We have made an excellent start to the year. Calm, steady and focused are the words I have heard mentioned by many parents and staff. It has been a pleasure to see our community come together again after the vacation. Our focus this term is on learning and establishing strong work habits both at home and at school.

**Student Goals Setting**

Each Learning Community is working with students to develop Learning Improvement Goals. This is a key focus to support students to plan and organise their learning effectively. Teachers will be communicating with parents outlining the goals set and progress students are making as the term progresses. I look forward to talking with parents and seeing the students make great progress in relation to the goals they set.

**Resilience Project**

With Marni I have written a successful application to be part of a statewide ‘Resilience’ project.

Working with leading Youth Psychologist, Andrew Fuller, our Wellbeing Team (Marni, Andrew, Denise and Melissa) have been doing professional learning to help up develop resilience in all our students. Our students from Year 3-12 have completed the Resilience Survey as a basis to evaluate the impact of strategies we are implementing. This data is then compared to Statewide data that Andrew Fuller is co-ordinating.

The new Resilience Program has developed the ‘SAFE Pathway’: a broad concept that is defined in terms of four interconnected strengths:

1) **Empowerment**: high levels of empowerment suggest that a young person feels safe across many contexts in their life, including safe from bullying and cyber bullying, and valued and respected by others.

2) **Belonging**: high levels of belonging are associated with lower involvement in a wide range of risk behaviours and significantly increased thriving.

3) **Boundaries and Expectations**: high levels are strongly and consistently related to a variety of positive youth outcomes, particularly higher academic achievement.

4) **Adult Support**: high levels suggest that a young person with a safe, warm and supportive family, where at least one adult or caring parent loves and cares for you and listens to you, are associated with lower risk behaviours and higher academic achievement.

Each of these strengths is an opportunity to build and enhance resilience. When young people feel safe, valued and have plentiful opportunities to follow their interests and passions, including being able to help other people, they feel more connected, and are more likely to become productive students, and ultimately caring citizens.

The Resilience Team has had a number of meetings now and decided that their project will be **Redesigning the Canteen**. They are developing designs for tables and ways to use the space. Plans are also in place for painting. The team is keen to meet with Parent Club to gather further ideas as to how we can best use the room. The students will present their plan and quotes to the Leadership Team and I will ask them to also present to Council.

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 ensures they attain their full potential.

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LAVERS HILL K-12 COLLEGE VALUES CONVERSATION:
INVITATION TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23: FROM 9.00-10.30 AM

Please feel welcome to join our students and staff on Wednesday March 23, to develop our 6 College Values. We are very close now to confirming our agreed College Values. Our challenge is to arrive at 6 Values that we believe provide the strongest foundation for our positive and supportive culture at the College. If you have any thoughts please send me a message, talk to the student or join us on March 23.

Please call the Office if you can come and we will organise a lovely morning tea

Nominations for Values (2015-2018 Strategic Plan)

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Also mentioned were: Responsibility, Excellence, Kindness, Gratitude and Generosity.

Posters created by students for nominated values

There is scope to combine a couple of words or a phrase.
Inclusion and Diversity were highly valued and might be captured by ‘Embracing Diversity’.
Justice, Equality or Fairness are well covered by Citizenship, which is one of the 6 Capabilities (right hand column)
The Swimming Sports were a great success and we are now looking forward to and preparing for Aths Sports. I would like to thank Dylan and Melissa for doing such a great job in planning for the day.

It is once again a pleasure to have the Cert 3 in Textiles students and the new Diploma students with us on a Wednesday at the College. We look forward them continuing to be a much valued part of our community.

Our Electives Program Term 1

I am delighted to report that Jenny has led a number of Yoga classes one of which I had the pleasure to participate in, and I can report that I was much more relaxed and effective that day. Dylan has been helping with fitness and Peter Thompson has a very active woodwork and technology program underway. The Garden Club is also flourishing with Kirrin working very well with the students and providing great support for Jan.

