Dear Parents and Students,

It seems a long time between this and our last Newsletter so I hope that the news does not seem too dated! The important point is that we are back in business and that there is much goodwill in the air as we prepare for the Walkathon. An event such as a walkathon requires months of planning and preparation and this year’s Social Justice Group have done a fantastic job of promoting the day and securing great incentive prizes and raffle prizes. I sincerely hope that the School Community lifts their effort to match that of the organisers. Social Justice is not just rhetoric in our School. Every student needs to make a personal commitment to support and participate in this, our major fundraiser for the year. With these funds, the students will select Social Justice projects that reflect the values of Loreto College – namely the empowerment of women and children. I ask that every one contributes by way of participation and donation and that most importantly they have a sense of their personal connection to the people who will ultimately benefit from their effort.

During the first two days of this term our staff were involved in a professional development program with Dr Loretta Giorcelli. Loretta’s special area of interest is making mainstream classes accessible and inclusive for students with special needs – physical, academic or emotional. She presented in a manner that was engaging, inspiring and entertaining. On the Monday evening she also facilitated a public meeting for parents, teachers and allied health professionals in the Ballarat area and this meeting was extremely well attended. I would like to thank our Special Education teacher, Mrs Margaret Adams and Mrs Susan Rampling (CEO Advisor) for the organisation of these two very productive days. Even though as a consequence our Term Two started later than other Ballarat Schools, I believe this was time very well invested into the teaching culture of Loreto College.

Other highlights of this term already have been to attend two presentation ceremonies. On Friday I was a guest at the Premier’s Award, where Anita Kleining was awarded the Psychology prize of the VCE 2000. Of 13,000 candidates, Anita was one of five students to obtain a perfect score! My congratulations to Anita and to her teacher, Mr Ed Murphy, who has an enviable reputation as a Psychology teacher. The other ceremony was the Australian Catholic University (Aquinas Campus) graduation for the 2000 Academic year. It was wonderful to see ex–students, current staff and their families and parents receive these degrees and diplomas. At the ceremony, Dr Jacqueline McGilp IBVM was awarded the University Medal for Excellence in Teaching. Congratulations to all the graduants and especially those with connections to Loreto College, Ballarat.

I would like to conclude this first Newsletter by extending, on behalf of the School community, best wishes to Simone (nee Segrave) and Dan Jans who were married in the school holidays. Simone was a radiant bride and the marriage was celebrated in our Chapel, one of the special ministers was a current student, the Concert Band played in tribute to Simone and a beautiful choir of students sang. It was a Loreto moment to cherish!

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

FEDERAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT
Margaret Ferguson

Laura Fraser (Year 10) has been selected for the YMCA Youth Parliament. 2001 being the Centenary of Federation, the Youth Parliament when it meets in July will re-enact the opening of Australia’s first Federal Parliament in Melbourne. Young people from around Australia will debate Federal issues in formal parliamentary settings.

Since hearing of her selection for the Youth Parliament, Laura has been working with her interstate team mates via teleconferences, e-mail and the virtual campus to prepare an authentic piece of legislation. She has also secured sponsorship from Ballarat Apex, the City of Ballarat Youth Council and the Ballarat YMCA in recognition of her potential as an articulate and committed ambassador for Ballarat Youth.

Laura’s on-going involvement with School Debating, Public Speaking and the National History Challenge make her an ideal candidate for the Youth Parliament. She has again shown initiative, a sense of social justice and a mature readiness to further extend her skills and abilities.

We are proud that Loreto College Ballarat has a representative in the Youth Parliament. We wish Laura well and look forward to hearing more about her experiences. Laura is indeed a citizen of the 21st century, a young woman who is willing to contribute to the public life of her community.
SCIENCE WEEK
Pat O’Shea

Science Week runs from May 4 to May 13. The ABC, The Age newspaper and other organisations are promoting this week very strongly. The result should be some very good activities and Web sites. I have listed some examples below and would like to draw your attention to the first one which is specifically for families –

www.scienceweek.info.au
www.anu.edu.au/nysf

We will also have a version of ‘Scienworks’ running in our main corridor during this week.

