From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

As we draw our academic year to a close there is a great sense of celebration in reflecting on and acknowledging the wonderful achievements of all our students in so many areas. There are many activities which mark the end of the school year: merit and graduation ceremonies, exams, final assessments, reports, musical concerts, Christmas concerts, class and year level excursions/activities and the College Mass; just to name a few.

We congratulate all our students for their commitment not only to their studies, but to the service they have given to the College and wider community, and to their energetic involvement in all that the College has to offer. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication in caring and supporting the girls in their learning journey throughout the year.

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We thank them most sincerely for their time and care in bringing joy and some much needed repose to these very special children and their families.

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These expectations are in line with all other independent schools and in line with our Loreto schools interstate. Over recent years, our students have received increasing criticism from many sections of both our own and wider community in relation to students wearing the PE uniform to and from school. This was further affirmed by the results of the student survey this term, where a large percentage of students indicated that they did not have pride in their uniform which, of course, should be a concern to all of us.

I wish to congratulate all the students for the positive manner in which they have responded to this change; they have shown maturity in understanding the importance for themselves, as students, their parents and the College that the way they wear their school uniform in public reflects on all of us and on their personal and College reputation. They understand that they will need to be more organised and I ask for the support and cooperation of all parents in implementing this change which, in the long run, maintains the good reputation of the College which, in turn, reflects positively on your daughters.

Flexible Learning Arrangements for Years 11 and 12
To better meet the needs of our senior students in Years 11 and 12, a flexi-day once a fortnight on a Thursday will be introduced in 2011. On this day, there will be no scheduled lessons for Years 11 and 12 and students may use this day in a manner which best suits their learning needs. This may include staying home to study, using public libraries, visiting organisations to organise research or coming to school to use school resources in an independent manner.

There will be specific guidelines published for students regarding the use of this day. Details of these will be issued to students and parents at the beginning of the 2011 academic school year. We hope that these arrangements will further develop the girls’ independent learning skills and assist students to be better prepared for their post-school studies.

Congratulations to:

- Ariella Napoli, Year 2, who won first prize in the 2010 Primary Schools Christmas Art Project. Prizes were presented by the Mayor of Norwood, Mr Robert Bria, on 27 November, after the Norwood Christmas Pageant. You can see a copy of Ariella’s artwork displayed in the Norwood Coles window until Christmas.

- Miss Angela Yang, who was selected for a 2011 Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship which will see Angela undertake a three-week study program in China in January 2011. Angela was the only Chinese teacher from South Australian Catholic schools to be selected to receive this Fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity for Angela and we trust that she will find the experience rewarding.

- Mr Paul Foley, Head of Humanities, who has been selected to be the male teacher representative to accompany the group of 9 students on the 2011 ANZAC Spirit School Prize Tour. Paul will be part of a group of 13: students (6 girls – 2 of whom are from Loreto: Jade Pass and Clair Coat, who were acknowledged in our last Newsletter, and 3 boys); a female teacher representative, Mrs Claire Forsyth from Aberfoyle Park High School; an RSL representative still to be advised; and Bev Smart, from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The group will travel to Canberra from 11-13 January, prior to the major tour to Europe from 12-29 April. History is alive and well at Loreto and we look forward to hearing about these wonderful experiences in 2011.

- To all the girls in R-9 who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, resulting in Loreto College being identified as one of the most successful schools participating in this activity. Roxanne Lewis, Year 9, and Emma Bleby, Year 4, along with Mrs Lois Taverner and Mrs Sally Roberts, represented the College at the official celebratory reception at the Hawke Centre, Uni SA. Roxanne and Emma had both read a large number of titles, in addition to the 12 books required.

- Mrs Amanda Smith, our Year 6/7 Coordinator, Ms Ahsha Webber our Out of Hours School Care director (currently on parenting leave) and Ms Jo De Angelis (currently on parenting leave), who all announced their pregnancies in the last two weeks. We wish them every blessing and look forward to welcoming their new babies in 2011.

