We are fast approaching Christmas and together we are competing our Learning programs, revision and final assignments.

I am delighted to confirm that we are making great progress on 2 major facilities upgrades.

**Facilities Update: Replacement of the Western Roof**

The contract and quotes have been confirmed and the intention is to have the roof replaced by the beginning of the 2017 school year. Initial works will begin on December 12 and progress over the vacation period. A new higher roof will replace the lower roof from the section between the foyer and canteen and all the way along the western corridor. Our hopes and dreams are for a water proof corridor.

**Replacement of Hydrants**

Once we have confirmed the location of the tanks this important project will also be ready to progress. A whole new hydrant system will be in place with plumbing running around the College.

**Congratulations to our Year 12** and a big thanks you to our teachers and the families of our graduating students. We had a great night at Otway Central on November 11 to celebrate our Year 12s and their many achievements. The food was delicious, the speeches were brief and moving and it was a most memorable evening.

**Plan for Conclusion of Term 4**

**Monday December 12:** **Whole School Excursion** to Leisure Link in Waurn Ponds.

Tuesday Thursday and Friday: **Activities Program** adjusted around initial building works

**Wednesday December 14:** **Staff Professional Learning Day**

*students are not required at school*

**Friday December 16:** **Presentation Day and Final Assembly** from 1.00 to 3.00 pm.

Reports will be available for collection and look forward to seeing our families and community at this event.

**Monday December 19 and Tuesday December 20:** Roofing Works will be underway.

An alternative program will be in place.
Planning for 2017. Learning Communities and Staffing Updates

Sadly for us, after four wonderful years at Lavers Hill, Sarah Douglas will be heading back to Melbourne and has gained an exciting role working as a Teaching and Leadership Advisor for Teach for Australia. This is a great achievement and reflects just how well Sarah has developed and grown as a teacher and leader working with Anne O’Sullivan and the students of the Middle Years Program. We will have a number of opportunities over the coming weeks to thank Sarah and wish her well.

Rebecca McKenzie will be our new qualified Kindergarten teacher and will be working with Natalya as the assistant. This is a great step for our Kinder and I want to thank Michelle for all the work she has done to build and strengthen the program over the past year and this year in particular. I would like to also acknowledge and thank Hannah for her work as the assistant this year. She has done a wonderful job.

Josh Zanker will take on the Indonesian teaching role as Sarah Douglas has taken a new position based in Melbourne. I have included the letter we sent Middle Years 5-8 parents outlining the changes there. Josh will be our third Teach for Australia associate and has already joined us on the first Outdoor Learning Pilot (this is an area of great interest for Josh) and has met with teachers and students to help me prepare for next year. Josh Zanker will take on the Indonesian teaching role as Sarah Douglas has taken a new position based in Melbourne.

Our Learning Program for 2017 will involve similar structures with the 3 Learning Communities at Lavers Hill being P-4, Years 5-8 and Years 9-12.

The P-4 Learning Community held a most engaging Learning Expo with the students sharing many areas of the program including Indonesian songs, mice and mazes, robots and the friendship program. Congratulations to all involved.

The team also shared plans for 2017 and there was an opportunity for feedback, which will be shared and further developed. The evening closed with healthy snacks made by the students and more dancing.

The New Pedagogies for Deep Learning program is well embedded as a foundation of the Middle Years program and will continue to run, with new units already in the planning stages. The teachers are keen to reflect and adapt the program and look forward to continuing to work closely with students and parents. The team for the Middle Years next year will include Anne O’Sullivan, Kirrin Brown, and Joshua Zanker. Kirrin has been an integral part of the team in 2016 and is looking forward to taking more of a leadership role in 2017.

Josh also teaches Humanities and has a background in Community Development and has worked overseas on a number of projects. Combined with Kirrin’s expertise in Science and Outdoor Learning there will many opportunities for the students to continue explore deep and authentic learning.

Technical wizards:
Tom and Jasper are coding our robots together
Our School Values: RESPECT—RESILIENCE—INTEGRITY—HUMOUR—EQUALITY

Our 9-12 Learning Community will be similar to this year. Josh Zanker will teach humanities for Year 9-10 and we are looking forward to having VCE history taught by Tony and Outdoor Education Vet led by Kath with Kirrin’s support. Having this VET subject aligns well with our work with Outdoor Learning and we have a strong interest from our students. We will continue to offer a great range of VCE subjects tailored to the needs and interests of our senior students.

We have now completed our first 2 Outdoor Learning Expeditions with excellent feedback from all involved. Our partnership with Geelong and Ballarat schools is strengthening and our teachers have worked closely with staff from Rubicon to make the Camps a great success. Thanks also to our students from Year 8-11 who are helping us to develop a program that can be offered to city and regional schools next year.

