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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MS JUDITH POTTER

I have recently been pondering how many businesses or organisations that were founded 400 years ago are still flourishing; in particular, how many founded by a woman. There would not be a long list! The faith, the vision, the commitment and the resilience of Mary Ward were extraordinary indeed. Mary Ward's circle of friends provided significant support and encouragement. They were her companions in the good days and the tough days alike. Their faithfulness shone through in the difficult periods and each stands as a role model, showing us how to be a "good friend".

During the first week of Term 4 pilgrims from across the world will join together in Rome to celebrate 400 years of Loreto. Mrs Tricia Cosgriff and I are fortunate indeed to be joining in the Loreto 400 celebrations in Rome. In the two weeks prior to the Rome Pilgrimage, we are visiting St Mary's (Cambridge), the Bar Convent (York) and Dublin. In 1875 Mother Gonzaga Barry and her companions set forth from Dublin cheerfully and courageously on a journey to Ballarat to found Loreto Ballarat. Are we not fortunate that her response was a resounding 'yes' when the request was made of her to come to Australia?!

*With the help of our God may we continue to be Mary Ward people, inspired by the faith and commitment of Gonzaga Barry and by the gifts and guidance of the Loreto sisters of Australia, to learn, live and love with the Holy Spirit in order to come **to be** and **to do much**, together.*

(from a prayer written by the Captains of Loreto Schools across Australia for 2009))

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUBJECT SELECTIONS

**Year 10 students - forms  
due Friday, August 28, 2009**

**Year 11 students - forms  
due Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

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## FAITH AND MISSION

### MR PETER RIX, DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Mary Ward and the Loreto sisters and have had a special devotion to Mary and this Saturday is the special feast of the the Assumption. It is a an opportunity for us to reflect on the special relationship Mary has with the church and thus with us. She is a person to admire, especially her faith in times of uncertainty and doubt and the belief she had in her Son to create a better world.

I have taken the liberty and the opportunity to include a brief history of this feast and hope that it provides some



*Baroque Rubens Assumption-of-Virgin*

insight into what is an important feast venerating Mary.

Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the Assumption, for short - on August 15. The Assumption is when Catholics honor Mary's journey into heaven.

### WHAT IS AN ASSUMPTION?

Assumption means that God takes the individual body and soul into heaven without him or her suffering death. God assumed important individuals in the Bible. There is a precedent for this when we look at the Old Testament. The Old Testament describes how the Prophet Elijah's assumption occurred. "Suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared ... and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind" (2 Kings 2:11).

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly declared:  
*By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our*

*own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.*

Since the declaration of Papal Infallibility by Vatican I in 1870, this declaration by Pius XII has been the only ex cathedra use of Papal Infallibility. While the then Pope Pius XII deliberately left open the question of whether Mary died before her Assumption, the more common teaching of the early Fathers is that she did.

In the papal document that made Mary's assumption dogma, or official teaching of the Catholic Church, Pope Pius XII declares that God "... from all eternity regards Mary with a most favorable and unique affection" (Munificentissimus Deus, 1950). This affection accounts for why God brought Mary, body and soul, into heaven before the end times.

The Assumption is important to many Catholic and Orthodox Christians. Mary's acceptance into the glory of Heaven is seen by them as the symbol of the promise made by Jesus to all enduring Christians that they too will be received into paradise.

Catholics believe that Mary is not only the mother of Jesus, but of all who believe. As the Holy Mother, Mary's assumption reflects God's promise to all his children. All who obey God and believe, as Mary did, will join God in heaven. All devout Christians live in the hope of new life after death, just as Jesus was raised from the dead on the first Easter.

Catholics hold Mary's assumption as a reminder that God loves them and yearns for them to join Jesus, Mary, and all the saints in heaven.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.

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## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### MS TENNILLE McLAUCLAN, DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FATHERS' DAY MASS AND SUPPER

Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 6.30pm. You are invited to join us for Mass in the Loreto Chapel, followed by supper. Daughters are requested to 'bring a plate' for supper.

