Dear Parents and Students,

“So Much To Tell You” is the name of the play currently being performed by our Years 7 and 8 students. The title of this play by John Marsden could also be the title for this week’s Newsletter. The Newsletter is full of the extraordinary happenings within the school this week. I have time to only highlight a few.

The Years 7 and 8 play has been a joy to watch this week as the young cast and crew are so obviously enjoying themselves on stage and behind the scenes. It is a complex play with many highly developed characters, delivering complicated lines of dialogue. I would like to congratulate the entire cast and especially to thank Mrs Tammy Vandenberg for her expert direction and production skills. Mr Ian Stowe has also taken a considerable role as stage manager, set builder and props manager. A job well done by you all!

This week we have farewelled our Japanese guests from Sacred Heart, Obayashi. As usual this group of students has been a delight to work with, as they have invariably been polite, enthusiastic and gracious. The single biggest reason why these exchanges are so successful, I believe, is the role played by Mrs Yoshie Burrows in co-ordinating the exchanges between the schools. She is extremely generous with her time to help liaise with host families, escort teachers and assist with any language difficulty. She has the complete confidence and respect of the Principal of Sacred Heart Obayashi (and mine) because of her personal and professional qualities! Thankyou Yoshie.

The National History Challenge projects are on display at both campuses and as usual they are of an excellent standard. The display models and essays reflect a wonderful standard of research and presentation. The theme this year is “Building Our Nation” and an amazing array of topics has been investigated. My thanks to Mrs Margaret Ferguson and Mr Roger Morris for their work with this group of students.

There is considerable activity on the sports field, the stage, the classroom and very importantly in the area of liturgy. This week we have celebrated the Feast of the Assumption and the Year 8 students are preparing a whole school liturgy on Social Justice.

There really is ‘so much to tell you’ – I have run out of space so you will have to ask your daughter to tell you the rest of what is happening at school!

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

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Hazel Alfreda Wheaton Lanyon
Born to Paula and Nick on Tuesday, August 14, 2001
8lb 3ozs
May her life be truly blessed by God

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DAWSON STREET REPORT
Christina Sofis

The last few weeks have seen many of our students busy in several extra-curricular activities. DAV Debating, South Street Debating, the Dawson Street Play, practising for Arts Festival and putting together entries for the Literature Competition. At the same time students have been involved in Racquetball, Soccer, Hockey and CHISSA Lap of the Lake. Congratulations to our Cross Country team on winning the Girls’ Aggregate and Combined Aggregate. It has been pleasing to see the large number of students not only participating in such events but also doing very well at them. Thank you to all staff who put in several hours of their time, both in and out of school, to assist, coach and supervise these programs.

On August 21 and 22 our Year 7 students will be involved in the English and Mathematics assessment component of the Achievement Improvement Monitor (AIM). This is a statewide testing program. The English component will be on Tuesday, August 21 and the Mathematics component is on Wednesday, August 22. The assessment program for both subjects involve short answer questions and extended tasks. If you have any concerns about this program please contact Stephen Hill (Deputy Principal-Curriculum) or Christina Sofis (Years 7 and 8 Co-ordinator).

Reminder that there will not be any classes this Friday (August 17) as it is the MID TERM BREAK

Congratulations to:
Nicole Braszell (Year 11), Jade Creek (Year 11) and Stephanie Malcher (Year 9) on finishing second in the Level 2 Senior Teams event at the Victorian Aerobics Championships. Nicole also finished first in the Level 2 Individual Senior event at this competition. The girls have worked very hard and should be congratulated on their success. They will now compete in the 2001 Sport Aerobics Australian Championships to be held on September 22 and 23.
**KEYS PLEASE – PARENT LEARNER DRIVER INFORMATION FORUM**

Stephen Hill

*Keys Please* Parent Learner Driver Session will take place on **Monday, August 20 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Hall (at the Sturt Street campus)**. These sessions have previously proven to be highly valuable both for the learner driver and their supervisor. The session is suitable for any Years 10-12 student who either has their L-plate or is in the process of getting it.

Each Years 10 and 11 student has received an invitation to the session. The RSVP must be returned to the College by Thursday, August 16. Any other parents who would be interested in attending the session can contact the Sturt Street Office. Below is an overview of the *Keys Please* session.

Getting your learner permit and learning to drive is very exciting and a great challenge. *Keys Please* is about how to become a responsible and safe driver by gaining extensive supervised driving practice and experience in a wide variety of road, traffic and weather conditions.

Many learner drivers receive inadequate driving time and experience in preparation for their driving licence, particularly on open highways, wet roads, at night and in busy traffic.

This lack of experience is reflected in the significant over-representation of young novice drivers in fatal and serious injury road crashes.

Did you know that learner drivers rarely have road crashes but probationary drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a road casualty crash in their first year of driving than any other age group?

VicRoads, in conjunction with the Victoria Police, Transport Accident Commission, Department of Education Employment and Training, and Community Road Safety Councils have developed *Keys Please Information Forums*.

