



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

30 July 2003

Dear Parents,

Both local and state newspapers are carrying articles and information about courses and careers. Along with various schools and Colleges, Lavalla Catholic College is also advertising courses, programmes and Open Days. It is an important moment in our preparation for next year.

As we browsed through the recent supplement put out by the Latrobe Valley Express, it was clear that most schools are offering much the same curriculum, programmes and courses. I was reminded that a part of this curriculum is to help every student in their search for meaning in life and in their search for happiness.

Our mind is in search of meaning and our hearts are in search of a happiness that is complete and unending. We seek the God beyond and outside of ourselves and at the same time we increasingly discover God's spirit present within us.

Through its curriculum, the College tries to lay the foundations and directions for this search, to support students in it and to provide them with the motivation to continue it throughout their lives.

It is one element that we can easily overlook when confronted by curriculum details.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Countdown to Expo 7 days to go.

Friday August 8th
Champagnat Centre, St.Paul's Campus
12.00 till 5.30

Subject information
VCE/VET/VCAL/special programs
Careers information

Take the chance to work with us and your child to plan for next year.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

From time to time I have the opportunity to visit classrooms to see students in action. Last week I had the fun of joining some Yr 8's as their fellow class members Gianni and Brad taught them some basic Latin dancing. I was pleased with the personal generosity of both boys as they sought to share the pleasure they get from their dancing with their fellow students.

Road Trauma - Life & Death Decisions

The local police have arranged for a guest speaker, **Cara Johnstone**, to speak to Years 9 to 12 students in our area. She will be visiting Lavalla on Thursday 7th of August. Cara gives a very strong message about road trauma and the sometimes 'life and death' decisions young people make when they get into a car. Our police are very keen to work pro-actively with our students to prevent unnecessary loss of young lives and I thank them on your behalf for this initiative. There is a small cost to cover expenses and all students will be asked to pay \$2, a very small sum when compared to the loss of a life.

CAS Soccer Eastern Zone

On Friday 18th July Lavalla Catholic College's junior boys soccer team competed in the Eastern Zone of the CAS Soccer Tournament. The team won all their games and have qualified for finals in September.

Lavalla beat Aquinas College 7 - 0.

Goal scorers – Cameron Dunne (4), Adrian Fazioli (2) and Aaron Daniels (1)

Lavalla beat Marcellin Bulleen 2 – 1

Goal scorers – Cameron Dunne (2)

Best players on the day were Cameron Dunne, Adrian Fazioli, Andrew Maselli and Matthew Coad. Also a big thanks to Mr. O'Hara and Conor Clarke for coaching the team, Mr. DiFazio who refereed and the Yr 8's who assisted on the day.

Help

Often families believe their child should be treated with extra consideration because of an illness or a family situation. However, we need to know about these circumstances and cannot be expected to guess what is going on in a student's life. Please either speak or write to the homeroom teacher so that your son or daughter is cared for appropriately.

Mud

Currently we are still using the temporary canteen in the Champagnat Centre, with student access via the soccer fields and naturally have more than the usual amount of mud around because of the building program. Students are constantly reminded to wipe their feet, stay out of the mud and water etc. Usually it is the parents who are left to deal with the problem of muddy uniforms so it might be timely for you also to remind your son or daughter of the work they create if they are not careful negotiating the sometimes muddy yard.

Concerns

Some students have brought battery powered pens to school. These are designed specifically to give a very mild electric shock. Any student found with one of these pens at school will forfeit it immediately as they are potentially harmful and disruptive to classes.

Positives

As part of helping your child become resilient, it is helpful if you ask them to nominate 2-3 positive things that happen to them each day. This could make for interesting dinner time discussion.

"For today and its blessings, I owe the world an attitude of gratitude" Clarence E. Hodges

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

All students attended the **Champagnat Medal Mass** last Tuesday week. The Mass highlighted the need for service in our lives. A service based on consideration for the

needs of others. To quote from the College Statement of Philosophy ".....simplicity, family spirit, compassion and presence in the midst of those whom we are called to serve."

May I congratulate all students in the manner in which they approached the Mass. All students followed the parts of the Mass and respected the times for prayer and reflection.

At the Mass **Michael Gauci** from Year 7 was presented with the Champagnat Medal. Our congratulations to Michael.

The **Year 9's** are currently into the second week of their **Red Cross Community Action Program**. The program is part of the Religious Education course at this campus. Each Thursday for a period of eight weeks all Year 9's are offered the chance to experience "volunteering" in the community, as mentioned above it compliments the College philosophy "to serve others in need".

