Dear Parents and Students,

On Tuesday evening the Twilight Swimming Carnival was held in balmy conditions at the Eureka Pool. The warm weather, the huge crowd of parents, siblings and grandparents who gathered, the creative costumes of the cheer squads and the fantastic participation level of the students ensured the night was a great success. Credit must go to Ms Kelli Baird, Ms Trish Gray, Mrs Suzie Fraser, Mrs Sharyn Canny and Mrs Carmel Parker for putting together such a tight program and to our House Sport’s Captains for their excellent leadership.

“The Ward Warriors”, “Barry Redskins”, Mulhall’s “Paddy O’Greens” and Mornane’s “Bob the Builder” (replete in yellow hard hat and overalls) made a visual and noisy contribution to the Swimming Carnival spirit. What I witnessed on Tuesday evening was a genuine sense of ‘belonging’ to a House rather than orchestrated and choreographed cheer squads that I have seen in previous schools that I have worked in. Congratulations to the following senior students for their spirited support.

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The swimmers were enthusiastic and willing to compete in their events and it was pleasing to see the level of support and encouragement given by senior students to juniors. The results of the Swimming Carnival are in the Sports Report of this Newsletter.

I think that the Swimming Carnival really was an excellent public promotion for Loreto College. Many people who were at the Eureka Pool complex complimented me on the behaviour and spirit of the students. A fitting finale to the night was a rousing rendition of the Loreto College War Cry joined in by students, staff and parents. Thankyou to all who made the Swimming Carnival such a community event.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

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OPENING SCHOOL MASS

A reminder that the Opening School Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at 6.30pm in the Gonzaga Barry Centre.

It is our expectation that all students will be in attendance.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following staff members who have recently completed Post Graduate qualifications.

- Mr Stephen Hill Post Graduate Diploma – Religious Education
- Mr Barry Schuurs Masters in Information Technology
- Miss Jacinta McArdle Masters of Children’s Literature
- Mr Peter Foord Masters of Arts in Theological Studies
- Ms Christina Sofis Masters of Business Administration

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IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1, 2001

Monday, February 26 Year 9 Retreats commence
Tuesday, March 27 Fathers & Daughters Night
Wednesday, April 4 Years 10, 11 & 12 Retreats commence
Friday, April 6 End of Term 1

Congratulations to:
Angela Crowe (Year 10) and Elizabeth McBrearty (Year 9) on their selection in the U/17 Victorian Badminton Team to compete in the Nationals at Perth in April. Well done! We wish them all the best for this tournament.

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LOOK OUT NEXT WEEK FOR BULB ORDER FORMS!
Year 7 Mornane and Ward students left for camp this morning while Barry and Mulhall students participate in the alternative school based program. The school based program allows the students to participate in workshops in First Aid, Library Use and the Safe School Policy. Sports trials are held and the students have an opportunity to watch a film that will be used in English.

Camps and extra activities place extra demands on staff. Thankyou to the Dawson Street House Co-ordinators Ms Christina Sofis, Mr Roger Morris, Mrs Tammy Vandenberg and Mr Ian Stowe who have given their time so generously over the past week. They have been assisted by a band of willing helpers from the Dawson Street site.

A big thankyou to the many parents who have arranged to collect their daughters away from Dawson Street. Very few parents have double-parked this week. Thankyou to the parents who get out of their cars to escort their daughters across the road. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and the situation at the Dawson Street gate is now less dangerous.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

The following students have been elected as Dawson Street Sports Captains during the last week:

Barry  Emily Mayne
Mornane  Ashleigh Wilkie
Mulhall  Michelle Ryan
Ward  Lindsey Matthews

These students will work closely with the House Captains Kylie Blomeley (Barry), Emma Rix (Mornane), Bree Dodd (Mulhall) and Allanah Van Der Mey (Ward).

SCIENCE

Stephanie Porter

S 3 – SUPER SCIENCE SITES

www.cellsalive.com

This is a fantastic site with copious amounts of information on cells and cell processes. There are also some stunning photos of different cells, from red blood cells to soil bacteria. Another added feature is the Cellcam section which shows videos of cell processes such as division. Very relevant for most Biology topics.

If you come across any Super Science Sites that you would like to share with others, please hand the address, a short review (optional), your name and year level to Ms Porter.

PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

Tony McVeigh

After a long hot day and the end of a successful Swimming Carnival the first meeting of the New Year and new Millennium was held on Tuesday evening at the Dawson Street campus. Considering all of the above it was good to see so many in attendance from as far afield as Melton and Bacchus Marsh.

Mrs Anne Fry spoke on the changes taking place at both campuses i.e. Music Room at Dawson Street now Art Room and former Commercial College now Music Room. Extensive renovations have taken place in the Sturt Street Hall with the proceeds of last year’s Parents’ and Friends’ Association fundraising. The curtains which will finish the renovations have been ordered but have not yet arrived. After the Principal’s report the positions on the Parents’ and Friends’ Association Committee were declared vacant and nominations called for.

The new committee for 2001 is as follows:-

President  Gavin Day
Vice-President  Sandra Maddox
Secretary  Nicki Porter
Treasurer  Trish Lemon

A presentation was made to Kathy McAloon by Mrs Anne Fry on behalf of Loreto College for her years of service on the Parents’ and Friends’ Association Committee as Treasurer and also to Mrs Carmel Murray for her many years behind the scenes at the Sturt Street Canteen.

It was also the end of an era for the Second-Hand Book Department with Mrs Pauline Newman vacating the chair after twelve years.

So while it is curtains for me in my position as President I will still be in the background supporting and assisting wherever possible.

CAREERS

The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2001 will be held at the Camberwell Centre, 340 Camberwell Road, on Friday, March 2 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm, Saturday March 3 and Sunday, March 4 from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The Expo brings together publishers, booksellers, government organisations and tertiary institutions. A feature of the Expo is the extensive seminar program on general and subject specific topics. Admission, inclusive of all seminars, is $5.00 per person or $12.00 for families, children under 14 years of age are free. For more details see the Expo supplement in The Age Educ@tion section on Wednesday, February 28 and in the Today section on Thursday, March 1 or go to www.theage.com.au/education.
SCHOOL PERSONNEL

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Anne Fry

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:
- CURRICULUM: Mr Stephen Hill
- SENIOR CAMPUS: Mr Pat O’Shea
- DAWSON STREET CAMPUS: Mrs Helen Weir

BURSAR: Mr Geoff Stevenson

ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT/EMA: Mr Gerard Viccars

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE: Mrs Judy Lyons

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR: Ms Tanya Sherritt

CAREERS COUNSELLOR: Mrs Nola Errey

LIBRARIAN: Mrs Lyn Browne

SCHOOL ARCHIVIST: Ms Anne Murphy

B.O.S. CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs Mary Dow

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Miss Simone Segrave

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mrs Margaret Adams

HOUSE CO-ORDINATORS:
- Sturt Street: Mrs Mary Dow, Mr Roger Morris
- Dawson Street: Mrs Marg Adams, Ms Christina Sofis

BARRY: Ms Alessandra Bourke-Finn

MULHALL: Ms Sandra Rosenow

MORNANE: Mrs Helen Jost

WARD: Mrs Lyn Browne

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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SENATE REPORT

Erin Gordon

What is one left to do when your ship SS Erin runs aground upon Gordon Island; a peculiar locality where natives worship their God, Gordon the Great? So the question was posed to House Groups this week, in what became the Loreto equivalent to the successful show Survivor. Apart from rightly assuming their School Captain was rather egotistical, the students at Sturt Street were assigned several tasks to achieve in order to leave the small island nation, including the presentation of a children’s song. The school will be given the opportunity to listen to each House Group’s rendition during the next few weeks. We are also planning to run this activity at Dawson Street, followed by a lunch where we hope to talk to each class and receive any ideas or contributions they would like to make to the school.

Last week, the Senate breakfasts proved to be relatively successful; however, I would like to acknowledge the much-appreciated presence of two very dedicated Year 11 students Jessica Holmes and Sivaan Brooks. Not only did they voluntarily offer their support for these early morning breakfasts, but also did it with vigour and enthusiasm rarely seen in students, especially at that stage in the day. I know that without the help of these two students, the Senate’s aspirations for ‘feeding the masses’ would have crash-landed. These two students, along with the assistance of several other Year 11 Business Management students, envisage running this breakfast on a more regular occasion. A survey regarding days and possible prices will be making its way around House Groups soon.

