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WELCOME MR JONES:

On behalf on the staff and students at Laverton P - 12 College we would like to give a warm welcome to our new Principal Mr Richard Jones to the College. We are looking forward to his leadership and a new fresh approach that will continue to enhance the wonderful progress that we have been experiencing. We are excited to begin this new phase in our journey with Mr Jones. We wish him every success.

Principal’s Report:

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

Thank you for your very kind and warm welcome to Laverton P-12 College. I am very excited to be here and to be working with you over the next 5 years or so. I want to thank our previous Principal, Neil Sproal, for his efforts and commitment to have the school in such a strong position for us, now, to move forward.

We have had a great start to Term 2 with lots of purposeful work happening around the school and I look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

It’s been lovely to see and feel the orderly learning environment our students and staff have created. The calmness, focus and intent of the classrooms is helping all of students achieve and grow.

Walking around to the classes I have seen students listening closely to their teachers, students engaged in their learning, doing, making things and teachers guiding student’s work and checking their understanding.

Teaching and learning in our school is held together by the relationships we develop, nurture and sustain. I have seen a healthy sense of ‘Belonging’ here, one of our school values, with students having positive relationships with their peers and teachers. The focus for us all over the next years will be on teaching and learning; having teachers and students be more effective in what they do. This relates to our other two school values, ‘Learning’ and ‘Succeeding’.

This work is detailed in our 2015 Annual Implementation Plan which will soon be available on our website.

Together we will see growth, improvement and progress in student achievement, student engagement with their learning and student wellbeing.

Richard Jones
College Principal

MOTHERS DAY STALL:

Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Gifts will range from $2 - $10. Years Prep – 8 will be able to access the stall.
MATHS COMPETITION:
The Australian Mathematics Competition is held every year and is a great chance to practice and extend Mathematic skills and knowledge. It is held in July, however entry is due in at the end of this week. The competition is $6 to enter. There is also additional online training students can participate in for an extra $2.

Any Student from Grades 3 - 10 can enter. Please ask you Maths teacher for an entry form.

BREAKFAST CLUB:
Each Learning Community, provide breakfast for all students each morning from 8.00 am – 8.30 am.

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP NEWS:
Lay Htoo as part of his senior VCAL program is studying a Certificate 111 in Civil Construction. This course involves him studying civil construction one day a week in a class room and working in paid employment at construction sites in the Hoppers Crossing area. This course will allow him to gain employment in the construction industry. They learn skills such as traffic management gain a white card and have licences to operate bob cats, backhoes, excavators, front end loaders and bulldozers. The chances of finding employment in this area are extremely high due to the current demand for licenced civil constructors and since he is already working part time in this industry, gaining full time employment looks promising.

TRAIN / BUS TRAVEL:
Students 16 years and over must show proof of age by holding a Victorian Public Transport Student Pass. Unfortunately, there have been too many students receiving fines because they don’t have the Victorian Public Transport Student Pass. The school ID is not accepted by the Public Transport of Victoria as a concession entitlement. This pass only costs $9 and this entitles students 16 years and older to travel with a concession ticket and is valid until February 2016. Forms are available from major railway stations and the Years 9 – 12 Office. Passport photos are also required on application. For further information visit www.mymyki.com.au

YEAR 9 - 12 HOMEWORK CLUB:
Need help with class or homework? Want to finish work after school? Then come to the Study Group! A Math/Science and English/Humanities teacher will be available to help you.

When: Every Thursday at 3.15 – 4.15 pm
Where: Years 9 – 12 Learning Community in A13 & A14

CATCH UP CLASS AND HOMEWORK CLUB IN THE YEARS 5 - 8 COMMUNITY:
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday afternoons from 3.10pm to 4.00pm the Years 5 - 8 community will be holding Catch Up Classes for students falling behind in their work and Homework Club for students who would like some extra assistance. This program is only for students in Years 5 - 8.

Catch Up Class
All students have work tasks that need to be completed. Student reports are written based on their performance in completing these tasks. Students who fall behind in completing tasks will be asked to attend a catch up class after school to ensure required tasks are finished. If your child is asked to stay back after school for a catch up class, prior to the date, they will be given a permission note for you to sign.

FOOD STUDIES - ENRICHMENT 2015:
As part of the Enrichment Program for Years 5 and 6 students participate in one term of Food Studies. As part of the program students learn about the benefits of making good food choices and how to stay safe in the kitchen. The main goal of the Food Studies program however, is to help students gain confidence in the kitchen, so it is great to see them getting hands-on and enjoying eating their creations.
The first term of Food Studies 2015 was a smashing success with students showing off their new skills by whipping up delicious treats such as tacos, mini quiches and fruit skewers.

HOMEWORK CLUB:

Some children have requested assistance with homework and other school tasks. To support these students, they can choose to attend on Thursday nights from 3.10pm to 4.00pm.