*Keys Please* is aimed at learner drivers and their parents. It is important that both young people and their supervising driver (usually parents) attend *Keys Please* together - learning to drive is a partnership between the learner driver and the supervising driver.

The two-hours sessions are run by trained facilitators and are presented in a fun and informative manner. The latest interactive technology is used to present *Keys Please* sessions via DVD and multimedia projection system.

Some of the topics covered during a *Keys Please* presentation include:

- Complexities of the driving task
- Why young drivers are at risk
- Effects of alcohol, speed, fatigue and poor concentration
- How road trauma affects people’s lives
- How to get your Ls
- Resources to assist you
- Getting supervised in a variety of road, weather and traffic conditions.

In addition, there is the star of the show - 15 years old Ben Costello, who takes you through his Road Movie of his sister, Sophie, (an L-plater) who got lots of driving experience - in all kinds of conditions and situations - thanks to her supervising driver, their dad, Tony.

At the end of the *Keys Please* presentation, there is an opportunity for participants to ask questions. In addition there is a display of resources available from VicRoads which will help you prepare for your learner permit and eventually your P plates.

Here are some examples of audience reactions to *Keys Please*:

“I thought the show tonight was terrific. It’s important for young people to hear what’s expected of them when they go for their licence. I’m much happier about them starting to learn to drive now” (Parent who came with her son 16 and daughter 15)

“I thought it was good - it showed many experiences that I’ve had sitting with mum and dad in the car . . . and the different fights we’ve had . . . and it showed also the good side . . . how parents get used to it and it made us learner drivers, see how it is to be a parent teaching and helping someone else to drive.” (Boy 16, who came with his mother)

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY IN JAPAN 2002**

Yoshie Burrows

AIUI is offering scholarships to students in Japan in 2002 as an exchange student. Applicants must be in Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2001 and have average or above average grades and have studied Japanese for at least two years. Closing date for applications is September 30, 2001. The cost for this program is for travel and insurance at $2500 if the student successfully receives the scholarship.

YFU Australia also offers scholarships to study in Japan for motivated Australian students of the Japanese language. The scholarships are available for departures in March 2002 and must be between 15 years to 18 years of age. Applications close on October 1, 2001.

Please contact Mrs. Yoshie Burrows for more details at the school.

**Arts Festival Concert**

1870 Founders’ Hall, University of Ballarat
September 10, 2001

Arts Festival Concert tickets
Adults $8.00,
Children and non-performing Students $6.00

Ticket sales open Monday, August 27, 2001
SENIOR HOCKEY

This term saw the completion of the Senior Hockey season for 2001. The team improved significantly throughout the season and developed into a competitive unit. The players did a terrific job to play out many very close games. Although the season will reflect only one win over Damascus College, there were many highlights including a 2-1 loss to Ballarat and Clarendon College (1) and several one goal losses. It was a pleasure to witness the improvement in this team and the dedication and commitment of the players. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Sharon Ruyg who has devoted enormous time to coaching this team and instilling confidence in their play. We had many first year players which we hope will continue to be involved next year. We say farewell to several of our Year 12 students who have supported the hockey program admirably since their early years. We had many first year players which we hope will continue to be involved next year. We say farewell to Fraser, Courtney Wood, Emma Kerr, Jackie Mahar, Tonia Beggs, Sarah Haans, Catherine Wiley, Abbey Jackson, Jessica Davey (co-Captain), Fiona Candy (co-Captain), Henrietta Walker, Kate Ryan, Mimi d’Auvergne (goalie), Tonia Beggs, Sarah Hauns, Catherine Wiley, Abbey Fraser, Courtney Wood, Emma Kerr, Jackie Mahar, Stacey Mahar, Anna Torpy and Rachelle Rogers.

SENIOR NETBALL

Last week saw the culmination of the Senior Netball competition. This competition is very competitive and spectators throughout the season have witnessed some outstanding play.

A GRADE

Our A Grade team played very consistently throughout the season to make their way convincingly through to the grand-final. There was great anticipation before this final against Ballarat High School with teams recording one win apiece during the home and away games. The crowd was huge and very appreciative of a fine game. Our team played a terrific game to record a six goals win over the very determined Ballarat High School team. This was the first win we have had in six years and full credit goes to the players and to Ms Trish Gray who has coached this team for several years. Special thanks also go to Nicole Purves who once again assisted us with umpiring. Well done to the following students on a very successful season:

Monica Leahy, Katie Bourke, Kara Torney, Bridget Joosten, Breanna Doody, Kelly Briody, Rebecca Warke, Belinda Phelps, Georgia Cann and Noni McClure.

B GRADE

Throughout the season our B Grade team played very well to secure a spot in the semi-finals against the eventual winners of the competition, Ballarat Grammar. The semi-final game was a very close one with the deficit at the end only four goals. The players combined very well and should be congratulated on their efforts throughout the season. A special thanks to Amy Hogan for her enthusiasm and assistance in coaching this team. Thanks also to Ms Natalie Howard, Mrs Deanna Hogan and Simone Leahy for assistance with supervision and umpiring this team.

