Principal's Report

Shaping the Future

One of the privileges and burdens of teaching is trying to mould and shape young people as “good people”, ready to take on the world as good adults. To open this term we had two guest speakers to help in this cause and to challenge our students to take the right path and to develop as leaders – ex-world heavy weight kick boxing champion Stan “the Man” Longinidis and Joe Vatucicila from “No Limits Youth Motivation”.

Choices

One of Stan’s key messages was IF YOU FAIL TO PREPARE... YOU PREPARE TO FAIL. Joe’s key messages were: BAD CHOICES LEAD TO BAD PLACES. GOOD CHOICES LEAD TO GOOD PLACES. He spoke of how he made a decision at 16 to change his life from a wayward youth, to living a responsible good life, and how he took on his father’s simple message of “USE YOUR TIME WISELY”. All good messages that hopefully our students will aspire to.

Anti-violence-Anti-bullying

Last year we conducted a program on anti-violence – focussed on male violence towards women and on how our young men and women should treat each other with respect. Male violence and domestic violence is now prominent as an issue in the media as we become aware of the high level of violence towards women, particularly from partners and ex-partners. This violence is another form of bullying.

This year we successfully applied for a grant to tackle the issue of anti-bullying. This Bully-busters Program is being rolled out across the college now and will culminate in “The Big Presentation” where all students will participate in some form of presentation on the anti-bullying theme. Parents and family are invited to “The Big Presentation” from 1.30 to 3.00pm on Monday 22nd June. Please put the date and time in your diary and join us to see the student presentations.

Last Monday our guest speaker focussed on the issue of “homophobia” in our society. Homophobic behaviour is another form of bullying - the AFL is also taking up homophobia in sport as an issue.

Student Wellbeing Data

Each year our students complete a state-wide “Attitudes to School Survey”. Some of the survey questions relate directly to the issue of bullying in the school. Pleasingly last year we were in the best performing 5% of schools in the state with the lowest level of bullying behaviour, and in the top 10% generally on student wellbeing. However each year can be very different at Peter Lalor as more than half of the school is new each year: 90 students are new in 2015, with 55 students continuing from 2014. So we continue to be proactive and work to keep the school a safe, friendly and welcoming environment where bullying behaviour is not tolerated.

Please report any bullying behaviour in the school that comes to your notice as parents.

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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Excursion to Epping Plaza – Friday 8th May 2015
Foundation students have been investigating the Hospitality Industry as part of their integrated project on “Healthy Body, Healthy Mind”. Students are learning to improve their literacy, numeracy and work related skills by working individually and in groups.

This term Foundation A and B visited Epping Plaza to interview members of the public who work in the hospitality industry. This opportunity allowed our students to develop their confidence to approach workplaces and ask questions to learn about the skills and duties that are required in this industry.

We were extremely proud of the way our students conducted their interviews. They were respectful towards the public and demonstrated their ability to follow teacher instructions by returning to the meeting point on time. This was our first successful excursion and hope that all future ones are too!

Cooking in the Kitchen
Pizza!
Foundation A and B have been cooking to further develop their skills and to achieve their VCAL outcomes in Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills and Personal Development.

In our first cooking session students made homemade pizza. Our students learnt about safety in the kitchen, how to follow instructions and work in a team to create their pizza.

As always, our students worked extremely well. They showed a level of maturity when working in an industrial kitchen. They certainly made some very tasty pizza that they shared with staff. It was a very successful day in the kitchen!

Sausage Rolls!
Friday 15th May 2015
Foundation students worked well in their groups to create their own sausage rolls. It was a pleasure to see our students reading their recipes, locating ingredients and utensils to cook in the kitchen.

They baked, they ate and they cleaned! Most importantly they shared the food with staff in the staff room!!!

A special thank you to staff that visited the kitchen. Students love to see other members of our school community joining in with the fun and tasting their food.

Paris Mantz & Rachel Villani
Foundation VCAL Teachers
On Friday 8 May a group of teachers and students went to the Plenty Ranges Art and Convention Centre to see 360 Allstars.

360 Allstars is an urban carnival, a fast, furious and astounding defiance of gravity and equilibrium showcasing all forms of rotation in the dizzy street styles of today: break dancing, BMX flat lining, beat boxing, basketball freestyle, exhibition drumming and rapping.

We started the night with pizza and then headed to the train station and caught the train to the venue together. It was nothing that I had ever seen before! There was always something going on. I had a really great time, not only was the show good but I met people who I didn't even know I went to school with. I also enjoyed the fact that teachers brought their kids along as well. I had an amazing time and thought the whole thing was brilliant!

Crystal Bourinaris (Senior VCAL)

### MOBILE PHONE USE

Students should not be taking or making mobile calls or text messages in class time. If parents need to contact students please do so in their breaks between 11.00 and 11.25am and between 1.30 and 2.00pm. If urgent contact is required outside these times please contact the school on 9464 0122. Teaching and learning time should not be interrupted or disrupted by mobile phone use.

