



From the Principal

Principal - Mr John Freeman



The feast of St Marcellin Champagnat was celebrated last Thursday, 4 June, although the actual date is, 6 June. Nevertheless this important day in Marist communities was celebrated well with Mass, and recognition of staff and students that were awarded the Champagnat Medals.

As part of the celebrations I was privileged to give the Champagnat Address. I will not print all that I spoke about, but I do want to highlight one element. Whilst it is not as often considered by Marist schools in the Southern Region, there is a strong tradition elsewhere to recognise the three virtues of humility, simplicity and modesty associated with the symbol of the three violets. I note that these virtues are not specific to the Marist tradition only, but they were important to our Marist founders. Nevertheless, Marcellin Champagnat perceived these virtues as essential and supernatural graces (gifts of the Holy Spirit) - the bare ground and seedbed from which the life of Christian discipleship springs, grows, blossoms and bears fruit.



As I have already stated above, the concept of the three violets has not been a dominant discussion here, particularly when compared to the concepts of the Characteristics of Marist education. Therefore I was fascinated whilst in the "Champagnat Country" portion of the pilgrimage to observe other members of our group become quite excited to see some violets in the grass near where the "Montagne" event took place - some distance from L'Hermitage. I asked one of the other participants about this and he not only explained about the associated virtues, but he also said that the violets were in bloom everywhere around where we were staying - you just had to look for them! When we returned to L'Hermitage that afternoon, I did

start to look, and so it was, they were everywhere and it also then dawned on me that we encounter people in our everyday lives who are exemplars of humility, simplicity and modesty, but often miss this because we are not looking for these virtues. Accordingly, during my talk I exhorted all of us to look for these virtues in those we encounter, I encourage you to consider doing so as well.

As always these celebrations cannot take place without an enormous amount of organisation and effort from a number of people and my thanks to the following: Mr Chris Roga for his leadership and organisation of the Mass; Mrs Marita Kennedy and Mr Paul Skippen for their significant work to preparing the; Mr Shane Reid and our Liturgical Choir for their work to set a reflective and prayerful atmosphere and response; the accompanist Christine

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Medhurst; Ms Annemarie Clarke with the organisation of the Champagnat Medals, particularly for staff; Ms Marita Kennedy for PowerPoint and Mass Booklets; Ms Kellyann Armstrong for preparing certificates and letters; Ms Gaye Jenkins and Mathew Pearce for their work as Commentators; Mr Michael Cleef for the support with Audio-visual; Ms Tamsin McCormack and Ms Jo Alford for their work with assisting to determine the student medals; Ms Birgit Sim and Ms Jenny Sutton for organisational matters; our Maintenance team for the set-up of the Champagnat Centre into our Sacred Space for the day; our Campus Directors, Ms Lee McKenzie and Mr Doug Doherty and their teams for all their hard work and Ms Pam Goodall and her team for the organisation of the morning tea.

I also need to thank our celebrants on the day: Fr Harry Dyer, Fr Francis Ootobo, Fr James Fernandez and Monsignor John Allman. Finally our guests; families of the medal recipients; and most importantly Br Bill Dillon, Br Peter Howes and Br Doug Walsh who are former members of staff at the College and along with, Mr Peter White (who is acting Regional Director for Marist Schools Australia).

As I mentioned above we recognised the recipients of the Champagnat Medals. The successful recipients are recognised for their Marist qualities of: family spirit; love of work; simplicity; presence; and service in the way of Mary. All who were nominated and the successful recipients of the medals give witness and example of our motto: Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts. Accordingly I congratulate:

Year 7:	Jane Dinnie	Riley Pollard
Year 8:	Alysha Somerville	Kieran Hanlon
Year 9:	Kirsten Piening	Joshua Galea
Year 10:	Natalie Justin	Judd Neilson
Year 11:	Mersina Gelagotis	Cameron Brinsmead
Year 12:	Amelia Charlton	William Lowe
Staff:	Elisabeth Scott	Ross Sizeland



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Also on Thursday last week we had members of Interchange Gippsland along with Melina Bath MP, Member for Eastern Victoria, visit the school to recognise the contribution of our students with their ROADIES program.

