



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

9 May 2003

Dear Parents,

We have just finished our first Information Night for Year 7 students in 2004 (*yes 2004 already!*) and on Wednesday May 14th, we will have our Open Day at St Paul's Campus and Presentation Campus.

Just as the College is a part of the local and parish community and is involved in a number of community activities, so too must we be open to the community. Hence it is important for us to invite the community and parents of existing and future students to come and see the College, its facilities, its activities and what students are producing.

I find it consoling and satisfying when I see examples of teachers' dedication and student work and when I view the video that we have produced. Much of the day for our leadership team is spent dealing with smaller issues, interviewing, and attending meetings to discuss progress or to address difficulties that may be emerging. We can sometimes get so close to the details that we fail to perceive the big picture, the "helicopter view" of the contribution that the College is making to the overall development of the students and the wonderful impact of the College on the community.

Open Days and Information Nights serve to remind us of this. The comment of parents is usually one of surprise and gratitude for what we are providing. Most comment about how schooling has changed "since our day" and recognize the efforts we are making.

I especially thank the members of our Leadership team and our staff who have worked hard to ensure that the organization went off smoothly.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The theme for this week's Assembly is Pride in our School and Pride in ourselves.

With the Open Days and Information evenings coming up next week it is appropriate that this theme is the focus for the next three weeks. All students will be asked to select their best piece of work for the term and have it on display at the Open day and Information Evening. Selected students will act as guides on the Open day and show visitors around the Campus. SRC reps

will also be involved at the Information Evening leading the prayer, introducing speakers and acting as tour guides.

Ex students from St. Mary's and St. Kieran's will be visiting the schools next week in preparation for the Open Day. This is an exciting time of the year and an excellent opportunity for the students to take an active role in the promotion of the school.

On Monday the SRC attended a Leadership day organized by Viv Haupt Mrs. Haupt has written the following:

On Monday our Student Representative Council Members, a total of thirteen students from Year 7, 8 & 9 participated in a training day facilitated by Pam Mathieson from the CEO Warragul.

The format of the day provided the opportunity for students to be actively engaged in a number of activities that explored the skills of being a good SRC member, working as a team, consulting, public speaking and how to conduct a formal meeting.

Pam also concentrated on four main areas in which members can be active within the School.

Throughout the sessions I was impressed with the degree of leadership potential displayed within the group and their responses to discussion points within the School and holding their first meeting.

The day ended with our SRC Members looking forward to taking an active role within the School and holding their first meeting.

Pam was presented with a plant in appreciation for all her work

Yours in the Spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Family Life

Sue Collis has advised that she will be able to conduct the previously postponed **Yr 7 night on Monday 12th** of May. Please be sure to have your RSVPs returned to the school. Although many of our young people have a certain amount of knowledge in this area, its important that they gain an appropriate context and a moral and philosophical perspective that seems to be missing in popular culture.

Flying Bookworm Company

This company entertained the Yr 7 students as it presented some thought provoking material on bullying. It encouraged students to develop empathy with both the victim and the bully and to see that there are better ways of interacting. This is particularly relevant in the early years of secondary school where students put a lot of emotional energy into sorting out their standing with their peers and can sometimes cause a lot of pain to others through their strong need to belong or be important.

Tamboritha

This week it was 9.1's turn to experience a camp at Tamboritha, next week it will be 9.2. There will be no further Yr 9 camps until the beginning of term 4 due to the extreme weather conditions that can occur up there during autumn and winter.

Open Day

We invite any parents who are able to come along on **Open Day, May 14th, 9:30 – 1:00**. It will provide a great opportunity for you to re-acquaint yourself with the facilities, see the students in action and have a look at the progress of the re-development of the old music centre. It will be a "school as usual day", so there will be plenty to see. We will also have plans of the refurbishment of the Stoddart Block on display.

Shave for a Cure

The total amount raised on this campus was \$1504.30. A truly wonderful effort.

Mother's Day

We wish all the mothers in our school community a Happy Mother's day and hope that the day can be a true celebration of family.

