term. We have seen the students challenged in their learning, participate in a diverse range of activities, participate in volleyball and swimming, go on Retreat and develop friendships. Our Year 10 students have settled into the new curriculum and our VCE cohort are focused and ready to get the most out of their final years of schooling. Most students by now have had initial, or continuing pathways talks with our Career's Practitioner, Mrs Waldron. I can’t stress enough, how important it is for Senior School students to engage in active conversations with their families about future career pathways. A clear focus as to where they are heading, gives extra motivation to students for their studies.

Looking ahead to next Term, our Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience from the 9-13th of May. By now, all Year 10 students should have started to make arrangements for this week. Also we would like to see as many parents as possible attend the Parent-Teacher interviews to be held on Thursday the 14th of April. This is the opportune time to discuss your child’s progress with their relevant subject teachers.

Last Tuesday, I attended the VCCA, VCE school leaders briefing and one of the key points discussed was the importance of VCE students to be consistent in the school assessed coursework. The best performing students in VCE are those, who are consistent in achieving standards in both school based and externally assessed work. This reinforces what all VCE teachers tell their students, that is to study and be prepared for your SACs! Don’t rely on just achieving a good result in the final exam. Be organised and aware that every assessment counts!

As we approach the end of Term 1, I encourage you to discuss what the term has given to your child in terms of their challenges, their opportunities to grow, to learn and to develop their confidence. I also invite all students and their families to participate in the Easter services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at 10am in the Senior School. It is a pivotal time when we remember the unconditional love celebrated on Good Friday and the story of hope that the resurrection brings all of us.

Enjoy a safe and holy Easter and I look forward to seeing all students in Term 2.

Bei uns ist alle Tage Ostern, nur dass man einmal im Jahr Ostern feiert.
Martin Luther (1483-1546), dt. Reformator

Paul Wilson
Head of Senior School

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.