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Principal’s Report

A very warm welcome to all our new families and a very warm welcome to those who have been with us before. We encourage good communication between home and school so please call us if you have any issues or concerns. We will work hard to make your child’s program with us a success.

Good Start
We have had a very smooth start to the year. With more than half the school new every year, our first goal at the beginning of a new year is to ensure that new students feel welcome, that we build a strong sense of belonging and that they feel good about being at PLVC. This is the foundation for learning to flourish. Hence the start-up program that we run. And the new students seem to have settled in well – generally they seem to be ready to cooperate and make the best of their new school.

Student Numbers
Our total enrolment looks like settling in at around 138 students, with 53 continuing students and 85 new students. Year 10 enrolments are currently 48, with Year 11 at 54 and Year 12 at 34, with a possible couple of new enrolments still to come. This is a 30% increase from 107 in 2014.

School Council Elections and Annual General Meeting
We are calling for nominations for three parent vacancies on school council. No special qualifications are required except an interest in your child’s education. All parents/guardians are welcome to nominate – see nomination forms and details at the end of this newsletter.

3-Way Conferences – 1.30 – 7.30pm, Thursday 23rd April
Our parent-teacher interviews are conducted as “3-way conferences” where students speak to a PowerPoint presentation about their work, goals and progress at Peter Lalor Vocational College. This is a compulsory part of their VCAL course and students are assessed on their presentation for an oracy (speaking) outcome for Literacy. So please note the date now so that the student and at least one parent is able to attend. A booking sheet will be sent home closer to the date for families to book a suitable 20 minute time on the day.

Excursions
We conduct a number of excursions and always give prior notice of the key details of all excursions via a text message or note home given to students. At the end of the excursion, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE DIS-

Dates to Remember
9 Mar - Labour Day - No School
19 Mar - LLEN Careers Expo
27 Mar - Last Day Term 1
13 Apr - First Day Term 2
23 Apr - 3-way Conferences

2015 Term Dates
Term 1 - 29 Jan to 27 Mar
Term 2 - 13 Apr to 16 Jun
Term 3 - 13 Jul to 18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct to 18 Dec

Accident Insurance
The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Warm regards and best wishes for a successful year ahead,

Paul
How Students Can Apply for a Tax File Number from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27246’.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post Office will need to complete the application form Tax File Number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching ‘QC22604’.

If you need any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8 am & 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Article from the Whittlescene Community News Magazine

Congratulations to all students involved in this art project in 2014. It’s an imaginative piece of work that celebrates nature and life at all stages entitled ‘Mother Nature’. It won the People’s Choice Award at the Council’s annual All Abilities Art Exhibition. Well Done!!

* People’s Choice award: Peter Lalor Vocational College
  Teachers: Gobby Panazzo, Rachael Philip
Structured Work Placements

All students should have a work placement by now.

If your child does not have a placement now they are required to attend school on their work placement day from the beginning of March (Year 10 - Tuesday, Year 11 & 12 - either Wednesday or Friday).

Simonne will be in her office from Monday to Thursday to help your child find a work placement. Please ask them to come and see Simmone, especially on the day of their work placement.

Paul Ryan
Principal

Foundation Welcome BBQ
Visit to Melbourne Polytechnic at Epping 12/02/15
Tabloid Sports at School
College Picnic Monday 16th February
Inter-school Boys Cricket

With short notice, on the second Monday of term, we scrambled to pick a team with little knowledge of the skills of the new students—a squad of 13 students to take on Lalor North and Mill Park Secondary Colleges. Both games came down to a very close finish!

The Squad
Nathan P (Capt), Harry H (Vice-capt), Nash S, Travis F, Corey M, James D, Kyle T, Brad B, Marco C, Prashnil C, Koopa H, Nikola M and Braydon C

Game 1 vs Lalor North.
Lalor North won the toss and elected to bat which suited us. Our Vice-captain Harry Hicks warned us that Lalor North had one “absolute gun” with the bat. He was proved right as this batsman blasted most of our bowlers all over the field, including a few sixes over the fence. He batted through and made 75 runs facing approximately 40 balls while other wickets fell around him. A couple of dropped catches did not help our plight. We were left with a daunting task of chasing down 102 runs in 12 overs!

Best bowlers: Nash Sanjivan 3 for 22, Travis Franklin 2 for 27 and Harry Hicks 1 for 28. Kyle Taranto and Nathan Petkopoulos also bowled well. Harry also captured a couple of nifty stumpings from Travis Franklin’s leg spin.

And so the chase was on. Our openers, Harry Hicks (22) and Corey Mathews (11), followed by gallant efforts from Captain Nathan Petkopoulos (38) and Nash Sanjivan (19). Harry was dismissed in the second last over and “Brad the brave” Biagioni marched out a little clumsily in his pads. We were left with 7 runs to make with 6 balls remaining. Brad was indeed “the brave” hero hitting the winning runs off the last ball and celebrating with the “Warner victory leap”, as if he had just made a century.

Game 2 vs Mill Park
Mill Park was no “one man” team and we knew it would be tough to win—they are a huge school with close to 1,000 students on their Senior campus. Peter Lalor with 138 students would have to be the “giant-killers”. We played a much tighter game in the field with Kyle Taranto taking 2 very good catches at mid-wicket and Braydon Child bagging a very good outfield catch. All bowlers did well, Nash taking 2 wickets and Harry, Travis and Nathan taking one each. However, we were still left with a challenging 75 run chase.

Harry blasted with the bat early but fell unluckily to the catch of the day from a very strong lofted drive that was snatched at cover on its way to the boundary. Travis made a quick 13 and Nash a steady 14. We had the unlikely target of 27 runs from the last two overs. Some good batting from Corey and Nash and poor fielding from Mill Park had us with 4 runs to make from the last ball to win. Alas we made two, to reach 74 one short of a draw and two short of victory—“giant-killers” almost.

Congratulations and thanks to all the players. Unfortunately with only 12 overs it is very hard to give all who wanted a bowl or a bat. Special mention to newcomer Corey Mathews who, despite playing the whole time with a broken thumb, batted bravely and kept wicket well.

Paul Ryan
Three big changes to the vaccine program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The Whittlesea Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by phone on 9464 0122 by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Whittlesea Council.

2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immuhero.health.vic.gov.au
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of
Peter Lalor Vocational [Secondary] College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on
6 ....... / 3 ....... / 2015 (insert date and year).
The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on
11 ....... / 3 ....... / 2015  (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Paul Ryan
Principal
School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the

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Name:

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Residential address:

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Home telephone: 

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Email:

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I am the parent/guardian of ............................................................... , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

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I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  Yes / No  (please circle)

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I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

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Signature of Candidate

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You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on ............................................................... 

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.