From the Principal

Last week the College formally farewelled our Yr 12 Class of 2016. Students this week commenced their VCE exams with English. The next weeks will be a busy time of revision and exams. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to parents and teachers who have supported their children through their formal education and particularly in this often stressful time.

This week also saw the commencement of site works for the new Junior School Building. These additional 7 classrooms will be a wonderful asset for our growing Junior School and we look forward to watching the progress towards completion over the next 8 months.

Our prayers are also with Mr Brian Ahern who is recovering from a mild heart attack. Mr Ahern will be absent for a few weeks of recovery and his teaching load is being ably managed by Mr Bonig in the interim. He is in good spirits, is making good progress and anticipates returning to the College before the year ends and thanks staff, students and families for their thoughts and best wishes on his recuperation.

In the last Newsletter, I shared information about changes to the student leadership roles to better align with our House structures. Students have now been informed of these changes with 2 School Captains and a number of House Captain positions at Senior, Middle and Junior levels available. Students will be invited to nominate for these positions shortly and must complete a form outlining the skills they bring to these roles.

Please be reminded that Monday and Tuesday next week are both student free days for the Melbourne Cup.

Ministry News

Rituals

What do you think of when you hear the word ‘ritual’? Do you think of boring services and ceremonies your grandparents dragged you to as a child, where you had to sit silently and straight, while adults droned on about things?

We’ve lost a lot of contact with rituals in modern society. But I think that makes the few we still have all the more meaningful.

One ritual which we can all agree has great meaning in the life of our school occurred last Thursday, when we celebrated with the Year 12 students a major rite of passage in their lives – the completion of their secondary education.

The ritual started with students wearing academic gowns and progressing into the auditorium at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, so that all our community could recognise and acknowledge them and their outstanding efforts.

Each student was then called by name to the stage and presented with a bible, as a reminder that God and His eternal word go with them always. It is a special gift that we feel privileged to be able to give each student as a way of sending them out well into the world.

And lastly we viewed a collection of photos of the students from babyhood to present day. It was lovely to see how each individual has blossomed from a cheeky, chubby baby to the resilient adults they are today.

Farewell, Year 12 students of 2016, may your lives be full of adventure, accomplishment, service and joy. And remember the words of the prophet Micah (6:8) “hear what Yahweh asks of you; to live justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”.

Calendar Events

Week 5

- Monday 31 October - College Closed
- Tuesday 1 November - Melbourne Cup Day College Closed
- Thursday 3 November - PTFA Breakfast Meeting from 9am
- Friday 4 November - Bulletin
- Friday 4 November - MY9 Presentation Night and Art Show

Week 6

- Wednesday 9 November - Year 4 & 5 Art Excursion to National Gallery Victoria
- Thursday 10 November - Prep to Year 3 Swimming
- Friday 11 November - Year 1, 2 & 3 Taskworks Excursion
- Friday 11 November - Newsletter
- Sunday 13 November - Christian Worship Service - Lakeside College 4.30pm

Week 7

- Monday 14 November - Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Clover Cottage 6.30pm
- Monday 14 November to Monday 21 November - Year 10 and 11 Exam Week
Celebration Day

Last Wednesday the Junior School students had the privilege of hosting a special afternoon to recognise and celebrate the wonderful support provided by a variety of carers, extended family and friends within our school community. Special guests were invited into our classrooms to enjoy problem-solving or creative thinking activities with students. These activities were linked to our learning in Science or Integrated Studies.

Guests were also invited to hear our three Junior School choirs perform at various timeslots throughout the afternoon; followed by afternoon tea in the College boardroom. The students thoroughly enjoyed singing for their special people and sharing their learning with them. We greatly appreciate our guests coming along on the day and all you do to support our students in their learning journey.

Jane Wiebusch
Head of Junior School

Art

Year 3 have been creating an abstract canvas painting for most of the term, learning how to apply the paint with different tools and using masking tape to layer a grid pattern with great success.

Year 4 have designed their own canvas image based on what they like the most, so there are a variety of wonderful paintings emerging.

Year 5 have been working on the Chinese dragon painting. They are looking fantastic, with lots of different types of dragons appearing in different environments.

Sophia Herrington
Art Teacher

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!

Sophia Herrington
Art Teacher
Save the date, next Friday the 4th of November is the Visual Art and MY9 Show. For the MY9 students it is their chance to show off their efforts from their year-long projects. The presentation is part of the MY9 assessment, however, all Middle School students are encouraged to come along and see what the Year 9s have been doing all year and hopefully be inspired for their own projects in the future.

Last week the MY9 students had a celebration/challenge day. Students selected Ice Hockey or Bowling as their activity for the day. Those who took on the Ice Hockey challenge were rewarded with the opportunity to try to knock Mr Anderson and Mr Prochazka over (however, none were successful in their attempts). It was really impressive seeing students who had never skated before quickly gaining enough skill to play a game of Hockey. By all accounts, the bowlers also had a great day with Ms Herrington and Mrs Niewand, it is always fun to get the competitive spirit going! Congratulations to Jordan Dunn for having the overall highest score.

