



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

14 July 2006

Dear Parents and Students

There will be a change to the distribution pattern of our newsletter. Beginning this week the newsletter will be sent home each fortnight. You can expect the same format and content and we hope this will also allow for your forward planning. Next week you will receive in the mail, an extended newsletter that will capture the achievements and highlights of semester 1. You will also receive a bookmark as a memento to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

There was a marvellous celebration of *St Marcellin Champagnat's feast day* this week. The choir was outstanding and supported the prayerful and reverent atmosphere of the mass. The students were a credit to the College. They presented themselves with pride and responded well to the mass. Each year the College awards the Champagnat Medal to one boy and one girl in each year level. The medal recognises those students who demonstrate in their daily interactions *Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts*. The winners of the Champagnat Medal this year were:

Year 7: Thomas Pattle
Georgia Dyer

Year 8: Logan Edwards
Joey Black

Year 9: Justin Ferguson
Megan Clarke

Year 10: Lyntton Tonta
Chloe Poole

Year 11: Mark Ryan
Louise Wykes

Year 12: Patrick Sloyan
Megan Ferguson

Student Representative Councils presented for the first time the Champagnat medal to three members of staff. The inaugural winners *were Mrs Clarke, Mrs Sim and Mrs Bormanis*. We congratulate all winners on their achievements and for being recognised for their good work.



The College celebrated the achievements of Year 12 student, *Jordan Breed* this week when he was presented with *The Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award*. The award was presented in recognition of his leadership potential, academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. In addition, Jordan underwent a series of tests and assessments. He was presented with a laptop computer and certificate and Lavalla Catholic College was also presented with a

plaque. The Sale RAAF roulettes honoured Jordan with a fly-by as well. This is a National Award, presented to only fifteen Victorian Year12 students and 100 students throughout Australia. Congratulations to Jordan and his parents for this outstanding achievement. The College is very proud.

(Pictured: *Ms Nadsadina (Teacher); Jordan Breed, Ms Renehan (Co-ordinator) and Mrs Feely (Homeroom teacher)*)

The *Annual General Meeting of the College Council* was conducted this week. Mr Peter Foster and Mrs Annemarie Clarke were farewelled and thanked for their work and for their support of the College. Mr Foster was the parent representative for the Newborough region and Mrs Clarke was

the staff representative. New members on the College Council are Mrs Irene Bramstedt as the parent representative and Mrs Mara Bormanis as the staff representative. I thank these two new members for their interest and willingness to support the College through the work on the Council.

Under the direction of Mrs Sonka, our senior VCAL students have been very entrepreneurial. Their talent and creative flare has been recognised by the renowned *Town and Country Gallery* in Yarragon. Next time you are in Yarragon please take the time to admire and perhaps even purchase their signature glass-chain jewellery.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Parents who did NOT apply for the EMA in Semester 1 but are now eligible to receive the second EMA instalment are asked to complete an application form at either Marcellin House or Presentation Campus office. (Your Health Care Card must be sighted at the time of completing your application). Applications for Semester 2 close on Friday 4th August.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

This week we celebrated the Champagnat mass. Awarding the Champagnat medals is always very special as it allows us to acknowledge those students who contribute so much to our college community. Congratulations to all the recipients and their very proud families.

Family Life

A reminder to Yr 9 parents you will be receiving information about a parent night run by Mrs Sue Collis. While we are often disappointed with the number of parents who attend these evening, we persist because of the feedback of those who do attend. The evening gives them knowledge and insight and often helps open up those difficult discussions. I strongly recommend that you attend the evening.

Congratulations

Alexander Wykes 9.8 played for **U 16 Country Victoria Boys Basketball** team in Ballarat. Participated in the "Basketball Australia National Championships" where the team won a bronze medal.

Best wishes to **Jodie Chapman**, Year 9, who has been called back to compete in the next round of the **Italian Poetry** Competition on Tuesday 18 July.

Matt Moffat has made it into the **Australian under 18's team for Bocce** and he will be travelling to **Italy** in September to represent Australia. This is a wonderful achievement and we will be proud to see Matt represent us in the 'home' of bocce.

Yr 8 Camps

Next week sees 8.3 & 8.4 head to Melbourne with Mrs Roy, Ms Joyce, Ms Amezquita and Mr Van Berkel. The camp is very busy, with the students seeing much of the city by foot and public transport. Students will be traveling to and from Melbourne by Vline and I ask all parents to be attentive to the departure and return times. There will be a staff member at Morwell station to ensure that all students are present and accounted for. Please work with your child to ensure they have **suitable clothing and footwear**. **Students must wear their rugby tops** for easy identification.