- Marie Douvos and Andrew, Sarah Clark and Denes, Christine Trahair and Pieter, Kellie Martin and Justin on their upcoming weddings. We ask for all God’s blessings on them, and wish each of them a beautiful day.

As these December weeks fill up with Christmas parties, shopping and preparations for Christmas, let us not forget in the busyness of this time that this is the season of Advent; a season that prepares us for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Christ has come, the angels sang,
The anointed one is here.
May He find room in my poor heart,
To bring me joy, to banish fear. Amen

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a safe, restful and happy holiday season. I look forward to welcoming you all back safe and well in 2011.

Rosalie Gleeson
Principal
Loreto College has a multitude of history stars that were recently showered with various awards.

Juliet Morelli, Year 11, was named the 2010 South Australian Young Historian. Juliet stood out from the crowd with her submission in the category of From Here to Eternity – a Museum Display, which detailed the history of Indigenous players in the Australian Football League (AFL).

“What has really interested me about this competition is exploring the creative side of models and being able to combine this with my love of history. In particular, the competition allowed me to combine my passionate interest in Australian Football with my interest in the past”, says Juliet of her experience in the competition.

In the space of 3 years, Loreto College has had 2 South Australian winners – Juliet in 2010 and Alice Dawkins in 2008. In addition, Rebecca Carnell was a national category winner last year.

In addition, Humanities Coordinator at Loreto College, Paul Foley, together with Jade Pass and Clair Coat (Year 10 Students) have been selected to take part in the 2011 Premier’s ANZAC Spirit School Prize Tour in April 2011. This provides them with an exciting opportunity to visit World War 1 battlegrounds in Europe and take part in ANZAC Commemoration Ceremonies in 2011. We look forward to hearing about their travels next year.

Congratulations to all.
WRITE ACROSS THE CREEK 2010

Earlier this term, the Loreto and Marryatville English faculties once again collaborated to bring the bi-annual writers’ festival, Write Across the Creek, to our communities. For two days, Middle School students from both schools had the chance to hear one or more of our visiting authors talk about their work and the process of writing.

This year, we were delighted to host writers Janeen Brian, Peter McFarlane, Dave de Vries and Sally Heinrich. For most students, it was a hands-on experience as the authors used visual cues, inspirational literature and other tricks of the trade to stimulate some fantastic spontaneous writing. All students were encouraged to put their newly acquired skills and ideas into practice after the festival and many entered the Write Across the Creek competition.

This year, for the first time, a panel of Year 10 students was invited to judge the entries. Along with four students from Marryatville High School, Fiona Fraser, Hebe Sayce, Jana Valle and Melissa Bailey engaged in lively discussion, and after much careful consideration have awarded the following prizes:

First place: Gemma Itropico (Marryatville High School)
Second Place: Madeleine Massy-Westropp (Loreto College)
Third Place: Olivia Evans (Loreto College)
Fourth Place: Lucinda Hayman (Marryatville High School)

Our congratulations go to those four winning students and our thanks go to all of the students who entered their writing into the competition. The entries were incredibly varied and showcased the lively imaginations, cleverness and creativity of our students. We look forward to the 2012 festival.

Louisa Mulligan
Learning Area Coordinator – English

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE RECEPTION

Because of our excellent achievement in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year, Loreto was invited to attend this year’s reception at the City West campus of UniSA on Friday 19th November. The girls chosen to represent Loreto were the two girls who had read the most titles in the challenge, Emma Bleby from the Junior School and Roxanne Lewis from the Senior School.

The program was hosted by Rachel Sporn and included addresses from Jay Weatherald (Minister for Education) and the Premier, Mike Rann. The celebration also included two book readings, one from Janeen Brian and the other from Mem Fox, both well known South Australian authors.

Following the formalities, including Emma and Roxanne’s photo opportunity with the Premier, a delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all the invited guests.