Students will only be permitted to stay after school if they have a signed permission note from a Parent or Guardian. Permission notes can be picked up from the Years 5 - 8 Community Office. They need to be handed in by the Wednesday afternoon prior to the Thursday Homework Club.

If you would like further information or would like to discuss this initiative, please contact Carol Guthrie on 9369 1833.

We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Carol Guthrie
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1st MAY 2015 BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

LATE STUDENTS:

Lateness across the school is an issue. Each community is monitoring the times that students are arriving at school. It is an expectation across the school that students will make up the time that they are late. Each community has their own methods to do this.

For the Prep - 4 Community, the minutes each student is late will be individually totalled. When this adds up to 15 minutes the student will make up this 15 minutes at recess to catch up on uncompleted or missed work. If the student is late more than 15 minutes, for example when it totals 30 minutes or more for that day, the student will do an extra top up of time at lunchtime to catch up on uncompleted tasks.

The students will always be able to have half of their recess or lunch as play.

LATE STUDENTS AND EARLY LEAVERS:

The new process of signing in and signing out is working very well for all students in the Prep - 4.

Late students sign in at the front Main office. All students who are signing out early will be sent to the Main office to meet their caregiver/parent where the sign out process will be completed.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Breakfast club is held between 8.15am - 8.45am. Children will be able to get extra toast or raisin bread before school each morning.

SPORT:

It is important that students wear the correct shoes for participating in sport (i.e. runners) so that they do not injure themselves. Runners can be brought along in their bag and changed into before the sport class. At the end of sport the students can put their school shoes back on.
MEDICAL ALERT AND SPORT ALERTS:

If your child cannot participate in sport or has a medical reason (i.e. broken arm etc.) we need a note advising the reason and the length of time the student will not be able to participate (sport/running around etc.).

The student will then be issued with a “Sport Alert” or “Medical Alert” badge which they will wear while at school. They must collect it before school and at the end of the day return it to the Prep-4 office.

If your child suffers from asthma they must have an updated Asthma plan and their medication/puffer/spacer handed into the Prep - 4 office for use at school.

PARENT DETAILS:

If you have changed your phone number or address please notify the office of the changes. We need to have correct phone numbers in case of emergencies.

Jan Scott
Assistant Principal

MR NEIL SPROAL’S FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA:

Mr Sproal’s farewell function was catered for by our talented VET Hospitality students.

The finger food and service was very professional and delicious!

HARMONY DAY:

At the end of last term our school celebrated Multicultural Diversity Week, which is part of the Australian Government’s Living in Harmony initiative.

The appreciation of our cultural diversity is important to young people, particularly as they will be our future leaders, and statistics tell us that 43% of Australians have at least one parent who was born overseas. At our school this percentage is higher and in fact, 40% of our students speak a language other than English at home.

Some of the activities organised to celebrate diversity were: multicultural breakfasts, an African Dance Performance, guest speakers, art and craft activities and classroom curriculum related tasks.

We officially celebrated Harmony Day at lunchtime with a free Sausage Sizzle and lolly bag organised by the VCAL students as well as soft drinks, samosas and face painting organised by the Business Management students. To mark the special day we wore something orange or a national dress. A Fijian Rugby group also ran rugby clinics at lunchtime involving students from Years 5 - 12.

After lunch we enjoyed watching performances from the Island Breeze Rugby Plus group as well as those of students from all year levels, including WELS students. A big thank you to Ms Austin for organising this concert and for all those who participated in it.

A huge thank you to all the staff, students and parents who helped make the celebrations a huge success.

The Victorian Multicultural Commission is also thanked for providing the school with a grant of $1,000 to help fund our Harmony Week Celebrations.

Sandra Di Mieri
Harmony Day Coordinator
Healthy Food, Healthy Communities

Nutrition Workshops

Dates 14th & 21st April, 2015
or
28th April & 5th May 2015
Times 9.30 am – 1.30 pm
Location Laverton Community Hub (95-105 Railway Ave, Laverton)
Who 18 years old and over

No Cost

Develop a stronger understanding of health and nutrition and have a chance to prepare budget friendly meals. The benefits of these workshops will stay with you for life.

Interested?
Contact Gateway Social Support Options to register
Ph: 9399 3511
info@gatewaysupport.org.au

Supported by

Laverton Community Centre
Term 2 2015
Community Courses
Term 1-2015

Gentle Exercise & Meditation - Tues 14 April: 10-11am 10wks $5 per session
Saving and spending workshop (Free) - Tues 21 April: 1-3:30pm
Everyday banking workshop (Free) - Tues 5 May: 1-3pm
Self-Esteem & Assertion for Women (Free) - Tues 12 May: 10-12noon 7wks
Anger Management for Men (Free) - Thurs 4 June: 6:30pm-8:30pm 7wks

Laverton Community Centre
(Located in new community Hub) 95-105 Railway Ave Laverton
Bookings are Essential
Ph: 8368 0177