

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



18 APRIL 2008

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to Term 2 and to the wonderful season of autumn. As we observe this magnificent time of year, the leaves' vibrant colours and the gentle way they fall through the air can offer us serenity and tranquillity in our everyday busyness. Symbolically, the long and significant journey of the Cross and Icon for World Youth Day represents a change in season for our youth as well. We are hopeful that with the inspirational visit of his Holiness the Pope, our youth can connect more purposefully to the mission of the Church.

As you read this the Parishes in the Sale Diocese are preparing for the arrival of the World Youth Day, **Cross and Icon**. Traralgon, Churchill, Morwell and Moe/Newborough will receive them on Sunday 20 April. The procession will begin at St Michael's Church on Sunday at 8.30am when parishioners will meet at the Anzac memorial. Mass and veneration will follow the procession after which the Cross and Icon are passed on to the Churchill, Morwell and Moe/Newborough Parishes respectfully. All parishes have extended an invitation for us all to participate and I encourage you all to come and experience this unique historical event and to take this opportunity to renew your commitment to the Church and our Parishes (details overleaf and a full programme published in April edition of **Catholic Life**).

Lavalla Catholic College embarks on School Improvement

At the end of last year I wrote to each family to inform them of new Student Free Days so that the College could engage in its School Improvement programme. I trust you received this communication and that you have made note of the changes. The first workshop held on the Presentation Campus, on the first two days back at school with education consultant Mark Lewis, were inspirational, effective and life-giving. The College is well poised and also committed to move ahead with its improvement plan.

Welcome Home

Our team of Soccer Girls had a very successful tournament in Mexico City over the holiday period. As you will remember our girls represented Lavalla Catholic College at the 60th anniversary celebrations of Marist Education at *Centro Universitario México*. The Lavalla team did us proud by getting as far as the semi finals and by all accounts made quite an impression on the field. Well done, congratulations and thank you to our girls' soccer team and the teachers **Ms Fiona Morrow** and **Ms Kim Stewart** who also gave up their holiday to support the girls on this exciting adventure.



Mrs Mara Bormanis headed the Psychology team who presented their scientific project to an audience of 200 Spanish speaking people. With the help of translators **Jessica Edwards**, **Emily Haesler** and **Chloe Poole** shared their finding on Cyber Bullying. So impressed was the Science department at *Centro Universitario México* that they have sought permission to use our data collection methods to add to this growing body of knowledge. Further this research was supported by Professor Donna Cross from the Edith Cowan University in Western Australia and our team has been invited to present their original research findings at a conference at the end of this year.

From what began as a chance meeting during the **Marist International Assembly** in Brazil last year flourished into wonderful opportunities to represent the College Internationally and Nationally. This opportunity has made a significant contribution to the personal growth of all involved and for each could lead to future endeavours not thought of before. The parents too need to be recognised and thanked for their support of this project and of their daughters to participate in this once-in-a life-time opportunity.

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Association of Marist Schools in Australia Basketball Competition

Both the boys and girls team left for Cairns last week to compete in the annual Basketball Marist basketball competition. At the time of writing the finals for the girls' basketball was about to be played between Lavalla Catholic College and Catholic College Sale. The boys are looking for a 9th placement. This is a highly competitive carnival and our performance is yet another proud moment for our College and our sporting achievements.

College Enrolment Period

You would probably have noticed in the local media the rush by our local schools on advertising the enrolment period for Year 7 for 2009.

Presentation Campus

Welcome to Term 2 and our grateful thanks to the many parents who were able to attend the end of term Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. What a wonderful opportunity it was to form a stronger partnership with you in regard to the formation of your child. It was also a great chance to clear, as far as possible, issues obstructing their personal and academic growth.

Your interest in your student, the life of the College, your warm welcome of staff new to this Campus and your support of the way in which we are working with them was most encouraging.

Congratulations to our Year 9 leaders who undertook their first leadership training session last week. Through it they explored the qualities of the leadership style which they most admired; why they had applied for their specific roles and what they hoped to achieve as personal goals and for this community.