#### FEDERATION

Loreto Coorparoo, Brisbane, Friday, August 22, 2009 to Sunday, August 24, 2009

#### CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1989 Reunion, Saturday, August 29, 2009  
Class of 1984 Reunion, Saturday, October 24, 2009  
Class of 1979 Reunion, Saturday, October 31, 2009

If you would like further information in regard to any of these events, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Tennille McLauchlan 03 5329 6137 or [tmclauchlan@loreto.vic.edu.au](mailto:tmclauchlan@loreto.vic.edu.au)

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### MRS TRICIA COSGRIFF, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (TEACHING AND LEARNING) PROGRAM SELECTION FOR STUDENTS, 2010

On Tuesday evening this week parent information sessions were held for students in Year 11 and Year 10, along with the Senior Secondary Expo. We were pleased to see so many students and their parents taking the opportunity to explore these final years of schooling and the pathways available for students. Both the Expo and the information sessions are an important part of the transition to the senior secondary years. Year 10 students are currently participating in a mentoring program with senior staff, exploring their interests, skills and abilities, and researching pathways and careers. The final part of this process is their selection of subjects for Year 11, and

possible pathways to beyond school. In the next two weeks each of these students and their parent/s will meet with one of their mentors to discuss subjects for 2010. We have been most impressed with the response of the students to this process and with their participation in both the Expo and the activities in class.

A reminder to Year 11 students that their subject selection forms are due on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Year 10 students are reminded that their forms can be submitted at their mentor interview or, at the latest, Friday August 28, 2009.

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### VICROADS EXCURSION

Last Thursday I met three very excited students who had just returned from a day exploring engineering as a career. They told me that they had had a great day and participated in some fascinating activities, including building a bridge from marshmallows and spaghetti! I saw

the picture (accompanying this article) as well as, the plan of their engineering works! Then on Saturday evening, at an Engineers Australia dinner, I was pleased to be able to tell the engineers present about the impact of this opportunity for students! Well done, girls!

*On Thursday, August 6, 2009, an engineering day was held at VicRoads Ballarat as a part of National Engineering Week. The aim of the day was to encourage and promote engineering as a career. For Roxanne Spittle, Amy Collins and Tara Sullivan, the day started with a presentation about the upcoming restoration and revamp of the Anthony's Cutting section of road on the freeway between Melton and Bacchus Marsh, which is expected to cost about 200 million dollars. Then a presentation about the asset management and road preservation was shown, giving us an insight into the upkeep of the 17 billion dollars worth of road that VicRoads Western Region oversees.*

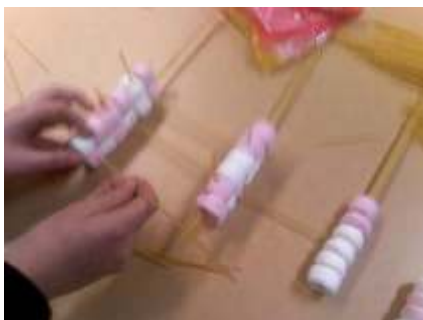
*lately as parts of it have been rusting at an alarming rate. We were told about a few of the possible solutions to the problem.*

*We then went out on a fieldtrip accompanied by VicRoads engineers, to see a section of road on the Sunraysia Highway due to be re-sealed at the beginning of next year and stopped by at the Nerrina Culvert on the Western Highway. This culvert has come under a lot of scrutiny*

*After lunch back at VicRoads Wendouree we were given a task to create a new possible route for the Sunraysia Highway from Ballarat to a point past Trawalla, taking into account environmental and cost factors. The day finished with small groups trying to create the strongest bridge out of a few somewhat unconventional items, spaghetti and marshmallows.*

*Overall, the day really opened our eyes to pursuing possible careers within engineering and some possible pathways to get there. Thanks to Mrs Fell who attended the day with us and to Mr O'Shea who promoted the event and liaised with VicRoads.*

*Tara Sullivan*



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## **VCAL (VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING)**

### **MS BELINDA EVANS – VCAL CO-ORDINATOR STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

In 2008 the VCAL students conducted a very successful toy drive and associated sausage sizzle and casual day fundraiser. A total of \$764.15 was raised and donated to the Congo fundraiser and was used to assist the Rogephar Clinic in their maintenance and construction program.

Many wonderful toys were donated by the wider Loreto community. Some of these toys were distributed to an orphanage in India; eight boxes of toys were **donated locally** to the Christmas in July (CIJ) appeal which assists in excess of 4,000 underprivileged and battling local families. “Every donation makes winter a little more tolerable for our less fortunate families and

ensures they do not become the forgotten members of the Ballarat community”. Another seven boxes of toys were donated to the Australian Red Cross to their Household Goods Program which assists newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers.

Both the Australian Red Cross and the Christmas in July Appeal were most appreciative of the toys and assured us that they will be put to excellent use and be loved and enjoyed by the children who receive them.