SPORT
Kelli Baird

This week saw the commencement of a variety of Term 2 sports. Once again it is an extremely busy time and I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their co-operation in getting started. This term we have teams participating in Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball, Senior Netball and Hockey, Football and Badminton. Several of these sports also have practice sessions. Combined with all of this we have the Athletics on Thursday, May 10 and the Loreto College Lap of the Lake in two weeks’ time.

Next week there will be a report on the Term 1 sport and how our teams performed.

Congratulations to:
Melissa Day (Year 12) on being selected to compete for Victorian Schoolgirls’ in the Australian Schools Tennis Championships next week in Melbourne. We wish Melissa all the best and hope that it is a fitting culmination to her participation in school tennis.

Angela Crowe (Year 10) and Elizabeth McBrearty (Year 9) who competed in the Australian Badminton Championships in Perth during the holidays. Both students were members of the successful Victorian U/17 team. What a terrific effort!

Katrina Braszell (Year 9) on her performances in Perth at the National Junior Triathlon titles. Katrina performed very well in the teams event and posted one of the fastest run times in her age group. Well done!

Aerobics Team which was placed fifth out of nine teams in their first competition at the weekend. The girls have been working very hard and Nicole Braszell (Year 11) and Jade Creek (Year 11) should be congratulated on the enormous amount of time and effort they have put into training and preparation.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP
Simone Jans

The next meeting of the Music Support Group will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7.30pm in The Cottage. New members are most welcome to attend.

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION
Sandra Maddox

Please note the following dates in your diaries:
MEETING DATES
Tuesday, June 19 at 7.45pm in The Cottage
Tuesday, July 24 at 7.45pm in The Cottage

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS FILM NIGHT
This film night will be held on Wednesday, May 16, commencing 6.45pm at The Regent Multiplex Cinema, 49 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat. Tickets are $10.00 each. Please complete the form attached to this week’s Newsletter.

‘YOLNGU BOY’
Three Lives, Two Laws, One Country

The journey from adolescence to adulthood as seen through the lives of three teenagers caught between the modern world and the oldest living culture on Earth. Filmed in North-East Arnhem Land through to Darwin. The book this film is based on is a set text for study in some schools – worthwhile viewing.

LORETO PAST PUPILS’ ASSOCIATION
Evie McColl

The Annual General Reunion will be held on Sunday, May 20 commencing with a Mass at 12 noon. Lunch will follow at 1.00pm. Cost is $20.00 all inclusive.

RSVP Wednesday, May 16 telephone 5331 1088 or Fax 5333 3329.

TUITION FEES FOR A YEAR RAFFLE
All Loreto College families should have received two tickets for this major fundraiser. It will be drawn on Sunday, May 20 at the Annual Reunion.

If you did not receive any tickets in your daughter’s Interim Report envelope please contact either School Office for the chance to win this wonderful prize. All tickets, and or monies, need to be returned by Friday, May 18.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week beginning Monday, May 7, 2001

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SCIENCE
Stephanie Porter

S^3 – Super Science Sites

http://library.thinkquest.org/17049/gather/

This site is a very good introduction site on Forensic Science. There is information on various areas of Forensic Science, such as ballistics, pathology and odontology. There is also a game where you can help KC Rodgers (salami factory worker by day, private investigator by night) track down a kidnapper. You will need a computer with sound for this though. Other features of the site include a glossary section, information on forensic careers, interviews with real forensic scientists and links to other forensic science sites.

If you come across any Super Science Sites 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

RETOUVAILLE REDISCOVERY
This program is for married couples who are:
- Anxious about their marriage relationship
- Alone or distant from their partner
- Disillusioned or bored in their marriage
- Without the time or desire to communicate
- Experience conflict, hurt or anger with their partner
- Unable to see how to change their situation

The next program will be conducted on June 1 – 3. For information or registration please telephone 9703 2724, 9570 6665 or 5221 7055.

LORETO COLLEGE PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

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YOLNGU BOY
Three Lives, Two Laws, One Country

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Tickets $10.00 each

We require ____________ tickets and enclose $__________________

SURNAME: _______________________________________________

STUDENT’S NAME: _________________________________________

YEAR LEVEL: ____________ HOUSE GROUP: ________________

Please return to either School Office by Thursday, May 10, 2001