



## From the Principal

Mr John Freeman



Cadet Sergeant Daniel Henry (Yr 11 Far right) and Cadet Corporal Taylor Dennison-Young (Yr 10 far left) who are part of the Australian Airforce Cadets 426 Squadron. They were the flag bearers at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Traralgon Cenotaph this Friday morning.

Friday, 11 November 2016 is Remembrance Day. This day marks 98 years since the guns fell silent following the signing of the Armistice of what was called the Great War – World War 1. This was meant to be the war to end all wars. Unfortunately, as we know, this was not the case. So today we paused to remember the generous, brave and selfless contribution made by the men and women who have defended Australia.

We know that suffering and death because of war is not restricted to those who serve in the armed forces. Those who live, perhaps more apt to write survive and persevere, in places of conflict across history and particularly today, also need to be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Death is unfortunately one reality, but the plight of the innocent people who live in those places torn apart by war is that they are often forced to leave their homes. Even after the fighting officially stops people often cannot either return or stay in their homes due to where they lived being uninhabitable and the very real threats of persecution, lack of essential resources and poverty.

So today I hope that we all took time at 11.00am to remember those who served and died in service of Australia, but also consider and pay our respect to our sisters and brothers who died, suffered and are currently struggling from the serious consequences of wars and armed conflicts.

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The impact of the closure of Hazelwood is yet to be fully realised in our community, but we are aware it will cause direct and indirect challenges for all of us. Accordingly, please know that if you are affected by this decision you are encouraged to let us know about what impacts this will have and we will endeavour to support you in any way we reasonably can.

Well done to Nicola Broeren who has been selected to be a member of the Remar Ministry Team in 2017. She is one of four students selected from around Australia who applied for this opportunity. We wish her well for next year.

Good luck to the Year 7 and 8 Girls' Basketball teams and the Year 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball teams who will be playing in the SSV State finals next week.

Please keep in your prayers the Year 12s who are still completing their final exams, which will continue late into next week.



The wellbeing of our young people is of paramount concern for all us. Accordingly the Australian Government Department of Education and Training has recently launched the Student Wellbeing Hub - [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) - as a new online resource for teachers, parents and students. The site provides information on a range of student resilience and wellbeing topics along with classroom resources and interactive tools. The Student Wellbeing Hub is guided by the nine elements of the National Safe Schools Framework and has identified Wellbeing and Online Safety as key priorities for educators in the creation and maintenance of safe and supportive school communities.

Another resource available to support young people to have positive online experiences and seeks to empower all Australians to explore the online world safely is the Office of the Children's eSafety Commission - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>. The eSafety Commission website provides online safety education for children and young people, a complaints and reporting page for those who experience serious cyberbullying and an investigation service through the Online Content Scheme. I particular commend the iParent page which helps build parent understanding about the digital environment. It provides updated information on children's technology-use and guidance for using safety settings on web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online.

I commend to your prayers Gavan Keast who passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. Gavan is the father of Sam (Year 12) and Meghan (2013) and husband to Tania.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*





As the term draws to a close students and teachers are focused on completing tasks. Please remember, if you receive a Redemption email for your child, it is offering him or her an opportunity to complete outstanding work and hence complete the year well. Your support of the process and encouragement for your child will be invaluable.

## You are invited to St Paul's On Show, Wednesday 16th 4:00- 5:30.

Displays include Years 7, 8 and 9 work with teachers on hand for informal discussions. We hope that you can join us to share some of the learning which has gone on during 2016. Year 7 work will be on display in the Year 7 centre, the Year 8 Centre will host a music display, Glen Lilac will have a LOTE display, the Le Rozey Centre an art display and Atlas will be displaying work in the Information Service Centre. Please join us to celebrate the achievements of our students during 2016.

## Transition

Please note that the final day for Year 9 students on this campus will be Friday 2nd December. As of Monday 5th December all students will transition into the next year level. This transition time is important. It allows students to become familiar with their new class groupings, meet their Year Level leaders, Home room teachers and gain some idea of the expectations made of them in a new year level. Every day at school counts and these in particular make for a very smooth start to 2017. It is important that students are present for these days.

On Tuesday 6th December, Year 8 and Year 9 2017 students will be transported to the Presentation Campus for various transition activities. Year 7 2017 will have an Orientation experience from 9:30am-2:00pm at the St Paul's campus.

We will have a number of students new to the College and the transition days will also provide them with an opportunity to be welcomed and to integrate into our community.

## St Vinnies Hampers

We have a long history of compiling these hampers for distribution over Christmas. Thanks to all those families who have contributed. While this is a very worthwhile cause and hence important in its own right, teaching our young people about the need to care for others is a significant life lesson.

