From the Principal

I remember my 10th birthday very well. Growing up in PNG, we lived a carefree life of adventure and exploration. Every boy needed his own pocket knife to whittle sticks or cut sugar cane. I knew exactly what was wrapped up in that present on the kitchen table. I eagerly ripped off the paper, glanced at the card and headed outside to test out my new pocket knife. 10 minutes later I was back for a bandaid, and the scar on my finger is a life-long souvenir to this day. (Please note, I am not advocating pocket knives - times have changed!)

Next week we will formally celebrate our 10th Anniversary as a College. This is a time to look back, to remember and reflect, to honour the hard work and pioneering spirit of those who established the College. It is a time to also look forward to what the future holds for us, and it promises to be exciting and fruitful. Dr Ken Bartel, the Director of Lutheran Education in our Region when the College was developed recently shared some reflections. I include some of these below:

Those frantic pioneer days saw many people involved. It is a real danger to single out individuals for I think we must pay tribute to the endeavours of all involved. However, I would like to single out Mavis Bird then from Lilydale and the late Gordon Menzel, the Church’s Victorian Administrator for their special contributions in order to make Lakeside a reality. Pioneer principals always do it tough, and we should give thanks for the special efforts of Peter Miller, who put up with a lot during the early building phase.

A developing school can be frenetic at times, and over these 10 years there have been challenges aplenty for school council, principal and teachers and all who make up the school community. Thanks be to God for all your unique contributions. I am also thankful that the original vision for the school has come together with the appointment of a resident Pastor plus the appointment of School Chaplains. So congratulations to you all, but I must say “Praise be to God” for what has been achieved and will continue to be done in His name.

We will all have your own individual memories and reflections as we celebrate this milestone. Please join us on Friday for our Service of Thanksgiving and then on Saturday evening for the Twilight Festival as together we honour our past and embrace our future, all in God’s gracious hands.

Anniversary Celebrations

We look forward to seeing you at the Twilight Carnival, Saturday 5th March 2016. It’s sure to be a great night. Families are welcome to bring a picnic dinner and mats/chairs, no glass is permitted.

Please note the carpark will be closed due to the rides, there is local parking available in the Lakeside precinct.
We are pleased to announce three new initiatives to support student learning in the Junior School being Homework Club, SLATS Program, and the Monday Morning Literacy Club.

Homework Club
Junior School staff will be supervising a weekly Homework Club to assist students to complete their homework requirements. Weekly homework set by the classroom teacher provides valuable opportunities for students to practise Literacy and Numeracy skills and consolidate learning from the classroom. Homework Club provides uninterrupted homework time in a quiet and structured environment.

SLATS Program
Additionally, the College is also offering the SLATS Program (Student Lead Academic Tutoring) for all Junior School students. Year 9 and 10 students are available each Tuesday and Thursday morning to support Junior School students with their homework.

Monday Morning Literacy Club
On a fortnightly basis, our Year 10 students, under the tutorage of their teachers, Chaplain Kathy and Mrs. Simjanovska, will be running a Monday Morning Literacy Club exclusively for our Junior School students. Year 10 peer mentors will work one-on-one with Junior School students to listen to their reading and help them with spelling revision work.

Homework Club (Weekly)
Wednesday 8:00am - 8:40am Year 2 classroom
SLATS Program (Weekly)
Tuesday 8:00am – 8:40am College Boardroom (adjacent to Administration foyer)
Thursday 8:00am – 8:40am College Boardroom
Monday Morning Literacy (Fortnightly, beginning Monday 7th March)
Monday B weeks 8:00am – 8:40am Senior School Building (Senior School foyer)

Students attending any of the clubs are responsible for bringing all homework tasks, readers/books and items required to ensure that this time is used productively. We also remind parents and guardians that there should be no students on the College campus prior to 8:30 unless they are involved in one of the supervised activities outlined above.

Junior School Foyer
We are thrilled that our newly renovated and extended foyer is almost completed. We would like to thank all our Junior School community for their patience, understanding and flexibility in adapting to the building works. The students and staff did a fantastic job moving safely in and out of the buildings and coping with building works taking place around them. We especially thank Mrs Robilliard and Prep RR, who have continued to participate in a full and rich Prep program while accommodating extra traffic through their room.

On Shrove Tuesday our Prep students participated in the cooking of pikelets to mark this special occasion on the religious calendar. They learnt that Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins, in which people used up the last of their luxurious ingredients such as butter, sugar and milk before beginning a period of fasting as Easter approached. Students took turns to assist Mrs Carter in the preparation of the batter and the cooking of the pikelets. They then chose their topping from jam, honey and lemon and sugar and enjoyed their pancake treat for morning tea.

Students enjoyed learning about the genre of procedural text in the form of a recipe and recorded their pancake choice on their own decorated pancake.

We all had so much fun cooking together and learning at the same time!

