



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

30 May 2003

Dear Parents,

We have just finished a very busy month of meetings and gatherings. If you're someone who is at all concerned about community, family, school, church or civic issues, you will, no doubt, find yourself at a lot of meetings.

Indeed we do meet a lot. There are an endless variety of issues that call for our participation in community or school either in group discussion or in just simply helping out. It's easy to grow tired, discouraged, and cynical about all the meetings we're asked to attend. We need to keep in mind that meeting together is a very long Christian Tradition. As we approach the season of Pentecost it is useful to note that Pentecost happened at a meeting! One of the central events that shaped Christian history and history in general, happened not to an individual off praying alone or to a monk on a mountain-top; but rather to a community gathered in a meeting room, to a motley group assembled to wait for God's guidance.

Last Sunday in beautiful sunny weather many of us gathered for the blessing and opening of the Presentation Campus. We saw the results of many groups of people coming together over three years to meet, to plan and discuss. We celebrated the end of a long period of meetings and the beginning of a new Chapter in the life of Catholic Education in Moe and Newborough. It was a great day.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

VALE "JACK" BRULLO

Some of the Kildare students will remember bus driver "Jack" John Brullo. I am sorry to report that he passed away recently from a brain tumor. I know Morwell and Hazelwood North students will think of him with affection; please keep his family in your thoughts.

Alby Van Berkel - Bus Co-ordinator

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

What a great day for Lavalla, staff, parents and students of the Presentation Campus and the local parish communities. The Opening last Sunday 25th of May, was the final chapter in the "Honouring the past and preparing for the future" celebrations started in December 1999.

We are now prepared for the future.

The significance of the day and the essence of the occasion are summed up in the following comments:

“Just a little note to congratulate you (Br Julian) and your staff on the Blessing and Opening of the refurbished Presentation Campus. It was one of the most enjoyable and significant events which I have attended and an appropriate celebration of all your care and hard work.”

Dr Therese D’Orsa, Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Sale

“I just wanted to write and congratulate you and the team of staff and students in such a splendid official opening on Sunday. There was a strong sense of community..people seemed genuinely happy to be there...this was a real joy. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to all concerned.”

Mike Hansen: Director of Faith and Ministry Lavalla

About 250 people attended the opening and all remarked on the friendly and joyful atmosphere of the occasion. The students were a credit to themselves and the College acting as ushers, parking attendants, singing in the choir or assisting serving with the food. The Kildare Jazz ensemble, directed by Matthew Harris provided music during the celebration. The choir, led by Sophie Morley, sang the opening hymn and the National Anthem. Our Campus Leaders supported

Bishop Coffey in the Blessing Ceremony reading the prayers and scripture passages.

A special vote of thanks to Mrs Carol Wilson and the Parent Support Group who spent many hours preparing for the catering of the event, to Robert Tarraran and his maintenance crew who assisted with the setting up of the Campus, and to our Staff and Students who spent Friday afternoon putting the final touches to the rooms.

My final vote of heartfelt thanks goes to Br Julian for his organisation and planning for the Opening and the establishment of the Presentation Campus for the students and parents of the Moe/Newborough region.

The Adult Computer Course is slowly taking shape. We have about 10 people interested in the Course. To make the course viable we need 20 participants. If you wish to be part of this excellent Course please contact the College ASAP. It will now begin on Wednesday 4th of June depending on the numbers.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O’Brien
Head of Campus

ST PAUL’S CAMPUS

My sincere thanks to the local Catholic Primary schools for the warm welcome we received on our recent visits to them, and also for the enrolment information they sent out in their newsletters. Thanks also to the various parishes for including the information in their bulletins. The support of these groups is greatly appreciated.

