Dear Parents and Students,

As our senior students have been involved in their exams this week, inevitably our attention has again focussed on ENTER scores and the VCE. We hold these students in our prayers as they undergo this stressful time in their young lives. While in no way wishing to detract from the importance of these two measurements, I have been involved in the last couple of weeks in an evaluation of some alternatives of these traditional qualifications. I recognise that for a small number of our students obtaining an ENTER or qualifying for the VCE are not appropriate or desirable. We have already well established VET courses within the school and we are investigating supplementing these with a Certificate of Transition Education. This TAFE qualification is based on core and elective units that can be completed while in Year 10 and Year 11.

While we will always be extremely proud of those who achieve academic distinction we will take equal pride and interest in those students whose post-secondary options take them in different paths. Mr Peter Foord recently received an e-mail from Cassandra Crosbie, Class of 1999. In her e-mail I detect those universal qualities of a Loreto College education i.e. freedom, sincerity and felicity.

An extract from Cassandra’s e-mail.

“At the moment I am living in Madrid, Spain working as a nanny. I take care of two great children called Andres who is two years old and Iciar who is now nine months. I have been here now for seven months so when I first arrived Iciar was only two months old. I was so nervous but everything is fine and I adore these children with all my heart. So basically I work during the day with the children and at night and weekends I do what I want, it is a great set up!

Why would I do this? You ask because I did not want to go to University after Year 12 for I had no idea what I really wanted to do, all I knew was that I wanted to learn languages..., different people, cultures and languages fascinate me so I decided I would go to Spain and of course learn Spanish. One problem, no money. So I took a year off to work and that is what I did, worked and searched the Internet for a good agency for nannies and by the end of the year I was on that plane!

We love to hear from past students involved in interesting endeavours and would love to publish their stories.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

STURT STREET REPORT
Pat O’Shea

YEAR 11 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Friday, June 22
Mathematical Methods and General Mathematics
English
Psychology and Food Technology

Monday, June 25
Health, French and Accounting
Physics and Information Technology
Literature and Physical Education

Tuesday, June 26
Biology and Legal Studies
Business Management
Industry & Enterprise and History

MUSIC
Simone Jans

I would like to draw your attention to the End-of-Semester Music Concert, which is being held next Wednesday, June 20. This evening is an opportunity for the various ensembles within the school community to perform for their family and friends. As the Junior Band is performing first, they are required to be at the Hall by 7:00pm in order to tune up. Unless your daughter’s conductor suggests another time, all other performers are required to be at the Hall by 7:15pm. The details for the evening are as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, June 20, 2001
TIME: 7:30pm (Junior Band 7.00pm, other performers 7:15pm)
VENUE: The Hall, Sturt Street Campus
UNIFORM: Correct Winter Uniform
COST: Free Entry (Raffle tickets on sale at the door)
SUPPER: Each family is asked to provide a plate towards supper

Tea, coffee and cordial courtesy of the Music Support Group.
The past two weeks has certainly epitomised the saying “No rest for the wicked”. On Thursday, May 31 the Senate combined its natural flair for acting along with Mr O’Shea’s aptitude for writing scripts and concocted a murder mystery play for immense poignancy and albeit, lyrical composition. Congratulations to Mornane 6 and Mulhall 6 who pieced together the intricate fragments of evidence correctly and to Ward 5 for the most creative response.

Last Friday lunchtime also saw a Weakest Link showdown between five staff members and five members of the Senate. From the beginning an evident plan was formulated between several of the players to abolish the greatest threat, Mr Joosten. From then on it seemed as if the teachers dropped like flies. Congratulations to Miss McArdle who was the “last teacher standing” and to Lucy Lenaghan, the strongest link for the day. Thankyou to Senate Members - Jennifer Hipke, Rebecca Goodbourn, Catherine Ranger, Jessica Reid and Lucy Lenaghan and to the teachers who risked their reputations - Mr John Leask, Mr Peter Rix, Mr Pat O’Shea, Miss Jacinta McArdle, Mr John Joosten and Mr Denis Edgar (who played a charmingly sarcastic Cornelia).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

VICTORIAN YOUTH SPACE FORUM 2001
The Forum will be held from September 23 to 28, 2001 and is open to Victorian students in Years 10 and 11 (Years 9 and 12 students welcome). The cost is $320.00. Subsidies may be available for disadvantaged and/or regional students. Cost includes accommodation for all six days, breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, your VYSF jacket, forum handbook, transport to and from all venues and subsidised entry to the various site visits. Applications close on June 30, 2001 and are available on the website. Website: www.assa.com.au/Victoria

A JAPANESE EXPERIENCE
We are seeking kind and caring families that would like to host a Japanese High School student in their home for approximately one week in August.

These students are from the town of Inagawa (Ballarat Sister City) and will be occupied from 9.00am until 4.30pm-5.00pm each day.

For further information please contact Bev on 5332 6386 or Chris on 5339 4008.

WEST PAPUA SOLIDARITY – PUBLIC MEETING
The West Papua Solidarity Group invites parishioners to a West Papua Information Evening on Thursday, June 28 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. at the OLHC Parish Centre, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree. Guest speakers will be Bishop Hilton Deakin and a West Papuan Representative. For further information please contact Sr Genevieve Jeffrey on 5348 2324 or Fr Gerry Baldock on 5585 1154.