Dear Parents and Students,

On Tuesday the School Community celebrated Gonzaga Barry Day. The date of July 24 was chosen because it was Mother Gonzaga Barry’s birthday and by fortuitous coincidence it was the 40th Anniversary of the first Mass of our celebrant, Bishop Peter Connors. It was a great joy for our School Community to share in Bishop Peter Connors’ 40th Jubilee celebrations. For our Year 12 Special Minister, Sally Eastwood, there was the rare privilege of ministering from the same chalice that Bishop Peter used at his first Mass on July 24, 1961. The image of Sally being given the chalice by the Bishop will remain with me as a tangible and powerful symbol of the changes that have taken place in our Church over the last forty years.

After the Mass, the remainder of the day was superbly organised by the Senate and individual House Groups. The enterprising, lateral thinking of students and staff ensured that there were a variety of entertainment and food outlets. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and a true celebration of the gift of service that the Loreto Sisters continue to give. In the Communion reflection the work of the following Sisters was recognised:

- Sr Elizabeth Donnan IBVM
- Sr Lua Byrne IBVM
- Sr Jennifer Diamond IBVM
- Sr Veronica Reid IBVM
- Sr Anne Kelly IBVM
- Sr Trish Franklin IBVM
- Sr Margaret Burchell IBVM
- Sr Zita O’Donohue IBVM
- Sr Bernadette Ziesing IBVM
- Sr Bernadette Green IBVM

In the introduction to the Mass, the Year 10 Liturgists had selected extracts from Mother Gonzaga’s journal. The extracts were a glimpse into the very early days of life for the Loreto Sisters in Ballarat.

“There are two railway stations in Ballarat, East Station and West ditto, we passed the East and went to the West. Ballarat from a hill just near the station, the city looked large and handsome with a bright sun shining on it.

Our arrival was to be kept a secret, as the Dean said if it were announced thousands would be waiting to receive us and we might not like a crowd on the platform, even before the train quite stopped some rushed into it, exclaiming ‘Thanks be to God! Let us get one look at them. Oh! What a sight for us, poor creatures in a foreign land! Praise be to God!’ etc.

The Bishop and priests now appeared and the people retired, a passage was made through the crowd, his Lordship came to our railway carriage and called us out by name to him. It seemed he wanted the ancients first, as he handed myself, Srs M Aloysius, Gertrude and Xaveria into his own carriage, the one the people of Ballarat presented him.

Sisters M. Boniface, Berchmans, Dorothea and Bruno were in the next; Helen Hughes, Margaret and Ellen had a cab, while the Bishop and Dean got into an open carriage with a pair of spanking bays, and led the procession down Sturt Street. A great many ladies and gentlemen waited on the colonnade at the railway station to see the nuns, amongst them Mrs Rowe and family. She came up from Melbourne in the same train; her father, Archdeacon Stretch, met her, a sad meeting I am sure, when she thought of the parting so short a time before.

Sturt Street is a splendid street much wider than Sackville Street; trees are planted at both sides, the shops and houses look very fine; there are some good public buildings, but we did not know what they were; as we passed the Town Hall, a beautiful peal of joy bells chimed out and kept ringing till after we had arrived at our destination.”

The same admiration and affection shown to the Sisters in July 1875 when they arrived in Ballarat was evident at our Mass on Tuesday. Every student, staff member and parent stood in ovation as the Sisters left in procession from the Gonzaga Barry Centre. This was a sincere and heartfelt way of saying thank you to each and every one of them.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ MEETING will be held TONIGHT AT 7.45PM in The Cottage at the Sturt Street Campus Please come along to support our Term 3 initiatives.
SNAPSHOT OF LORETO COLLEGE

Netball Court – aging (rusting?) joints of Staff Netball team ‘competing’ against Katie Bourke’s well drilled student combination; Commando course operating on Court 2.

Office Corridor – another significant collection of food and clothing for St Vincent de Paul Society.

Courtyard – Camilla Kirkpatrick’s Band in action, budding artists sketching on the concrete.

Hall – Michelle Currie presiding over a Karaoke performance.

Gardens – Johanna Rayner orchestrating tours of the school with Damian Turner and Dennis Boyle.

