



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

7th May, 2004

2005 ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN

Dear Parents,

This week sees the beginning of our enrolment process for 2004. Information Nights and the Open Day on 12 May are very good opportunities for prospective parents to gain a deeper understanding of what the College has to offer. *Mr O'Brien, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Weston and Mr DeFazio* have spent a good part of this term visiting our local primary schools so that the students begin to become familiar with the secondary school environment. If you have a child in grade 6, you should also be in receipt of the student's enrolment package.

This year we are also taking advantage of the TV media and entering into some advertising with the local stations. We would appreciate any feedback you might have in this regard. However, it is true that our best advertising comes from you – the parents and students and we would invite you to extend our warm welcome to any of your friends and colleagues who might be interested in sending their daughters and sons to Lavalla Catholic College. Details regarding the Information Night and Open Day are described elsewhere in this bulletin.

Students in winter uniform reminds us that the cold weather is on its way and certainly a uniform worn well adds a certain panache. To date this has been the case and we are pleased with the effort the students are making.

Last week we sent home to parents the Term 2 Calendar. You would have noticed that the College supports many activities, excursions and sporting events. We are always happy to support such activities, as they can be influential in the development of the whole person. In all this business - just a note of caution. We are entering the business end of the semester when assessment becomes a major focus and the occasional enquiry from you regarding the submission of work might just help your child get to the finishing line.

Finally, Br Julian is recovering well from his minor surgery and is looking forward to his return.

Erica Pegorer
Acting Principal

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The **Presentation Support Group** met on Monday night. Planning is well under way for the **Trivia Night** on June 5th. Information about the evening and the organization of tables will be forthcoming next week. In conjunction with the Trivia Night a raffle is being organized and tickets will be available next week. The fund-raising of this group is vital in providing equipment and facilities needed by the Campus. Last year's fund-raising had resulted in the purchase of a Data Projector valued at \$4600 and a Range Hood for the Canteen. We thank the Parent Support Group for their support and efforts in the past 12 months.

Next week - Wednesday 12th will be the **Open Day and Information Evening** for the Campus. Our student leaders will be acting as guides between 9.30am and 1pm. Please spread the word to anyone interested in enrolling in Year 7 for 2005. The Information Evening starts at 7.30pm.

A group of Year 9's are holding a **social** for all **Prep to Grade 6 students** of St Mary's and St Kieran's on Thursday 20th May. The group are to be commended for their organization of this event and for their enthusiasm in promotion of the College amongst the primary schools.

All **Year 9's** went to Melbourne on Wednesday of last week for their **SOSE excursion**. My thanks to Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Haupt, Mr. De Van Der Schueren and Mrs. Di Savia for conducting the trip and to all students for their interest and behaviour on the day. Their guides commented very positively on our student's maturity and interest in the day.

Please promote the College in the coming weeks and encourage anyone interested in Years 7, 8 or 9 for 2004 to contact or visit the Campus.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We have been pleased to see most students well presented in their **winter uniforms**. In the few cases where students need to replace items of clothing parents have made contact with the school to explain this. Please remember that the kilts are to be worn at the length fitted by Fletcher Jones. Where girls have grown they may be asked to have the hem come down. Please remember that kilts are not a fashion item to be shortened and that short kilts or dresses are impractical and sometimes immodest at school. Any accessory, such as scarves etc must be navy blue.

Class Photos

Campus photos will be taken on **Wednesday, May 26th**. All students need to be in **full winter uniform** on the day.

Any student who has PE on that day will need to change into their PE gear. Students who are waiting on kilts will need to make arrangements to swap uniforms on the day and should discuss this with their homeroom teacher.

Open Morning

Our Open morning will be held on **Wednesday, May 12th from 9:30 –1:00**. You are all most welcome to come during that time to have a look at the new classrooms and to see your child 'in action' during a school day. Visitors are asked to come to the office, sign in and will be given a guided tour by members of the SRC.