Congratulations to Emma and Roxanne on their fine achievements and to all the girls who successfully completed the challenge this year.

Sally Roberts - English teacher
Lois Taverner - Coordinator of information resources 8-12

QuickSmart is an intensive numeracy intervention program that a small number of Loreto College students have participated in this year, resulting in some great outcomes. This initiative was developed by a research team at the University of New England in Armidale, Queensland and has been acclaimed by the Australian Government. It emphasises both deliberate practice with specific feedback and strategy instruction in basic numeracy. It aims to move the student from relying on slow and error-prone strategies, to more efficient strategies and automatic recall of basic number facts such as times tables. Automaticity of basic number facts then frees up the working memory of students so that they can focus on the more complex components of Mathematics such as problem-solving and multiple computations.

Students participating in the QuickSmart program were withdrawn from class for three thirty-minute lessons per week. They were grouped in pairs and worked with a QuickSmart instructor who ensured that the program was a positive and motivating learning experience.

What the students had to say:…
“…it really helped me with my maths and being fast”.
“…I really enjoyed Quicksmart because it definitely helped me in Maths”.
“…the way that they have worked out the problem-solving has helped me heaps”.

What the teachers had to say:…
“…overall student performance improved, particularly in the way they now settle to work rather than look for distractions”.
“…improved confidence in maths is positively affecting other areas”.
‘…the students seem happier and more confident”.

Due to the success of the program, we intend to introduce more students in 2011.

Fiona Winter and Bess Smith
Quicksmart Coordinators
**JUNIOR SPORTS NEWS**

The last round of matches for Term 4, 2010 will be as follows:

- **Volleyball**: Friday, December 3
- **Softball**: Saturday, December 4
- **Basketball**: Tuesday, December 7 (Year 6/7)
- **Netball**: Friday, December 10 (Year 3 – 7)

It is an expectation that all students fulfill their commitment to this last round of matches.

A reminder that the summer season program continues in Term 1, 2011 for the following sports:

- **Netball**: for students in Year 3-7, 2010
- **Basketball**: for students in Year 4/5, 2010
- **Volleyball**: for students in Year 4, 5 and 6, 2010

**Thank you to our wonderful Coaches**

We are very appreciative of the efforts of the following parents and senior students who have generously given of their time to guide our junior athletes throughout Term 4:

- **Softball**: Kym Russell, Seb Packer, John Kain, Vito Saggese, Fiona Sianis, Laura Simeone, David Nolan, Meegan Roberts.
- **Basketball**: Tess Keenan, Montana Maria-Colsante, Ellen Johns, Alice Moulton, Annabel Murphy, Jo Ricourt.
- **Volleyball**: Kate Edwards, Phoebe Monaghan, Hannah McGough, Caitlin Stringer.
- **Netball**: Natalie Liburn, Julie-Anne Hill, Nicholas Heard, Rachel Windsor, Suzie Marro, Fiona Ingram, Barb O’Callaghan, Catherine Lupone, Danielle Zadow, Astrid Powell, Caitlin Stringer.

**Junior Golf Clinics**

Improve your golf game these school holidays.

15 hours of coaching with Golf Pro, Jon White

Dates: Monday, December 13/ Wednesday, December 15/ Friday, December 17.
Monday, December 20/ Wednesday, December 22.

Times: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Cost: $99 for 5 sessions or $25 per 3 hour session (includes refreshments)

Venue: Geoff Heath par 3 golf course, Campbelltown

To book: ring Pro Shop on 8365 2722

**Water Polo Pre-season Introductory Training**

Age group: U/12 (participants must be strong swimmers comfortable in deep water)

When: Sundays 9.15 – 10.30am

Venue: Adelaide Aquatic Centre

Cost: pool entry only

For more information contact:

Terril Ashton – Development Officer - 0415 819 494
Jon Harmer – CEO – 0417 812 544

**Water Polo School Holiday Clinics (Eastern Saints Water Polo Club)**

Who: girls and boys aged between 10 – 14 years (competency in swimming is essential)

