



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

11 August, 2006

Dear Parents and Student

It was refreshing to return to the cool air of winter this week after having been in the heat and humidity of Rome. I mentioned to you earlier in the year that I am a member of the *Preparatory Commission for the Marist International Assembly*. This committee meets in Rome and is working on organising an International Conference for all those involved in Marist works. The Conference will be held in Brazil in September 2007.

Further, the Superior General of the Marist brothers was visiting our Province this week. The Leadership team from Lavalla Catholic College and Leadership teams from other Marist schools in Victoria were invited to meet with Br Sean Sammon and to enter into conversation with him about the changing needs of our young people and how best we might respond. It is a question that Br Sammon is asking of all the Provinces around the world and interestingly while the context might be quite different between regions the issues are quite similar.

In his address, he pinpointed the challenges for us today to be:

- Clarity of our mission
Are we clear about what we are called to do in this age and time?
- Honesty in that mission
Are we being honest in our work? Do the old structures still work?
- Co-responsibility for mission
Brothers and lay people taking equal responsibility for educating the young people in our care and for the social change that needs to spring from this work
- An appreciation for world-wide network.
How might an international perspective/network assist us in our daily work?

Not only did Br Sean Sammon's visit remind us of our world-wide connection to the Marist family but his inspirational address helped us reaffirm our commitment to our young people. He called us to form and transform our young people by helping them know and understand the love of God. He challenged us to face the future and to look to it for answers by being sensitive to the 'sign of the times' but also by having a solid understanding of our past and our traditions.

The Marist mission is entering an exciting time of renewal and renaissance ensuring that as a College we remain a vital and dynamic group of people who are inspired and spurred on by Marcellin's spirit and Charism.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

EXPO Experience

The Kildare Campus was alive with information, conversation and displays last Friday 4th August as our Careers Exposition was realised for another year. Judging by the busyness of the Course Advice Desks, the number of people tasting exotic drinks from the health bar and the flurry of people, the Expo was a great success. It was also a tribute to the great team work evident here at Lavalla Catholic College and the Leadership provided by Mrs Anne English and very ably supported by the curriculum teams. Congratulations and thanks to all involved. No doubt the students who kept staff busy well into the afternoon experienced the greatest benefit.

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

I was delighted to receive a campus photograph this year. Mr John Ansell has produced a large composite photograph of each student on campus for 2006. As this is a significant year of celebration for the College's **50 years of Marist Education**, the photograph is particularly important. It will be displayed in the Reception area and I encourage you all to have a look when next you visit the campus.

Year 8 Camps

This week we successfully completed the Year 8 Camps to Melbourne. We were very pleased with the accommodation, which was right in the CBD, it was quite an improvement on last year's. We visited the Aquarium to look at food webs, and this was re-enforced by a later visit to Imax where we watched a film detailing predators and prey in the sea. We visited Rialto Tower, South Bank, St Patrick's Cathedral, CERES and the Victoria Market. Students made use of public transport to the city and to get around during our camps. These camps provide students with opportunities to get to know Melbourne and its landmarks, as well as to become competent users of the public transport system. For some students it provided physical challenges as we did a lot of walking, and for others social challenges as they coped with the group dynamics and conducting themselves in the city.

Particular thanks to the staff that gave their time to make these camps successful and most importantly to Ms Eva Amezquita and Mr Michael Archipow who planned and managed the camps.

Year 9 Courage to Care

The Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend the Courage to Care display in Sale. The focus of this display was on the Righteous Gentiles who had the courage to act morally during the Nazi regime. In a time when morality seems to be *flexible* and we seem to lack moral heroes it was a wonderful opportunity for the Year 9

students to learn about the courage and power of righteous people.

Year 7 Museum Trip

Over the next few weeks Year 7 students will be visiting the museum in Melbourne. Please be sure to complete and return your child's permission form *before* the day of the excursion so that teachers can complete their planning.

Class Masses

Thanks to all those parents who helped with our arrangements for Class Masses by promptly returning consent forms. It is a very important part of our school culture that each student participates in his / her Class Mass.

Science Week

During the coming week, August 14th – 18th, the campus will be providing an array of science activities. Please be sure to ask your child about the activities they participate in and what they learn from these.

Re-enrolment

In the next few weeks students will be completing re-enrolment forms. These are a vital part of planning for 2007. It's vital that each student indicates their preferences so that we can accommodate their needs.

Any student intending to leave the College at the end of the year needs to inform the office of this and closer to the date of departure will need to complete an Exit form which is part of the formal transfer process.

"Education is not a *product*: mark, diploma, job, money--in that order; it is a *process*, a never-ending one."--Bel Kaufman

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

GippsWebs for Business:

On Wednesday, August 2, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Swansborough and I attended the GippsWebs for Business presentation evening at Monash University. GippsWeb for Business is sponsored by Telstra CountryWide, The Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network and the Monash University School of Information Technology. GippsWebs for Business allows students to spend time with small business owners and local entrepreneurs, gathering information and learning about the daily operation of their business. They then develop a web site that will help grow the business. The experience allows students to develop their skills in Information Technology, and by doing so is preparing them for further education and meaningful careers.