A special thanks to Abby, Erin, Holly & Suzie in Year 8. As part of their Active8 Leadership program they have been helping out younger students from the Pakenham community by volunteering at the Homework Hub at the Uniting Church. This is a tremendous service they are doing and an excellent representation of our College.

The Year 7 students have taken a particular interest into the nature of flight lately after studying the film ‘Paper Planes’. This has led to the inevitable outcome of a paper plane competition between Mr Ashcroft’s and Mrs Fox’s classes. The winners were Daniel Hodge, Hannah Karnakowski, Edan Fox and Reji Alengaden.

Year 6 students are out for sport again. This time for a day of Year 5/6 cricket. Hopefully this spring’s undecided weather will hold out and everyone will have a great day.

A huge congratulations to all students who performed at our Second Annual Instrumental Music Concert! It was a fantastic evening; showcasing students who have recently begun learning, as well as the remarkable progress our students have made over the past 12 months. The entire department was wonderfully represented, with all students stepping out of their comfort zone to perform to an appreciative audience. The Guitar Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble also made their debuts, wowing the crowd with a variety of different rhythms and styles of music; and a special appearance by the Junior School Ukulele Group was very well received. We look forward to this event becoming bigger and better as the department continues to grow. On that note we are always accepting enrolments in the Instrumental Music Programme, so if your child is interested in learning piano, guitar, drums/percussion, voice or an orchestral/band instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, cello), please speak with Mrs Fox or Mrs Richardson, or simply pick up an enrolment form from Administration.

Save the Date!
Secondary Performing Arts Summer Showcase and Christmas Singalong,
Friday December 2nd at 7pm in the Senior Building.
All students currently studying classroom Music and Drama (Years 6, 7A, 8A, 9A, 10) will be performing and leading the audience in our version of Christmas Carols. They will be supported by the College’s many instrumental and vocal ensembles, and our traditional alumni Special Guest (to be announced). We look forward to seeing you all there!

Kerrie Richardson, Brigitte Fox and Michelle Messig
Music Teachers

Jason Prochazka
Acting Head of Middle School
Senior School News

The past week has been a busy week for Senior School as many events has occurred. One being the year 12’s graduation. Congratulations on finishing Secondary School now all you have left is your exams which are approaching quickly. We wish you all the best and study hard and achieve the ATAR score you hope to get. You will be missed.

On Tuesday the 18th the year 10’s went to the Dandenong Market/Plaza for a Humanities excursion. They enjoyed themselves and learnt about how the prices differ in a market and the fluctuations of the prices throughout the day.

Another exciting thing that happened for the year 10’s was that they went to Jump Crazy for sport. They were filled with excitement and by the end were worn out.

Also just a reminder that on the 4th November the Art show and MY9 presentation is coming up so make sure you come along.

Now for the rest of the Senior school your exams are coming up in week 7. We hope you are preparing for them wisely and make sure you hand in your outstanding work.

Chelsea and Chantel
Year 10

It has been a busy month for our Year 12 students, firstly the graduation ceremony was held at the Cultural Centre, followed by final classes, activity day, lunch and breakfast and now the commencement of their VCE exams. We wish them well and hope that their hard work and study will be reflected in their final results. Let me also take this opportunity to say thank you to all our dedicated Year 12 teachers, for their excellent teaching and overall support of this cohort. Special mentions to Chaplain Kathy, Mr Ashcroft, Mrs Nielsen, Mrs Niewand and Mrs Moss for all their extra help in arranging, running and supervising the many Year 12 events and activities.

With the year 12 VCE exams underway, we are now drawing closer to the end of the academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important dates:

Monday 14th November to Monday 21st November- Year 11 &10 Exams -
The timetable will be distributed to students this week. Please note that during this time there will be no regular Senior School classes. Year 11 and 10 students are required to be in attendance at the College for exams only. Outside of exam times Rooms 1, 2 and 3 will be available for students to meet with their teachers and/or for private study.

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 students of the College. All current students are welcome to attend.

Monday 5th December Homeroom Activities Day -
The final day of school for all Senior School students.

Guten Tag- German

Dear Parents and Students,

As you may be aware in September this year a group of 19 students from Lakeside College spent 4 weeks travelling through Switzerland and Germany. Part of this tour included a homestay in Detmold, where the group was hosted by students and their families from the Detmolder Stadtgymnasium (High School). Now we are expecting 17 students (14-16 years old) from the same school to visit us in 2017. This will be the first time a group from Detmold, Germany has visited our school and we are looking for families to open their homes and host students.

It is a wonderful opportunity to practice German, to make a new friend or to learn more about the German culture. It is also an opportunity for students, who wish to travel to Germany on our next school trip in 2018, to reciprocate with their potential host.

The group will be arriving on Monday 20th February 2017 and attending classes at Lakeside College for a week, before participating on a camp/tour and returning for classes from 6th -10th March. We would love to hear from families who are willing to host a student for either the first 7 days, the second 5 days or both periods of time.

If you are interested, then please contact Mr. Wilson or Chaplain Kathy on 5941 7544 or via email on paul.wilson@lakeside.vic.edu.au or kathy.mildred@lakeside.vic.edu.au

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