

Lavalla Catholic College

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From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

There is literally never a dull moment in a school and particularly in a school the size of Lavalla Catholic College. On any given day we can be dealing with families in crisis, students struggling socially or academically, classes which need to engage a little more deeply in learning; the list goes on. But there are also many graced moment and one of our most significant is the Champagnat Mass and the celebrations that surround it.

In the lead up to June 6th, the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat (1789-1840), the founder of the Marist Brothers, students learnt about the works of Champagnat and of our connection to the wider contemporary Marist world. In late 2012 teachers Ms Claire Couling and Mr Brett Van Berkel took a small group of students to Fiji to work with Marists there, students and staff were reminded about this solidarity work and possible opportunities for more work like this. Year 7 students were told the Champagnat story and there were visits from Marist Brothers: Paul Kane and Rod Thompson during the week.

Thursday 6th then became a day of celebration for the whole College. We gathered for mass together; unfortunately Fr Bernie O'Brien was taken ill and could not preside. We were grateful that Fr Peter Bickley, a long standing friend of the College, made himself available and together with Monseigneur Allman celebrated mass.

As usual the students were respectful and conducted themselves well, while the choir's contribution transported us all. As St Augustine tells us "he who sings prays twice." At the end of the mass Fr Peter blessed the Champagnat medals, these were then presented by Brothers Rod Thompson and Paul Kane.

The College awards Champagnat medals to worthy students and staff who have demonstrated Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts. The recipients are people who are genuine and straightforward, who say what they believe, and act on these beliefs. There is a simplicity and honesty in their lives.

Previous medal recipient and former College captain, Rhys McDonald returned from his studies at Melbourne University to speak to the College of his pride in being a medal recipient and of his great memories of his education at the College. The names of the winners are inscribed on the honour board in the Champagnat Centre where you can see a list of all past winners. This year for the first time, we had a brother and sister Anton and Mikaela Tarraran win a medal in the same year.

Dear Lord,

you have witnessed the rebelliousness of youth since the very beginnings of time.

You understand a parent's anguish and helplessness over the actions of his child.

Please help us to transform our anger and frustration into loving care for our child who has gone astray.

Help us begin to mend our broken fences and heal our broken hearts. Bless our child and also help him to mend the error of his ways.

Help and bless us all to do right in Your name and restore us to peace and tranquility.

"Forgive the rebellious sins of youth ..." Psalm 25:7



Principal's Report Continued

Following the mass, medal winners and their families were invited to join us for a celebratory morning tea. It is one of the most joyous gatherings of the year. The students are usually delighted to have received the medals and parents and grandparents are bursting with pride. The ISC staff always makes this a very gracious occasion with their attention to detail and I thank them for their work.

Like all big occasions the mass and the morning tea involved a great deal of work. While it is difficult to thank everyone for their contribution to the : sound, liturgical movements, singing, readings etc.; I would in particular thank Mr Chris Roga, Mrs Tamsin McCormack, Mr Shane Reid and Mr Gerard English for their contribution towards what was one of our most successful Champagnat Day masses.

It is activities like this that set our College apart, we come together to celebrate the things that hold us together- the Marist charism and acknowledge those wonderful people in our midst who embody the Marist way. My personal congratulations to all the winners. Also my apologies as for some reason which is not clear, the newspaper failed to publish the full list of winners this will be rectified in a coming edition.

The day ended with student returning to their respective campuses and continuing with celebratory activities. It is fair to say that our ability to enjoy each other's company and celebrate together is as important in the life of the college as our ability to work and grow together.

With the end of term approaching I encourage you all to join us, make a time for your LA interview or Parent Teacher interview so that your child ends the semester with encouragement, support and a clear set of goals for semester two.