UNIFORM POOL

Maxine Reid

The Uniform Pool is open on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1.00pm until 4.00pm, except during the holiday breaks, and is located at the Dawson Street campus. Dates for Term 1 are as follows:-

- March 6
- March 20
- April 3

WOMEN’S PETITION 2001

To celebrate the achievement of the women in 1891 who collected the first petition and to address the issues of the new century, a new petition is to be presented to the Victorian Parliament in May 2001. This will be part of the Women Shaping The Nation event for the Centenary of Federation celebrations.

The City of Ballarat is organising a workshop so that local women can identify the most crucial social, cultural, economic, political, environmental and legal issues that they want addressed in the petition.

The Workshop will be held in the Trench Room, Ballarat Town Hall on Wednesday, March 7 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Please contact Valdie Wakeling on 5320 5746 to register your attendance.
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Judy Lyons

Conveyance Allowance is available to students who live more than 4.8km from the College and travel on a bus on which they pay a fare, or come by car. The Allowance is also available to those students who travel more than 4.8km to the bus stop of a free bus. The Allowance is not available to those parents who choose to drive their daughter to school when a free Government bus operates in their area. Students eligible for the Conveyance Allowance in 2001 will receive a full refund of the fares.

It is imperative that students travelling by bus provide proof of travel by presenting their ticket to the School Office. Half yearly/yearly tickets will be photocopied, attached to the Conveyance form and the original returned to the student. Students buying weekly or monthly tickets must bring a number of tickets to be attached to the form. No form can be processed until all details are attended to.

Refer to last week’s Newsletter for additional information.

Completed application forms must be returned to the School by Monday, February 26, 2001 to be included in the first claim.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) - 2001

Parents are still required to complete Education Maintenance Allowance Application forms for the first instalment of 2001, and also supply a photocopy of their valid Centrelink card to the school. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid by Loreto College in the first instalment of 2001, will not be required to complete an extra application for the second instalment.

To be eligible the claimant must be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16 and hold a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card or be a Foster Parent as at the first day of Term 1.

As the EMA is provided to assist low-income families, any Centrelink payments that are not income tested e.g. Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance are not eligible unless the claimant also holds and applies with a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Card or a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card or is a Foster Parent on the first day of Term 1 for the first instalment and on the first day of Term 3 for the second instalment.

Application forms for the first instalment must be submitted by parents to the school no later than Friday March 2, 2001. The school will not accept late claims. An annual amount of $127.00 for primary and $254.00 for secondary students is payable in two instalments, each on a 50% to the parent and 50% to the school basis.

LORETO COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday night in perfect hot and humid conditions the annual Loreto College Swimming Carnival was held at the Eureka Pool. The event was a terrific success and all Houses should be congratulated on the effort made in motivating their teams and getting into the spirit of the night. The Houses were led superbly by their very colourful Year 12 leaders. There were Ward Warriors, Paddy O’Green’s, Redskin Indians and a guest appearance by Bob the Builder. All of the aggregate scores were higher than last year, indicating that the numbers participating were certainly up on last year. There were some outstanding performances, but the theme for the night was definitely fun and participation. I would like to pass on my thanks to the many families who came along to support; to all staff for their assistance and especially to the students who displayed such tremendous enthusiasm.

From this carnival a squad has been chosen to compete in the CHISSA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, March 14. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Aquatic Centre from 7.45am – 8.30am.

Results were as follows:

OVERALL AGGREGATE
1. Ward 580
2. Mornane 523
3. Mulhall 501
4. Barry 479

Congratulations to the following students who were champions and runners-up in their age categories:

11 Years:
Champions: Danielle McVeigh (Mulhall)
Katie Hewitt (Ward)
Runner-Up Abbey Brown (Mornane)

12 Years:
Champion: Rebecca Lowry (Mornane)
Runners-Up: Claire McArdle (Barry)
Laura Elliott (Ward)

13 Years:
Champion: Samantha Gilbert (Mulhall)
Runners-Up: Jessica Clifford (Mornane)
Michelle Ryan (Mulhall)

14 Years:
Champion: Erica Roden (Ward)
Runner-Up: Rebecca Batch (Mulhall)

15 Years:
Champions: Jacqueline Gerick (Ward)
Stacey Berry (Mulhall)
Runner-Up: Lucinda Runnalls (Mulhall)

Open
Champion: Jessica Davey (Ward)
Runner-Up: Katie Bourke (Barry)