I congratulate my VCAL students on their efforts and thank the Loreto Community for their generous support of our activities.

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## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

### **MISS ALISON TEYCHENNE, DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting of the Music Support Group will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 7.00pm in the Music classroom (SG1). Please enter via the small Wendouree Parade gate. We will be putting together raffle ticket books for the Arts Festival, and many hands make light work. New members are always welcome. Please contact Miss Alison Teychenne for more information.

### **MELBOURNE STRINGS FESTIVAL**

Alyssa Baker, Teagan Boadle, Katherine Kuek and Natasha Woods are members of the Ballarat Schools Symphony Orchestra, which recently performed at the Melbourne Strings Festival at Robert Blackwood Hall,

Monash University Clayton. The orchestra performed very well and received excellent comments from the three adjudicators. Congratulations to all four students on their commitment to the orchestra. We wish them well at South Street on Saturday, August 29, 2009.

### **AMEB EXAMINATIONS**

**MS KATHRYN GOVAN, WOODWIND TEACHER**  
We congratulate the following students who recently sat for examinations outside the college with The Australian Music Examinations Board

Stephanie Veal - Saxophone grade 4 - pass with credit  
Lauren Steele - Clarinet grade 2 - pass with Honours

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## **PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING**

### **MS JILL MORGAN, PUBLIC SPEAKING CO-ORDINATOR SOUTH STREET DEBATING**

Congratulations to the Year 8 team of Caitlyn Daffey, Amy Dyer, Jasmine Ford and Amy Toohey (emergency).

These students competed in the Semi-Final, where they were defeated by Ballarat High School in a high standard debate.

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Congratulations also to Gabby Mathieson, Year 7, who received an Honourable Mention in the competition for Best Debater in the Section.

## **SKI TRIP**

### **MS CHRISTINA SOFIS, SKI TRIP CO-ORDINATOR**

A reminder for students to return the white **medical** form and yellow **student information** form as soon as possible. The yellow form has details about any ski gear that needs to be hired. You may pay for these items by cash/cheque or add to school fees. Please note that the helmet is part of the package and you do not

need to include this item when ordering. I urge students to return this form by **Monday, August 17, 2009** at the very latest. Parents may contact me at the College if you have any further queries about the trip.

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## CO-CURRICULAR PERFORMANCE

### MS STEPHANIE GREET, DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR PERFORMANCE LORETO COFFEE HOUSE

On August 4, 2009 students from Years 8 to 12 performed a variety of acts at Racer's Cafe for *Loreto Coffee House #2*. The audience was treated to modern compositions and songs, jazz numbers, 80's covers, short classical pieces and quirky original numbers.



The Loreto girls performed together and some students brought in mothers or uncles to accompany them. The venue was packed.



Audience members relaxed around the venue enjoying the ambience, the refreshments and appreciating the talent before them.

Congratulations to the students who performed, your efforts were admired by all in attendance. Next Coffee House will be early in 2010. We encourage all developing and established performers to get involved.

## ARTS FESTIVAL

**Audition applications** for the Arts Festival have now closed and auditions take place next week. Good luck to all auditionees. All auditionees are requested to arrive early to their allocated slot. If auditioning at lunch time they must arrive at the beginning of lunch ready to audition or warm up. They must sign in backstage so we know they are ready to audition. Students will only be auditioned outside their

allocated slot if they have a legitimate absence on the day of their audition. These students will then be auditioned on August 24, 2009 at lunch time. Due to the large number of audition applications, we do not have much room to move with changes.

Entry to the auditions this year will be by a **silver coin donation** - minimum 20c. We also ask that audience members leave their mobile phones switched off during auditions. This is to prevent sound interference and for performer privacy reasons.

**Senior Choir Judging** takes place next week on Thursday, August 20, 2009 in the Gonzaga Barry Centre. There are some interesting ideas being explored and it is terrific to see the diversity of talents within each House. We are very pleased to announce that this year's adjudicator will be Ms Tracey Bourne, from the Ballarat Academy Musical Theatre course.

**The Junior Arts Concert** takes place next Friday, August 21, 2009 during Periods 5 and 6. This is when the Year 7 and 8 students will have an opportunity to audition for the Arts Festival Concert. **Junior Choir Judging** will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2009 in the Hall during Period 4. Good luck to all Houses. I know you have been working hard on your songs.