Year 10 Rooms – Mr Squiggle competition, mystery jars and coin throw.

Year 9 Rooms – Cake stalls, frog in a pond, Year 9 nail painting (very popular), baked potatoes.

P1,P2 – More food, Bridget Joosten scamming lucky number tickets, Mr Edgar’s knock’em down stall.

Gonzaga Barry Day is all about student initiative, involvement and fun. It is all of those things.

LEARNER DRIVER SESSIONS

Stephen Hill

The first of two Learner Driver Information Sessions will take place on Wednesday, August 8, 2001.

The first session, to be led by Senior Constable John Marinis, will focus on the issues of speed, alcohol and driver fatigue. While it will be particularly relevant to those students who already have their ‘L’ or ‘P’ plates, any Years 10-12 students are welcome to attend. This session will begin at 11.30am in the Hall and will run for 50 minutes. Any student who wishes to attend this session is asked to inform their Wednesday, Period 4 teacher beforehand.

The second session, the Keys Please Learner Driver Information Evening, was originally scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 8. This will now occur later in Term 3 on a date to be announced.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

Simone Jans

The next Music Support Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31, at 7:30pm in The Cottage at the Sturt Street Campus. New members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

TERM 3 MUSIC DATES

Here is a list of significant musical dates this term. Please add them to your calendar at home.

Monday, August 6 Senior Band Workshop 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday, August 9 Senior Band performance 2.00pm
Friday, August 17 Senior Band Workshop 10:00am - 3:30pm
Wednesday, August 22 Dawson Street Music Concert
Thursday, August 30 South Street 7:00pm (Year 12 RE class)
Friday, August 31 South Street 12:30pm (Sturt Street Choir)
Tuesday, September 4 Senior Band Workshop 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday, September 6 South Street (String Trio/Quartet)
Saturday, September 8 South Street (Senior Band)
Monday, September 10 Arts Festival

ARTS FESTIVAL

Helen Duggan

Arts Festival activity began in earnest last week with the commencement of House Choir practices. Performing Arts audition entries are now open and details regarding the Literature, Art and Cover Design Competitions will be released soon. The Arts Festival concert will be held in the 1870 Founders’ Hall, University of Ballarat, Gear Avenue, Mt Helen on Monday, September 10 commencing at 7.30pm.

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 |
Senior Soccer Report
John Joosten

Loreto College – 5 defeated Ballarat Grammar – 0
Loreto College unveiled a new-look team for our first game of the season, with our experienced stars from previous years being complemented by some keen recruits. A pleasing feature of the game was the way in which people played in their positions, presenting the opposition with strength across the field. This enabled great pressure to be applied, allowing Ballarat Grammar only the rare incursion into our half of the pitch. Our defence in depth and attacks down the wings were both highly effective. Goal scorers were Linsay Hinchcliffe – 2, Louise Zelencich – 2 (penalties) and Tonia Beggs – 1. Other outstanding players included - Monica Leahy, Lindsay Newton and Eva Micich.

English
Jacinta McArdle

Public Speaking
Congratulations to Jessikah Rau (Year 10) and Rebecca Goodbourn (Year 12) who participated in the Plain English Public Speaking Competition on Monday, July 23. The quality of all speakers was extremely high and both Jessikah and Rebecca delivered thoughtful, articulate and intelligent speeches with confidence and poise.

DAV Debating
The final rounds were held on Tuesday night, July 24. Congratulations to all students who participated in this prestigious competition.

South Street Debating
Debating starts next Monday, July 30. Loreto College has entered eleven teams this year.

Students involved at the Intermediate Level are:
Madeline Lucas  Alyme Driscoll
Andrea Torney  Bridget Little
Sarah Brew  Reshmar Pawar
Laura Fraser  Jessie McCrone
Rebecca Collins  Abbey Fraser
Amy Porter  Tennille Rice
Jessica Heard  Natasha De Jong
Casey Langford

Students involved at the Senior Level are:
Jessica Holmes  Bernadette Newman
Eileen Coleman  Linda Williamson
Jane Basham  Rebecca Goodbourn
Hilary Goodson  Elizabeth Sgarbossa
Rosemary Little  Bridget Murphy
Jessikah Rau

