Dear Parents and Students,

This week throughout the Diocese we have been celebrating Catholic Education Week. Several of the key celebrations have highlighted the incredible variety of talent present in students attending Catholic Schools in the Ballarat area. I certainly was very proud of the contribution made by students from Loreto College. Our String Ensemble and cast and crew from “Freedom of the City” were impressive at the public launch of Catholic Education Week held at the Regent Theatre last Friday.

On Wednesday we hosted 260 Years 3 and 4 students from seven different primary schools.
- Lumen Christi, Delacombe
- St Alipius’ Ballarat East
- St Aloysius’ Redan
- St Michael’s, Springbank
- St Mary’s Clarke’s Hill
- St Patrick’s Gordon
- St Brigid’s Ballan

The Year 10 students from Loreto College acted as guides and showed the younger students around our school, shared a Liturgy with the students and they accompanied them to a presentation of music and comedy presented by the Concert Band and the Clowning Troupe. This was a sensational performance of considerable sophistication which engaged the attention of our young visitors.

The day ended with the inaugural “Loreto Cup” Inter-Primary School Challenge. This tightly contested competition was won by Lumen Christi with St Alipius’ a very close second.

The day was a wonderful example to me of the confidence and competence of our Year 10 students. They were exceptional in the level of welcome, hospitality, care and interest they showed to their young guests. Their attention to detail in the organisation of the day was impressive and they gave the impression of genuinely enjoying themselves. Mr Peter Rix co-ordinated the program with flair and optimism and he is also to be congratulated on the excellent result. Without his ability to work so effectively with our Year 10 students the day would not have been the great success it was.

On Friday our Year 9 classes will visit each of these primary schools to participate in literacy activities. I am sure they will represent us equally well.

Catholic Education Week 2001 has been very busy for us – Beach excursions, May Liturgy, Opening of School production, Parents’ and Friends’ Association Mother and Daughter Night, Year 7 (2002) Interviews, Past Pupils’ Reunion, Primary School visits – combined with a full academic and sporting program. This seems to be a great testimony to the health of Catholic Education Week in Ballarat and a timely reminder for us to be grateful to all those who have laid such excellent foundations – a particular thank you is owed to our Loreto Sisters who have actively served Ballarat since 1875.

For all we have been, are now and will be, we give thanks to God.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

ENROLMENTS FOR 2002

The annual process of enrolments has begun and once again we urge all existing families who have a daughter wishing to start Year 7 in 2002 to complete their application before Friday, May 25. Once offers are made to other families it is impossible for us to withdraw them to make places available to sisters.

DAWSON STREET REPORT
Helen Weir

YEAR 7 (2002) INFORMATION NIGHT

Congratulations to Catherine Wilson and Kaila Reeves who spoke well at the Year 7 (2002) Information Night last Thursday. Thankyou to Elizabeth Mitchell, Bree Dodd, Jaimee-Lee Brookes, Lucy Ranger, Emma Rix, Kylie Blomeley and Allanah Van der Mey who welcomed parents to the school.

Interviews with new families took place at Dawson Street after school on Tuesday. Thankyou to Bree Jenkins, Ellie O’Brien, Teneal Cook, Alexandra Griffin, Raffaela Bourke-Finn, Rebecca Wright and Kathleen Malcher who stayed to show families around the school. Interviews continue this weekend.

HOUSE ARTS CAPTAINS

Recently all Houses held elections for House Arts Captains. The following students were chosen by the students to lead them in this area. This is a very responsible position as the House Arts Captains take on the responsibility of training and conducting the House Choir during Term 3.

Congratulations to:
- Taryn Jones – Barry
- Kassie Yates – Mornane
- Mary Quinn – Mulhall
- Yoko Nishiyama – Ward
ROTARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Anne Fry

On Tuesday night I attended the Presentation Dinner of the Ballarat East Rotary Club. At this dinner the two guest speakers were Year 12 Loreto College students Louise McClure and Kristy Oliver who had participated in a Rotary Leadership Training Program during the Term 1 holidays. Both our students spoke very well about their experiences and the positive impact this program has had on their confidence, self-esteem and goal setting. Congratulations to Louise and Kristy!

SCHOOLS’ SHAREMARKET GAMES
Ed Murphy

Each year the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) runs a Schools’ Sharemarket Game. Students form teams, or syndicates, and they are given (a pretend) $50,000 to trade on the sharemarket. This year Loreto College has sixteen syndicates entered in the game.