Have a good fortnight

God Bless

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal





Kildare Campus Update

Mr Doug Doherty, Campus Director

“Feast your eyes on this!” would have been a very good phrase for the events of last week, which concluded with an amazing feast day. I would like to thank all involved with the organisation and delivery of the day. The student body of Lavalla Catholic College must be commended for their excellent respect and reverence during the mass in which over 1,200 people came together to celebrate the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat. At Kildare afterwards, we continued the celebration with a concert at Kildare Hall, joined by our Year 9 students. The acts involved a range of student bands to DJs and concluded with an excellent performance followed by a question and answer session by a new up and coming act, Natasha Duarte. Natasha has actually begun to receive air-play across Europe and Australia, so it was great to have such an award winning and inspirational young performer encourage our students to strive for success.

Success was clearly evident with the presentation of our annual Champagnat Medals to students for their commitment to our Catholic Marist principles and local communities. I would like to congratulate all winners, especially our Kildare students:

Yr 10 – Bayley Charalambous and Karlee Dal Pra

Yr 11 – Mikaela Tarraran and Jacob Farmer

Yr 12 – Muhtasim Murshed and Stephanie Castello

A special congratulation goes to the Tarraran family as they have made history, being the first brother and sister combo to have been awarded the medal at the same time.

Examinations:

As we approach the end of Semester 1, Term 3; we are all aware of the importance of mid-year examinations taking place over the next few weeks. These exams are vital to the monitoring and mentoring of students to achieve their full potential. Therefore, we look forward to all students ensuring that they are producing their best.

Reporting and Parent Portal:

Continuous Reporting is available on The Parent Portal. This is extremely useful for tracking your child's progress or even for students to monitor their own progress in relation to meeting the requirements of their own pathways.

Parents are required to use the Portal to book appointments with subject teachers. The portal will be open from Tuesday the 18th and closes Monday the 24th of June. Interview times will be at 10 minute intervals.

WHEN: Thursday 27th June 2013 (4:00pm – 7:30pm)

WHERE: Kildare Campus

HOW: College Family Connect portal allows parents to arrange their own appointment meeting times with teachers.

Families who have not yet used the Family Connect Parent Portal, need to have a valid email address. You will also need to contact Kildare Reception to obtain your User ID. Teacher requested interviews can be found on the Portal. It is essential to make a booking with any teacher that has requested an interview.



Year 11 Visual Communication student Emily Molinari with the programme she designed for the Lavalla production of Fame Junior

VCAL Work Experience

I would like to wish all Yr11 VCAL students great success during their work experience which takes place from Monday 17th to Friday 21st June. I know they will all be excellent ambassadors for Lavalla Catholic College.

Yr 12 Retreat

As part of our on-going spiritual development, all of Year 12 and sixteen staff including myself, will undertake a 3 day spiritual retreat from Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th July at Phillip Island. This will be a great experience and I would like to thank the staff involved and particularly the RE staff in advance for this excellent opportunity of personal growth.

Yr12 Photo Day

The Year 12 Photo Day will take place on Thursday 20th June. I ask that all Year 12 students meet at the Champagnat Centre, St. Paul's Campus for 8:45am. Coaches have been arranged to return the students to the Kildare Campus after the event.