"Appreciation can make a day-- even change a life, Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary".-- Margaret Cousins

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

2003 Marist Basketball Championships

A team of ten girls, ten boys, three Staff Members and a parent took the long trip to Newcastle during the Easter holidays for the 14th Annual Australian Marist Basketball Championships. It was well worth the trip with the Lavalla senior girls' team going through the tournament undefeated and winning the Grand Final 53 to 34 against Sacred Heart, Adelaide. It is the 5th time the girl's have won the championship in the last 6 years. Sarah Johnston and Stacey O'Brien were listed in the All-star 5 team with Miss Joyce appointed as All-star coach. Sarah Johnston was also named MVP for the tournament as well as for the team.

The boys also performed well finishing in 4th place (their 2nd highest ever placing). Ryan Murphy was named as MVP for the team. The boys played very disciplined basketball and despite their lack of height were able to beat several taller teams, including our arch-rivals Catholic College Sale.

The team would like to thank the following Year 12 students for their on-court leadership and commitment to the Lavalla basketball program over an extended period of time: **Kaila Beavor** – girl's Captain, who has played in the last 4 Marist Competitions, **Ryan Murphy and Cameron Ferguson** – co-captains of the boys team both of whom played in the last 3 Marist competitions, and **Kate McKenna** – vice captain of the girl's team who has played in the last 3 Marist competitions.

Thanks are extended to Ms. Joyce, Mr. Gargan and Mr. DeFazio for coaching

the teams and to Janeene Johnstone for being Team Manager for the girls' team. Also thanks to all the players for giving up their time/sleep to train on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday's after school.

The teams are now preparing for the upcoming CAS Championships at the Dandenong stadium. Next year the Marist carnival is at Hunter's Hill in Sydney.

Kildare Campus Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, in rather inclement conditions, we held the Kildare Campus Athletics Carnival. Days like Friday (also Swimming Carnivals, Opening Masses, Liturgies, Gatherings and Assemblies) are important for us. These days give us an opportunity to generate House and School spirit. Athletics Carnivals provide an opportunity for the serious and talented athletes to show their talent and skill. They provide us all with an opportunity to participate in our House activity to gain points for the House in a spirit of friendly competition.

I would like to offer my thanks to all students present for their co-operation on the day. The competition was friendly yet taken seriously. The day would not have been as successful without the assistance of so many people. The organisation of such a large event is no easy task.

I would like to thank the Little Athletics Organisation for their expertise and assistance and the use of their equipment. They have been

involved for many years now and I hope the long association continues for many years to come. I also offer a word of thanks to the St. John's Ambulance Group who are always present at our large Campus sporting events.

I am very grateful to Staff who conducted track and field events; who supervised in the House areas; who supervised in the surrounding grounds; who collated results, worked with computers, distributed prizes, marshalled competitors, judged place getters, measured heights and distances and generally kept an eye on proceedings. A big thank you to Mrs. Clarke, Mr Carmody and members of the Student Representative Council who provided breakfast and lunch, and drinks and nibbles during the day.

I am especially grateful to a number of key people. I would like to express my

gratitude to Mr. Erdely and the PE Staff, Miss. Joyce, Mr. Gargan, Miss Morrow, the House Captains and Vice-Captains, who were at the Davidson Street track at 7.30 am to set up. I would also like to make special mention of Conor Clarke. Conor produced the program and spent many hours last term, during the holidays and also during the week to make sure that all would be in place for the day.

Unfortunately the final results are not yet available. I will have these ready for our Campus Assembly on Thursday, and will not only make the Term I Academic Award presentations, but I will also present the individual age champions and present the Championship Shield.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTERS

	Presentation	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 12 May 03	C Seymour	M Grass, M Northover	L Thorburn, A Zagghet
Tues 13 May 03	C Jackiw	B McNulty, I Gregson	M Matthews, R Sawyer
Wed 14 May 03	I Koolen	J Adams, K Daniels	L Weckmann, D Hall
Thur 15 May 03	?	D Webb, S Eccles	S Dalrymple, R Greaves
Frid 16 May 03	K Shaw	M Byl, J Hartley, D Leatham	N Kurnick, G Krutop

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP, TRARALGON
FRIDAY 16 May 2003
FOOTY NIGHT
Dress in your favour teams colours
Lots of footy activities & prizes
Pies for Supper

At Kildare Hall
7pm-9pm
Cost - \$2 Ring Fr Mick for Info : 5174 2060
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