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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

The year has come quickly to an end and in the busyness of getting ready for finishing our work and getting ready for Christmas day we might lose track that we have entered the preparation period for Christmas called Advent. As a time of expectant waiting and preparation we observe advent to remind us of the ultimate joy of Christmas. On behalf of Lavalla Catholic College we wish you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year and hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Farewell:

In thinking about what to say to you as my final farewell message I searched the archives to find the message I wrote to you when I was first appointed Principal in October 2005. In it I mention that it is hard to imagine where education was heading in Australia but we knew we were at the brink of something new. I talked about feeling conscious that I was leading a faith community and that my primary role was to ensure that Lavalla remained a viable College and a school of choice for the families of the Latrobe Valley.

Others will judge how well I have paid attention to these emerging trends but as the first lay principal I have tried to be mindful that primarily we are a Catholic school in the Marxist tradition and understood my role as faith leader of the community. Secondly, I saw myself as the lead Learner and Teacher and I have tried to ensure that everything we did at Lavalla was for the best interest of our students' learning and wellbeing. Not that the College was in a difficult place when I inherited it, but thirdly, I wanted to leave the school in a better place. That is, I aimed to focus on continual improvement and development and in so doing leading not only for now but for a future not yet our own. I have tried to be a good steward for the future prosperity of this fine College and to leave a legacy that hopefully Mr John Freeman will be able to build upon.

It is true that over my eight years as principal we have celebrated many good news stories and we have also come together in grief and sorrow. The work of a dynamic and growing school like ours, is never done and I could have found a million reasons to stay. But I genuinely feel pleased that I leave the College well placed to continue its journey towards the 21st century pedagogy.

With all that has been done and left undone, I thank you all as members of this community – staff, students and families for allowing me to lead – because without your support and co-operation, without you entering into partnership with me, we would not be the great school we are today.

*Let the just rejoice,
for their justifier is born.*

*Let the sick and infirm
rejoice,
For their saviour is born.*

*Let the captives rejoice,
for their Redeemer is
born.*

*Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.*

*Let free men rejoice,
For their Liberator is
born.*

*Let All Christians rejoice,
For Jesus Christ is born.*

*(St. Augustine of Hippo,
AD 354-440)*

I am pleased with all that we have accomplished together and while many wonderful things have been said about me over these last few weeks, I am of course mindful that we have succeeded together and I humbly and proudly say thank you for the wonderful times – over my 27 years. I have never lost sight of the enormous privilege that it has been to be your Principal and to work in and for this community. This school will remain dear to my heart. I will follow its progress always and wish for you all the very best of everything.

Kahlil Gibran says it this way: I've adapted it slightly:

*How shall I go in peace and without sorrow?
Nay, not without a wound in the spirit shall I leave this great school
Too many of my dreams have I scattered in these corridors
And I cannot withdraw from them without a burden and an ache
Nor is it work that I leave behind me, but keep in my heart made sweet
with memories and with yearnings.
Yet I cannot tarry longer
I must go, with woe in my heart and meet my new adventure*

Goodbye and God bless

Erica Pegorer



ICAS Gold Medal Winner - Nathaneal Georgeson

Congratulations to student Nathaneal Georgeson was award the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) Gold Medal for Computer Skills. Principal Pegorer and Nathaneal's family were on hand at the presentation ceremony in Melbourne for the presentation.

Nathaneal's brother William also won an ICAS Gold Medal in 2012. Principal Pegorer is pictured with them both below.



Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Presentation Dinner 2013

A wonderful evening was held on Thursday 14th November as VCAL staff Ms Sally Sharp, Mrs Cheryl Hunter, Mr Brett Van Berkel, Mr Peter Flahavin and Mr Mark Warnock together with Ms Erica Pegorer, Mr Douglas Doherty and invited guests, gathered together to celebrate another successful year in the VCAL program and present awards to VCAL students for their efforts within the program.

Overall Most Outstanding VCAL Student

Carlie Fullard

Outstanding VCAL Student Award

Nick Hadjistefanis

Literacy Award

Katelynd Williams

Numeracy Award

Carlie Fullard

Initiative & Enterprise Award

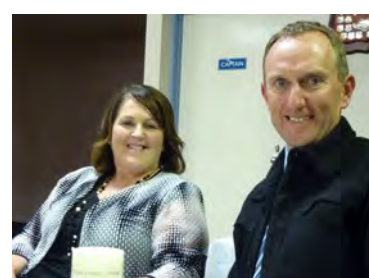
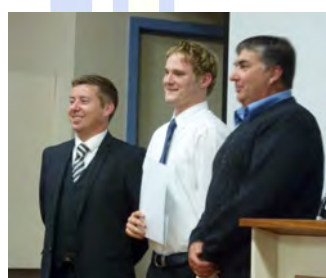
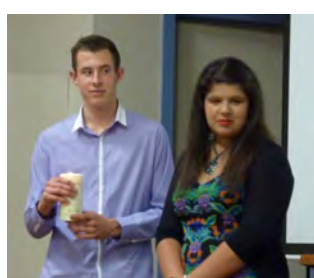
D'Artagnan Simpson