Mrs Carter and Mrs Robilliard

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.
**YEAR 6 ANGLESEA CAMP**

**Wednesday**

We hopped on the bus and left school for a two hour drive to Anglesea. When we arrived we put our bags in our dorm rooms and had free time. I played pool with Caden and I lost. After, we were split into two groups. I was in group one – surfing. In surfing we put wetsuits on and headed to the water. We learnt how to stand up and paddle. Then we got in the water. I stood up 5 times and sadly I nosedived 3 times. Then I did a 180 degree turn and surfed backwards it was the most fun! When we got back we had more free time and we found a pole and started pretend basketball dunking on it.

**Thursday.**

We got up at 7.00am and got ready for breakfast. Then we went canoeing. We walked down to the river and had a lesson of canoeing. Then we went freeride which was fun. After that we went to lunch. Then we went to the Auscamp outdoor site and set our tents up. After that we we did our adventure sports which was lots of fun and very exciting. We did Stairway to Kevin, Magic Mat, Holy Bucket and Mini Bikes. When we finished that we had our dinner which was spaghetti...yum!!! After dinner it started to get dark so we went to our tents and we went to bed.

**Friday**

We got up at 7:30am from our tents and went to have breakfast, for breakfast there was weetbix, cornflakes and toast on the toast you could have jam it was good. We went for a very long bushwalk and we saw lots of insects and animals. We went for a long bike ride which was challenging. We really enjoyed our year camp allot. The bus ride back took about 3 hours due to traffic we got back at 4.30pm by then everyone was tired. Thanks to Mrs Rothwell, Mr Todzy and Mrs Reece for taking us on camp.


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On Friday the 19th February the Year 7 students participated in the ‘One Day Wonder’ activity based at Lakeside College. The students were briefed on each activity by the very skilled instructors. Rock Wall Climbing, Bike Riding and Water Raft activities were all undertaken throughout the day. It was great to watch all the students give the activities a go despite many nerves from a few students on particular activities. The Year 7 students are congratulated on their positive and encouragement that they gave each other. These activities have provided the students time to see their peers in a very different light throughout the day and develop new friendships.

Sophia Herrington, Greg Taylor and Sanjeev Meston
Year 7 Homeroom Teachers

Middle School students recieving and using their Chromebooks
GOOD DRIVERS AREN’T BORN. THEY ARE MADE. AND THE BEST WAY TO BECOME A GOOD DRIVER IS TO GET PLENTY OF DRIVING EXPERIENCE.

BUT SOMETIMES, LEARNING HOW TO CHANGE GEARS, OR EVEN HOW TO CHANGE LANES CAN SEEM A BREEZE COMPARED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF GETTING YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO HAND OVER THE CAR KEYS.

KEYS PLEASE CAN CHANGE THAT! THE KEYS PLEASE STUDENT PROGRAM COVERS:-

- Why 120 hours of driving practice?
- Importance of the partnership between supervising driver (parent) and learner driver (student)
- Stages of learning to drive
- Staying safe on your P's
- Resources that are available for Learner Drivers/Supervising Drivers

There is also an online parent/supervising driver resource to watch by going to www.vicroads.vic.gov.au and searching “Lessons from the Road”.

Lakeside College is hosting a Keys Please Student session on Friday 18 March 2016 at 8.45am

AFTER A BUSY START TO TERM 1, THE SENIOR SCHOOL IS SETTLING BACK TO NORMALITY. DURING THE PAST WEEKS, OUR CAREER’S PRACTITIONER, MRS WALDRON HAS HELD MANY INTERVIEWS WITH YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS, AND HAS STARTED WITH YEAR 10 ABOUT THEIR SUBJECT CHOICES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS ON THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS.

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO MAKE A TIME TO MEET MRS WALDRON TO DISCUSS THEIR PATHWAYS PLANNING. SHE IS IN ON TUESDAYS AND CAN BE REACHED ON GAIL.WALDRON@LAKESIDE.VIC.EDU.AU TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC CAREERS QUESTIONS.

LAST THURSDAY OUR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING WAS HELD AND I WISH TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES AND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE. IT WAS A MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENING AND GAVE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AN INSIGHT INTO SEVERAL OF THE NEW CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL, AS WELL AS ENABLING PARENTS TO MEET VCE SUBJECT TEACHERS AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT SUBJECT INDUCTION PACKAGES.

NOW IS ALSO A TIME TO REFLECT UPON STUDENT INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AND ASK WHETHER I AM MAKING FULL USE OF MY STUDY PERIODS AND TIME AT HOME. TIME AT SCHOOL MUST BE USED WITH CARE AND ORGANISATION. IT IS A DEMANDING TIME FOR A STUDENT, WHICH IS MADE MUCH EASIER WITH A WELL-ORGANISED PERSONAL STUDY PLAN. IF SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA THEN THEY SHOULD SEEK HELP FROM THEIR PASTORAL TEAM, MENTORS OR MRS WYLIE.

MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THAT ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS OR REQUESTS FOR EARLY DISMISSALS MUST BE EXPLAINED IN A NOTE FROM PARENTS. LATE ARRIVALS NEED TO SIGN IN AT THE ADMIN OFFICE AND NOT PROCEED DIRECTLY TO CLASS.

Mr Wilson
Head of Senior School