Yr 9 Transition

To assist Yr 9 students make a positive transition to Kildare and to help with the complex tasks of goal setting, career planning and course selection, staff from Kildare will be visiting on **Thursday 20th July** to speak to all Yr 9 students. This will be followed by an **evening session**, also on the 20th for parents at Kildare. This is a very important process for the Yr 9's and their parents and I hope that all families will be able to attend on the night.

WARP- Physics and Laser Show

There will be a FREE public show run by Melbourne University Physics Outreach, on Friday 6:30 in the St Paul's Lecture Theatre. It promises to be "Action packed with kilovolts of science equipment, hundreds of lasers and a sound system which will blow you away".

"All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible" ... Orison Swett Marden

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Students have returned relaxed and ready for the rigors demanded of Semester 2.

On Tuesday 4th all students received their **class and individual photos**. It is worthwhile reflecting on the 'snap shots' in time taken of your son or daughter and his or her class. All photos showed a sense of self-pride and class solidarity. The uniform, when worn with pride and attention to detail, represents a rich tradition we are all encouraged to uphold. Our thanks to John Ansell and staff for an excellent presentation.

The new semester is a new start for all students to 'begin again' in their quest for academic excellence and diligence in all subjects, both core and elective. I would urge all parents to keep in touch with your son's or daughter's progress and check the Planner weekly. All students record work requirements, assignments and homework in this document. It is also a vital tool for daily communication with your child's teachers.

This term will focus on **subject selection for 2007**. More information will be available on this important process in the coming weeks.

The staff and students would like to congratulate **Justin Ferguson** on receiving the Champagnat Medal at the mass on Tuesday this week. Justin received the award long with 11 other students from Lavalla. Justin's parents were present at the mass, they can be justly proud of their son's recognition by the College Community. Congratulations to all medal recipients.

The **Parish Priests** will be offering reconciliation to all students this term. I once again thank them for their efforts in offering the sacrament to the staff and students.

*Yours in the spirit of strong minds and
compassionate hearts.*

*Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus*

KILDARE CAMPUS

Planning for 2007:

There will be a very comprehensive program of activities for students and parents during the coming weeks in the lead up to the Careers and Courses Expo and the subject selection process shortly after.

During the next two weeks there will be a pre-expo workshop program for Years 10 and 11 students held in the Virtual Services Centre. There will be plenty of opportunity for students to look at resources, to explore some on-line resources, to browse through subject brochures, look through the Course Information Booklet, to read the *Where to*

Now publication, the VTAC and Job Guides and to chat informally with the group facilitator and to have answers given about VCE, VCAL and VET for 2007. Mrs. Johnston will also be available to alert students to post-schooling option resources.

There will also be evenings arranged for parents of present Year 9 students and present Year 10 students and letters of invitation have already been sent to the former. The Year 9 Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday, July 20 and the following week (Thursday, July 27) we will host the Year 10 Information Evening.

Kildare Campus (contd....)

For the College to plan effectively, it is most important that students and their parents adhere to the dates for subject selection. This is completed on-line at school, and on the designated day for subject selection a \$25 fully refunded Enrolment Deposit will need to be paid. I would like to thank parents in anticipation of their support.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

A reminder that the next meeting of the Parents & Friends will be held next Monday, 17 July in the Principal's Conference Room, Kildare Campus at 7.30pm

ST MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PARI SH BALL

The Parish Ball will be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Parish this year. The Ball will be held on Friday 28 July at the Premiere Function Centre. Tickets will be \$25 per head for finger food and entertainment by the wonderful and very talented "Add Lib!" Tables of either 10 or 12 available, dress is semi-formal.

If you require tickets or wish to make an enquiry please phone Susan Grumley 5174 1219, Deanna Ingravalle 5174 0453, Karen O'Keefe 5174 5854 or Tania Minster 5176 6070.

Hurry and book your tables now to avoid disappointment

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 17 July	L Hare, R Freeman	I Gregson (help needed)
Tue 18 July	C Asbock, K Licciardi	M Byl (help needed)
Wed 19 July	B Koedijk, H Stoddart	(help needed)
Thu 20 July	N Ellis, R Hadjistanfanis	M Johnston (help needed)
Fri 21 July	K Roberts, C Bruzzese	L Weckmann (help needed)

Volunteers for Good Beginnings

If anyone has a couple of hours to spare a week, enjoys children and/or young babies and would like to use their parenting experience to help support families with young children, please ring **Good Beginnings on 5127 7270**. The training program runs for 36 hours and will run one day a week for 6 weeks. Once trained, volunteers are able to assist in one of the Playgroups or become a Home Visitor Volunteer. For further information please call Neci Sutherland at the above number.

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