Well done to the following players who represented Loreto College so proudly in this game:

Louise Zelencich  Nicole Rix
Christie Clark  Emily Rix
Monica Leahy  Katie Bourke
Hannah Studd  Louise Castrignano
Simone Leahy  Angela Crowe
Kathryn McIver  Lindsay Newton
Nikkita Williams  Katrina Molloy
Jessica Torpy  Lauren McKee
Natalee Eaton  Niarn Moynihan
Abbey Fraser  Kirsten Gram
Lauren Giles  Larissa Kydd
Laura Westbrook  Lydia Cloke
Luanna Curtis  Alana Cochrane
Kara O’Keefe  Kendall Beseler

In the following weeks reports on Senior Hockey and Senior Netball will be included.

Term 3 Sport
Kelli Baird

This term is another very busy one for the students and staff involved in the Sports Program. The following sports are being offered: Melbourne Athletics, Cross Country, Senior Volleyball, Senior Basketball, Year 10 and Years 11/12 Wednesday Netball, Racquetball, Junior Hockey, Junior and Senior Soccer. All teams have been chosen and most sports commenced this week.

Senior Football
The grand-final of the Senior Football took place after the publication of the final Newsletter last term. Even though ‘The Courier’ covered the event, we have not acknowledged the fantastic effort of this team and the many helpers. This was one of the very memorable moments in our sporting history. The crowd was enormous and the Loreto College team were the underdogs. We had not beaten Ballarat and Clarendon College in our two meetings throughout the home and away rounds. The final was a tremendous battle in very difficult conditions. Our players were superb and held off a determined Ballarat and Clarendon College team to claim victory for the first time in six years.

A very big thankyou to Mr Damian Ryan for his dedication and commitment to coaching this team and to Mr John Leask, Miss Kerri Loader, Ms Sandra Rosenow and Mrs Angela Rodoni for their terrific and much needed support. I would like to thank the following students who helped out every week with goal and boundary umpiring: Sarah Rodoni, Lauren Gertners, Erin Rees, Rebecca Batch, Sally Eastwood, Carmen Clark, Angela Long, Sally Hunter, Alice Zelencich, Kirsten Gram, Alana Cochrane and Larissa Kydd.

Good luck to all students involved as they prepare for the debates.
This Super Science Site was suggested by Mr Van Zyl. Ever wondered where the International Space Station is situated at a specific moment?

Well wonder no more! On the Home Page of this site is a map, which is constantly updated showing the position of the ISS. It is also possible to download detailed star charts specifically for Ballarat for any given night.

Detailed information on the many satellites in space is also available, not to mention plenty of data on the planets, the sun, the moon and pretty much anything you can find in the Heavens Above!

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.

The position of the International Space Station at 9.15am on July 19.

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.

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**SUPER SCIENCE SITES**
Stephanie Porter  
**www.heavens-above.com**

AN EVENING WITH JIM STYNES  
On Wednesday, August 8, St Patrick’s Primary School will be bringing Jim Stynes, former Victorian of the Year, Brownlow Medallist and founder of Reach Youth, to the Regent Multiplex Ballarat for an evening of inspiration and empowerment for young people and their parents. Steve Moneghetti, Olympic champion, will open the evening.

The cost for the evening is $16.50 per ticket or $13.50 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available through: Yeomans Rentals, Sturt Street, Ballarat; Wendouree Village Newsagency or contact Jan Martin on 0419 102 370 to arrange delivery of tickets of large bookings.

The Priests Support and Education Fund Gala Dinner will be held on Friday, August 17 at the Hotel Sofitel, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Compere for the evening will be Paul Cronin with Guest Speaker the Hon. Tim Fischer, MP. For further enquiries please contact Robert Johnston on 9225 7428 (Business) or 9850 5505 (Home), Norm McArthur on 9848 3449 (Home) or Michael Pennefather on 9891 6975 (Home).

THE ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD 2001  
This award is for young women who think of themselves as global citizens and are considering public affairs as a career option.

Pre-university female students, aged 16-19 years are eligible to apply for the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2001. The closing date for applications is Wednesday, August 15, 2001 and applications are available from the Zonta Club of Ballarat on 5332 6803 or Stella Coffey on 5338 7664.