Dear Parents and Students,

This week I spent two days in Adelaide attending a meeting of the Loreto Schools Advisory Committee. By fortuitous coincidence one of the meeting days was the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola – the founder of the Jesuits. It was a wonderful experience to celebrate a Mass with the representatives of the other Loreto Schools in Australia and with staff, students and parents of Loreto College, Marryatville. Mary Ward modelled her founding congregation on “the rule” of St Ignatius and to this day Ignatian spirituality is the basis of the Loreto charism. St Ignatius understood that God’s presence could be discerned in the everyday experiences of living in the world. This is the sentiment reflected in the following poem by Franz Reinhard Daffner.

*All is Gift*

The colours of a sunrise, a morning surprise,
the love that you find in another’s eyes,
the hand that helps you up when you’ve fallen down,
all is gift, my friend, all is gift from a loving God.

The changing of the seasons, life is born anew,
laughter and smiles and birds that sing,
the hope that we cling to when the darkness comes,
all is gift, my friend, all is gift from a loving God.

Memories of a yesterday, tears that flow,
broken dreams, broken hearts, we learn to grow,
a God who will let us know we’re not alone,
all is gift, my friend, all is gift from a loving God.

Hearts that unite, a friendship born,
in sacred earth seeds are sown and we are fed,
arms unafraid to reach and souls that touch,
all is gift, my friend, all is gift from a loving God.

Wearing of make-up to School

Over the first two weeks of this term I have been extremely disappointed by the excessive and very obvious use of make-up by our students. I have asked all staff to discourage this trend and to ask students to remove the make-up. Students can easily avoid any inconvenience, embarrassment or unwanted attention by coming to school in an appropriate manner. I have personally asked staff to be involved in this campaign and I ask any parent with a concern about this to contact me directly.

Individual staff members should not be criticised for enforcing the school rules – indeed parents and students should be grateful that our staff care so deeply for our students, and the fine reputation of our school, that they are prepared to tackle this very time-consuming but thankless task!

Bus accident

On Wednesday, several of our students were involved in a minor bus accident at Delacombe. Fifteen of our students were taken to hospital for observation and mercifully any injuries were very minor. The accident has highlighted, however, the importance of bus students observing sensible precautions while travelling on buses such as:

- Keeping all parts of the body inside the bus.
- Sitting (forward facing) on seats.
- Keeping the aisles free of school bags.
- Maintaining an appropriate noise level on the bus.

On a similar note we had a distressed parent report to the Dawson Street Office that one of our students had run in front of her car recently. The parent had to brake dramatically and only narrowly avoided missing the student.

ALL students whether travelling to school by bicycle, car, bus or foot are encouraged to think and act safely!

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Saturday, September 1**
  - Professional Family Portraits for only $10.00

- **Friday, September 7**
  - Spring Luncheon

- **Wednesday, September 12**
  - Bacchus Marsh Dinner in conjunction with St Patrick’s College Parents’ and Friends’ Association.

More details of these functions will be published as soon as they are finalised. Parents are encouraged to attend a special meeting on Monday, August 6 commencing at 7.30pm in The Cottage at Sturt Street to help with the organisation of these events. The Parents’ and Friends’ Association is issuing a particular plea to anyone who could donate items suitable for raffle prizes, or to provide dips, main course or desserts for the Spring Luncheon. Once the menu is finalised recipes will be published and a firm commitment will be sought.

UNIFORM POOL

Will be held at the Dawson Street campus between 1.00pm and 4.00pm on the following dates for Term 3:

| August 7 | August 21 |
| September 9 | September 18 |
EDMUND RICE CAMPS
Anne Fry

Below is an extract from a letter I received from Mr Mark Smith, Executive Officer of the Edmund Rice Camps Inc.

“On behalf of the Edmund Rice Camps, I write to congratulate you on the maturity and initiative displayed by one of your current students during our recent course of family camps over the July school holiday period.

Kate Ryan was part of a team of thirty young volunteer leaders who undertook the challenge of providing participating family groups with a safe and caring environment, enabling them to enjoy some respite from their everyday lives. She undertook her role with constant enthusiasm and energy, helping to ensure the success of both programs. That she gave up her school holiday time to take part in these camps, is all the more commendable.

I look forward to seeing more students from Loreto College involved in Edmund Rice Camps in the future.”

JAPAN STUDY TOUR 2001 REPORT
Johanna Rayner

On June 24, twenty intrepid travellers, along with four teachers, began a three weeks journey to the land of the rising sun: Loreto College’s second biannual Study Tour to Japan. After arrival and a well-deserved rest, we managed to navigate the subway and set off on two days of action-packed fun in Tokyo, the country’s capital. This included our dash with royalty at the Imperial Palace, Parliament House, the National Theatre, Meiji Shrine, Harajyuku (a shopping heaven) and our first experience with a Japanese convenience store. The second of the two days saw us at Disneyland until we were too tired to ride any more rides. Then we travelled by bullet train to Hiroshima, the city of peace and the most humbling part of our trip. As well as a ferry trip to Miyajima, a cable car ride to the top of the mountain and trying to save our important documents from being eaten by wild deer, we managed to fit in a trip to the A-bomb dome, Hiroshima Peace Park, where we folded and laid paper cranes, and the incredibly moving memorial museum. To top it off we dined out Japanese style in an okonomikaki street-side restaurant and were let loose to our hotel in Osaka and our final night on the town for a meal together and last-minute shopping (some still pursuing the search for fake mobile phones and 100 yen shops).

Above and beyond the small struggles of our international escapade, like horrid humidity and the struggle to piece together what was going on in Big Brother, we had a once in a lifetime experience that has given us all fantastic memories and that will never be forgotten. On behalf of the students who went, our sincere thanks are extended to Sr. Cynthia Wright IBVM, Mrs. Anne Fry and Ms Natalie Howard, who pushed us along when we whined that it was too hot and helped make the trip so memorable.

However, it is Mrs. Yoshie Burrows who deserves the highest accolades for the huge amount of time she put into the preparation and planning of the trip and the constant motivation she was for us while we were there. Nothing could have gone ahead without the endless energy and effort Mrs. Burrows supplied and we would like to express our appreciation for a job (and a huge one at that) fantastically done.

When we had seen the sights of Hiroshima, we were ready for our 11 days homestay with hospitable and generous host families from Obayashi Sacred Heart School in Takarazuka. Our time there comprised of living and travelling to school with our host sisters, where we were given lessons on Japanese culture and language, joined our host sisters’ classes, participated in an interaction day with the primary school and a cultural exchange day with the senior high school.

We also took two day trips to Kyoto and Inagawa, Ballarat’s sister city, where we had tea with the Mayor and were given amazing welcomes at local Primary and High Schools.

By July 10, some had grown hungry for pavlova and vegemite again and some could have stayed forever, but we said our teary goodbyes all the same and headed to our hotel in Osaka and our final night on the town for a meal together and last-minute shopping (some still pursuing the search for fake mobile phones and 100 yen shops).

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

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.

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.

Week beginning Monday, August 6, 2001

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