

Aliens were out in full force on Thursday, July 27 as Loreto College Ballarat celebrated another Gonzaga Barry Day (GB Day). Of particular interest was the 'head aliens', the Year 12 class complete with silver skirts and antennae. Every Year 12 student was present for the afternoon session, a remarkable statistic in a modern secondary school and a huge statement about the value placed on school spirit by the students.

GB Day always incorporates a liturgy with a theme of community service. All students were invited to prepare a gratitude star for the liturgy and to express one aspect of their lives for which they are grateful. Parents would have been pleased to hear the many sentiments expressed about the support the girls are receiving from home.

Guest speakers for the liturgy were:

- Ella Kendall describing her diabetes diagnosis and the impact of this disease on her daily life.
- Ludia Ben who explained how her parents came to leave Sudan at separate times to bring the family together in Australia.
- Pauline Prebble from Anglicare. Pauline is in charge of both the new Shower Bus and the Anglicare Breakfast program. Pauline offered many stories of the way in which the dignity of those seeking help from Anglicare is preserved.

The highlight to me of this year's feast day was the grocery collection. I have never seen such an impressive mountain of soup, pasta, tinned fish and other non-perishable food. These goods have been passed on to Vinnies and to Anglicare.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the staff, both on the day and in preparation for the day. Their work was most evident in the stalls running in the middle of the day.

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