Nine of our Year 9 students assisted in the Super 8 competitions held for local primary schools at the W.H. Burrage Reserve last Friday. The organisers were very complimentary about their performance as key support personnel for the day!

Sunday evening several of our students and Ms Doganieri once again enjoyed the activities presented at St Kieran's Youth group gathering. Many of them will be among those who gather this coming weekend for the welcome of the Icon and Cross, as it travels through the Diocese.

On Wednesday April 16th our students learnt a great deal about the Parish of St Kieran's, Moe. Fr Bernie O'Brien was instrumental in the organisation of this mini-Expo called "More than just a Building". The

Lavalla Catholic College traditionally engages the community in this important decision in May. Please note that there have been changes made to the usual format and events and these are published throughout this newsletter. In addition, you will see the College presented in the media towards the end of April and throughout May. Please forward this information to those you know making decisions about school enrolment in 2009 and encourage them to make enquires through our registrar **Mrs Jean Jennings**.

Please Note: Full winter Uniform required by 21 April.

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

different stations highlighted aspects of the work being done by and through the Parish and indicated the generosity and dedication of those involved. Students who visited the Expo gained a much better insight to the varied good work done through the Church as it ministers to the Moe/Newborough community.

In amongst all of this, there is a great deal of general classroom learning to be done. Students should be completing homework on a regular basis with revision, research and project/assignment work as priority tasks.

Finally, please mention the Presentation Campus Open Day to be held on Wednesday 14 May from 9.00am-1.00pm and the Presentation Campus Information session on Monday 19 May from 7.00pm-9.00pm to those you know with children who are to make that all important transition to Secondary School for 2009.

Mrs Leanne Mills
Campus Director

Presentation Open Day
Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 9.00am - 1.00pm

Presentation Information Evening
Monday 19 May 2008 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

Year 7 2009 Enrolments
due Friday 30 May

Journey of the Cross and Icon



and compassion. Millions of young people over the last twenty years have attended the World Youth Days. Hundreds of thousands of others have experienced the grace of the event through an encounter with the WYD Cross and Icon.

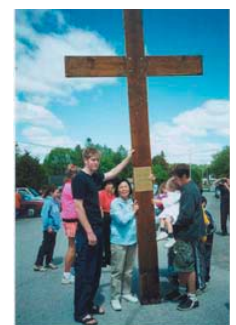
The World Youth Day Cross and Icon are about to arrive in our own backyard and all are invited to be a part of this phenomenon. When we gather in our parishes to welcome the Cross and Icon it is both a personal and communal encounter. We will have the opportunity to touch, carry and pray with these symbols of Christ's love



Sunday, April 20th

- 8.40am Valley Region Mass, St Michael's Church, Traralgon
- 11.00am Mass & Community Picnic, Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Churchill
- 2.00pm Ecumenical Procession, Cnr Commercial Rd & Hazelwood St, Morwell
- 4.15pm Lectio Divina, St Mary's Catholic Church, Newborough
- 6.30pm Glow Stick Vigil, St Kieran's Catholic Church, Moe

More details are available in the April edition of Catholic Life, which was handed out last week at school.



St Paul's Campus

Term 2 has begun. We've gone straight into it. This is the business end of the semester and there is a sense of purpose at the Campus.

We shall celebrate ANZAC day next week. We want our young people to be inspired by the ANZACs; their ability to volunteer; their sense of community, loyalty and mateship; their courage in the face of adversity. Their contribution to shaping the identity of the nation. We expect our children to continue to build on these qualities.