Andrew Kohane

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Back on the naughty seat.......... 

We had the school council AGM on Monday night and I’m pleased to report that we have a full contingent.

School Council members continuing this year are: Andrew Kohane, Anne O’Sullivan, Lizzi Gage, Sami Constantinou, Sarah Douglas and Tracy Brauer. Signing up for another two-year stretch are: Jacqui Langley, Michelle Ferrari and myself. And we welcomed new members: Jean-Phillipe Pector, Nathan Swain and Ralph Hundhammer.

The office bearers were also elected: Tracy Brauer (Vice-president), Sami Constantinou (Treasurer), Andrew Kohane (Secretary) and I remain as President.

My thanks and appreciation go to all councillors for their time and dedication. I’m also grateful to Jenny Swain, who attends all our meetings as minute taker and provides us with insight into the administration of the school.

We’ve also formed the subcommittees for the year, so please check the website for details.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to outgoing member Kirsten Richmond for her service to council over the past two years. And also my appreciation goes to Michelle Ferrari who has been Treasurer for many years. She has now passed on the purse strings to Sami but I’m very pleased that she remains on the council.

2015 was another great year for the College and I look forward to the coming year where the council will be continuing development of the Outdoor Learning and Leadership Camp project.

Adi Gilbert
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Our new furniture has arrived! We have two new shelves, two new tables, some new chairs, a new drying rack and some new dolls. Very exciting!

We have been talking about insects at kinder, with the children doing some drawings and chatting with their mums and dads at home. We then shared our drawings with each other.

Alexander found a lizard, some ants and some different spiders.

Marshall found a wasp and an ant.

Amelie found a ladybird in the bath.

Thank you to Morgane who let us have her prey mantis at kinder for the day to look at.

We learnt a new game at kinder, hopscotch. We have been playing instruments to our favourite song Wonky Donkey.

Congratulations to our star of the week in P-4

JOSEPHINE MCNAMARA. WELL DONE!

SWIMMING

There will be NO SWIMMING THIS WEDNESDAY for students in grade 1-3 as Miss Ferrari is away.
BIKE BULLER VOLUNTEERING  11th - 14th March

For the past nine years our College has engaged in volunteering/fundraising with an extreme outdoor adventure company called Rapid Ascent. This has been a major fundraiser for our Lavers Hill P-12 College Student Foundation. The Student Foundation supports our young people to have the opportunity to do the extraordinary. We have seen many young people take up global expedition opportunities, experience the Young Endeavour in Australia and assist elite sports people to attend high level events.

Volunteering with Rapid Ascent provides our young people the opportunity to engage in a large event undertaking a range job positions, build their employability skills and have demonstrate work experience on their resumes. For every full day of volunteering $80 per person is donated to the Lavers Hill P-12 College Student Foundation. We are hoping to have a team of 21 volunteers. All accommodation and transport costs are paid, food costs except for lunch on the way up and tea on the way back. Our Team plan a social event to the Mansfield Rodeo on the Saturday night. You can view the event by going to www.rapidascent.com.au

To raise these funds and provide these opportunities we need volunteering teams. On Friday 11th March -14th March our College will have a team go to Bike Buller held in the Mt Buller region. The Mt Buller Resort Management Board has sponsored our accommodation for the duration of our stay on Mt Buller. We are accommodated at Alpine House which is a guesthouse. This has a full commercial kitchen, many bunk rooms and large recreation areas for our volunteers to enjoy. We leave at 9.00am on Friday 11th March arriving at Mt Buller Village between 4.00-5.00pm. We depart Mt Buller Village at 12.30 on Monday.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR TEAM?

If you would like to come and join us please contact Denise Hooke on 0417 117 091 or by email: hooke.denise.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

In 2018 we have a team of 6 young people looking to undertake their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Global Expedition. This will require us to fundraise $38,000. We have a student looking to do his Global Expedition in 2016 and another student in 2017. Our fundraising makes this all possible.

We would love to hear from you!
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