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Gracious and awesome God, even though we are often forgetful, we know that you truly deserve all the praise and thanks we can give.

When we have pleaded and begged you to be with us – you have always been there.

When we have not been well – you have come to heal us.

When we cry out to you when you seem far away – you have made yourself known to us.

Today, we need to hold to your promise.

Please be with us, for we need you.

Amen

From the Principal, Mr John Freeman



The feast of St Marcellin Champagnat was celebrated last Thursday, 5 June, although the actual date is the following day, 6 June. Nevertheless this important day in Marist communities was celebrated well with Mass, recognition of staff and students that were awarded the Champagnat Medals and then following that various activities both as a whole school and then on each campus.

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; Mr Paul Skippen for his contribution to the liturgy; Mr Shane Reid and our Liturgical Choir for their work to set a reflective and prayerful atmosphere and response; the accompanists Christine Medhurst and Madeline Pollard; Ms Annemarie Clarke with the organisation of the Champagnat Medals, particularly for staff; Ms Kellyann Armstrong and Ms Maree Garratt for preparing certificates, letters and PowerPoint; Ms Gaye Jenkins for her work as Commentator; Mr Michael Cleef 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; Ms Pam Goodall and her team for the organisation of the morning tea; and our Campus Directors, Mr Andy Martin and Mr Doug Doherty and their teams for all entertainment and activities after the Mass. I also need to thank our celebrants on the day: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Francis Otobo and Monsignor John Allman. Finally I appreciate the support of all our guests: Ms Rosemary Copeland and Ms Bernadette Tolan from CEO Sale; families of the medal recipients; and most importantly not only recognise the presence of Br Bill Dillon, Br Peter Howes and Br Doug Walsh who are former members of staff at the College, but also along with, Mr Paul Herrick (Regional Director for Marist Schools Australia) and Fr Buckley they presented the Champagnat Medals, certificates and badges to the recipients at the end of our Mass.

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:	Molly Jeffs	Mubasshir Murshed
Year 8:	Emily Beecroft	Andrew Tops
Year 9:	Grace Walker	Matthew Pearce
Year 10:	Erin Roberts	James Mulry
Year 11:	Bethany Hourigan	Nathan Masiero
Year 12:	Phoebe Trembath	Benjamin Noy
Staff:	Gloria Zahra	Christopher Rea

Last newsletter I reminded families that enrolment applications were due on 30 May 2014. We can still accept applications, but we are now in the process of organising interviews for early

From the Principal (Cont.)

next term. Accordingly, given that we already have a large number of applications and I anticipate that we may well exceed our capacity for enrolment it is essential that if you intend for your son and/or daughter to be considered to start Year 7 at the College for 2015 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.

Can also I ask you to remember in your prayers Mr Reg Gordon's brother Wayne who died recently. Wayne's grandchildren also attend Lavalla Catholic College - Kayla (Year 10) and William (Year 8). Also I ask you to pray for the family and friends of the young man who was killed in a road accident in Warragul last weekend— Ryan McNamara. Ryan was a member of the Year 12 graduating class of Marist Sion College, Warragul in 2012.

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

Year 7 Enrolments for 2015

Year 7 Enrolments for 2015 closed on
May 31st.

If you have a Year 6 student that is not yet enrolled,
please contact our Registrar, Mrs Beverley O'Brien
on 03 51747355 ASAP.

HELPERS WANTED

**We urgently require volunteer
helpers for the Canteen at the
St Paul's Campus.**

**If you are able to assist, please
contact Allison Farley on 51747355**

Important Dates

16 June

Intra School Clay Shooting
Year 12 Photos
ICAS: Writing

17 June

Dante Alighieri Poetry
ICAS: Spelling
Year 10 Sporty Lifestyles

18—20 June

Year 12 Retreat

18 June

Year 11 Careers Day
Year 10 Sporty Lifestyles

19 June

Journey to Work Excursion
SSV Cross Country

22—27 June

Marist Netball Carnival

23 June

Semester 2 Commences
Kildare Campus Assembly

24 June

SSV AFL Regional Championships

25 June

Year 11 Art & Vis Comm Melbourne Museum Excursion

25—27 June

OES Camp

26 June

Journey to Work Excursion
SSV Wellington Netball
SSV Wellington Soccer
Last day—Term 2

Lavalla Catholic College – Art Exhibition
Years 10 & 11

21st May—2nd July

Latrobe Performing Arts Centre



St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

All our energies were devoted to our founder last week as we celebrated as a College at our annual Champagnat Mass. As is tradition, at the conclusion of the Mass, Students and staff whose contribution to the College exemplifies the Marist Characteristics, 'Simplicity, Presence, Hard work, Love of Family and the way of Mary' were awarded Champagnat Medals. At St Paul's, those honoured were worthy recipients and I congratulate them on behalf of all of our cohort of staff and students. They were:

Staff member at St Paul's: Gloria Zahra

At Year 7: Mubasshir Murshed & Molly Jeffs

At Year 8: Andrew Tops & Emily Beecroft

At Year 9: Matthew Pearce & Grace Walker

Curriculum wise, Atlas City Camp two proceeded as planned with students acquitting themselves well to the task of realising their team goals while working in the city of Melbourne. I would like to highlight the work of Mr Michael McKenna and his team in running a wonderful and engaging program at both the city and beach venues. The value of a student directed program such as this, cannot be underestimated as a preparation for the rigours of senior school where working collaboratively and taking responsibility for one's own learning are crucial to success.

