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2015: The Loreto Year of Verity



Verity Prayer written by the Loreto School Leaders for 2015 at the LSAC Student Leadership Conference:

Loving God,

In this Loreto Year of Verity,
we are called to explore the profound truth of who
we are and what gives meaning to our lives.

May we be guided to seek your truth,
have the integrity to speak it
and the love to share it.

Encourage us to draw strength from one another
and act as a united voice of truth in the pursuit of
a loving and just world.

Open our hearts and minds to develop a sense of
authenticity in our actions,
so that we may wholeheartedly commit to all that
we do.

Help us to recognise your divine presence within ourselves and those around us,
as we do the ordinary things well, in the footsteps of Mary Ward.

With one heart we pray. Amen

Welcome to our 'new look' eBulletin!

We are already three months into a new year and thankfully we still have energy after our celebrations of '125 Years in Melbourne' last year! You will see later in this eBulletin, we have a host of Reunions and Events, largely being planned with our Past Pupils in mind. I will also keep you

informed as to when our new Mandeville Centre is open to all.

Past Pupils' Survey

Thank you to all the Past Pupils who took the time to complete this Survey at the end of last year. We had an outstanding response of well over 500 Surveys completed and a number of excellent ideas for our PPA to implement. Please stay tuned as we will publish the results in the near future and show you how we will introduce new ideas and in some cases, undertake subtle changes in what we currently do.

Loreto Federation: 17-19 April, 2015, Ballarat

'Dare to be True'

The Loreto family in Ballarat invites you to where it all began for Loreto in Australia as we celebrate our 140th Anniversary with the 29th Loreto Federation. We are excited to present a line-up of fascinating and inspirational speakers who will each bring their unique perspectives to the theme "Dare to be True", as they explore Social Justice to stimulate our ongoing thought and action.

Don't miss the 29th Loreto Federation, whether you come for the whole weekend, a day, or even just the Gala Dinner. Register now at the Loreto Federation [website](#).

'Fed Fest' is a family friendly afternoon of fun and festivities catering to people from 1 to 90 + years and commencing at 3:30pm on Sunday 19 April with the Loreto Colour Run in Victoria Park. The 3 kilometre course is flat and suitable for all levels of fitness.

Participants can walk, jog or run, but all need to be ready for the sprays of Loreto House Colours that will cover everyone throughout the event.

Once participants have finished the run, 'Fed Fest' continues at Loreto College where the festival atmosphere will have something for everyone. From 4:00pm, various food stalls will be serving up delicious offerings which can be enjoyed whilst listening to entertainment from the renowned Blue Turban Percussion group and the band Mad Cow. There will be a range of activities on offer for the whole family.

Tickets to 'Fed Fest' cost \$40 p/family (2 adults and children) and can be purchased at the Loreto Federation [website](#).

International Women's Day (IWD): 'Make It Happen'

Last week, the world acknowledged and celebrated IWD on Sunday 8 March 2015. This [link](#) will take you to a resource celebrating IWD put together by Loreto JPIC, Loreto at the UN and MWIA. The reflection written by Sr Libby Rogerson ibvm is excellent reading and there is a lot of relevant and interesting information contained in these pages and in the links. Let's acknowledge this and the lives, gifts, achievements and stories of all the women and girls we know.



As well, Loreto Toorak was fortunate to host an IWD Breakfast with Guest Speaker and Past Pupil, Prue Gilbert (Nolan, 1994) speaking to Parents, Past Pupils, Students and Staff. Prue is a qualified Executive Coach, gender diversity consultant and expert facilitator with a legal background. In 2014 her company was recognised by the Australian Human Rights Commission for their work on pregnancy discrimination in the work place.

Loreto Justice Circles Launch: Monday 25 May 2015



This is an initiative to facilitate Past Pupils who are willing to give their time and talents to Social Justice issues or projects. These may be a one off event or an ongoing need.

The program offers our Past Pupils who share the Loreto ethos, the opportunity to seek truth and do justice in the spirit of Mary Ward. We invite you to join with us to identify a local Social Justice issue and look for ways of making a difference by offering pro bono, professional services and strategic support.

We would like to invite Past Pupils to come to a Presentation by Sr Anne Kelly ibvm and Liz Parker (PPA President) on Monday 25 May at 6:00pm, Mandeville Hall. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. Please contact [Chrissie Collins](#) for more information.