Community Services Award

- Carlie Fullard
- Nivin Ramadan

Careers, Enterprise and Opportunity program (CEO) Foundation

- Cameron Graham
- Jarrod Henderson
- Steven Wilson
- Lachlan Musgrove
- Courtney Scott
- Intermediate
- Jessica Crilly
- Carly Howe
- Katelynd Williams
- Carlie Fullard
- Nick Hadjistefanis
- Cameron Miller



REMAR in Mildura

Brett Van Berkel and Pam Goodall took a group of 12 year eleven Remar students to Mildura for their Blue Immersion Camp experience. This involved students spending time in two locations within the Mildura area. The Mildura Migrant Language Centre and Buronga Primary School.

Each had significant issues they faced in providing educational services to children of Mildura. The Migrant Centre took students from Prep to Year 11 and provided the opportunity for them to learn basic English and to assist with transition into mainstream schooling, many of the students had suffered trauma because of war or separation of family. Most students were from Afghanistan.

At Buronga Primary School around 40% of students were from Indigenous backgrounds. They also had a significant number of autistic students.

The Lavalla students did an amazing job assisting in classrooms and running lunchtime sporting activities. They made a real impact amongst the students and teachers in the short time they were at the schools. Being able to connect with students and hear their stories particularly those from the migrant school and the hardship they faced made them realize how lucky they are. It also left them wanting to do more to help these students. It was an amazing experience that was capped off with a trip to the World heritage Lake Mungo area. Where our indigenous guide showed us the history of indigenous interaction with the area that dated back 100,000 years. The camp and meeting the teachers and students from each school was truly a highlight of the Remar journey thus far.



Whitehouse Poster Competition

Ms Christine Blake

Yr 10 design students Grace Becker and Gabriella Duffy entered the 2013 Whitehouse Institute of Design 25th Anniversary Redesign Poster competition.

The brief was to reinterpret an existing Whitehouse poster design in any medium or technique.

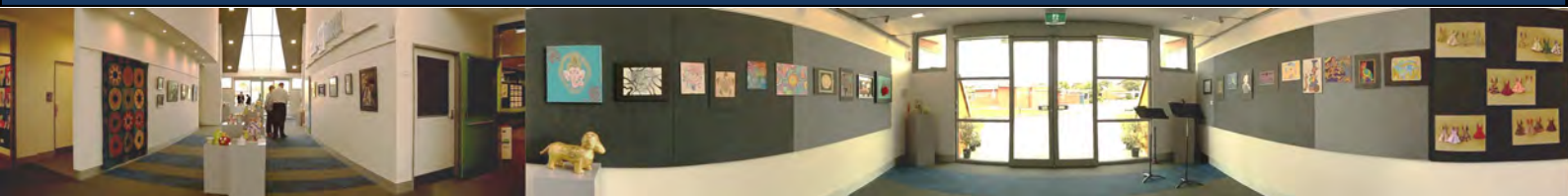
Both Grace and Gabriella were selected as Runner-up Prize Winners. There were only seven State/Territory Runner-up prizes awarded nationwide!

Each girl has won the following prizes:

- an individual prize pack
- a KickStart Workshop for 50 Lavalla students.
- a scholarship to attend a one week Design Beginnings Workshop at the Whitehouse Institute in Melbourne.

The girls will also have their work exhibited at 'A Night in White' in Sydney and Melbourne. A Night in White is the Whitehouse Institute's 25th Anniversary exhibition, fashion parade and celebratory event, held in collaboration with Vogue Australia. The students are very proud of their efforts and excited that they have won design/illustration workshops for the school.





St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2013 school year and activity is shifting to completing course work and the various range of associated activities. For some students, this time of the year can be stressful as they wrestle with accountability for their work performance. It is a good time, as a parent, to check in with them regarding their program of work completion and their plan for submission of requirements. Breaking tasks into manageable pieces and prioritizing are usually the keys to success when faced with a large workload. Teachers are most willing to help students to formulate action strategies where they are struggling with self-organisation.

Student Activity and news

On behalf of the staff of St Paul's, I would like to thank our student leaders for their effort to put teaching and support staff at the centre of their thinking at the 'Gratitude Assembly' last week. Staff felt particularly appreciated and affirmed by the warm presentation and confirmation of relationship that underpins our work together.

