Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to welcome back everyone in the Loreto College Community for Term 3. In particular I welcome our new staff member Mrs Christine Matthews and returning staff members Mrs Gail Shannon, Mr John Van Zyl and Mr Ron Wheaton. A special welcome is also extended to Anita Spinucci (Year 8 Blue) and her family as they settle into the Loreto Community.

During the holidays twenty of our students, three staff members and Sr Cynthia Wright IBVM (our Community Leader) travelled to Japan. This was Loreto College’s second trip to Japan and a chance to revisit Sacred Heart Obayashi, our Sister School. The weather in Japan in June/July is extremely hot and humid and this proved a real hurdle in our first week as we walked around temples, castles, shrines, gardens and museums. The students persevered and gained an invaluable immersion into the history, language and culture of Japan. The hospitality of Sacred Heart College’s teachers and families was outstanding and our group had a unique and very privileged view of Japanese home and school life. I would like to acknowledge the extremely hard work of Mrs Yoshie Burrows who carefully planned the itinerary and lead the group through Japan. Ms Natalie Howard and Sr Cynthia were cheerful and resilient travellers who were a great support to Yoshie Burrows. The students are to be congratulated on representing Loreto College and Ballarat at a variety of formal occasions. In a respectful manner our students performed musical and dance items that thoroughly entertained their audiences. In the next few weeks we will have the chance to reciprocate some of the hospitality when Sacred Heart College visit Ballarat.

On Monday, the staff were involved in an audit of the school’s curriculum to identify strategies for students with language processing difficulties. This was a very constructive day, which was well facilitated by our Special Education Co-ordinator, Mrs Marg Adams. On a reflective note, it was a day that staff recognised the little miracles of life that surround us. I hope that during this term you see the miracles of this abundant life.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

Since the appointment of the architectural firm Morton Dunn, there has been a great deal of activity taking place behind the scenes. I know it must be frustrating that not more is visible yet, but the School Council is absolutely committed to making sure all the preparatory work is done thoroughly and correctly.

The main activity has been structural in nature, with building surveyors examining the main Sturt Street buildings to see what can be refurbished for staff and student use. There is much lateral thought going on about issues of room usage, student movement, vehicle access to the site and car parking. The committee meets again on August 8 and I will keep you informed of any developments.

Thankyou for your patience.

Loreto College celebrates Gonzaga Barry Day this year on Tuesday, July 24. The format will be similar to the previous two years-

- Normal classes Periods 1, 2 and 3
- Mass after Recess. The celebrant being the Bishop of Ballarat, Bishop Peter Connors
- Food stalls, games stalls, band.

This is a casual clothes day, with the proceeds going to the Winter Relief Appeal. Cost of casuals is either a gold coin or item(s) of clothing, blankets or non-perishable foods. We are hoping that some students can use the appeal as an excuse to clean out the wardrobes of clothes that no longer fit. Attendance is compulsory, as with any other typical school day.

The Year 11 Leadership Day is also fast approaching. This will be held on Tuesday, August 7 at the Anglican Diocesan Centre in Lydiard Street. It is a sobering thought that we are making a start on the process of electing next year’s school leaders.
DAWSON STREET REPORT
Christina Sofis

We have made a smooth transition into Term 3. Both students and teachers seem fresh and relaxed from a good mid year break. We welcome back Laurinda Veit to Year 7 Green from a term off unwell. Welcome also to Anita Spinucci who is new to our school this term. Anita joins Year 8 Blue class and Mulhall 2 House Group. We hope that Anita enjoys her time at Loreto College.

Term 3 is one that will see our Arts Captains busily preparing their House Choirs to sing. Good luck to all House Choirs in advance. It is always a tight competition, one that all groups work hard at winning.

MATHEMATICS
Megan Poulton

The Loreto College Mathematics Department has recently registered with The New Horizons Community Licensing Program which is an initiative that makes it possible for parents to purchase Aussie Maths Invader at half price. Aussie Maths Invader is a great resource for the teaching of number facts and tables. Flyers are included with this week’s Newsletter. Those families who would like to participate will need to complete the form and return it together with a cheque or money order by Monday, August 6. Please do not send cash with your response.

MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those students who participated in the Mathematics Challenge Program. Many industrious hours have been spent solving very difficult tasks and it is with great pleasure that I advise that the following students have been awarded prizes for their outstanding efforts.

First Place: Sarah Shepherd
Runners-Up: Elizabeth McBrearty
Tennille Rice

Special Mention: Karina Heemann and Analeise Smith

Participants: Jessie McCrone, Natasha De Jong, Paula Thomas, Hope Bird, Casey Langsford, Micaela Meade, Katherine Dwyer, Rosemary Giles, Sadie Callahan, Monika Zabinskas, Amy Woods and Megan Lindsay.

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 3 are as follows:-

August 7    August 21
September 9  September 18

Congratulations to: Jessikah Rau (Year 10) on winning the State Final of the Rostrum Youth Speaks for Australia Competition. The final was held during the school holidays. The topic Jessikah used for her prepared speech was “Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder”. Her other speech was on “It’s a Rip-Off”. Jessikah will now be flown to Canberra to compete in the National Final. We wish her well as this is a fine achievement.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Second Instalment, 2001

The Department of Education will provide Loreto College with a listing of all claims paid to parents for the First Instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance. Parents with continuing eligibility who were paid the First Instalment of 2001 are NOT required to complete a new application for the Second Instalment. A new application form for the Second Instalment is required if a parent was not paid the EMA in the First Instalment because their claim did not pass the verification process, they did not apply, they missed the cut off date or they enrolled at Loreto College prior to the beginning of Term 3.

To be eligible for the second instalment the claimant must be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16 years and hold a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card or Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card or be a Foster Parent as at the first day of Term 3 (July 16, 2001).

Application forms for the Second Instalment must be submitted by parents to Loreto College by no later than Friday, August 17, 2001. Late claims will not be accepted by the College. Application forms are available from both School Offices.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week beginning Monday, July 23, 2001

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