



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

14 October 2005



Dear parents and students

It is a privilege to write to you today as the new principal of this fine College.

As I sit in the new chair, I am drawn to imagine what more the College could become since, as many of you are aware, I have been a part of where the College has been. I hope to carry the mantle with energy and creativity as the College enters the next phase of its development. The prospect of bringing forward the dreams of the three founders in Marcellin Champagnat, Nano Nagle and Bishop Delaney and making their visions relevant for our young people, their parents and the teachers of the College is pivotal to the way I imagine that I will

embrace my work.

During his farewell speech to the staff, I was heartened to hear Br Julian say that after 10 years of Principalship and almost 50 years in education, he remained positive and hopeful for the youth of today and for our educational system. I found these words encouraging and inspiring and I too understand what a privilege it is to work with our young people, their families and the community.

A Marist education is marked by simplicity, family spirit, compassion and presence in the midst of those whom they are called to serve. Marcellin Champagnat had it right when he said, "*to teach children you must love them first. And love them all equally*". As a Catholic College we embrace the Good News and hope to carry on Jesus' mission for humankind. I can assure you that the College will remain proudly Marist in its charism and Catholic in its mission because it is on this that the College has developed its good name and a reputation for caring. We are and will continue to be, a hopeful community working towards strengthening our faith and commitment to the Church.

It is important for me that I build on the strong foundations that Br Julian built and to take the College in a direction that will continue to make a difference in our students' lives. As one of the Stewards for this College, I welcome opportunities to work in partnership with you to ensure that the future remains prosperous for the young people in our care and that the educational programmes we offer will continue to serve them well.

Lastly as I begin this new and exciting journey, a word of thanks for the encouragement and support that I have already received.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

Please note that important calendar dates for term 4 and secondhand/uniform process will be issued together with this newsletter

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Last week I had the pleasure of seeing the Strezlecki District Show Time production for 2005. For those who hear negative things about young people I recommend a huge dose of fun and enthusiasm via Show Time, next Friday and Saturday at the Little Theatre. There are many current Lavalla students, parents and staff involved in what is a very entertaining production. My congratulations to all involved.

Yr 9 Transition

Ms Trish Johnson and team invited the Yr 9 students to Kildare Campus this week. The visit was firstly, to formally begin the Work Experience process and secondly, to give students an opportunity to become more familiar with the campus. There is a growing sense of anticipation amongst the Yr 9 students as they work through their final weeks on this campus and begin to think of themselves as senior students.

Duke of Edinburgh Camps

This week and next there will be D of E camps at Mt St. Gwinear with Mr DeFazio and Ms McCullagh respectively. I am confident that the students are well prepared for what should be great camps. Mr Defazio, Ms McCullagh and staff deserve our thanks for taking on these activities, which often draw them away from home overnight.

Campus Leaders

In coming weeks we will be taking nominations and voting for our Campus Leaders for 2006. This type of leadership is a great service to the campus as well as a growth experience for the individuals. Please encourage your Yr 8 sons and daughters to think seriously about offering themselves for these positions.

Jobs Pathways Program

Leanne Barbour from the JPP is available each Friday afternoon. She takes appointments from Yr 9 students and helps them with resumes and work related issues. Her advice and assistance has been most helpful particularly with Yr 9's looking to gain part time jobs.

Solar Panels

Within the next month, we will install solar panels that will produce electricity for use at this campus and sell any excess electricity to the grid. This is so that we can play our part in trying to slow the rate of global warming by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released to the atmosphere. Global warming is already causing big problems for the planet, with glaciers and sea ice disappearing, sea levels rising, severe droughts in inland Australia and all sorts of climate change in various parts of the world leading to extinctions of endangered animal species.

The school will also use this system to teach about alternative forms of energy and will be one of the key features of the school gaining "sustainable schools" accreditation.

Together with the recycling of aluminium cans, (the Yr 7's have collected almost 170 kg of aluminium so far), we can feel proud that each of us is doing our little bit to help Mother Earth. She needs all the help she can get!
(Dan Caffrey)

A dream is your creative vision for your life in the future. A goal is what specifically you intend to make happen. Dreams and goals should be just out of your present reach but not out of sight. Dreams and goals are coming attractions in your life.--
Joseph Campbell

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Canteen arrangements have undergone significant change this term. By mutual agreement we, Heidi's and the College, have decided to discontinue the previous style of catering. With the current emphasis on healthy foods in school canteens we have tapped into student and staff calls for change.

The proposal is to have the IGA outlet in Moe provide a variety of healthy canteen foods,

juices and milk products. These will be sold by the SRC, under supervision from interested staff, on a daily basis at lunch time. Profits will go into the SRC account. Subway in Moe has agreed to provide lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, the SRC, with support from the Food Tech. Department, will provide a Hot Dog Day or Sausage Sizzle.

We will keep you updated as to the progress of this joint staff and student initiative.

Year 9 Project Fashion Parade will be held on 20 October at 7.00pm at the campus. Cost will be \$3 at the door; free food/drinks will be available. The fashion parade will advertise clothes from Supre, CeLaVie, JayJays, Cactus Black and Metro Seven.

