Principal

LAVERS HILL K-12 College

The Lavers Hill College Mission

The Lavers Hill K-12 College mission is to provide every student with the best possible education in a warm, caring, secure environment in which we develop the students’ self-esteem and provide programs that address the students’ individual needs and ensure they attain their full potential.

This newsletter can be viewed on our website - www.lavershillp12c.vic.edu.au

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Family Learning Partnership funding for the College

I’m pleased to announce that the College has been selected as one of 17 Learn Local providers from across Victoria undertaking a Family Learning Partnership over the next 12 months. This is a great opportunity for us to further develop community based learning programs at the College. We are planning to offer a Cert 3 in General Education with room for 10 adults to enroll and reconnect with further learning.

Sharon Butler has been selected as the Family Learning Partnerships Community of Practice facilitator. Sharon has been a facilitator and consultant for 25 years in the area of leadership development and organisational improvement. She has worked for 17 years in the education system at the school, regional and statewide level and started working in the area of Family School Partnerships nine years ago. In 2007, Sharon was awarded a Churchill Trust Travelling Fellowship which enabled her to visit the USA and Canada to study practical strategies and tools to build Family Learning Partnerships.

I was delighted to read that Sharon was involved in the program as she was a key person I studied when completing my Masters of Education. Sharon did considerable research looking at the benefits of parents being involved in their child’s learning and the importance of schools keeping parents informed of ongoing learning at school.

Outdoor Learning Camps and Programs.

This morning we held our first meeting of parents, teachers and students exploring how we can offer innovative outdoor learning programs and camps at Lavers Hill. We have a partner school in Melbourne with whom we are planning a pilot camp for 20 Year 9 students in Term 4 of this year.

We will offer the students a range of activities including:

- Cape Otway light house programs
- Otway fly
- Twelve Apostles
- Great Ocean Walk
- Falls in Beach Forrest (seeing the snails)
- Bike trails

At school we can offer:
- Basketball
- Pool
- Archery
- Football
- Workouts
- Movie night
- Magic show

Our students will present a range of options and help design the program. They are working with Kath Speirs who is able to draw on her extensive experience working in fitness, training and outdoor learning and is consulting with local providers. We agreed to research how we can work with the Duke of Ed program and explored the scope to support Great Ocean Walk programs with the College helping schools’ plan and provide resources and support.

A key aspect of all our thoughts was developing our students’ knowledge of their local environments and building their capacity to provide leadership in a broad range of roles.

Our next steps including planning a field trip to see a range of interesting programs offered in the Otways, while Jesse is working on a most impressive PowerPoint to present to interested schools. If you would like to know more about the project or become involved please give me a call at the College.

Andrew Kohane

**Dates to remember:**

Friday 15th August – Yr 10-12 Melbourne Herald Sun Trade Expo
Tuesday 19th August – Lunch & Senior transition (Student, Parent, Teacher interviews)
Monday 25th August – Year 7-8 Coastal Basketball comp at Apollo Bay
Monday 25th of August at 1.15pm – Kinder to prep transition
Monday 25th to Friday 29th August – Literacy & Numeracy week & ENVIRO week
Tuesday w26th August – Yr 5-8 students’ Circus workshops
Primary News

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We are holding a whole school parent interview day which is not compulsory to the parents of primary students. If you would like to meet with your child’s teacher please contact the office and leave your name and we will return your call and arrange a time with you. Mr Fitzgerald is new to the grade 3-4 class and would love the opportunity to speak with any parents.

HEADLICE

We have had some reports of headlice in the primaries so could parents please check your child’s hair. Children must be treated before sending them back to school. If your child has had headlice can you please notify your child’s teacher.

ILLNESSES

We have had a number of student absences due to illness in the past week and we have had to send a number of students home due to illness. If your child is sick please keep them at home as we don’t want to spread around the germs. We need to remember that we have people in our community who are more susceptible to illness due to old age and immune disorders.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ‘Star of the Week’

- GRACE MARTIN – Grace was awarded the Star of the Week for her organisation, going above and beyond. Well done Grace!