Champagnat Day

Friday 6th of June, along with many schools throughout Australia and the world, we will be celebrating Champagnat Day. There will be a formal component to the day where we hear the story of St Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist brothers, and where this year’s pilgrims: Erica Pegorer, Alby Van Berkel and I will share some of our experiences meeting Marists throughout the world. Following

this we plan to spend the rest of the day involved in fun activities, this is very much in keeping with Champagnat’s idea of loving students and allowing for fun and recreation. It is vital that each student attends on the day to share in and contribute to the activities.

Yr 9 Retreats

Next week we are pleased to again have the services of the NET team. They will be running 2 x 1 day retreats for our Yr 9 students at both campuses. These days focus on personal values and worth and are always well received by students. It is more appropriate for students to wear PE gear on their retreat day.

Congratulations to **Becky Lawless** who showed wonderful honesty in finding and

returning a sum of money to its owner. It is acts of goodness like this, and the grateful response of the owner, which remind us of the many terrific people who make up the Lavalla Community.

**“No legacy is so rich as honesty”.--
William Shakespeare**

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 11 Retreats

The Year 11 Retreats have concluded and were conducted on a House by House basis spread out over the month of May. There were a number of focus activities around the theme of **Being True to Oneself**. For example, one of the activities is the making of masks to depict the mask we show to the world, and the inner mask that only God can see. The creativity displayed by the life group members was amazing and all students, including the Staff who conducted the life groups, benefited greatly by the sharing of ideas that transpired.

I would like to thank Mr. Michael Hansen and the many members of Staff who gave up their time and family life to make the year 11 Retreat experience a valuable one for all Year 11's. The autumn weather made for cold nights but beautiful, sunny days.

Uniform

Mrs. Clarke and I have been very pleased with the majority of students who are wearing their uniform correctly. This not only shows a sense of pride in themselves, but also a sense of pride in their school. It is

clear that the public face of the College through most of the students is being presented very well.

College Blazer

I would remind students that during the winter terms, the **College blazer** is the outer garment. All students are asked to wear the blazer to and from school during Terms II and III. For Year 12's the rugby top replaces the jumper only. All other students are expected to wear their blazer. The blazer may be removed whilst at school.

I have also learned this week that not all students (particularly Year 10 students) have bought a College blazer. The blazer may be purchased from Riggall's in Traralgon or Morwell. Would parents please attend to this as soon as practicable.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

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Tabor Journey is a Centacare Program for people who are separated, divorced or widowed. Tabor Journey is designed to help with the pain of loss, the anger, sadness and emptiness that follow the end of a marriage.

The next program will be held June 13th-15th at Lower Plenty.

For further information phone any office of Centacare Catholic Family Services or ph 52 21 7055. Bookings are essential.

Yours sincerely

Fr E John McCarthy
REGIONAL MANAGER

CANTEEN ROSTER

	PRESENTATION	ST PAUL'S	KILDARE
Mon 2 June 03	C Dougan	L Thorburn	S Robb, M Rigg
Tue 3 June 03	K Farrigia	C Hinds, M Inger	T Stratford, R Portelli
Wed 4 June 03	K Camilleri	L Ware, M D'alia	A Fletcher, M Fievez
Thur 5 June 03	M Kane	C Battista, H Mifsud	M Beaver, <u>HELP WANTED</u>
Fri 6 June 03	A Fogarty	A Molinari, C Yates, J Fleming	J Hansch, G Krutop

SPEAKERS INVITED TO TALK ON PILGRIMS VISIT

The next meeting of Parents and Friends will be held on Monday 2nd June 2003 at the Resource Centre at St Paul's Campus Library at 7.30pm.

Erica Pegeror, Alby Van Berkel and Lee McKenzie will speak about the pilgrim tour and the fascinating places visited in Rome, Sri Lanka, France and India. A night not to be missed.

All parents are welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the minutes or any further details please contact Jenny or Felicetta.

Meeting nights for the remainder of 2003 -

Term 2	2 nd June	
Term 3	4 th August	1 st September
Term 4	3 rd November	1 st December(Xmas break-up)

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