It is worth noting that Interchange Gippsland currently has 80 volunteers working across the organisation actively supporting the inclusion of individuals with disabilities. In 2014 Lavalla Catholic College and Interchange Gippsland re-established a former partnership which sees students of the College volunteering their time to provide peer support to young people with disabilities.

At the function each student who volunteered with Interchange Gippsland was presented with a certificate and gift as reward and recognition of their service to the community of Gippsland.



Furthermore, Interchange Gippsland's 2015 Young Volunteer of the Year was also announced. This award was presented to Lavalla student Ms Ashleigh Van Berkel of Traralgon. Ashleigh's father was also present.

Other students involved in the program were: Emma Grieve; Maggie McCormick; Rebecca Richards; Morgan Brinsmead; Cameron Brinsmead; Natalie Justin; Rachel Jellef; Ainsley Karleusa; Nick Phillips; Lauren Hamilton; Bayley Charalambous; Jessica O'Toole; Victoria Castello; Grace Becker; Erin Roberts; Taylah Da Ross.

Congratulations to Jack Bird for his recent success at the Australian Skeet Nationals in NSW. Not only did he receive 3 gold, 2 silver, and 3 Bronze medals, he was selected to represent the Australian Juniors team against New Zealand.

I would also like to congratulate Liam Burns and Jared Burns on their selection as Australian Football umpires to represent School Sport Victoria at the School Sport Australia Football Championships to be held in Geelong during July, with representative teams expected from each state and territory.

I would like to remind families that enrolment applications were due on 29 May 2015. We can still accept applications, but we are now in the process of organising interviews for early next term. Accordingly, given that we already have a large it is essential that if you intend for your son and/or daughter to be considered to start Year 7 at the College for 2016 that applications are submitted before interviews are conducted. This includes families who currently have students at Lavalla Catholic College and our Catholic Primary Schools. We will be making offers following interviews and so any applications received from families that may well be priorities according to our enrolment policy could be placed on a waiting list if they are not submitted in time.

St Paul's Campus Update

Ms Lee McKenzie - Campus Director



There has been a sense of focus on the campus as students and teachers finalise work for assessment. Parent teacher interviews are to be held on June 25th, I remind all parents to log in to the portal and make appointment times to meet with teachers.

Our Champagnat Mass was a wonderful celebration and is always a marker that we are near the middle of the year. I congratulate the medal winners and thank all those involved in the preparation and set up of the mass.

We will begin next term with all students on campus at St Paul's, the current Atlas group will return from Presentation and the second group will begin a term of preparation before moving to Presentation campus term 4.

The value of this program can be seen in the various projects students have been involved in. Currently we have an 'up-cycled' denim project on display in the Le Rozey centre. The designs and production certainly show creativity, and production skills. Congratulations to all the Atlas students and their teachers, I am sure they are proud of their efforts and although a little daunting will be very proud of the student led conferences.

The first day of next term, Tuesday 14th July the campus will gather to hear a presentation from Susan McLean on Cybersafety. The message of keeping themselves and others safe needs to be revisited frequently with young people so that they don't become complacent and put themselves at risk or cause harm to others.

Just love

**The act of
acting morally
is behaving as
if everything
we do matters.**

Gloria Steinem



Faith & Ministry Matters

Mr Chris Roga - Director of Faith & Ministry



The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thirteen years ago, I remember my young niece standing in front of a statue of the Sacred Heart in church in Clayton and asking the priest, "Why is Jesus' heart outside?" Only children can ask such penetrating questions. And I do not know if I know the answer to that one. If you have one tell me.

rogachr1@lavalla.vic.edu.au or 51745272. It is about love, pure and simple.

St. John Paul II said, "the Heart of Christ...leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes... sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale." For more, go to http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm

Give A Damn, Give A Can

The GADGAC drive was satisfying. The result was an improvement on the previous year. The year 10 CSYMA students, led by Mr Flahavin, Mr Buckland, Mr Roga and Darryl Dean (year 12). Lavalla collected 929 cans. This was the final tally:

The doorknock drive:	335 cans
The LA (Kildare):	322 cans
The homerooms (St. Paul's):	272 cans
Total:	929 cans

Families who need the help will benefit this winter. Well done to the students and staff for the effort and the result. The Rotary Club and St Vinnies are quite.