Well done to the following players:
Lisa Harris, Kara Batch, Bridie Wilson, Carina Prendergast, Angela Long, Lee Gull, Taryn Elder, Angela Davis, Kathleen Nolan, Hayley Lamond and Rebecca Magee.

This year we bid farewell to many Year 12 students who have been an integral part of our netball program. We look next year to a new band of Loreto netballers to continue our fine representation in this sport.

BSSA VS AGSV WINTER CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday several of our students represented Loreto College in the BSSA vs AGSV Winter Carnival. Congratulations to the following students on their selection in these teams.

Netball: Bridget Joosten, Monica Leahy, Breanna Doody, Georgia Cann and Noni McClure
Volleyball: Larissa Kydd
Hockey: Mimi d’Auvergne
Basketball: Katie Bourke, Erin Rees and Jessica Maher

CHISSA LAP OF THE LAKE

Last Tuesday the annual CHISSA Lap of the Lake was conducted. In very windy and difficult conditions our team performed exceptionally well. A big thank you to Mr Garry Roden, Mr Roger Morris and Mrs Suzanne Swanton who have been very committed to encouraging the students and improving their fitness. Congratulations to the following students on their efforts.

Junior 4km
5th Lucy Ranger 18.19
9th Mollie Forbes 18.42
11th Lucy Atwood 18.48
13th Catherine Wilson 19.04
14th Eliza Sanby 19.26
15th Danielle McVeigh 19.30
21st Renee Richardson 19.44
31st Jamiee Brookes 20.26

Team result:
Equal first: Loreto College/Damascus College
2nd Ballarat Grammar
3rd Ballarat High School

Intermediate 6km
3rd Katrina Braszell 24.26
5th Jaime Brown 26.11
6th Erica Roden 27.37
7th Hannah Joosten 27.56
11th Brooke Smith 29.03
11th Tennille Carey 29.03
14th Stacey Berry 30.21
17th Erin Rees 30.50

Team result:
1st Loreto College
2nd Ballarat Grammar
3rd Ballarat and Clarendon College

Senior 6km
4th Catherine Ranger 25.52
6th Jessica Robertson 26.30
7th Kara Torney 26.47
8th Jessica Davey 27.35
9th Kate Ryan (Year 11) 27.40
10th Bridie Wilson 27.43
12th Kate Ryan 28.27
19th Eileen Coleman 30.08

Team result:
1st Ballarat Grammar
2nd Loreto College
3rd Ballarat and Clarendon College

A very big thank-you to Year 10 Green who patiently assisted with recording on the day and to the Year 12 PE students for their help. A special mention to Ms Trish Gray, Monica Leahy and Katie Bourke who were invaluable in the recording tent.
NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2001
Margaret Ferguson/Roger Morris

YEARS 7 / 8 GENERAL SECTION

WINNER
Essay “John Flynn, Founder of the Royal Australian Doctor Service” - Genevieve Rix

RUNNER-UP
Museum Display “The Cochlear Implant” - Nicole Irvin

SPECIAL LORETO AWARD
Museum Display “Ballarat Goldfields” - Bethany Donegan, Marnie Boswerger, Alexandra Doyle and Jessica Hauntz

YEARS 9 / 10 GENERAL SECTION

WINNER
Museum Display “Australia’s Volunteers” - Rebecca Davis, Maree Goulopoulos and Paula Thomas

RUNNER-UP
Essay “Le Papillon Française” - Sarah Shepherd

SPECIAL LORETO AWARD
Essay “Family Influences that have Made Australia” - Lauren Hill

SPECIAL CATEGORY WINNERS:
In War and Peace - Museum Display “Long Tom” - Alexandra Griffin

Australia’s Heritage - Museum Display “Her Majesty’s Theatre Ballarat” - Laura McCarty and Nikkita Venville

Australian Parliament - Essay “Sir Robert Gordon Menzies” - Karina Heemann

Creating a Nation Gallery - Museum Display “Hills Hoist” - Ellen Drake and Bridget Little

Using Primary Sources - Essay “Eleanor Lucas and her Girls” - Audrey Goodson

CANTEEN ROSTER
Week beginning Monday, August 20, 2001

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PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

FAMILY PORTRAIT
On Saturday, September 1 the Parents’ and Friends’ Association is holding a Family Portrait fundraiser for only $10.00. Please complete the enclosed colour brochure if you would like to participate in the offer and forward it back to Loreto College together with your payment and preferred session time. The family portrait session will commence at 10.00am. For further information please contact Nicki Porter on 5339 1386.

BACCHUS MARSH DINNER
The combined Loreto College/St Patrick’s College dinner with families in the Bacchus Marsh area will be held on Wednesday, September 12, at the Court House Hotel. Further information will be included in next week’s Newsletter.

LORETO COLLEGE PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

SPRING LUNCHEON
Friday, September 7, 2001

I require ___________ tickets at $20.00 each. Number on Table: ……………………………..

NAME: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

STUDENT’S NAME: ……………………………………………..YEAR LEVEL:………..

Please return slip with cheque or cash to the School Office.
Cheques made payable to Loreto College Parents’ and Friends’ Association.