Dates: December 13 – 17 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Peter’s College Indoor Pool

Cost: $99 per child (for 5 half days)

Accredited Coaches (current Water Polo Australian Squad members and past Olympians)

Enquiries/ enrolments: Email Maritza - maritzamano@yahoo.com.au

**Summer Sports Fusion Clinics**

Ph: 1300 134 154  www.acnsports.com.au

Age group: 5 – 14 years

Dates: Monday, December 20 – Thursday, December 23

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**KNIT ONE SAVE ONE CAMPAIGN**

My name is Francesca Blight. I am knitting squares for the Knit one Save one campaign.

The Knit One Save One campaign introduced to Australians in October 2009 has been an absolute success, with the tally reaching over 150,000 squares (now sewn into nearly 10,000 blankets!).

The campaign is delighted to let everyone know that they will be sending all the wonderful contributions to children in India, Cambodia and Laos as well as throughout Australia to needy families.

The blankets will be distributed as part of our current health programs and new mothers will receive a lovely blanket from knitters and sewers of Australia. I am hoping that people might have spare wool at home to send into me so I can continue knitting squares for the Knit one Save one campaign.

You could leave the wool at the front office with my name, Francesca Blight, on it, please.

I am looking forward to receiving lots of wool.

Thank you.

Francesca Blight

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**THINKING SKILLS PROGRAM**

Students from Year 4 and 5 who attend the Thinking Skills program enjoyed participating in four sessions of Mind Lab this term conducted by Mr Chris Ramsden.

Mind Lab is a unique methodology in which students use a wide variety of games of strategy to discover and develop thinking, social, emotional and ethical concepts. They can then learn how to apply these new skills to educational achievement and to life itself.

What the students had to say….

“Mind Lab was great, it really extended my thinking when playing games.”

“Mind lab was very stimulating and teaches children to use strategies.”

“Mind Lab was a very enjoyable experience. I loved learning new skills and how we can connect the game skills to life.”

Bess Smith
Inclusive Education Coordinator R-12
The Party

21 MAY 2011
THE BURNSIDE BALLROOM
CNR GREENHILL ROAD AND PORTRUSH ROAD
8:00PM TILL LATE
COCKTAIL FOOD AND ALL DRINKS
COST $99 PER HEAD
MUSIC BY DJ YPOD

LORETO COLLEGE
Marryatville, South Australia
ONE VILLAGE OUTDOOR CINEMA PRESENTS

Amazing movie, delicious cocktails and food, and rhythmic bollywood dancing from the EFAC group.

“THE FEEL-GOOD FILM OF THE DECADE”

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

A FILM BY DANNY BOYLE

Join the PaRtY and raise money for a great cause!

Loreto College Oval
Cnr Portrush and Kensington Rds

Saturday 22nd January

Gates open 7:00pm, Entertainment from 7.30pm, Movie begins at sundown (approx 8.30pm)

ALL proceeds from the night help fund projects in Namwendwa, Uganda

BRING comfy seating. ARRIVE early for a good spot and the pre movie show.

ONE VILLAGE OUTDOOR CINEMA | MORE INFO AT ONEVILLAGE.ORG.AU
NOTICE OF PARENTS & FRIENDS’ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Parents & Friends’ AGM

Monday 6 December 2010
7.30pm
Front Parlour, The Acacias
Refreshments afterwards
We hope to see you there for this important meeting

All Welcome

TERM DATES 2011

January 31 New students start
February 1 all students return
April 15 End of term 1
May 2 Beginning of Term 2
July 1 End of Term 2
July 25 Beginning of Term 3
September 30 End of Term 3
October 17 Beginning of Term 4
December 6 End of Term 4

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

The College office will be closed from the 24th December, and will reopen on the 4th January 2011.
The opening times for Senior School Reception during the holidays will be Monday - Friday, 8.00am - 4.00pm.