Paul Ryan
Structured Work Placements

At this stage of the year majority of students have commenced in a Work Placement. If there are any students that still do not have a work placement they are to see me asap.

There have been several students this year that have been successful in securing themselves a School Based Apprenticeship / Traineeship.

Simmone Cuevas
Student Pathways Coordinator

Congratulations to the following students on your SBAT achievement

Brodie Bartlett       IT
Rebecca Mundy         Childcare
Adam Beech            Food Processing
Bradley Biagioni      Automotive
Ali El Halabi         Warehousing Plumbing Industry
Harry Hicks           Sport and Recreation
Batuhan Karagoz       Warehousing Plumbing Industry
Travis Franklin       Carpentry
Zayne Moncrieff       Food Processing
Matthew Papakarafilou Food Processing
Nick West             Food Processing
Tamara Semmens        Child Care
Manuel Arob           Plumbing
Raymond Stephan       Plumbing
Marko Neskovski       Plumbing
Shnaya Atkinson       Childcare
Anthony Calleri       Warehousing Plumbing Industry
Taylor Phillips       Warehousing Plumbing Industry
Many Intermediate students experienced the National Gallery of Victoria for the first time this March. The students visited the Gallery to examine some of the many war and battle art works on display. Students and staff were impressed with the range, starting from very early tribal conflicts in 600AD to very recent photography work that depicted the “Blood Generation” in Papua New Guinea.

The students were particularly interested in the large installation pieces and the beautiful working gold carousel that is currently on display.
On Friday 15 May students from Foundation VCAL participated in a Wheel Talk School Awareness Program facilitated by Garry Conner from Disability Sport and Recreation. Garry is an accomplished sports person who is a paraplegic. He has many sporting achievements including: completing the Three Peaks Challenge, Australian kayak 200m sprint champion and winning a silver medal at the Australian hand-cycling championship.

The program goals are to raise disability awareness and promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The program encouraged students to think about diversity, acceptance and disability sports as well as give a greater understanding of the issues facing people with a disability.

Students participated in a game of wheelchair basketball that provided them with a physical understanding of what it is like to live with a disability.

Belinda Batty and Paris Mantz
Foundation VCAL Teachers
Two Senior FUTSAL teams travelled to the Darebin Community Sports Stadium on Thursday 14th May 2015 for the Darebin Division Senior FUTSAL Competition.

The White FUTSAL team, consisting of Captain James Dimitrievski, Keeper Marko Neskovski, Defender Steve Zdraveski, Midfielder Mitchell Ratcliffe, Forward Brandon Kocuk and Striker Matthew Kalotihos played first against William Ruthven SC and then against Reservoir HS. James was unlucky hitting both crossbars in the first game before slotting in a second half goal. Matthew scored in the second game from a nicely planned piece of play. Brandon and Mitchell worked tirelessly up and down the pitch, while Steve was very solid in defence and Marko played amazingly well saving many shots.

The Black FUTSAL team consisted of Captain Nash Sanjiven, Midfielders Houssein Kodsi and Mitchell Mircevski, Goalkeeper Simon Gruevski, Defenders Brandon Josifoski and Asj Green and Striker Kire Filin. Houssein played brilliantly up and down the field and scored a great goal in the second game. Brandon and Asj worked really well in defence and Nash and Mitchell were great helping out up forward. Kire showed a lot of skill and scored a great goal in the second game. Simon displayed super reflexes and flexibility in saving many scoring shots.

Many thanks are extended to Paul Ryan who organised that we play FUTSAL this year and to Emma Bannan who helped out with the team on the day. I was extremely proud of the way the boys played the games and the way in which they conducted themselves on the day.

Jamie Gray (Senior Boys FUTSAL Coach 2015)
World of Work ‘WOW’ Program 21 - 23 April 2015
I was very proud with the valiant effort of all of our team. With only 18 players (from a list of 26), in the chilly wind and rain, we had to face three tough games against Epping, Lalor and Mill Park Secondary Colleges. While we were defeated in the three games our lads battled it out to the very end of the third game. With no inter-change available, players like Wade Dawson, Harry Hicks, Sean Jenkins, Ali Youssef and Travis Franklin played on with injuries. No one could rest on the bench!

Best players: **Harry Hicks** (skill, guts, grit and a great 50 metre goal), **Wade Dawson** (battled courageously and creatively all day), **Sean Jenkins** (skill, determination and grit), **George Panagidis** (a great goa)
I sneak and creative player), **Jayson Nicolaou** (plenty of in & under work, with dash and creativity) and **Jamie Ristevski** (some great passages of play in the centre with a “never-give-up attitude”). Other strong contributors were **Prashnil Chand**, **Matthew Kalothos** and **Jack Galea** who were all very strong in defence and **Ali Youssef** with crafty use of strength contributed some excellent goals.

Thanks to team manager LJ, Captain Koopa Harris, vice-captains Wade Dawson and Nathan Petkopoulos, and well done to all the players who represented the school in excellent fashion.
Whittlesea Division Athletics
6th May 2015

Wear your Pyjamas to School Fundraising Day
Car Show
26th March 2015