As I write the summer vacation is fast approaching and I am reflecting on a year in which we have seen all of our students grow and develop both as learners and valuable members of our community. This year we renewed our College values and I am very proud to see us bringing ‘respect, integrity, equality, humour and resilience’ to life at the College and in our community.

We could not have achieved so much without the great support of our parents and local community. I have been so impressed by the many way you work with us as a College. I would like to thank our parents for sewing costumes and building the props for the ‘Jungle Book’ into the early hours of the morning, for joining us on many and varied excursion, for volunteering in the canteen and for being actively involved in your children’s’ learning.

Great art and great fundraising. Thanks to our P-4 students

I am delighted to also confirm that building work has begun on Roof with the aim of being completed by the beginning of school in 2017. This is a major project aimed at stopping the ‘rain getting in’ and will also involve removing the lower ceiling along the central and western passageway. The replacement of the existing fire hydrant system has also been planned and is ready to be installed once we confirm the location of the new tanks. These are major projects for the College and I do thank all those involved for their persistence in ensuring they are realised.

Congratulations to our Year 5-8 students for their marvelous presentations of their ‘Motivation Projects’
I am hoping you received my letter from last week in regard to my plans. I am both sad and happy to announce that I have been appointed as Campus Principal of Northern Bay College in North Geelong. I am very sad in that I have come to love all the many parts of Lavers Hill College and will miss you all very much. And I am happy to be moving closer to my family, my wife and daughters, and my mum. The challenge of the travel has become just too much to manage. The position is only ‘provisional’ and there is a 10-day period before it is confirmed.

I am absolutely confident that with our Leadership Team, a strong College Council, a most dedicated staff and wonderful students that the College is in very secure hands.

Our Regional Office will put out an Expression of Interest for the Acting Principal position for Term 1 and the permanent position will be advertised to begin in Term 2. This is the process should my role be confirmed.

**Jazzy will miss his kind friends and is very keen to visit and stay in touch**

I am hoping to have a chance to see and be in contact with you and the many members of our community who have provided me with such great support over the past 3 years. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to lead the College over this time. Many, many thanks,
PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

It was the boys last visit to the library on Monday. This has been a weekly adventure they have really enjoyed. Not only has it enabled them to get familiar with the school environment but also the process of looking through the books on the shelf, borrowing the books from the Librarian, placing them in their library bags and taking them back to kinder to read. They showed respect and ownership for their environment by placing them back in their library bags after reading and making sure they were returned to the library in good condition.

We also borrowed some toys from the Colac toy library. The children enjoyed seeing some new toys in the room and worked together as a team to see how they worked. It was great to watch them get all the pieces out and decide they didn’t need instructions and were happy to put some parts together and see what happened.

We have continued practice for the concert, which the children are very excited about but a little confused that kinder will come to an end and there won’t be any kinder over the holidays. It’s nice to hear that they will miss the program.

Reminder
Kinder Concert – Thursday 15th December – Please bring a plate of food to share.

Congratulations
Well done Marshall and Alexander for completing four year old kinder, we are very proud of your achievements this year and wish you all the best at school next year. Make sure you wave to us as you play in the school yard.

Thankyou
To the parents for your assistance and involvement. This is a very important part of the program and it is great to get to know the families.

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We would like to thank the following people, organisations and businesses for their generosity, support and help. The Christmas market would not have happened without you.

- Ellen Rayner—Calma Candles—Your skills and contribution was outstanding!! THANK YOU :)
- Karen Patterson, Adi & Tom Gilbert
- Julia Malcolm
- Kim Parry
- Joan Read & Brian Worsley
- A big thank you to Michelle Ferrari & the P-4 team & students— you guys did an amazing job, thank you for getting involved
- Nigel Jenkins & The vintage Fire Truck
- Otway Fly
- COPACC
- Helen Grant
- Margaret Brown (Charles Stewart Real Estate)
- Otway Cider
- Judy Forrester
- The Otway Light Team
- Apollo Bay News
- Great Ocean Media
- Otway Country to Coast Tourism Association
- Linda Perkins, Tracy Brauer & Family, Jacquie Langley, Naomi & Jess Kidd
- CFA—Michele Fifer
- SES Team—Billy-Marky-Ralph-Karen-Irene
- Patrick & Jasper Newton
- Lavers Hill Hall Committee
- The Lavers Hill College Staff—Jenny-Linda -Deb– Tony & David
- The Shoppe & Otway Central
- Colac Otway Shire

All the bakers that made the cake stall look outstanding, the 33 stallholders that came and contributed to our raffle prizes.

To all the families & locals that came out to shop and support the event. It was truly wonderful to see everybody come out to enjoy this local event.

Funds raised this year came to $1300 including Stall fees, Cake stall, Photo Booth with Santa, Raffles & BBQ

Thanks again :)
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Booklist are now compiled and are ready for collection from the 14th of December.

Reminder that we do require payment for the books prior to collection.

If you do have a late booklist and still intend to order please get it to the office ASAP.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and looking forward to seeing you all in 2017.
# Calendar

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