Confirmation Retreat, Morwell

Eight year 11 CSYMA students, ran a Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart Primary School, Morwell, for about forty-five Grade 6 students of Sacred Heart PS and St. Vincent de Paul PS, Morwell. The interaction between the Grade 11 and Grade 6s was very good. Everyone benefitted in some way. The year 11s want more opportunities to conduct leadership and reflection activities. And the Primary Schools are looking for more connections. The hospitality from both Primary Schools was superb, and the barbecue was thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Hicks, Mrs Darling, and the teachers at the primary schools. Well done to Chelsea Humphrey, Grace Ware, Gemma Anderson, Sam Rossiter, Alec Frost, Josh Marshall, Matt Bodinaar, Nick Duncan and Mr. Skippen.

Champagnat Mass

The annual Champagnat Mass on 4th June, was a whole college affair to commemorate the Founder of the Little Brothers of Mary, St. Marcellin Champagnat. Everyone single person participated and contributed, each in his/her own way. Students, staff and parents combined to create a reflective and prayerful setting, as befitted such an occasion. Father Harry Dyer OM (PP Moe & Newborough) celebrated the Mass, with Father James Fernandez (Traralgon), Father Francis Otobo (Morwell) and Mons. Allman (Traralgon) concelebrating. The awards of the Champagnat Medals to twelve students and two staff members marked the occasion. My thanks to all who were there.



Interchange Gippsland - Student Volunteers

Interchange Gippsland acknowledged seventeen student volunteers as a simple gathering in the Kildare chapel on 4th June. Ms. Jenni Rohde, Ms Debbie Knight and Melina Bath MP, Member for Easter Victoria presented the awards. Debbie Knight, CEO, Interchange Gippsland said, "Interchange Gippsland was thrilled to re-establish our relationship with Lavalla Catholic College. They are a supportive and community oriented school who have embraced our volunteer program. The result of this partnership was 17 students from Lavalla volunteering on our ROADIES program.

Interchange Gippsland's 2015 Young Volunteer of the Year was also announced. This award was presented to Lavalla student Ms Ashleigh Van Berkel of Traralgon. Ashleigh is described by Interchange Gippsland as committed and caring.

Lavalla Marist Solidarity Immersion to Suve, Fiji

The college has begun the process of selecting eight students and two staff member to Marist Champagnat Institute, Suva Fiji. This group will immerse in Fiji from 2 – 12 October. Once application forms have been received the interview process will begin. It is hoped to complete the selection by the end of term.

Refugee Week

(14 – 20 June 2015)

Mr Paul Skippen - College Minister

Refugee week provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the country. The ultimate aim of the week is to create better understanding between communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

Over the past 20 years, Refugee Week celebrations have developed in a number of other countries. While there are minor differences in the dates of Refugee Week, all include World Refugee Day (June 20).

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity for us all to experience and celebrate the rich diversity of refugee communities through theatre, music, dance, film and other events which take place all over Australia and highlight the aims of the week. Refugee week is an umbrella participatory festival which allows a wide range of refugee community organisations, voluntary and statutory organisations, local councils, schools, student groups and faith-based organisations to host events during the week.



Student Achievements

Australian Skeet Nationals

Lavalla Catholic College student Jack Bird, attended the Australian Skeet Nationals in NSW recently which were held over a week. Not only did he receive 3 gold, 2 silver, and 3 Bronze medals, he was selected to represent the Australian Juniors team against New Zealand. He shot 46/50 and you can see the badge (and medals).



"It was the Australian Skeet Nationals held in Wagga Wagga NSW. It was 8 days of shooting. On the Saturday we shot the pre-nationals 'All States 12 gauge Championship 50 Targets'. Then on Sunday we had the National Sub Gauges for the first time '28 gauge C'ship 50T' and '410 Bore C'Ship 50T'.

From Monday to Saturday

- M. National Champ of C'Ships 100T
- T. Nat 20 gauge Skeet C'Ship 100T
- W. Nat Skeet Handicap 50T
- T. 2015 C'Vealth Skeet C'Ship 100T
- F. Nat Skeet C'Ship 100T
- S. Nat Skeet Doubles C'Ship 100T

They had a presentation every night and one night they chose shooters for Postal Matches to represent Australia against New Zealand.