While other events and excursions also took place over the last few weeks, I would draw attention to another initiative at the Year 8 level which I had the opportunity to participate in myself. The 'Straight Talk' program, run through 'A Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN initiative' brings together boys and working men to discuss pathway opportunities and highlights the character traits which have proved crucial to their success in trade and business careers. Structured around rotating table groups and a key speaker at a luncheon, this event saw our students interacting with around twenty men at a personal level. The participants, who give freely of their time were inspirational and I noted the engagement of our students as they listened intently to their personal pathway stories. The key speaker in

particular, noted the unexpected value which he had gained from his secondary education as it provided the platform for further training as a mature man seeking to take advantage of opportunities as they presented themselves. Interestingly, all the men speaking to the boys were adamant that hard work, persistence and thoughtful risk taking were key to personal satisfaction where their working life was concerned. In addition, they noted that reputation had been central to successful outcomes as this is what had got them over the line when referees had been called to decide the issue of winning a position. I am proud that several of these men noted the maturity with which the boys presented themselves throughout the day.

Uniform Shop Open Days 2014

19th June

17th July

7th August

21st August

4th September

18th September—Late Session 3.30 to 8.00

16th October

(The previously advertised open day of the 6th October 2014 was in error)

Girls **MUST** try on Kilts to ensure a proper fit. Kilts are altered to the original owner and are therefore not a general size

We accept the following payment methods: EFTPOS, Cash and Cheque

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop is Located
At the St Paul's Campus**

Kildare Campus Update Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

Last week we celebrated the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, bringing to an end of a period of reflection on how the Kildare Campus actually promotes the Marist Charism on a daily basis.

The final 'Characteristic' of Marism is probably the most suitable for any community – "Family Spirit".

It is imperative that all members of Lavalla Catholic College see each other as a member of one family that encourages a spirit of partnership in teaching and learning.

At the Kildare Campus we are currently promoting this partnership through the implementation of a 21st Century learning pedagogy, to encourage independent learners ready for university or career.

The work of the careers team has continued to be outstanding in helping the college to achieve this goal. There has been a range of aspirational tertiary sessions arranged by the team and highly supported by Federation University and the University of Melbourne. A strong program of Career support has been introduced to Year 10, whilst 18th June will see Kildare Campus host a careers day for Year 11 students. The purpose of these sessions is to provide information and guidance for our students to choose the right pathways to success.

The journey for all students on their pathways to success continues on Friday 1st August with the Kildare Campus hosting our annual **EXPO event**. It will take place from 11am to 4pm. This is a great opportunity for both parents and students to meet with a range of experts, including our staff, university partners and employers.

This partnership is also clearly evident with the successful use of cross-age tutors during student choice time.

If any student would like to benefit from this wonderful opportunity for 1-2-1 peer support, please let Mrs McCormack know and she will forward this request to Tom Irvine (Senior Student Leader for Cross Age Tutoring).

The Charism of 'Family Spirit' also focuses on the importance of welcoming people of all backgrounds, cultures and accepting people and providing a sense of belonging. This is clearly evident with the successful integration of new students and staff to our faith and learning community. This consistent approach of welcoming all members to our school community is currently being illustrated by the excellent pathway promoted amongst our indigenous and those students with global language access, through the program of 'Journey to Work'. This has been organised by Mrs Rita Nainie, in conjunction with CMY.

Sharing successes as a family is vital to the promotion of well-being and the Marist Charism amongst our community. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank those parents who have complemented individual staff members and

would like to let you know that I announce this praise every Monday and Wednesday morning during staff briefing. So please keep it coming.

It was very refreshing to also hear positively from many local employers in regards to our Year 11 VCAL students. It was warming to hear that there have been the offering of many possible apprenticeships by the local businesses with whom we work in partnership for work experience. Well done to those students and the award winning VCAL team, led by Mr Jason Szkwarek.

We have also celebrated great success with the amazing art exhibition that was held at the Latrobe Performing Arts centre, Traralgon on Wednesday 21st May. It truly is something we can all be proud of, and a great congratulation to Mrs Scott, Ms Szykrot and the students involved.