In this year of mercy,

Lee McKenzie

*"Giving is a joy if we do it in the right spirit. It all depends on whether we think of it as;*

*"What can I spare?" "or as  
"What can I share?"*

*-Esther Baldwin York*







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. Eliot)

Next week the Kildare Campus sees the end of the VCE examinations and the move to the end of the academic year for Year 10 and 11. Final examinations for these students for 2016 take place between 23rd and 29th November. I expect all students to give their best and learn from these exam experiences in preparation for their future VCE exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students who are joining our College community from other local schools. I have every confidence that they will be made welcome and achieve success here at Lavalla Catholic College. To assist with this transition, there will be a Transition to College breakfast on Thursday 1st December for students and parents joining Lavalla for the first time in Year 11 and 12 and Monday 5th December for Year 10 students and parents. We ask that these new students and parents come to reception at Kildare for 8:15am.

Transition for all our students begins on Thursday 1st December for all Year 11 and 12 students and Monday 5th December for all Year 10 students. This is a very exciting and worthwhile time for the students and is designed to ensure that our students have a productive end to the year by beginning their 2017 subjects and striving to make a strong start on their 'Pathways to Success.'

Next Friday will be the final celebration for the Class of 2016, when the Year 12s celebrate their Graduation with a dinner and awards ceremony. This will be a wonderful occasion and an excellent way to mark the successful end of their secondary education.

Next week the Year 11 VCAL students also undertake work experience. This is a vital component to this award winning programme and a great way to allow local employers to experience the work readiness of our students.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Connor Watson who achieved an apprenticeship with the Melbourne Cricket Club; Aydan Garrett gained an apprenticeship with High Voltage Consultancy and Bailey Cameron gained an apprenticeship with GJ and FL Cameron Plumbing. These are great successes for all involved and they have made our College proud.

God Bless  
Mr Doug Doherty.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11 November 1918, at 11.00 am the guns fell silent in Europe. World War I, the war to end all wars, the war for civilization, had officially ended. The cost was unimaginable. A generation of romantics went off cheerfully to fight the war. From Australia there are stories of boys as young as 14 going off to volunteer in what seemed a great adventure. Four years later, the horror of war was cemented in our modern consciousness. Wilfred Owen summed it up shockingly in "Dulce et Decorum Est".

Today, wars are everywhere. They occupy our news, they invade our living rooms through radio and television. We use the language of war every time we speak of 'beating' someone else in sport or any other competition. War is an inner subconscious attitude we all share. How we can rise above this mindset is an interesting discussion.

The great message of Remembrance Day that I reflect on is this; peace starts with me. That I am peace-filled is a good starting point for each of us.

## Congratulations Nicola Broeren



Nicola came into my office before her last exam. To say she was overjoyed would be an understatement. Nicola was beaming.

Nicola has been selected to serve on the Remar Mission Team (Australia) for 2017. For one year she, with three others, will be based in Melbourne. Their task is to plan, organise and run Remar Leadership events for more than 20 schools across Australia, including Tasmania. She will travel to schools, run overnight camps, and enthuse young people to become better leaders. Her work will directly influence over 1000 students and staff across Australia.

What is significant for Lavalla Catholic College is, that though the college has been part of Remar for a long time, Nicola is the first to be selected at this level. It is a tribute to her own passion for leadership, her family and supporters over the years, and the Remar Gold group from whom she learned so much.

Nicola shows us one way in which many of us spread peace.







## VET Hairdressing Excursion - Neel Loves Curls



Last Wednesday the VET Hairdressing class travelled to the vibrant Brunswick Street in Fitzroy to attend a hairdressing education seminar with a difference. Neel Morley, formerly of the UK is the owner of Neel Loves Curls the only salon of its kind in Australia with people travelling from all over to experience this "curl sanctuary" booking months ahead for a \$120.00 haircut.

Neel has cleverly found a niche market and the success of this is evident from the moment you walk through the front door where the slogan runs "come on in, curl- friend".

There is a real energy and theatre to the whole experience. From Beyoncé inspired bling cutting capes to Stars Wars Darth Vader you really enter another world with sound effects included!

But most of all it's the artistry and knowledge that Neel brings to his curly haired clients. He really is the master of cutting the curl.

Sami, one of our VET Hairdressing students happily volunteered to be a model for Neel and the transformation was amazing!



Above all, what resonated the most was Neel's passion for his work, he really inspired us to find what it is you love and go for it!

