Dear Parents and Students,

Last Tuesday night the new School year was celebrated in our first community Eucharist of the year. As our Mission Statement emphasis for this year is Sincerity, this was the theme for our Liturgy. Our Year 7 students processed into the Gonzaga Barry Centre wearing masks. To symbolise their acceptance into the school they removed the mask in front of the altar and exchanged the mask for a letter of welcome written by a Year 12 student. It was a colourful and moving beginning to what was a very special celebration of the possibilities inherent in the 2001 School year. The choir, liturgists, special ministers, artists and readers were all Years 7 and 12 students and they were superb. I would like to thank all the family members, Sisters from Mary’s Mount Community, Council Members and past pupils for sharing in this special School Mass with the staff and students.

After the Mass we farewelled Father Adrian McInerney who is leaving St Patrick’s Parish to become Parish Priest at St Alipius’, Ballarat East. Father Adrian has been the Loreto College Chaplain for a long time and his association has always been characterised by challenging liturgies, wise counsel and a genuine interest in education. We wish him all the best in his new Parish.

As it was Shrove Tuesday, our ever enterprising Year 12 students made and sold pancakes at the conclusion of the Mass. The money raised at this annual event is always donated to Cancer Research in memory of Stella Wilson (a Loreto College student who died in 1995.) Stella’s friends began this tradition, but as they graduated last year, the current Year 12 students have decided to keep this Shrove Tuesday event on the School calendar.

Liturgies of such community significance take a considerable amount of preparation and effort. I would like to publicly thank:

- Ms Natalie Howard - Liturgy Co-ordinator
- Year 12 and Year 7 RE staff and students
- Miss Simone Segrave - Music Co-ordinator
- Mr Geoff Stevenson and his team for setting up the Hall (and dismantling it so quickly)
- the Pancake team.

The effort of every individual involved ensured a successful evening.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

SINCERITY

Sincerity in our communication and relationship with others is an essential characteristic of the personal integrity Mary Ward envisaged. Her ideal was that “we should be such as we appear and appear such as we are.”

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BULB FUNDRAISER

Included with your Newsletter is an order form for Bulbs. The timing for the Bulb Drive is such that it will allow bulbs to be planted at the appropriate seasonal change. The bulbs would also make beautiful East gifts or Mother’s Day presents.

Key dates are:

- Forms and money returned by Monday, March 12.
- Bulbs ready for collection on Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3.
Below are the revised and confirmed dates for the five plays. Both “The Betrayal” and “The Duchess of Malfi” were unavailable. Please ensure that the revised dates are noted carefully. The first play, Noel Coward’s “Design for Living,” is on Monday, March 19. There is a notice at the front of the School Office with further information for all subscribers. There are forty-three participants in the Melbourne Theatre Company subscription this year – a wonderful indication of the cultural life of the Loreto College Community.

- March 19      Design for Living – Noel Coward
- May 28       The Tempest – Shakespeare
- June 25      Up for Grabs – Williamson
- August 6     The Rain-Dancers
- September 3  The Seagull – Chekov

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
Jacinta McArdle

Next Thursday, March 8, 2001 Loreto College will celebrate the achievements of women, past and present, by celebrating International Women’s Day. The day has been declared a casual day, with funds raised going to Sr Trish Franklin’s “Sunrise House” in Vietnam. Students are asked to wear one or more of the following colours of the original Suffragette Movement.

- Green Growth in Women’s Struggles
- White Purity of Purpose
- Violet Dignity and Solidarity

Together the letters of these colours (GWV) stood for the campaign of the Suffragette Movement “Give Women the Vote”.

MUSIC
Simone Segrave

WELCOME 2001 DINNER
The Loreto College Music Support Group invites you to celebrate the students’ involvement in Music at Loreto College. A dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Main Road, Ballarat on Thursday, March 8 at 7.00pm. The cost is $25.00 per head, drinks not included. Please return your money and slip, which was given to your daughter, by Friday, March 2.

SCIENCE
Stephanie Porter

S ³ - SUPER SCIENCE SITES
www.hhmi.org/coolscience

This is a website set up by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. It is a simple fun site that would be most appropriate for Year 7 students. There are easy activities that you can either do on the computer or at home.

Topics covered are:
- Air junk plant parts
- Classifying critters
- Butterflies observing

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

LONGITUDE FILM
This great book telling the history of the development of the ships’ clocks navigation has now been made into a film.