Success within our school family is celebrated not just within the confines of the school buildings. It is with great when we also have members who succeed at state and national level. **Rebekah Symons** competed at the Australian Teaching of Dancing Victorian Scholarship, last weekend and was awarded 2nd place! This has now led her to be invited to compete in Sydney for the Australian championships in July. You have our full support Rebekah!!

As a community supporting each other through 'family spirit', it is imperative for me to remind parents and students that the last two weeks have been examination weeks, with Year 12 also sitting their GAT exam. These examinations are vital for the tracking of individual progress and their opportunities to gain success in their pathways of choice, so please ensure that you discuss the results with your son/daughter. You are very welcome to speak to a relevant member of staff. A great opportunity to do so will be at the **Parent – Teacher night on 26th June, 4-7:30pm**.

In relation to ensuring our 'school family' is as successful as we can lead; Kildare Campus invited a Data expert from Melbourne University to work alongside us with our unique and successful form of data tracking and analysis. All staff received further training on how to use data effectively to influence planning of lessons to ensure best results possible for each individual student. Like all families, we look forward to the future.

Therefore, after a number of weeks of reflection on the Characteristics of the Marist Charism in relation to Kildare Campus, it is clear that we are a thriving Catholic Marist Community and that this is only achieved through much effort and dedication from all members of our faith and learning community. Therefore as future 'Servants of Christ', we must always strive to ensure that we consistently aim for excellence under the guidance of our Catholic Marist Charism.

Drama Department Update

Ms Prudence Scholtes

Assessment performance evenings for Unit 1, Unit 3 and Year 10 students were held in the past few weeks. The Year 10 students delighted an audience of parents, families and staff with their juggling and physical comedy interpretations of the Commedia Dell 'Arte theatre style.

The Year 12 students showed just how far they had come in their studies; devising a 30 minute sophisticated performance of the theme "How have we become who we are today?" The maturity of their interpretation of recent and past events, combined with their ever increasing non-naturalistic performance skills, stands them in good stead to produce high standard solo performances for their end of year external exams.

The Unit 1 Drama students' ensembles "Technology V Humanity" were an eye opener for both the students involved in the lengthy process of creating them, and many of the audience who had not experienced non-naturalistic theatre styles before. Creativity was at its best on the night, with some of the groups attempting tricky lighting, character changes as well as shadow play.

The semester has ended on a high note with a visit from the Melbourne Theatre Company to our school to perform their play "Yellow Moon". All students grasped this opportunity to observe the highest quality performance skills at an intimate level. Unit 3 students will be required to analyse this performance in their end of year written exam.

Some of the responses to the Yellow Moon performance from the Year 10 students included:

The actors transformation of character between silent Leila and the narrator was just fab! I liked it because it showed what she was thinking and wanting to say but couldn't.

Kathryn Hardman

I liked how the stage was set up so that there was audience on each side so then everyone had a different viewing point and therefore opinion on the play. I also found it interesting how the benches became a stag, a bed, a hallway, a tree and so many other different objects and locations.

Georgia Pearce

The tension in the play was acted perfectly. The fire scene built and built until finally ending at an incredible climax with the audience in awe of the scene. The play gave me a new perspective and I left feeling overwhelmed with emotion. I left feeling like I went away with knowledge and a further understanding into other people's worlds and what other people live like.

Nicola Broeren



Unit 3 Ensemble Performance



Unit 1 Ensemble Performance - Technology V Humanity



Year 10 - Commedia Dell 'Arte

Music Department Update

Mr Shane Reid

Our VCE Music Performance classes recently held performance soirees for appreciative audiences of family, friends and staff. Each student either sang or performed two solo pieces on their chosen instrument. These nights are unquestionably the most revelatory formative experience for our students as they prepare for their end of year performance exams. Both nights were of the highest quality and our musicians (listed below) are to be commended for their work.

Year 12

Annelise Answerth (voice)

Taeson Cleator (alto saxophone)

Tom Eddy (guitar)

Brandon Gawith (drums)

Coby Gregg (voice)

Carmel Jenkinson (flute)

Kristen Jenkinson (clarinet)

Con Kavadias (tuba)

Korey Kavadias (flute)

Stephen Piggott (guitar)

Ryley Reid (voice)

Danielle Vickery-Howe (flute)

Morgan Williams (trombone)

Year 11

Mitchell Bourke (percussion)

Sophia Cassar (voice)

Renny Dalton (trumpet)

Chantal Dorling (voice)

Gabriella Duffy (voice)

Emma Dye (voice)

Nathanael Georgeson (trumpet)

Lauren Hamilton (piano)

Luke Matthyssen (cello)

Georgia Pollard (voice)

Georgia Quinn (tenor

saxophone)

Riley Timmers (guitar)

Taylah Trew (voice)

Jordan Walton (voice)