**The Arts Festival Program Cover Competition** is on again. Students are asked to create an A4 design that features the number 400 in a creative way and submit it to the Arts Festival Programme Cover Competition Folder at Student Reception. Students earn points for their House for every entry received.

The design should also include the following information.  
Loreto College Arts Festival 2009  
Wendouree Centre for the Performing Arts (or WCPA)  
Wednesday, September 2, 2009  
Include name and House on the back of the design.  
Final Submissions accepted no later than: **Wednesday, August 26, 2009.**

**Tickets for the Arts Festival** on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 will be on sale at Student Reception from Monday, August 17, 2009. Tickets are \$10.00 each. This is a flat rate. Tickets are allocated seating, so for good seats buy your tickets quickly.

It is certainly a busy time for the Arts at Loreto. Amongst all this activity we wish the VCE Music and Dance students all the best as they prepare for their final practical examinations.

To all performers, keep up your rehearsal schedule. It is the persistent few who shine on the day.

## CAREERS NEWS

### MS MARILYN SCOTT, CAREERS CO-ORDINATOR

Year 12 students need to register on the VTAC site if they plan to apply for University or TAFE courses. YOU MUST REGISTER before you apply. When you register you are asked to select your own PIN. Do not share this with anyone. Print out a copy of your registration and submit to me as soon as possible please. [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Years 10 RED and WHITE are on Work Experience from September 7, 2009 to September 11, 2009.

All year 10 students have completed an excellent program called CAREER VOYAGE. This will lead into further career planning and should help those who have completed the appropriate research with subject selection.

Reminder – August is OPEN DAY month. Year 10 students should aim to visit one University. University of Ballarat and ACU Aquinas Ballarat campus are open Sunday, August 30, 2009.

Students wishing to participate in a VETiS programs please return the application form in the back of the book to me as soon as possible. Thank you to those students who have already returned their expressions of interest. Good planning and time management are vital when researching career options.

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

Week  
Number

6	17 August	18	19	20	21	
<i>b</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 Dance Class Social 7.30pm-10.00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/Teacher Student Interviews</li> <li>Classes finish at 12.50pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Transition Interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Legal Studies Loddon Prison</li> <li>Year 10 Transition Interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Transition Interviews</li> <li>Loreto Federation</li> </ul>	
7	24 August	25	26	27	28	29/30
<i>a</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff meeting</li> </ul>	Year 9 Green, Red and White on Melbourne Experience		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OH&amp;S meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VCE International Studies lecture</li> <li>Ski Trip to Mt Hotham</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ski Trip concludes Sunday Aug 30</li> </ul>

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### MRS SUE WALSH/MRS HELEN RIENIETS/MRS VICKI MORONEY

	Week beginning Monday, August 17, 2009		Week beginning Monday, August 24, 2009	
<b>Monday</b>	Jenny McDonald Linda Garland	Heather McErvale Simone Mullane	Shelley McKew Martina Davies	Kathy Quinlan Olga Novikov
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fiona Thomas Trear Leonard	Marlene Murphy Gayle Hill	Daydie Burgess Kathy Keem	Sandra Smith Kaylene Donoghue
<b>Wednesday</b>	Elizabeth Frost Susan Haase	Lyn Parkinson Andrea Olver	Kylie Droney Beth Hunt Heather Deane	Marg Keating Debbie Jew
<b>Thursday</b>	Rhonda Robson Debbie Tuddenham Lindi Webb	Debbie Hughes Maxine Pryor	Leanne Coghlan Catherine Craig Liby Harrison	Julie Oughtred Raelene Harty
<b>Friday</b>	Ellen O'Connell Leanne Hughes Christine Hocking	Pauline Shaw Sheryn Buckenall	Dianne Howard Tonia Whittaker Trudi Kannourakis	Cheryl Fitzpatrick Louise Griffin Maria Skelton

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every second Tuesday, from 12.45pm until 3.15pm.

Dates during Term 3 are:  
Tuesday August 25, 2009, Tuesday September 8, 2009.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### FAITH QUESTIONS: IS THERE REALLY A GOD?

Well known Melbourne journalist Martin Flanagan from The Age newspaper, together with visiting US theologian and pastor Fr James Bacik will discuss the big questions of faith and spirituality in today's culture and society.

Venue is Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville, Melbourne, Monday August 17, 2009 6.00pm. A meal will follow in Lygon Street, Carlton. Shared transport may be available. Enquiries: Vin Dillon 5337 7121.