In closing, here are some of Neel's top tips for our curly haired friends out there;

1. The Curly Girl Handbook
2. Don't use sulphates – (No Bubbles)  
Don't use silicones / dimethicone's – (Plastics)
3. Learn the Rake and Shake method – (You Tube)
4. Use micro fibre towels, T-shirts or tea towels to pat dry your curls/waves after you shower NEVER use a normal towel
5. CURLY haired people who understand their hair read labels on products
6. SQUISH TO CONDISH.....Created by Melissa Stites in Detroit watch a few You Tube videos to see how different people do it.
7. NEVER THIN OUT YOUR CURLS WITH A RAZOR OR THINNING SCISSORS!!



Carolyn Catherwood  
VET Hairdressing Teacher



I graduated from Lavalla Catholic College in 2012 after completing VCE (Non Atar), 2 VET courses- Certificate II Business Administration & Certificate II Floristry, and the VCAL program. During these courses, I set out to do the absolute best I could- definitely something that was encouraged by my teachers through my schooling years.

Due to illnesses I completed Years 11 & 12 over three years not two; entering the VCAL program in my final year.

In October this year after coming fourth in Australia, in the trade of floristry for the 2016 World Skills National Competition (60 trades, 500 competitors) I spoke to this year's VCAL students at Lavalla Catholic College and I shared my pathway since leaving school and what you can achieve. I never imagined getting to where I have, but if you work and study hard and utilise the resources (your teachers) around you, you are capable of anything.

In the VCAL program itself, the personal development skills (PDS) you learn are skills that stay with you for life and that you continually build on, as well as work related skills (WRS) which help you with interviews and building of your portfolio, which you continually add to after leaving school.

Something I would say to students soon to graduate- Life can take you in whatever way you allow it!

So what and where now? I recently accepted a job in late October in a busy Melbourne City Florist as a fully qualified florist, as well continuing my studies in Cert IV Floristry due to finish in 2017.

Other awards I've received are:

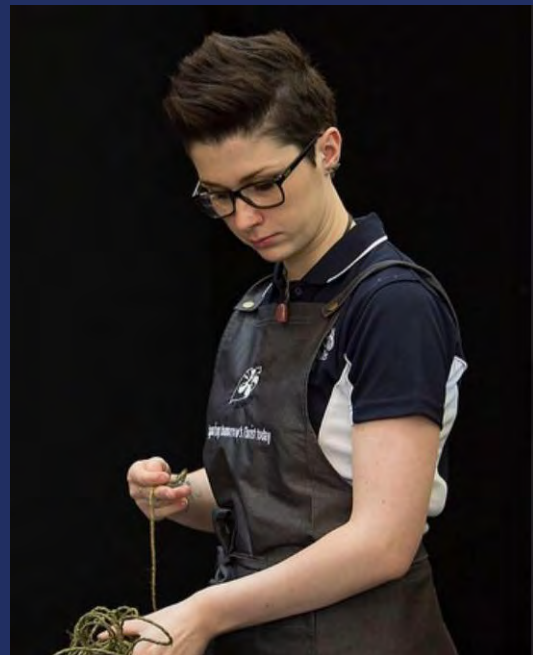
1st place World Skills Vic Regionals  
3rd Place Advanced Section Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show 2015 Top 2nd Year Apprentice 2015 1st Place Oasis Cup 2016 Top 3rd Year Apprentice 2016

I have also demonstrated in Melbourne for the public as part of the Australian Association of Floral Designers.

I would highly encourage VCAL students to undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship and cannot stress the importance of this pathway to be open for students in secondary schooling.

I would like to thank the staff at Lavalla Catholic College as it was the beginning to where I am currently and where I am going in the future. I am very grateful for the confidence and skills I developed during my secondary schooling years at Lavalla Catholic College.

Thankyou  
Kathleen Horton







## Basketball Teams Off to the State Championship

The year 7 and year 8 basketball teams have advanced through to the State Championships after some solid efforts at the Regional Championships at Newborough two weeks ago.

The year 7 boys faced a tough first round match up against Wonthaggi Secondary College and managed to escape with a draw after trailing by 10 points early in the contest. Eventually they would remain the only undefeated team as Marist Sion, Warragul managed to outlast Wonthaggi.

The year 8 boys eventually got the job done too after a tight contest against Korumburra Secondary College before prevailing in their next two contest against Drouin Secondary College and Bairnsdale Secondary College.

The year 7 girls prevailed in their quest to make it through to the State Championships by overcoming Wonthaggi Secondary College, Marist Sion College, Warragul and Bairnsdale Secondary College.

