Welcome back to the College. It has been a pleasure to see our students arrive back at school with such enthusiasm and so obviously pleased to see their friends. I am hoping families have had a relaxing and most enjoyable vacation and look forward to meeting with parents as each Learning Community holds welcome events this month.

It has been a very positive, steady and focused start to the school year. Our first Assembly was a vibrant gathering. Our student leaders welcomed new students and teachers and led all in a spirited rendition of the national anthem. With a great turn out of parents our assembly space was full and alive with learners of many ages: from our bright eyed preps to our tall and fast maturing teenagers.

We are also delighted to see a great group of 3 and 4 years olds involved in the Kindergarten program.

I would like to congratulate Denise Hooke on winning the Shire Council’s top Australia Day award. This is a wonderful achievement and an acknowledgement of the inspiring role Denise has played in developing the Turning Point Program. I would like to also acknowledge how the team of staff involved at Turning Point have worked with Denise to build the program over 2 years, and how Turning Point is recognised as a leader in the field of student re-engagement.

I would like to welcome to the College our 2 new Teacher Associates; Kirra Greave and Kirrin Brown. Both Kirra and Kirrin have already settled in very well and are getting to know staff and students. I have included some background on the Teach For Australia program (more interesting information is available on the website)

"Teach For Australia Associates come from all disciplines and backgrounds. They are well-rounded, passionate, high-achieving individuals who have the distinguished academic performance, leadership experience, and communication and empathy skills to succeed in our schools as Teach For Australia Associates. As recent graduates and young professionals, each of our Associates has demonstrated outstanding achievement within their universities, in the workplace, across the wider community and even abroad.

Colleagues now at Lavers Hill K-12 College

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

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We are also delighted to announce that our ‘very own’ Dylan Clissold has taken on a Traineeship at the College: Certificate 3 in Education Support. It is great to have Dylan on staff and he is helping a great deal with PE classes, Sports Co-ordination and helping develop the Outdoor Learning Program. When asked about the role Dylan said ‘I am getting along well with all the students. It is excellent’.

We are looking forward to our School Swimming Sports on Tuesday Feb 16th. More details soon and parents are very welcome to attend. Looking forward to meeting with you at the College and keeping in touch with you through our trusty, creative and reliable Otway Light.

Hola (or hello) from the Carribean Coast of Coast Rica! I'm loving it over here, with the beautiful weather and beaches with clear water and white (or black) sand. I've been travelling with our tour guide Alba (from barcelona) and four others from the UK (three girls and one guy).

I only have about a week left here and know I'm going to miss it.

I've done so much, from volunteering at a building site to ziplining or doing a hike to a volcano to white water rafting. Everything we have done has been amazing and the views here are spectacular!

The people here are so friendly and beautiful. As thank you for working on the building site, the mum of the family moving in the house we were helping build, have us volunteers all gifts. She gave us a saucer, tea cup and silver spoon set that were gifts from her wedding 50 years ago. She was so sweet and it was and beautiful gift I couldn't help but cry.

I hope everyone's enjoying being back at school and slaving away (either as a student or teachers or even a parent trying to organise their child).

I'll see you in just over one week!!!

Love Amy Brauer
Parents Club Canteen Meeting
this FRIDAY @ 9.15am
at the College
New parent are most welcome to attend.

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Breakfast Club

If anyone has ample fruit that you would like to
donate to the School Breakfast Club we would be
greatly appreciated it.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IF YOU CHILD NEEDS TO TRAVEL ON A DIFFERENT BUS OR IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS WE MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM PARENTS SAYING ITS OK FOR THE STUDENT/STUDENTS TO DO SO.


FOR STUDENTS IN YR. 7 TO 10 PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DENTAL FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY......SO YOUR CHILD CAN HAVE THE ORAL HEALTH EXAMINATION
Welcome back! In four year old kinder this year we would like to welcome Eli, Leo, Marshall & Alexander.

We spent our first day learning about Australia. We got to play with some Australian animals and stamp some animals on a map of Australia.

Swimming for 4 year old kinders will begin next week, every Monday will be swimming with Miss Ferrari.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our three new preps Cameron, Morgane and Alyssa for 2016. Welcome.

The P-4 Team would also like to welcome Xzavier and Devante to our class, we hope you enjoy Lavers Hill.
Two Stars and a Wish

At the beginning of the school year prep -4 students wrote about good things at our school [stars]

I like........................................

‘to go to the library to borrow books’
‘that the teachers are kind’
‘to spend time with my friends’
‘sporting and music’
‘how it’s green at our school’
‘the garden’
‘I love … the oval...the pool’

Students also wrote about a wish for the school.

I wish............................

‘we could have sport every day’
‘we only had music and swimming’
‘for rainbows every day’
‘Kitty could come to school’
‘This school could have a paddock with a horse’
‘The school had a water park’
‘The school had a giant trampoline’
‘We could have bacon and buffet breakfast’

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS IN 2016
Thank you to the families that took part in our afterschool swimming lessons in 2015.
We are endeavoring to continue running them in 2016, at this stage it looks like it may be on a Tuesday after school and on a Saturday for term 1. If you would be interested in enrolling your child in swimming lessons please contact the College on 52373213 and leave your contact details. We hope we can get them up and running next week. If there is anyone interested in becoming a swimming teacher please contact the college office as we are looking at getting more AUSTSWIM qualified teachers to help run swimming programs at Lavers Hill.
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