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Dear Past Pupil,

We are now in the midst of another busy, productive and positive year. So far this year we have held 18 Reunions and events, ranging from the Class of 2014, First Year Reunion right through to our special Diamond Luncheon for those Past Pupils who have left School 60 or more years ago. As well, Dr Stevens has hosted an Old Boys' Reunion, two Interstate Reunions and our annual Hong Kong Reunion. Back in May, we had the Launch of the Loreto Justice Circles with Sr Anne Kelly ibvm and were delighted to see that many of our Past Pupils attended this informative and enlightening evening.

As you will see below the School has also had an incredibly busy year with a number of inspiring stories of which you can be proud. As our girls leave the gates of Clendon Road and become Past Pupils, they voluntarily keep in touch and share with us what they are doing with their lives and how the values they learnt at Loreto Toorak keep them focused and sincere in all that they do. Next year we will be showcasing a number of these talented and successful alumnae, so keep an eye out for further communication regarding this new initiative.

Until next time, happy reading.....

Opening of our new Mandeville Centre

I would like to share with you our delight in the completion of the Mandeville Centre including Stage 2 of the project, being the revitalisation of the Eastern Courtyard (comprising Winnie's Wing and the Upper Quadrangle). We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all in our community whose generosity has enabled this long-held dream to become a reality. Please click [here](#) to see the final time lapse video in the Mandeville Centre building series.

PPA Committee AGM

This annual meeting is always informative, colourful and fun to attend. Please feel free to join us in the Oak Parlour at 6.30pm on Thursday 29 October. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Loreto Federation Update

Loreto Sisters from Australia and across the world, Past Pupils, students, staff and friends of Loreto joined together for an exhilarating and reflective weekend at Loreto Ballarat where we were challenged to 'Dare to be True' in our thoughts, words and actions. A key message that resonated throughout the weekend was the importance of education and the responsibility of those gifted with an education to influence and to act for those without a voice or without the freedom and opportunities so many of us can almost take for granted. Education is the key to the advancement of society. It was inspiring to hear the stories of the many Past Pupils who are indeed making a positive impact on the quality of life of others. The call to each of us is to choose that which we can do, to act to make a difference, and to jump in and "just do it". The next Federation will be held in Adelaide (Loreto Marryatville) in 2018.

2015 Happy Week and Feast Day

Feast Day began with a wonderful celebration of Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. On our return to School we moved to our annual student led fête, which becomes more colourful and exciting each year. For the smallest students this is indeed 'better than Christmas'! However all this festivity has a deeper cause and this year our students excelled in their generous response to raising funds for the building of the next Loreto School in the remote village of Gari-uai, Timor Leste.

Under the exemplary leadership of our Captains of School, Maggie Dunn and Elizabeth Papapetrou and our year 12 Councillors, our girls demonstrated commitment, energy and solidarity to raise an extraordinary amount of money for Mary Ward International Australia (MWIA) to transfer to Timor Leste. Building for the new school, where pre-prep and prep classes commenced earlier this year, will commence shortly. Our School has made a real difference to this project with the funds raised at the end of Happy Week and Feast Day amounting to just over \$40,000!! This amazing tally was a result also of many generous extra donations this year from a large number of school families, in response to a request from our Captains, and of other donations from both the Parents' Association and Past Pupils' Association. We thank all involved for assisting our girls to support the children of Timor Leste in this most generous way.

Strategic Direction 2020

Over the past 18 months, School Council and the Leadership Team have invested much time in reviewing and updating the key strategic priorities which will be critical in ensuring our School is able to achieve its aims and vision going forward.

Please click [here](#) to read the 2020 Strategic Direction for Loreto Toorak which will be the focus for our School for the remainder of this decade.

2016 Office Bearers

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed to leadership roles for 2016:

School Captains: India Marks and Emma Wright-Smith

School Councillor Administrative Portfolios:

ELC – Year 6 Liaison - Stella McInnes and Emilia Meirelles
Environment - Inez Beadell and Miranda Rey-Fleming
Liturgy - Domenique Cosentino and Nicole Pereira
Social Justice - Mathilde Clark and Christine Nguyen

Pastoral Portfolios:

Year 7 - Francesca Johnston and Bridget Taylor
Year 8 - Alexandra Gauci and Charlotte Jones
Year 9 - Imogen Purcell and Aisling Utri
Year 10 - Clare Carew and Dalia Edward
Year 11 - Eve Fitzgerald and Isabelle Pidcock
Year 12 - India Marks and Emma Wright-Smith

Loreto Networker Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to read the latest news from our Loreto Provincial Office. If you wish to receive this newsletter directly, you can sign up via their [homepage](#).

2015/2016 Past Pupils' Reunions & Events

Please refer to our [website](#) for further Information.

Keeping our Loreto Friendships Alive

Chrissie Collins, Development Officer – Alumnae

Past Pupils who wish to update their contact details, career information or contribute to the Mandevillian – Where Are They Now section, please send an email to: chrissie.collins@loretotoorak.vic.edu.au or Phone: +61 3 9823 8148

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