A postal match means that an Australian team shoots here at our Nationals and New Zealand shoot at their Nationals and after we compare scores. I got picked to represent the Australian Juniors.

I shot a 46/50 for that which I was wrapt with myself. We got a badge that says Australian Team Skeet. I got 3 golds, 2 silvers, 3 bronze all in C grade and that Badge.

I was most happy with the Badge and getting C grade high gun which means I shot the highest score out of the whole week in C Grade of Australia! "

- Jack Bird



School Life

Lavalla Catholic College Cause Worth Week 2015

by Bethany Hourigan, Sineá McCullagh and Michael Buckley

During the week of the 18th May, Lavalla held their annual Cause Worth Week. This is a big event for the school in which the Lavalla community participates. During this week students raised money for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre by participating in various activities, such as LA Dodgeball and Trivia competitions, a Lavalla plain clothes day and the Cause Worth Shaving For Event.

The trivia is a very traditional activity in which every LA 'tests' their general knowledge and intellectual capacity whilst having plenty of laughs within their LA team. The dodgeball was brought in new this year and although the finals are yet to take place, the winning teams are keen to see who takes the mantle of Dodgeball Champion LA for 2015. The Plains Clothes was a big part of the week in which both campuses raised over \$1500.



This week proved to be successful as the students and staff of Lavalla raised \$5,478.25. This was a tremendous effort by all who participated and donated. On the Friday of that week the Kildare Campus gathered to watch and show their support to the people shaving their heads. It was fantastic to see so many students and the many family and friends who came to support them. A special thankyou to the people who were willing to shave their heads:

- Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura
- Lachlan Ware
- Julia Zwagerman
- Stephanie Townsend
- Eily Dalton
- Mr Rea

Also a special thank you to the amazing hairdressers Siubhan Hodgson, Lauren Hilderbrand, Karen O'Keefe, Maddi Pollard and Caroline Catherwood who volunteered their time and effort to come and help support the event during that week.

Well done, we are all so proud of you!

Sport Report

Mr Dwayne Tibballs - Sports Co-Ordinator



Marist Netball

Our Marist Netball team will leave for Trinity Catholic College Lismore (NSW) on Sunday, June 21st for the Australian Marist Netball Carnival. The team of 10 have been busy preparing themselves since November last year for a strong showing under the tutelage of coach Fiona Morrow and the girls are looking for another solid showing throughout the carnival.



The team consists of Taylah Steer, Chloe McDonald, Karlee Dal Pra, Maddison Balcombe, Paxton Farley, Samantha Waters, Kasey Guttridge, Amelia Charlton, Jayde Travers and Darcy Guttridge.

Good luck in your endeavours to obtain success GO LAVALLA !!!

Australian Rules Football

Lavalla Catholic College's Aust. Football teams have obtained great success at the recent Divisional Championship with five of the six teams advancing through to the Regional Championships, which will be held in term 3.

With the senior teams already winning through, the intermediate boys and junior girls teams joined them by winning through with relative ease on May 3rd while the year 8 boys were ruthless in the dissection of their relative opponents to win through in convincing fashion.



It was very unfortunate for the year 7 boys' team which fell shy in their Divisional Championships final by one point. The boys showed great determination and spirit to continually remain a chance in the contest but were unable to get over the line.



Sport Report



Cross Country

The SSV Cross Country Divisional Championships at Alberton West were a big success for Lavalla Catholic College with majority of our student competitors qualifying for the Regional Championships on Thursday, June 18th at Lardner Park.

Riley Evans, Amira Idmouh and David Hough all finished first in their respective age groups with another 18 students finishing their events with a placing in the top 10.

It was Lavalla's best result at a cross country event for a number of years with 28 of the 29 competitors advancing through.

Soccer

Both senior and intermediate boys and girls teams prevailed through to the next round with a solid showing at the Divisional Championships in Sale.

Netball

Our senior boys' netball team won through to the Regional Championships by default while our intermediate boys team progressed through after a resounding win over Sale College and a tough battle against Catholic College Sale.

Our intermediate girls' team lost to Catholic College Sale by one goal which denied them of the opportunity to playoff in the Divisional Final.