- JASPER NEWTON – Jasper was awarded the Star of the Week for looking after the environment. Jasper was picking up rubbish in the yard. Well done Jasper!
The Primary students have been learning all about animals in Indonesian. This week the Grade 3-6 class wrote riddles about different animals. See if you can guess what the animal is. Use the visual clues and speak to some of our fantastic Indonesian students to work out the answers. Place your answer in the box outside the office...first three correct answers will get a prize!

Siapa Saya?

Saya tinggal di…… POHON dan SUNGAI

Saya berwarna…… HIJAU

Saya makan…… LALAT

Saya..... KECIL

Saya ___________ (What am I?)

Siapa Saya?

1. Saya tinggal di gua.

2. Saya berwarna coklat dan hitam.

3. Saya makan ikan.

4. Saya Besar, kuat, berbahaya, galak, memanjat pohon dan bisa berenang.

5. Saya...

Oleh Jaryd (does that mean ‘well done, Jarryd?’ ed.)
Pre-school News

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup had their first session last week which was great. Please remember that more information and enrolment forms are available from the College office or the Pre-school. Playgroup will be on every Wednesday morning beginning at 9.30am at the pre-school.

SRC focus on ... Senior Prom fundraiser

Skye, Amy and Tom from our SRC proudly show off the hamster raffle prizes. Tickets can be purchased from the College office or you can use the tickets attached to this Newsletter. Write your name on each ticket you wish to purchase (both stubs) and return them with the money to the office by Friday.

Get your tickets in by Friday to be in with a chance!
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PRESENTS

The Lion, The Witch and.....
THE WALK-IN ROBE!

Thursday 11th September 7pm
Friday 12th September 11am
PARENTS AND THE COLLEGE WORKING TOGETHER

AN INVITATION
TO ALL PARENTS OF OUR YEAR 9 – 11 STUDENTS

COURSE SELECTION AND PLANNING FOR 2015

The students have been busy doing course planning and the time nears for making decisions for their future personal learning.
To foster the cooperation between families and the College there will be an information session on

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST
12 – 1:15PM LUNCH IS PROVIDED FOR PARENTS
1:15 – 2:45PM SENIOR TRANSITION INFORMATION SESSION
Students in Years 9 – 11 will join with their parents in this forum with Mrs Hooke and Mrs Collingbourne

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST:
2:45 to 4:30pm
Please come in to the College discuss your child’s progress in their education.

PARENTS OF ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS
Join us for opportunity to meet with your child and their teachers next Tuesday afternoon, following the Senior Transition Information Session.

Teachers available from 2:45pm will be:
Mr Kohane, Ms Potter, Mrs Collingbourne, Mrs Hooke
And in addition from 3:20pm will be:
Ms Speirs and Ms Douglas

PARENTS OF PRIMARY STUDENTS
Interview appointments will need to be made by calling the office and making a request to meet with specific teachers.
You will be notified of the time.
This continues the lovely letter from Helen Davis, who has been teaching in China for the past two years...

Hello Lavers Hill Friends

Well it has been a while since I last wrote – and so much has been happening in everyone’s life! This will be my last letter from Dalian, north-east China, as I go to Xian soon, the home of the Terra Cotta Warriors...

Some people will go to incredible lengths to get those windows clean. All windows get dirty and some of my neighbours in the building opposite have their windows cleaned professionally by women, usually, who are willing to go out on a limb, or a narrow ledge in this case, to do a wonderful job. They are obviously not afraid of heights & are often out further than this. And many floors higher!

My dental visit was a huge success as I managed the hour bus ride without a guide. I even scored a seat, which after 30 minutes or so, is not necessarily an advantage as there are no cushions nor much suspension in the buses.

The dentist was a gorgeous young woman who spoke great English, which relieved the pressure on my dictionary and myself. She ushered me into the dental clinic, one long rectangular room full of dental patients reclining in chairs & masked dentists at work. Ours was the last chair, so we walked past everyone and their gaping mouths. No filling necessary – yippee! The clean and polish was the gentlest dental hygiene treatment I have ever experienced. The only Australian dental hygienist I have ever visited was a sinister creature with pain & cruelty as her game plan. (Sounds evil! Ed.)

The courier system relies on dedicated people like this guy who obviously does not get stressed about his job and can relax even under the noisiest circumstances. He is pictured here at one of the busiest intersections in Dalian, very close to the dentist I visited this week.