Readak

The course incorporates techniques and suggestions that have been used all over the world by studying specialists and educational researchers to help students read, listen, take notes, study, and learn more efficiently. Throughout specific lessons like increasing reading speed and comprehension, improving memory and eliminating distractions. Miss Berman stresses larger concepts like goal-setting, 'getting things done right the first time', and breaking bad habits. Overall, the course allows students to take the time to think actively about what might be holding them back from achieving their academic potential. Other lessons cover topics like vocabulary building, gradual test preparation, 'warming up' our brains, and mind mapping

Flying Bookworm

The Melbourne-based Flying Bookworm Performance Company staged an Anti-Bullying play for all Year 7 students on 15 April. The teachers and

students thoroughly enjoyed the show. As a follow up, for the remainder of the term, the students will expand their learning of how to protect themselves and each other against bullying behaviours. Lessons on the role of "Bystanders" will teach them how to behave. Protective Behaviours Program will also help. All these help in understanding the importance of personal development and social skills.

Year 7 Excursions

The Year 7s will be going to Melbourne to visit the Shrine of Remembrance, the NGV and the State Library. These excursions help make the learning practical in the areas of Civics and Citizenship, Values and Humanities.

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

St Paul's Open Day

Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 9.00am - 1.00pm

Campus Tour - 9.30am

Information Session - 10.15am-11.30am

Campus Tour - 11.45am

St Paul's Information Evening

Tuesday 20 May 2008 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

Kildare Campus

Our Year 10's returned with many Work Experience stories. We are grateful to Mrs Anne English for her organisation of more than 300 work placements over a two week period. Being out in the workforce is an important hallmark of Year 10 and can be an opportunity for our students to clarify what their goals are for their senior years of secondary education. I encourage all our students at the Kildare Campus to clearly articulate their goals for this term and this year and work with the Campus Staff to achieve them.

"A Cause Worth....."

I congratulate those students who have initiated and been involved in our fundraising. This year our students have chosen to fundraise for a Chemotherapy Chair for the Cancer Care Unit at the LaTrobe Regional Hospital. They have worked hard and this year has seen an increase in donations and opportunities. We have had 'A Cause Worth Walking for', 'A Cause worth Eating for', 'A Cause worth Shaving for' and 'A Cause Worth Playing for'. Abby Buckley has represented our students well in helping to organise this activity. \$5000 is the students' goal - at last count this was close to being achieved. Part of my encouragement of the students was that I would participate in each event - if \$5000 looked likely I would be involved in the "A Cause Worth Shaving for". It was with some reluctance that I parted with what little hair I am managing to retain. Those who know me understand why I was more comfortable with the "A Cause Worth Eating for" initiative.

This is also an appropriate time to ask parents to keep Ms Natalia Nadsadina in their prayers. Her treatment is ongoing and her absence from the College has motivated many of our students to involve themselves a little more in this year's activities. Many of us are touched by cancer and I encourage any parents wishing to donate to our cause to contact the Kildare office staff on 51748111.

Australian Business Week

Well done Nicole Bortignon!! Nicole applied for and was awarded a place in the Australian Business Week Challenge hosted by Deakin

University in Geelong. Nicole was beaming when I asked her about her involvement and the many skills she has gained from this experience. She will share some of these at a later Campus assembly.

Australian Junior Open Bocce Championship

We are always proud of the achievements of our students. Once again Matt Moffatt and Meagan Griffiths represented Victoria at the Australian Junior Open Bocce Championships in Sydney. Matt and Meagan are both recognised as leaders in their age groups and we congratulate them.

World Youth Day

It is always rewarding to see our students live out and act on their faith. At Lavalla Catholic College we work hard to ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education. The World Youth Day movement has touched the lives of our students and we are seeing a growing momentum. Due to the behind the scenes work of Ms Maria Haggett and Mr Michael Hansen our students have been encouraging to become involved in this event. This week representatives from the Campus promoted the World Youth Day at the Moe / Newborough Parish Expo. I am sure that their enthusiasm was infectious and I ask you to keep all of our students in your prayers as we prepare for this important event.

Campus Vision

At this week's Staff Meeting we invited a number of students to share their insights into the running of the campus and areas where they thought we could improve. Student feedback is always valued and highly appreciated at Lavalla Catholic College. It is not an easy thing for a small group of students to speak at a staff meeting. **Nick Demetrios, Lyntton Tonta, Jessica Edwards** and **Sky Hammer** represented their peers well. As a staff we appreciated their views and their input will aid us as we move towards some new initiatives at the Kildare Campus.

Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

Forthcoming Events

TERM 2

APRIL

20 Apr	Arrival of Cross and Icon
21 Apr	FULL WINTER UNIFORM
22 Apr	VCAL Healesville Sanctuary [K] Outdoor Education - Alp
23 Apr	Schools Cycling Cup
24 Apr	Anzac Day Ceremony (Champagnat Centre)
25 Apr	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
28 Apr	Year 7.3 Humanities Excursion
29 Apr	VCE Music Excursion CAS Basketball [K]
29-30 Apr	Outdoor Education Walk

MAY

2 May	Lavalla Athletics Carnival
4-7 May	AMSA Netball Carnival - Shepparton
5 May	Health & Human Development Speaker [K] Year 7.2 Humanities Excursion
6 May	Year 10 Immunisation - Females
9 May	Staff Consultation Day - Student Free Day
12 May	Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
13 May	Photography Day [St Paul's] National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
14 May	Open Day [Presentation] Open Day & Information Session [St Paul's]
15 May	National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
16 May	Careers and Employment EXPO (Melbourne Exhibition)[K] Year 7.8 Humanities Excursion
19 May	Year 7 2009 Information [Presentation] (7.00pm-9.00pm) Family Life [St Paul's]
20 May	Year 7 2009 Information [St Paul's] (7.00pm-9.00pm) CAS Football [K]
21 May	VCE Ensemble Performance [K]
23 May	Year 7.1 Humanities Excursion
26 May	Year 7.4 Humanities Excursion Year 11 Solo Performance Evening
27 May	Photograph Day [Kildare]

YEAR 7 2008 ENROLMENTS

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2009:

- Students attending State / other non-Catholic Primary Schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla Catholic College should telephone Jean Jennings at St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to register their names.
- Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla Catholic College and who attend State or other non-Catholic Primary Schools should telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the list for enrolment applications.
- Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.

Information Evenings and an Open Morning
will be held in May.

Enrolment deadline: Friday 30th May 2008

Canteen Roster

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 21 Apr	I. Gregson, V. Agius
Tue 22 Apr	Rebecca Diaz, (help needed)
Wed 23 Apr	E. Panayiotou, L. Hodder
Thu 24 Apr	K. Licciardi, L. Barrett
Fri 25 Apr	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Mon 28 Apr	R. Farmer, R. Bermingham
Tue 29 Apr	M. Buhagiar, (help needed)
Wed 30 Apr	T. Grunwald, D. Arandt
Thu 1 May	A. Mooney, C. Richards
Fri 2 May	K. Nelson, K. Arbuthnot

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 21 Apr	C. Jackiw, (help needed)
Tue 22 Apr	A. Mooney, (help needed)
Wed 23 Apr	S. Pistrin, (help needed)
Thu 24 Apr	S. Bridges, (help needed)
Fri 25 Apr	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Mon 28 Apr	Help Needed x 2
Tue 29 Apr	Help Needed x 2
Wed 30 Apr	Help Needed x 2
Thu 1 May	M. Johnson, (help needed)
Fri 2 May	R. Salleh, (help needed)

MEALS ON WHEELS TRARALGON VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Do you have an hour to spare once a fortnight or once a month? Latrobe City are seeking volunteers for their Meals program in Traralgon. Volunteers work in pairs to deliver meals to our frail, aged and younger citizens with disabilities. Your small contribution will make a huge difference.

Please contact Marya Stait, Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 for more information.

Breakfast Club @ Kildare

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am
Held in the Food Technology room
All Welcome!!

Enquiries contact: Mike Hansen

PARENTS & FRIENDS

You are all welcome to our next meeting on

Monday 12th May at 7.30pm
at St Paul's Campus Library.

Come and get to know some other parents.
Our meetings are informative and pro active.