Marist Pilgrimage Days 9 - 10

Day 9 - 20 April

A 6.00am start this morning as we went out to make our Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa in the quiet, dark stillness of the Old City. We walked the stairway climbing to the site where the Cross of Jesus is believed to have stood. The glass panels revealed the natural rock below which we were able to touch. We ended with Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in fact in the Edicule which contains the tomb of Jesus, a rare opportunity.

After breakfast back at the Convent, we went to the Western Wall. This was my third visit, but today was very busy with a large number of Bar Mitzvahs taking place. Many would know that the Jews will pray with men and women separated, so the mothers and grandmothers had to stand on a chair and look over the fence to witness the young boys undertake this initiation ritual.



the Al Aqsa Mosque is situated, the third most holy place for Muslims. This was a fantastic experience to be able to enter here.

Whilst I could see the Dome from Ecce Homo, where we were staying, and for that matter from many parts of the city, it is spectacular to see up close. This is an extremely holy place and in fact Jews are prohibited from entering by the Rabbi for Jerusalem, not out of respect for the Muslims as such, but because it is also a holy place for them, the Temple did stand



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there. You may recall that the previous evening we saw and heard the Third Templers marching through the Old City, basically around the outside of the site. Today about five or six entered to walk around and in short provoke the Muslims praying there.



These people were surrounded by police and soldiers as they walked around the area. To say it was tense is an understatement. We then needed to leave, not because of that, but because it was nearing 11.00am and prayers were to take place and this time is restricted to Muslims only. We left by the Southern Gate and literally walked about 60 metres back to our hotel. Note we could not enter that way as this entrance is for Muslims entering from the Arab Quarte. We could only enter on the North West side, which is in the Jewish section..



Following our return to Ecce Homo, about eight of us decided to go outside the walls of the Old City to the Palestinian section, just down from the Damascus Gate. We ate where the locals ate – and had a shawarma and it was great. Following that we walked the ramparts of the wall around the Old City.

In the evening, our final night in the Holy Land, we enjoyed a dinner together at a restaurant at the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem.

Day 10 - 21 April

This was the day we left the land of Jesus, and followed the path of the Apostles Peter and Paul, but by decidedly quicker means of transport, and flew to the ancient city of Rome. We were able to sleep in after a long day previously. We had breakfast and prior to leaving had Mass in the Ecce Homo Chapel, which is both at once a spectacular and intimate space. We then travelled by bus to Tel Aviv to take an international flight, around 3.00pm and did not arrive in Rome until around 7.00pm.



After clearing a very laid back customs process, particular in contrast to the scrutiny in Tel Aviv, a coach transferred us to the Marist Brothers' General House in EUR where we stayed in the hotel section of the complex, called 'Villa EUR'.



Calendar

Monday 15th June

- Year 12 Exams
- Dante Alighieri Society Comp
- VCAL Literacy - Holocaust Muse
- ICAS - Writing

Tuesday 16th June

- Brain Bee Challenge
- Year 12 Photos
- Howard Schuback Clay Targer Shoot
- Year 11 Profile Testing
- Year 10 Immunisations
- ICAS - Spelling

Wednesday 17th June

- Year 12 Retreat
- Year 10 Profile Testing

Thursday 18th June

- SSV - Gippsland Cross Country
- Journey to Work - Excursion 4
- Year 9 ANZAC Excursion

Friday 19th June

- SSV - Wellington Soccer (Year 7-8)
- Year 9 Community Service
- SSV Wellington Netball (Year 7-8)

Monday 22nd June

- LA Interviews
- ATLAS 9 Student Teacher Conferences
- Unit 3 Geography SAC Fieldwork



Calendar

Tuesday 23rd June

- LA Interviews
- ATLAS 9 Student Teacher Conferences
- Fare Share Kitchen Excursion

Wednesday 24th June

- LA Interviews
- ATLAS 9 Student Teacher Conferences
- Chess Tournament

Thursday 25th June

- LA Interviews
- ATLAS 9 Student Teacher Conferences
- Dodgeball Final
- PUB Results Due Year 11 & 12
- Geography Mapping in CBD
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- **End of Term 2**

Click the link below to go to the Calendar on our website for any updates:

<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/News/Lavalla-Calendar/?viewmode=monthgrid&markDate=05-14-2015>