The students/share traders have been at it for the past ten weeks and although they are not up there with the leading capitalists in the nation some syndicates have produced very respectable returns. The leading Loreto College syndicate has traded its $50,000 up to almost $56,000; an impressive annualised return of 62%. The least successful syndicate has seen their $50,000 go down to $48,488 an annualised return of –16%.

The experience of share trading will teach students about how the stock exchange works. It has made many of them more aware of the economy and more avid readers of the financial pages. It has also taught some of them that you can lose money as well as gain it on the stock exchange.

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 2 are as follows:-

June 5       June 19

TEXTILES – VOLUNTEERS
Joyce Currie

We are looking for a small group of parents who would be able to assist in Year 9 Textiles. Our classes contain the full range of abilities and it is extremely difficult to assist students in such a ‘hands-on’ subject with only one teacher.

If you have an interest in sewing and can spare a couple of hours a week we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Joyce Currie at School on 5331 1088.

VICTORIA’S MULTI-FAITH CELEBRATION
Bridget Little and Caitlin Perry

As Australia celebrates a Nation’s Federation, Victoria recognised our diverse religious groups within the State. On Monday, May 7 we were lucky enough to attend the Victorian Multi-Faith Celebration. This event was held in The Royal Exhibition Centre where hundreds of people, including the Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, Leader of the Opposition, Mr Kim Beazley and the Premier of Victoria, Mr Steve Bracks, were present.

In one and a half hours we were presented with pieces from the Christian, Buddhism, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Jewish and Indigenous populations. Not only were these pieces a pleasure to watch, as many included elaborate dress and props, they also opened our eyes to the broad spectrum of religious groups. We both feel privileged to have been part of such an enlightening event.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP
Trudy Nicholson

Do not miss out on the bargains to be found on our shopping trip to be held on Saturday, June 2. Money raised will go to the purchase of new bandstand banners and the Senior Concert Band Tour taking place later in the year.

We need at least forty, hopefully more to make this fundraiser and social occasion profitable.

The bus leaves at 7.00am from the Sturt Street front gate and returning between 8.00pm and 8.30pm. Please complete the form in last week’s Newsletter and return it together with your money to either School Office. Scrumptious morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

Join this dynamic group.
Keep the spirit alive.

The Tuition Fees for a Year Raffle will now be drawn on Friday, June 8. It would be appreciated if all families could return either sold or unsold tickets to the School no later than Thursday, June 7.
LORETO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, May 10, we were finally able to conduct our long awaited Annual Athletics Carnival. The students were excited about the prospect of competing on the resurfaced Llanberris track. The weather was very kind to us and the atmosphere that was created was terrific. Some scheduling changes to the program meant that there was even time at the end of the day to see the staff run exceptionally well in their relay, only to be once again, robbed of a victory against the shrewd Sports Captains. The day not only saw some outstanding performances, but judging by the final scores, a large increase in student participation.

I would personally like to thank the staff who assisted on the day. I commend and thank the Sports Captains and Vice Captains for their positive and involved approach to this day. They did a tremendous job to sustain the effort and inspire students to compete. Thanks to Katie Bourke, Angela Long, Monica Leahy, Melissa Day, Louise Zelencich, Breanna Doody, Kara Torney, Jessica Davey, Henrietta Walker and Kelly Briody who gave up many lunchtimes to assist with trials and encourage competitors to become involved. I very much appreciated their support.

I thought that the day was a relaxed and enjoyable one. Once again the novelty events and, in particular, the tug-of-war was a highlight. There have been many positive comments from students about their involvement in the day. We would still like to encourage more students in Years 9-12 to trial for traditional athletics events so that the standard is competitive and extends all those participating. The results were as follows:

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Congratulations to the following students who were successful in their Year Level Aggregates:

Year 7 Champion: Erin Maskell (Ward)
Runner-up: Lucy Atwood (Barry)
Year 8 Champions: Rachael Moran (Barry)
Karl Creek (Mornane)
Runner-up: Lucy Ranger (Barry)
Year 9 Champion: Jaime Brown (Mornane)
Runner-up: Taryn Elder (Mornane)
Year 10 Champion: Lucy Vallance (Mulhall)
Runner-up: Natalee Eaton (Mornane)
Year 11 Champions: Kate Ryan (Ward)
Amy Mathews (Ward)
Runner-up: Louise Sawitsch (Mornane)
Year 12 Champion: Catherine Ranger (Barry)
Runner-up: Monica Leahy (Mornane)

Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day:
Sarah Brew and Elise Horgan (Year 9 Discus); Sarah Fitzgerald (Year 9 Javelin); Lauren Petrie (Year 10 Javelin); Lauren Ford (Year 7 High Jump).