At the same assembly, aspirants for Campus Leadership delivered speeches in support of their candidacy for the position of Campus Leaders. Students and staff voted to elect our Student Leadership cohort for 2014.

I am pleased to announce that the successful electees are:

Chelsea D'Angelo

Nathan Catherwood

Matthew Pearce

Megan Ruyters

Jye Jarvis

Annaliese Hughes

These student were appointed as Vice Captains as support for our leadership team. These students will all be coached in support of their Leadership by Ms Joanne Alford.

Congratulations to Kaitlin Pooley, who was awarded the prestigious Carole Ingwersen Junior Encouragement Award at the recent Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. We are very proud of our College Music program, our Directors of music and the sense of excellence they instil in their students.



Following in the tradition of Christmases past the students of St Paul's and their families have donated generously to create 20 hampers to be donated to St Vincent De Paul. Thank you to all students and their families for their kind donations that will make a difference to local families this year.

Camps and good works

Our camps program has ended for the year for the year as 45 Young Marists spent two days at 'The Summit', engaging in activities designed to challenge them to reflect on their development as young people of faith. We take pride in the work of our staff, particularly Mr Phillip Schipp and Ms Kaylene Mustoe, who give their time to encourage our students to take up the works of Jesus in the Champagnat Way.





2014 House Captains - Kildare

Champagnat

Patrick Harriman
Stephanie McDonald

MacKillop

Thomas Wilson
Lauren Van Dyke

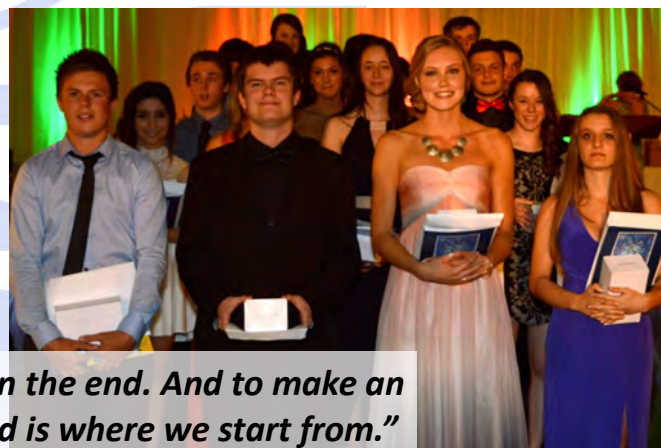
Delany

Bradley Brereton
Phoebe Trembath

Nagle

Benjamin Noy
Molly Irvine

LAVALLA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

- T.S. Elliot.



End of Year Awards Recipients - 2013

We congratulate the following students who received their awards;

Year 7 English Award - Ella Darling
Year 7 Mathematics Award - Justin Hough
Year 7 Religious Education Award - Anton Tarraran.
Year 8 English Award - Natalie Justin.
Year 8 Mathematics Award - Tobias Duffy.
Year 8 Religious Education Award - Brianna Allford.
Year 9 English Award - Grace Darling.
Year 9 Mathematics Award - Jacinta Potter.
Year 9 Religious Education Award - Olivia Glover.
Year 10 English Award - Ashlea Hegarty.
Year 10 Mathematics Award - Alina Huggins.
Year 10 Religious Education Award - Bethany Hourigan.
Year 11 Religious Education Award - Carly Howe.
VCE Units 1 & 2 Business Management - Benjamin Noy
VCE Units 1 & 2 Drama - Rebekah Symons
VCE Units 1 & 2 General Mathematics - Louis Machen



VCE VET Certificate II in Business (Office Administration) Units 1 & 2 - Lauren Van Dyke
VCE Vet Certificate III in Laboratory Skills Units 1 & 2 - Keeley Glasson
VCE VET Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (Outdoor Recreation) Units 1 & 2 - Bree Guttridge
VCE Units 3&4 Geography - Aman Bhatti
VCE Units 3 & 4 Outdoor and Environmental Studies - Samuel Roberts
VCE VET Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (Outdoor Recreation) Units 3 & 4 - Samuel Clavarino
VCE Units 1 & 2 Chemistry & VCE Units 1 & 2 English - Constantinos Kavadias
VCE Units 1 & 2 Mathematical Methods (CAS) & VCE Units 1 & 2 General Mathematics (Mathematical Methods) - Ryan Prekop
VCE Units 1 & 2 Biology & VCE Units 1 & 2 Food and Technology & VCE Units 1 & 2 General Maths (Further Mathematics) & VCE VET Certificate III in Health (Allied Health Assistance) Units 1&2 & VCE VET Certificate II Business (Office Administration) Units 3 & 4 - Shannon Shepley