The program saw over twelve schools, one hundred and forty students in sixty-two teams and over fifty businesses take part. Each team was judged in their Shire area and the top three teams from Latrobe, Wellington and East Gippsland Shires were entered into the finalist section. The winners were judged by academics from the Gippsland School of Information Technology from this top nine on the following criteria: content (50%), presentation of the website (40%) and the students' written report showing evidence of planning (10%).

Mr. Swansborough entered **Andrew Northover** and **David Radovich** into the competition. Their project centred on a website for Caravanning Australia. Their presentation was very good and were awarded second place overall. Mr. Briggs' team comprised **Gianni Romano, Allan**

Renwick, Kevin Munro, Nathan Gilchrist and **Mitchell Hodge**. Their project provided a virtual tour of the Strzelecki Motor Lodge, which included a most creative and interactive home page. Their presentation was also very good and they were awarded third place. Congratulations to both teams and to their teachers.

Supper Dance and Charity Auction:

There will be a supper dance and charity auction this evening in the Kildare Campus Hall (7.30 – 10.30 pm). Tickets (\$10.00) which include music by the College Senior Jazz Ensemble and a light supper may be purchased at the door. All funds raised will be directed towards the Ochre Immersion experience in Ltyntje Apurte later in the month.

Subject Selection (2007):

During this week and next, students will be making their online subject selections for 2007. Part of the process is a \$25.00 enrolment deposit. I would ask that the process be adhered to as the College needs to make decisions based on this information in its planning for next year.

Christopher Barrett:

Congratulation to Christopher Barrett. He has been selected to officiate as boundary umpire at the National Australian Rules Under 15 Championships in Darwin next week. He was nominated by the Latrobe Valley Umpires Association and was selected at the Bendigo Under 16 Championships. He is one of two local boundary umpires who will represent Victoria.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

As part of the Year 7 Science Program all students participated in the **Sky Lab Education Program**. The program focused on the Earth's place in the solar system and the forces acting on it. All Year 7 responded in a mature and responsible manner and were actively engaged asking sensible questions.

Expo was a great success; the process of re-enrolment and subject selection will be undertaken over the next two (2) weeks. Re-enrolment forms are due today and subject selections will be completed on line and will be finalised by next week. Please continue the conversations about subject selection at home.

Father Bernie O'Brien continues to offer Mass each Wednesday in the College Chapel for any interested students. Our thanks to Father Bernie for this valued contribution to the spiritual nourishment of our students.

On Friday last week Alex Sheedy (801) represented this campus at the Schools Netball Tournament in Werribee.

On Friday the 4th of August, the Lavalla Netball Teams went to Werribee for the Catholic Schools Netball Tournament. Throughout the day all teams played well. The junior A Team won all their round of

*games, and finished on top of their section, but unfortunately missed out on getting to the Grand Final, losing by one goal to Bendigo. The Intermediate team unfortunately missed out as well, also losing to Bendigo by 2 goals. But overall it was a fun day that was very exciting. Next Thursday, the school is entering us in the State Titles. **Complied by Alex Sheedy***

Yours in Spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

GROWING ESTEEM: 'MELBOURNE MODEL' Update2

The process of implementing the *Growing Esteem* Strategy is a complex one, involving a major and curriculum review. Through regular updates, the University will continue to keep you and the school community updated about the details of the Melbourne Model as we move through the implementation process.

To ensure school families are kept abreast of the changes, the University of Melbourne is inviting Year 10 students and their parents to a series of **Year 10 and Beyond** information evenings to be held throughout Melbourne in July and August. For dates and details please go to www.futurestudents.unimel.edu.au

There will also be special information sessions about the Melbourne Model at the University's **Open Day on Sunday 20 August**. I would like to invite your students, their parents and teachers to join us there. On the day I will be talking about our *Growing Esteem* strategy and the Melbourne Model, together with Professor Peter McPhee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), during two sessions to be held at 11 am and 2 pm (repeat) in the Carillo Gantner Lecture Theatre, Basement, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, Swanston Street, University of Melbourne.

Information Sessions – University of Melbourne letter dated 27 July, 2006

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 14 Aug	L. Stockdale, T. Roberts	A. Scully (help required)
Tue 15 Aug	R. Gillow (help required)	G. Breed, M. Byl
Wed 16 Aug	R. Growle (help required)	A. Fletcher (help required)
Thur 17 Aug	F. Webb, C. Barry	G. Edebohls (help required)
Fri 18 Aug	(help required)	A. Zaghet (help required)
Mon 21 Aug	Debbie Webb, L. McDonald	L. Barrett, B. McNulty
Tue 22 Aug	L Barrett (help required)	B. Boothman, M. Northover
Wed 23 Aug	T. Thornton (help required)	(help required)
Thur 24 Aug	A. Mooney, M. Bird	C. Shippen, P. Radovich
Fri 25 Aug	L. Weckman, P. Atkinson	L. Weckmann, M. Marsiglio

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