Chapel Classics - First Concert: Tuesday 24 March 2015

The first in a series of three Chapel Classics Concerts, Sound of Strings, will be held in the Chapel of Christ the King commencing at 7.30pm. This Concert will feature performances by the German String Quartet (Alma String Quartet) who are visiting Loreto Toorak as part of their international tour, and Roger Heagney on the Harpsichord. A light supper will be served in the Mansion following the Concert. Please click [here](#) to book your tickets.

Mary Ward International Australia (MWIA) and Loreto Australia

Mary Ward International Australia (MWIA) is pleased to share with you its first independent website – please click [here](#) to view and add it to your favourites.

This is a very exciting time for MWIA as it sees them launching into 2015 with a 'new public face'. We hope you find the content engaging and easy to navigate with access to Project and Volunteer Information, Educational Resources, Fundraising Ideas, News Updates, Events, School Directory and

so much more. One highlight of the website is the interactive map on the homepage which enables users to navigate their way around our worldwide projects.

Loreto Networker: March 2015

Please click [here](#) to read the latest news from our Loreto organization.

2015 Past Pupils' Reunions & Events

Friday 20 March	Class of 2005 – 10 Year Reunion 6:00pm
17 – 19 April	Loreto Federation, 'Dare To Be True' Ballarat
Friday 24 April	Class of 2010 - 5 Year Reunion 6:00pm
Friday 1 May	PPA Golf Day - Woodlands Golf Club 8:00am
Saturday 2 May	Class of 1965 - 50 Year Reunion Morning Tea and School Tour
Sunday 24 May	Afternoon of Reflection – With Sr Anne McPhee ibvm 2:00pm
Friday 29 May	Class of 1995 – 20 Year Reunion 6:00pm
Friday 5 June	PPA Card Day 10:30am
Friday 31 July	Class of 1985 – 30 Year Reunion 6:00pm
Sunday 9 August	Brisbane/Queensland High Tea Reunion
Thursday 20 August	Hong Kong Reunion Dinner, 7:00pm
Sunday 23 August	Sydney/New South Wales High Tea Reunion
Wednesday 26 August	Old Boys Reunion – Mandeville Centre, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 2 September	GLS Breakfast, Loreto Guest Speaker: Bridie Scanlon (2003), Kooyong Tennis Club
Thursday 17 September	Class of 2014 – 1st Year Reunion Cocktail Party 6:00pm
Friday 16 October	Class of 2000 – 15 Year Reunion 6:00pm
Sunday 18 October	Past Boarders Reunion - Mandeville Hall, (1:00pm - 4:00pm)
Thursday 29 October	PPA AGM 7:00pm
Friday 6 November	Class of 1975 - 40 Year Reunion 6:00pm
Sunday 29 November	PPA/LFI Annual Mass - Chapel of Christ the King 10:00am

2015 Loreto Toorak Events (All Past Pupils Welcome!)

Tuesday 24 March	Chapel Classics - "Sounds of Strings" (Chapel of Christ the King) 7:30pm
Tuesday 21 April	Chapel Classics - "Beethoven and the Spanish Connection" (Chapel of Christ the King) 7:30pm
Wednesday 13 May	Speaker Series 2 - Mary Ward Justice Lecture (Auditorium) 6.00pm
Tuesday 19 May	Chapel Classics - "Opera Magnifica" (Chapel of Christ the King) 7:30pm
Tuesday 28 July	Annual Music Concert P-12 (Melbourne Town Hall) 7.30pm
Saturday 15 August	Loreto Ball 7.00pm – Myer Mural Hall, All Past Pupils Welcome
Thursday 20 August	Speaker Series 3 - Writers' Morning 7.15am (Lecture Theatre)

Friday 4 September Feast Day Mass – St Patrick’s Cathedral, 10:00am
Monday 14
September Showcase Concert (Melbourne Recital Centre) 7.30pm
Wednesday 14
October VCE Art Exhibition Official Opening (Auditorium) 3.30pm

Keeping our Loreto Friendships Alive

Chrissie Collins, Development Officer – Alumnae

Past Pupils who wish to update their address, contact details or career information, please send an email to [Chrissie Collins](mailto:Chrissie.Collins@loreto.vic.edu.au) or phone +61 3 9823 8148.

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