VCE Units 1 & 2 Health & Human Development - Maggie O'Keefe
VCE Units 1 & 2 History - Karlee Dal Pra
VCE Units 1 & 2 Information Technology - Alexander Spehar
VCE Units 1 & 2 Literature - Alina Huggins
VCE Units 1 & 2 LOTE (Italian) - Korey Kavadias
VCE Units 1 & 2 Music Performance - Ryley Reid
VCE Units 1 & 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies - Caelum Bond
VCE Units 1 & 2 Philosophy - Lisa Tops
VCE Units 1 & 2 Product Design and Technology - Eden Farley
VCE Units 1 & 2 Psychology - Bethany Hourigan
VCE Units 1 & 2 Systems Engineering - Zachary Neilson
VCE VET Certificate II in Building and Construction Units 1 & 2 - Mitchell Bakker



End of Year Awards Recipients

VCE Units 1 & 2 Studio Arts & Visual Communication and Design - Emily Molinari

VCE Units 1 & 2 Physical Education & VCE Units 3 & 4 Psychology - Stephanie McDonald

The Natalia Nadsadina Prize for Physics - Ebony Jozsa

VCE Units 1&2 English Language & VCE Units 3 & 4

Mathematical Methods (CAS) – Ebony Jozsa

ICAS Gold Medal for Computer Skills in Year 10

- Nathanael Georgeson

Year 7 Community Building Award - Kirsten Piening

Year 8 Community Building Award - Annaliese Hughes

Year 9 Community Building Award - Lexi Savige

Year 10 Community Building Award - Jasmine O'Shea

Year 11 Community Building Award - Mikaela Tarraran

Year 7 Sports Award - Emily Haeusler

Year 8 Sports Award - Hayden Willaton

Year 9 Sports Award - Kasey Guttridge

Year 10 Sports Award - Amelia Charlton

Year 11 Sports Award - Sukie Hodgson

School Sports Victoria Sporting Achievement Medal

— Amelia Charlton



Year 10 All Round Achievement

- Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura

Year 11 All Round Achievement - Molly Irvine

The Jim Coffey Encouragement Award - Jacob Politakis

The Musicianship Award - Tobias Duffy

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and

Teamwork Award – Matthew Masiero

The Kwong Lee Dow Scholars

- Karlee Dal Pra & Bethany Hourigan

The Campus Director Award for St Pauls Campus

- Jeremy Wall

The Campus Director Award for Kildare Campus

- Benjamin Andreou

Dux of Year 9 - Grace Darling

Dux of Year 10 - Bethany Hourigan

Dux of Year 11 - Shannon Shepley

The Lavalla Award for Inspiration and Excellence

- Mrs Rita Nainie and Mrs Siobhan Lawler



Congratulations to all winners

The Australian Marist Schools Association Sport Award in memory of Daniel Lee

— Luke Mulqueen (Marist Cricket)

— Benjamin Barlow (Marist Basketball)

2013 Cultural Award - Sian Pratt & Morgan Williams

MSP award - Erin Roberts

Tamboritha Award - Alexandra

Delicato

The Civics & Citizenship award -

Mikaela Tarraran

Year 7 Student Peer Award- Kirsten Piening

Year 8 Student Peer Award - Peter Sung

Year 9 Student Peer Award - Maggie McCormick

Year 10 Student Peer Award – Connor McCafferty

Year 11 Student Peer Award – Aman Bhatti

Year 7 All Round Achievement - Kristyl Robertson

Year 8 All Round Achievement - Nathan Catherwood

Year 9 All Round Achievement - Corey Petersen



Back to School Dates

Wednesday 22 January

School Reopens

Friday 31 January

Year 7, 10 and 12 students commence

Monday 3 February

Year 8, 9 and 11 students commence

Thursday 6 February

Year 7-9 Welcome Evening

Thursday 20 February

Kildare Swimming Carnival

Friday 21 February

St Paul's Swimming Carnival

February 25 February

Year 11 and 12 Information Night

MARCELLIN HOUSE

(ADMINISTRATION)

Coster Circle

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Lavalla Uniform Shop

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3:30pm — 6:00pm

30 January 2014



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The Sustainable Schools Shop Website.

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

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Shop Textbook Trading System is included with
your 2014 booklist and on The College website.



*The Christmas Card above was designed by our Year 10 student
Kirsten Baldacchino and won the Catholic Education Office
(CEO) Diocese of Sale Christmas Card Competition.*

*Her winning design will be used by the CEO for their cards this
Christmas season.*

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