The year 8 girls made it four from four as all four teams qualified through. The intermediate girls fell a win short against Lowanna Secondary College.

## Term 4

Date	Campus	Event	Further Information
Wed 16 November	St PAUL's	St Paul's On Show	Open Day for Parents
Fri 18 November	KILDARE	Year 12 Graduation Dinner	
Wed 23 - 30 November	KILDARE	Year 10 & 11 Exams	
Thu 1 - Fri 2 December	KILDARE	Year 11 & 12 2017 Transition	
Mon 5 - Thu 8 December	BOTH	Whole School Transition	
Mon 5 December	BOTH	College Awards Ceremony	
Tue 6th December	St PAUL'S	Year 7 2017 - Orientation Day	
<b>Fri 9 December</b>	<b>BOTH</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>	

### EXAMs UPDATE

All VCAA Exams from  
**Friday 11th Nov to Wednesday  
16th Nov** will take place in the  
KILDARE HALL.

### 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

@ St Paul's Campus Open 3.30 - 6.00pm

3rd November

17th November - 1st December

6th December (Orientation Day 2.00pm - 6.00pm)





## Dairy Assistance Fund

You are probably aware that the Victorian Government implemented a response package to assist dairy farming families. This includes assistance of a one-off amount of \$375 per student that will be paid to schools, for primary and secondary students attending schools where one or both parents:

- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

To facilitate the assistance program, the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) eligibility criterion is being extended, consistent with the 2016 drought response. However, please note families that have previously qualified for the 2016 CSEF Drought Assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy Assistance funding.

Therefore, if you are eligible for assistance and wish to apply we have attached to this Newsletter:

- the application form;
- a factsheet

More information can be found at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx#dairy>

Applications must be submitted to the attention of Mr Rob Tarraran, Business Manager, by no later than 18 November 2016.



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# School Bus Program

As most parents will be aware, the new School Bus Management System has been launched in your school bus network. From the commencement of Term 4 2016, families can now apply for school bus travel for the 2017 school year.

**What is the timeline for 2017 applications**—Travel applications for 2017 **must** be submitted prior to 27 November 2016. Applications received after this date will be processed after the initial round of travel offers have been made. Travel offers will be made to families early December 2016. Families will then have two weeks to manage their travel offer.

**Existing Bus Travellers**—Families will have already received user account information from Public Transport Victoria, as your children are currently approved for school bus travel. Your user account information includes: username and password to access the School Bus Management System. Please follow the steps below to renew your child's application for the 2017 school year.

- Go to [schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au)
- Login
- Select **Renew Application** for each child [see example, circled in red below]
- Tick **Confirm Residential Address** – where there is no change
- Change the Term/Year to **Term 1 - 2017**
- Change the student's year level for 2017
- Tick **Confirm Traveller's Details**
- Tick **Agree to the Terms and Conditions**
- Click **Submit Renewal**

Traveller	Application Number	Application For	Status	Payment Status	Fare (\$)	Bus Stop	Valid until	Action
Fx Test	2787	2016	offer made		\$0.00	Bus Stop: SCH: St Patrick's School Bus Service: MINCHA - PYRAMID HILL Arrival time: 8:42am		View   <b>Renew Application</b>   View Offer Letter   Manage Offer

If you have changed *home address* or your child is changing *school* in 2017, please create a new application against your child's name [see example, circled in red below]. You do not need to register a new account.

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Operations
Fx	Test	12/04/2010	Edit   <b>New Application</b>
In	Test	03/08/2010	Edit   New Application

## New bus travellers who have siblings currently travelling

Where a family currently has children using a school bus service, but another child now needs school bus access, login in to the School Bus Management System and add the new traveller to your account [see example, circled in red below]. Once complete, create a new application for this child.

My Travellers

**+ Add traveller**

## New Bus Travellers

Families accessing School Bus Program services for the first time, will need to register a new School Bus Management System account.

- Go to [schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au)
- Click **Register**
- Complete all information in the registration process. It is recommended that you enter as much information as required (such as emergency contacts).
- Add Traveller/s using the '+Add traveller' button (see above picture).
- Create a New Application for each child applying to access a school bus
- Submit Application

A School Bus Management System user guide is available at [schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au)

## School Responsibilities

Schools responsibilities remain unchanged, particularly with regards to emergency management and student behaviour, and will continue to provide PTV with on the ground information.

If you have any questions, please contact your school in the first instance. Alternatively contact Public Transport Victoria's School Bus Reform team at email [SBMS-admin@ptv.vic.gov.au](mailto:SBMS-admin@ptv.vic.gov.au).