Enrolments

During May when we are very focused on enrolments you may receive questions from parents of Yr 5 or 6 students who want to know your views of the College. Please take the time to explain what you know of the College and what you have experienced as a parent. If they ask questions you are unable to answer please refer them to the College or call us on their behalf.

Medieval Day

Yr 8 students will be taking part in a Medieval Day on **Monday 10th May** - they will be joined by the Yr 8 students from Presentation Campus.

Promotion

The College will be making use of local media to promote itself in the coming weeks; we are particularly grateful to the students who have been so generous with their talents in the making of the promotional material.

Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it, piece by piece--by thought, choice, courage and determination.

(H. Jackson Brown)

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Debutante Ball – 2004

Last week there was a meeting to establish the 2004 Debutante Ball Committee. We had a wonderful response from over two dozen very generous parents. The following parents accepted nominations for Office Bearers and were subsequently elected.

Leader: Mrs. Jane Mitchell.
Assistant: Mrs. Claire Marino.
Secretary: Mrs. Maria Testa.
Assistant: Mrs. Lorraine Teychenne.
Treasurer: Mrs. Maureen Tomkins.
Assistant: Mrs. Jacqui Collinson.

Members of the last Committee came along to offer some words of encouragement and wisdom and to pass on the baton to the new group. Mrs. Libby Witchell (Leader) and Mrs. Belinda Issell (Treasurer) will also present a cheque to the College through the Parents and Friends at next Monday night's Meeting.

This is an opportune time to mention the College Policy concerning the Debutante Ball. This can be found in the College Planner on page 123.

“This is a Year 11 function for current students only. Students who leave before Registration Day and the payment of the deposit are not accepted as debutantes or partners. Students who leave after Registration Day and the payment of the deposit may continue, provided that an undertaking is made to ensure appropriate behaviour.”

On registration day, registration forms will only be accepted from girls with partners. Girls who do not have partners at this moment will need to find a partner or they will not be able to make their debut.

Full Bore Rifle Competition:

Gippsland Secondary Schools fought it out for the Howard and Schuback Perpetual Full Bore Trophy at the Rosedale Rifle Range on Friday, March 26. Eight schools competed at the 500yard (457m) course. Lavalla Catholic College won the event for the second year running from Gippsland Grammar with Yarram Secondary College and Sale Catholic College equal third.

Kildare Campus (contd....)

Results:

Lavalla 143 + 1 (centre), Grammar 142 + 4, Yarram 139 + 2 and Sale 139 + 2.

Team Scores:

Tim Lawless 35, Chris Brady 36 (+ 1), Steve McKinnon 36 (+ 1), Brian Thexton 36 and Brad Flemming 35. This was a

very consistent performance. My thanks are extended to Mr. Ken Tatterson, Coach, Mr. Ross Smith, Assistant and Mr. John Williams who has coached, trained and managed the team for a number of years.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare	Presentation
Mon. 10 May	L Barrett, S Mills	S Robb, M Rigg	A Maunder
Tue. 11 May	I Gregson, P Johnston	D Webb, H VanBerkel	J Dickason
Wed. 12 May	J Clegg, R Mills	P Radovich, D Hall	J Iacavou
Thu. 13 May	P Brown, V Sammut	B Whittaker, M Wojciechowski	D Parniak
Fri. 14 May	J Kivisalu, C Shippen R Hadjistefanis	M Auciello, A Fogarty (lunch) M McCluskey (recess)	K Mills

Calendar Dates for Coming Week

Mon. 10	Medieval Day for Yr 8 (St.Paul's & Presentation) Intermediate Football – Sale
Tue. 11	GCSSSA Athletics Carnival Presentation Campus Photos
Wed. 12	Open Day 9.30am to 1.00pm (St Paul's & Presentation) Information Night for Yr 7, 2005, Presentation Campus: 7.30 to 9.00pm Year 8 Mass – Presentation Campus All Schools' Regional Chess Competition
Thu. 13	Tamboritha Camp commences for 9.4 (St.P) Year 11 Champagnat House Retreat commences

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