The Outdoor Learning and Leadership Program is coming along very nicely with our Pilot Camps just returning. The program involved linking with Mt Clear and Western Heights Secondary Colleges. It has been a great chance to get to know students and we are looking forward to keeping in touch. In the program there were many activities such as surfing, hiking, kayaking, bush walking and learning about our backyard culture. We are looking to find temporary or permanent accommodation. Temporary accommodation could include tents or tipis. Another possibility is local accommodation that could sleep up to 24 students that is near to the school. If you have any ideas of what accommodation would work please contact Zoe and Dakota at the school who are working with the Planning Team.

From Zoe and Dakota

Family Violence Awareness Talk. On November 25 we were fortunate to have our very own Ray Doensen present on behalf of the Family Violence Unit to raise awareness for Year 7-12’s. Rae spoke about the policing of family violence, strategies to prevent violence and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Our Secondary students were actively involved. Many thoughtful questions were asked and we will continue to seek to understand all the challenges involved in addressing these issues. On the day white ribbons were available enabling us to show our support for the Nation Wide White Ribbon day. Thanks again Ray and our local community for their efforts to raise awareness around this day.
As the end of term is fast approaching we have been practicing some Christmas carols and dances for the end of year concert. Over the next few weeks we will be getting into the Christmas spirit with art and craft activities and decorating the kinder.

We welcomed Ibu Sarah and Kodok to our Indonesian lesson this week, Salamat Sean (Hello). We really enjoyed the book about animals and learning how to say their names in Indonesian.

The boys mainly liked the Ular (Snake) and Maddison and Amelie liked the Burung (Bird) and the Kupa Kupa (Butterfly). We also learnt a new song and were able to act it out.

The children are being a Cicak (Gecko), lying very still and waiting to catch a mosquito. Once the lesson was over we said Ma Kasi and Sampai Jumpar (Thankyou and goodbye) to Ibu Sarah and Kodok. Remember to practice some of these words at home for next week!

We are excited to announce that the Kinder received a $1500 grant from Forrest Hill. The money will be put towards cultural resources for next year. Special thanks to Hannah for working on the grant application!

**Upcoming Events**

School Transition Days (4 year old program only)
Friday 2nd December 8.40am – 3.05pm

Leisurelink Excursion (4 year old program only)
Monday 12th December – Please remember to pack morning tea and lunch, a drink, bathers and a towel.

Xmas Concert/ End of year celebration
Thursday 15th at the kinder, please bring a plate of food to share.

**Reminder**

End of Term

Tuesday the 20th December is the last day of term. Monday 19th and Tuesday the 20th will be used as clean up days to prepare the kinder for next year. Children are welcome to attend these days although there will be no kinder program running and staff will be cleaning and removing equipment from the kinder.
KINDER WANTED

We are excited to announce that over the Christmas holidays the pre-school will be undergoing a makeover with plastering and painting in preparation for a 21st Birthday celebration to happen in 2017 but we need your help. We are looking for some helpers to possibly help with moving items out of the kinder, helping with repainting and also to help put items back in the kinder. If you would possibly like to volunteer some time please contact the College office on 52 373 213 and leave your name and contact details.

Prep-4

The P-4 children (aka Creative Kids) have been busy preparing items for our Christmas Market. We are busy finalizing our last project and we need some people to help us stitch up our mini teddies we have been making. We are asking for anyone who would like to come and help us on Fridays from 1.30pm to please contact the office. We can’t wait to the market, please look for our stall ‘Creative Kids’.
LAVERS HILL
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday, December 4
10am – 2pm
Lavers Hill Hall
Great Ocean Road

Meet Santa
Festive food
Family fun
School fundraiser

HAVE YOUR ELVES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH
GREAT GIFT IDEAS HOMEMADE, GROWN OR SEWN!

For details call Ellen Rayner 0400 311 220

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Parents Club Special Canteen Day
Thursday December 1st will be another special Canteen Day

- Chicken burgers with cheese & coleslaw $5
- Vegie Burgers with cheese & coleslaw $5

&
Fruit Smoothies—Small $1.50
Medium $3.00 & Large $4.00

Instrumental students please note there will be no lessons in Week 9/10 for my students as I am Taking leave.

Sessions for band and guitar will however still be running.

Thanks Kate Doherty
LEISURE LINK
REMINDER
Could all forms and money be returned to the office by this Friday 2nd December for the Leisure Link excursion Monday 12th December.
We need final numbers to organise transport.
Regards
Anne O’Sullivan

Booklist will be compiled from next week and will be ready for collection from the 14th of December. If you have a late booklist and still intend to order please get it to the office if you ASAP.
Office Admin :)
## Calendar

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