With Orientation Day next Friday, followed by Presentation Night on Monday 5th, the year is rapidly coming to an end. I find myself looking back over the events, celebrations, achievements and people that made up the landscape of 2016. I also find myself looking forward to 2017, wondering what that future holds, what challenges, opportunities and relationships will shape the next 12 months.

The end of the year is a time for farewelling a number of people and welcoming new staff to our community. We say goodbye to Dominique Nielsen who is moving to QLD and welcome Mr Ryan Tebble as a Secondary Maths and Science teacher. Ryan is passionate about Physics and Mathematics and builds trebuchets as a hobby. Mr Luke Deery has a strong background in Commerce including Business Management, Legal Studies and Accounting and takes up the position vacated by Greg Ashcroft. Chris Donaldson also joins us in our English department.

Mr Michael Groves will be joining the Junior School in 2017 after a long career serving in Lutheran Schools, mainly in Qld. Michael takes up a position vacated by Josh Turnbull who returns to his alma mater at Donvale CC. In the Music Department we will fondly farewell Kerrie Richardson on her retirement. We will also say goodbye to Michelle Messig and welcome Jaimie Angoh who will be joining us as an instrumental Piano teacher. Vanessa Murfet will be returning from parental leave to the Head of Middle School role part time in 2017 and I thank Mr Prochazka for his leadership of the Middle School during much of this year.

Lakeside seems to be particularly blessed with babies at the moment! We wish Amanda Moss God’s blessing as she commences parental leave at the end of the year and look forward to Jess Fox assisting during this time. Caroline Courtis will cover Sarah Farrell who then plans to return from maternity leave at the start of Term 2. In the Junior School we welcome Melanie Keller who will take over from Samantha Connell when she commences parental leave in Term 1. Deidre Priebbenow will also be with us in Semester 1 until Rebecca Robilliard’s return from leave in Semester 2. Deidre, a very experienced teacher is moving to Melbourne with her husband Lester, who is the newly elected Bishop for our Church in Victoria.

As I conclude my time as Principal, I wish to thank each of you for the way you have supported our community this year and for the privilege of being in partnership with you in education. I also look forward to following the growing success of Lakeside College under the capable leadership of Mr Tom Brennen. God continue to bless and keep you in his care.
Junior School Presentation Evening
We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year with you in the Lakeview room at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Monday, December 5. A few reminders about the evening:
• All students are required to wear formal summer uniform
• All primary students are required to be at the venue by 5:45 pm
• Students will meet their teachers near the front of the room as per the rehearsal
• All Year 5 students and Narrators are required to be at the venue by 5:30 pm
• Doors open for parents and friends at 5:30 pm
• Doors open for the Secondary Presentation Night at 7:30 pm

Jane Wiebusch
Head of Junior School

TASKWORKS EXCURSION
Students in Years 1, 2 and 3 went on an excursion to Taskworks on Friday the 11th of November. Taskworks is a unique centre where students were able to be immersed in activities that challenged their body and mind.

When visiting Taskworks the children were divided into small multi-aged groups and rotated through five different activities during the day. Each activity required a combination of different skills, as can be seen in the accompanying photos.

We would like to thank all of our parent helpers for making this day successful. Your help is always very appreciated.

Anita Karnakowski, Joshua Turnbull and Alison Barclay

Stuck for Christmas gift ideas?
Come to our ‘Buy One, Get One FREE Book Fair’
Tuesday 29th November
3PM-4PM
Junior School Foyer

For every book purchased you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE!
This is a one day only event and books are sure to sell out fast!
You are invited to come and browse the books that will be for sale on Monday 28th November. Sale starts strictly at 3PM Tuesday.

Middle School News
This is the final newsletter for 2016. What a great and exciting year we have had in the Middle School at Lakeside College!

First of all, Congratulation to our HPV team. The students from Years 7-10 represented our college extremely well and achieved one of our best results ever in the 24-Hour event. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Paul Slender for his continued support and assistance over the past few years at this event, we would struggle to keep the cars on the road without his efforts.
Middle School News

As we head into our final week, please remember that we are conducting classes as normal and there are still plenty of learning opportunities to be had. Our Year 9’s have finished their first week of Year 10 studies and are getting a good ‘Headstart’ on their 2017 studies.

Please do not forget Orientation Day and the Summer Music Showcase both on the 2nd of December. All students from Years 6-9 are expected to perform at the showcase with their class on the evening of the 2nd. Also, the 5th of December is Presentation Night at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, students are expected to attend in school uniform.

The last two days of school will be activity/environmental days around the college.