Money raised will go towards the plantation of fruit trees in the school grounds. Please come and support us (*Rita Chandra, Yr 9*)

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Examination Preparation:

Last week I attended an immersion experience with the Year 12 students as they prepared for their LOTE (Italian) orals that were completed yesterday. Ms Cataldo and Miss Morelli and ten students went to the Sambain Chalet at Tamboritha for a day and a half of intensive preparation ... and all in Italian! I was most impressed by the levels of energy, the work completed, the commitment of the two members of Staff and the dedication of the students concerned. On speaking with them today, all seemed to be pleased with their final performances and I wish them well in the remaining part of their LOTE Examination. I would exhort all Year 12's to show similar levels of dedication and preparation for their upcoming examinations.

End of the Year:

A letter was sent home this week to all parents of students in Year 12 outlining the final arrangements for the end of classes, the end of term and the Graduation Mass and Supper Dance. Members of the Year 12 RE Leadership Classes and their teachers Mr. Judd and Mrs. Clarke have done a great deal of work in preparation for the end of the year.

I would like to thank them all for their work and to reiterate that the end of the year needs to come and go, as I pointed out in last week's Newsletter, "without hiccup." The Year 12 students this year have been a wonderful group of students with whom to work and I would not like to see the end of the year marred by the irresponsible actions of just a few who cannot show the maturity necessary to consider the needs and feelings of the entire group.

Students are most welcome to come to the **Fantastic Fun Friday on October 21.** However, students who are intoxicated, who damage school or other property, will face both educational and if necessary legal consequences. This would mean that those students would be asked to return home on the day, would face possible involvement of the Police, may not be permitted to attend their examinations at the school, would have their College reference withdrawn and be barred from the Graduation celebrations. Unfortunately the actions of an irresponsible few would damage the good reputation of the many at this crucial time of the year. I do not expect there would be any problems.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

Kildare Campus Extra-curricular Photographs

A display album is available in the Kildare Information Services Centre for parents/students who wish to order photographs of the extra-curricular groups eg Sports, Music. Each photo is \$15.00. Envelopes are available for orders. Orders will be required to be returned in the envelope indicating the name of the photograph, with the money enclosed and must be returned to the Kildare office by Monday October 24.

MUSIC NEWS

Victorian Secondary Schools' Chamber Music Competition

Congratulations to our Senior Wind Quartet and their conductor Mr. Matthew Harris, for a fine performance at the recent Victorian Secondary Schools' Chamber Music

Competition final. Four of our year twelve students Amie Marsh, Jessica Black, Eleanore Testa and Simone Weckmann received an honourable mention for their recent performance at Scotch College.

Music News (contd...)

Lavalla was in fact the only Catholic school represented as they performed alongside students from Scotch College, Melbourne High School, Tintern Girls Grammar, Methodist Ladies College and the Presbyterian Ladies College.

To be rewarded alongside the finest independent schools in Melbourne is a significant achievement for our music department and these students in particular.

*Shane Reid
Director of Music*

**Parent Support Auxiliary
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, 20 October at 2.00pm
St Paul's Campus**

All parents and friends of the College community are invited to this meeting of the Auxiliary, which provides the much-needed services of secondhand books and uniforms.

**CATHOLIC ALL SCHOOLS
ATHLELTICS**

Congratulations to the following students who represented the college at Olympic Park on Tuesday for the Catholic All Schools Athletics Meet; particularly those who received a gold, silver or bronze medal for these events. **Medal winners:**

Connan McKenzie	3rd place Boys 400m
Cameron Hughes	1st place Boys High Jump, 3rd place Boys 400m
Chris Barrett	3rd place Boys 400m
Emma Doderico	2nd place Girls Javelin, 2nd place Girls Shot Put
Hayley Bermingham	2nd place Girls 200m, 2nd place Girls 100m

Other students who participated on the day: - Tina Panayiotou, Daniel McLaughlin, Troy Love, Courtney French, Justine Hughes, Anna Parniak, Byron Thorburn, Ashley Thornton

Latrobe Valley AD/HD Support Group

You are warmly invited to attend the following meeting of the LV AD/HD support group where parents, carers, teachers, aides and other interested people are made most welcome. If you are interested, please contact Trica on 51 748 607, or Yvonne at Parent To Parent Gippsland on 51 353 131. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month during school term between 1pm-3pm at alternating venues. There is no cost and a cuppa is available. The next meeting will be:

- October 19th, 2005 at the Sun Room, Latrobe Community Health, 42 - 44 Fowler Street Moe.
- Afternoon tea will be available

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 17 Oct.	C Jackiw, J Adams	R Bermingham, J Hartley
Tue 18 Oct.	H Van Berkel, K Dougan	S Garrett, T Pledge
Wed 19 Oct.	M Tomkins, C Wilson	H Stoddart (help wanted)
Thu 20 Oct.	H Symons, M Armatas	C Barry, F Webb