Currently, students are working at the following placements:

1. Narracan Gardens (Aged Care facility)
2. Kindergarten - Murray Road; St. Lukes

3. Child Care - Moe Central; Kylie Child Care Morwell
4. Primary Schools - St. Mary's, St. Kieran's, South Street, Newborough
5. Riding for the Disabled
6. Meals on Wheels
7. St. Vincent de Paul's

Planners

We have been working hard to have all students obtain maximum benefit from the correct use of the Planner. We would like your support in this matter and ask you to sign the Planner each week and check it for any correspondence from staff.

Some students have been asked to purchase a new planner. Overall, Student Planners are well presented and used effectively.

The Plovers are still sitting on four eggs!

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

***Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus***

KILDARE CAMPUS

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the Australian Marist Association of Schools' (AMSA) Conference in Adelaide. Bishop Gerard Holohan DD from Bunbury, Western Australia, Br. Michael Green fms, Principal of St Augustine's College, Cairns, Dr. Therese D'Orsa, from the Catholic Education Office, Warragul, Fr. Greg O'Kelly SJ, Principal of St. Ignatius College, Adelaide, Br. Bob O'Connor fms, former Principal of Marist Colleges in NSW and Fr. Frank Brennan SJ, Lawyer and social justice advocate were the keynote speakers.

The mission of Marist Schools into the future was a broad theme for the Conference (Mission Impossible or Mission: Impossible?) and certainly the speakers presented us all with many insights and challenges for the coming years. I hope to be working on aspects of the conference with staff and students in the coming weeks and to raise awareness and to sharpen aspects of the College mission.

***Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus***

DATES FOR COMING WEEK	
Fri. 1	Melbourne Schools' Choral Festival
	Year 12 Outdoor Education Field Trip – Wilson's Prom.
Mon. 4	Parents & Friends Meeting – St Paul's Campus (7.30pm)
	Secondhand Uniform Shop Open 6.45 to 7.30pm – St Paul's
Tue. 5	AIMS Year 7 Mathematics – St Paul's & Presentation
	CAS Netball Championships
Wed. 6	AIMS Year 7 English – St Paul's & Presentation
	CAS Netball Championships
Thu. 7	CAS Netball Championships
Fri. 8	2003 Careers & Courses EXPO

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

On Wednesday the 23rd of July, the College Netball Squad participated in the Dairy Farmers, State Schools Netball Championship, held at Victorian Netball Stadium, Royal Park. In very adverse weather conditions, the junior team was required to play all of their games in driving rain and ice-cold wind. To their credit, the junior team was successful and won their way into the next round. Congratulations go to the players and their coach Mr Ross Sizeland. Both the Intermediate and Senior teams played indoors. The intermediate team came third in their division and were well coached by Miss Nikki Heenan. The senior team also came third in their division and even drew with the winning team, Canterbury Girls SC. Again well done to the players and their coach, Ms Karen Joyce. Finally, the general behaviour of the players on and off the courts was excellent

Alan R. Ryan.

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (Second Semester)

Parents are advised that applications close on 15th August. If applications were applied for in the first semester there is no need to re-apply for the second semester allowance. Applications only need to be completed by those who did not apply in the first semester. If you have any queries please phone Mrs Helen Orr at Marcellin House (5174 5272)

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting for P & F will be held on Monday 4th August 2003 at the Resource Centre, St Pauls Campus (Library). A brief meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by our guest speaker Mr Mark Judd, Year 12 co-ordinator. This will give all parents the opportunity to find out more about VCE and to discuss any questions they may have regarding their child's upcoming VCE years.

The **uniform shop will be opened from 6.45pm to 7.30pm** prior to the P & F meeting to give parents who are unable to attend the daytime uniform shop the opportunity to obtain their child's uniform needs.

If you require any additional information regarding the guest speaker or uniform shop, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny or Felicetta.

Meeting nights for the remainder of 2003:

Term 3: 4th August, 1 September

**Term 4: 3rd November, 1 December
(Christmas Breakup)**

*Jenny Hansch / Felicetta Kile
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CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Presentation	Kildare
Mon 4 Aug.	G Hastie, T Roberts	J Caffrey	L Thorburn, A Zaghet
Tue. 5 Aug.	C Hinds, M Inger	B Renwick	K Manson, S Prosser
Wed. 6 Aug.	D Ferguson, M Wojciechowski	W Gibson	M Tomkins, M Leahy
Thu. 7 Aug.	S Sammut, S Barber	M Bortignon	C Payne
Fri. 8 Aug.	M Byl, J Hartley, D Leatham	-	N Curnick, G Krutop

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