Finally, I would just like to thank all of the students, parents and staff for your support over the year while I looked after the Middle School while Ms Murfet was on leave. It has been an honour to work so closely with many of you and I truly appreciate your support and patience during this time.

Jason Prochazka
Acting Head of Middle School

We still have a few Little Mermaid USB sticks available for sale. Great idea for Christmas gifts for the family - get in before they disappear! $10

See Administration.

Senior School News

Tuesday 22nd November to Thursday 1st December - Head Start Program.

All 2017 Year 10, 11 and 12 students will start their 2017 courses during this time. No assessment tasks will be completed during this time.

Friday 2nd December Orientation Day

This day is for new and current students of the College. Senior school students shall be dismissed at lunchtime except for students requiring transition interviews. These students will be predominantly from current Year 9 classes transitioning into Year 10 in 2017.

Monday 5th December Homeroom Activities Day

Students will be participating in a day of homeroom activities and will require sport uniform. No regular classes on this day. This is also the last day for Senior students.

Paul Wilson
Head of Senior School

For the past week, Year 9,10 and 11 have been completing their final exams for the year. Despite all the stress and worries they had, they all managed to pull through. Now they can finally relax and ease their way into Head Start, as they begin their journey into their 2017 classes. We will be welcoming new teachers and wish all our departing teachers the best of luck for the future - you will be dearly missed by everyone.

As we are heading into our final weeks of school, Friday 2nd December will be Orientation Day, there will be activities running for the new students as well as a BBQ. On Tuesday 6th December is our Presentation night. The Middle and Senior School presentations start at 7.00pm. All students are expected to attend.

We know it is almost the end of the year…… this does not mean you can slack off! Work hard and hand in all your work. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the long break and relax as next year is a new year and a fresh start.

Chelsea Bloor and Chantel Borg Year 10

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE

Friday, December 2, 7pm in the Senior Building.

All students in years 6, 7A, 8A, 9A & 10 performing!
All ensembles performing!
Christmas Carol Singalongs!
Student-led performances!
Special Guest Artist!
Don’t miss it!

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE
Chapel News

Looking forward to Christmas
It’s the best time of the year – great weather, BBQs with friends and families, time off work and the best thing for students – no more school! We are lucky in the southern hemisphere that the end of the year, Christmas and summer all happen at the same time.

One of the best things about summer is day light saving. I know a lot of people say it’s a bad thing – it confuses the cows and fades your curtains – but I really like having more sunshine to enjoy after the working day is done.

We can’t underestimate how important the light is to our wellbeing. Many people in Europe suffer from depression in winter because it is so dark. Our brains and bodies need sunlight to stay healthy and thrive.

Light is important to our faith too. Christians believe that Jesus is the light of the world and that he came to shine into the darkness of our lives. Darkness that can lead to fear, and hatred, and acts of violence and vilification. Without the light our lives can be cold, lonely places.

The light Jesus brings shows us the way to live – by loving, caring, forgiving and speaking the truth. As the disciple John says in the gospel, the truth will set us free. We are free to live and thrive when we follow the examples Jesus gave us.

Maybe that’s why we light up our houses with amazing displays at Christmas time, and put strings of lights on our Christmas trees. To light the way for each other. To shine into the darkness. To drive out fear and replace it with love and peace.

May the birth of our Lord Jesus bring light, peace and joy into your homes and your hearts this Christmas. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Pastor Nathan Hedt

Pakenham Lakeside Church invites you to join us in preparing for Christmas, by remembering God’s promises and the birth of Jesus! We gather for worship in the Senior School building.

Advent services: Sunday 27th November, Sunday 11th December, Sunday 18th December at 4:30pm, with special activities for children, and afternoon tea.

Christmas Eve service with carols and gifts for children:
Saturday December 24th, 6pm.

For more information please contact Pastor Nathan on 0429 934 045.

Reminders

Food and toy donations for 4Cs Christmas hampers
Please bring non-perishable food items OR a new toy that can be a gift for another child. These donations support the 4Cs Christmas hampers for needy people in our community. Items can be placed in a box in the Admin area. Appropriate food items include Christmas puddings, chocolates, canned food, and other non perishables. It would be lovely to bring a toy or gift that would work for someone of your age and gender.

PTFA Annual General Meeting

When - Wednesday 30th November
Where - Boardroom in Admin Building at 6.30pm.

All parents welcome.

Nominations for all positions are open
Nomination forms are at reception and to be completed and submitted by Monday 28th November

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WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2016
$1 EACH - BRING MONEY ON THE DAY