A very talented team of athletes will be chosen to represent Loreto College at the Annual SCSA Carnival at Olympic Park on Thursday, September 6 and CHISSA Athletics early in Term 4. Training will commence in Term 2 for competitors.

TERM 1 SPORT

We had a very busy end to the Term 1 Sports Calendar with many teams making it through to semi-finals and grand finals. I would like to thank the staff and students for their commitment and organisation in allowing the term to progress so smoothly. Below is a summary of our achievements in Term 1:

Junior Volleyball: Loreto College (1) and Loreto College (2) teams showed fantastic improvement to make it through to the semi-finals.

Junior Basketball: Loreto College (1) team played our very gallant Loreto College (2) team in the grand final. Loreto College (1) played very well and took out the B Grade trophy.

Senior Tennis: Both our A and B teams played exceptionally well throughout the season to reach the grand final against Ballarat Grammar in good form. We managed to win both sections and congratulations to the players in these teams, some of whom have won every year for six years. A tremendous effort!

Senior Softball: Loreto College showed great improvement throughout the season to make it through to the semi-finals against Ballarat Grammar. Ballarat Grammar went on to defeat Ballarat and Clarendon College in the final.

Senior Cricket: This side had a tremendous season. They were undefeated and very much the dominant side. They played exceptionally well in the final to defeat Ballarat Grammar and avenge the loss of last year.

CHISSA Swimming Carnival: The team took out the Aggregate Shield for the third year in a row. A terrific effort!
Congratulations to:

Melissa Day (Year 12) who competed last week in the Australian Schools Tennis Titles. Melissa was part of the Victorian Team who finished third. She was chosen in the all Australian Team and finished as the number one ranked Victorian player. We are very proud of Melissa’s efforts and wish her all the very best with her tennis career!

Katrina Braszell (Year 9) on being placed second in the Ballarat Regional U/17 Cycling Time Trial last week.

WALKATHON REPORT
Peter Rix

It is a long, long way to Kirk’s when you are tired, dressed in a fancy costume and you are not used to walking long distances. It is good when you arrive, hand in your card, get given an ice-cream, are able to buy lollies, donuts, sausages and a variety of other food. Thankfully the school provides a bus ride home so you can relax knowing that you have made it for another year at least.

No school event just happens. This Walkathon is the result of a great deal of planning and organisation by many people. Thankyou to the students who have approached local businesses for donations. We are appreciative of all the sponsorship that we did receive. To the students who organised food, drinks, lollies, the fashion parade, games at Kirk’s, the theme and the many other things that contribute to what was a great day. The fact that so many dressed up added to the spirit of the day.

The efforts of staff often go unnoticed and we can sometimes take what they do for granted. The manning of check points; the supervision of buses on the return journey; the supervision at Kirk’s during the day; the cooking of hundreds of sausages and hamburgers and the constant encouragement given to the students during the day are much appreciated by the organisers. It is because of the generous support of all that the day has been such a success.

A special thankyou to Megan Poulton for all the work she did with the Social Justice Committee. Thanks also to Damien Turner who worked tirelessly moving food, tables, signs and later on in the day the bags of rubbish that needed to be disposed of. Finally, a special thankyou to all the students in the Social Justice Committee who just did so much.

DAV DEBATING
Jacinta Mc Ardle

Round Three of the DAV Ballarat Competition was held on Monday night at Ballarat Grammar. Each of the Loreto College teams who competed won their debates. The C Grade and A Grade Debates, which were both impromptu, were outstanding. Congratulations to all students involved – DAV adjudicators stated how impressed they were by the quality of the Loreto College speakers. The next DAV Round will be on Monday, June 4.

SENATE REPORT
Jessica Reid

NO SOUP FOR YOU!!
That is, if you do not bring $1.00 on Friday, May 18 for the Senate Soup Day! Homemade Pumpkin, Vegetable or Tomato soup served with a bread roll will be on sale at lunchtime, with all proceeds going to the Ballarat Homeless Shelter. It will also be a Casual Day with the cost being a can of soup, this will also be donated to the Ballarat Homeless Shelter.

On behalf of the Senate and all members of the School Community, I would like to congratulate those students who participated in the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. The day was a great success, as it is every year and the enthusiastic involvement of the Dawson Street students and the Year 12 students made the day one to remember. A big thankyou to Ms Kelli Baird, the House Sports Captains and Vice Captains and all the teachers and students who helped to organise the day. I would especially like to congratulate Monica Leahy and her team of ‘Mornane Builders’ who won overall on the day. Well done!

If there is enough support Breakfast may become a regular feature at the Canteen. The Senate Footy Tipping is going along nicely. Also stay tuned for a Murder Mystery and Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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