It is being shown at the local Astronomical Society, Corner of Magpie and Cobden Streets, Ballarat over the next two Friday evenings on March 2 and March 9 at 8.00pm. Donation of $3.00 for students and $5.00 for adults for the first session only. This film is suitable for senior students. This is NOT a Loreto College activity and therefore a staff member will NOT be present.

Please complete the slip below so we can let the Society know the level of interest.

LONGITUDE FILM INTEREST SLIP

Please return to Mr John Leask at the Sturt Street site.

Number of interested people   (  )

CAREERS
Nola Errey

AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO
Do not forget the Age VCE and Careers Expo at the Camberwell Centre this weekend (Friday, March 2 to Sunday, March 4). This Expo is always worth a visit, with representatives from over 70 organisations including the Board of Studies and Tertiary institutions.

There is also a comprehensive free seminar program during the expo covering most VCE subjects, study tips, career planning etc. A copy of the exhibitors’ list and seminar program is available on the Careers Room table. Highly recommended especially for Years 11 and 12 students.
SPORT
Kelli Baird

SENIOR HENDERSON SHIELD
On Tuesday afternoon I had the privilege of watching the semi-finals and final of the Senior Henderson Tennis Shield. This competition is played amongst the BSSA schools and involves two students representing their school in singles. We are fortunate to have an outstanding history in this competition and last night was a significant occasion for Loreto College. Our two representatives Melissa Day (Year 12) and Tegan Lawless (Year 10) played each other in the final. The game was very enjoyable to watch. Not only was the tennis played of an excellent standard, but the spirit in which the students played was a credit to them. Melissa was victorious (6-0, 6-1) and significantly this is her fifth Henderson Shield in a row. No other student has achieved this in the history of the competition. The game was also Tegan’s fourth straight final after winning the Junior competition in 1999 and being runner-up last year. Congratulations to both students on these results. Thankyou to the parents and staff who came along and created such a supportive environment. We say a big thankyou to Melissa for her contribution to tennis at Loreto College and hope that her performances will inspire others to achieve their best.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Friday, March 23 the Loreto College annual Athletics Carnival will take place at Llanberris Reserve. This is a terrific day for all Houses and involves not only the traditional athletics events, but also a range of novelty events to involve the entire student population. This week trials will begin for entry into the events and I encourage all students to ensure that they are involved in this day in some way.

Coming events:
Wednesday, March 14
CHISSA Swimming Carnival at Eureka Pool

SENATE REPORT
Erin Gordon

This past week has been rather peaceful for the school. In the aftermath of the Twilight Swimming Carnival and our adventurous Survivor exploits, the Senate students (followed closely by Mr O’Shea) have been rendered considerably exhausted.

This week has seen us visit the final Year 7 Camp of Ward and Mornane, attend a Leadership Mass provided for the leaders of Loreto College, St Patrick’s College and Damascus College, and help organise the Opening School Mass. Hopefully this Mass will provide the Loreto College community with an insight into attempts made by students and staff to encourage Sincerity within the College for the ensuing year.

However, just when the College community thought they had heard the last of the Survivor afternoon, I would like to bring the subject to the surface once again. Watching House Groups musing over puzzles and students sprinting around the corridors in a similar manner to headless chickens was certainly the highlight of my week. Congratulations to the House Groups lucky enough to escape Gordon Island - Mornane 8, Mornane 5 and Ward 4. I would also like to congratulate students for their co-operation and enthusiasm, because without your support the afternoon would certainly not have been as enjoyable. A special thankyou to Mr O’Shea who spent an unfathomable amount of time preparing, executing and planning the afternoon.

WILDLIFE PARK REPORT
Kylie Duffy

Kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, snakes, lizards and eagles are just a few of the incredible animals that were featured at the Ballarat Wildlife and Reptile Park. The Year 10 Animal Behaviour class members were enthralled touring around the Park as we cuddled kangaroos, patted koalas and stood back as the snakes and lizards slithered around in the enclosures.

With the organisation skills of Mrs Fell the Year 10 class boarded the bus on Wednesday, February 21 to venture through the Park. We fed the kangaroos and watched “Patrick” the Wombat get his belly tickled.

It was a great opportunity to see and get in touch with the animal kingdom. Many thanks to Mrs Fell for a wonderful day.

CAFE ROSTER
Week beginning Monday, March 5, 2001

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