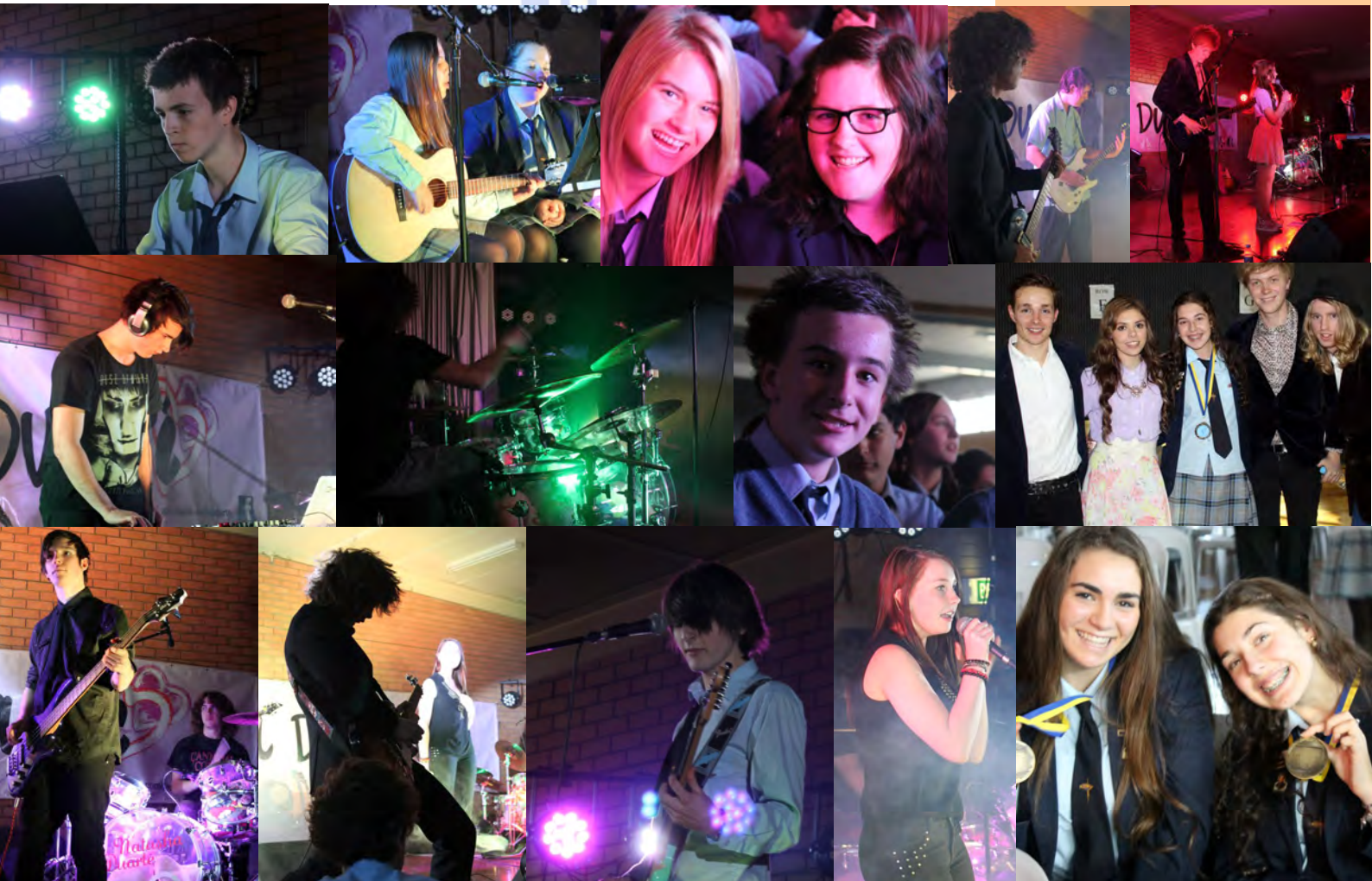
Gippsland Clay Shooting

Our Lavalla shooting team will compete on 17th June at the Gippsland Clay Shoot. We wish them all the very best. I personally witnessed the excellent skills and talents of these young people and I have every confidence that they will have great success on the day.

Holidays are nearly here!

I know that students do not like to hear that they have holidays fast approaching!! The last day of term 2 is 27th June. Students resume on Tuesday 16 July 2013.

I do hope all have a restful holiday, however, I would also implore all those sitting examinations in the near future to make use of this time to ensure they are prepared for such important events.



Student performances at Kildare Campus on Champagnat Day. Thank you to Yr 11 Visual Communications student Emily Henwood for photos



St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andy Martin, Campus Director

Marcellin Champagnat Day

Sometimes, events and celebrations go exactly as planned. Last week, our Champagnat Day ran like clockwork and our students embraced the spirit of the day in a very 'Marist' way. The day began with our traditional Mass in the Champagnat Centre, where the mix of music, dance, prayer and symbolism offered up to God added to the mystique and power of the service. Conspicuously, the event involved significant student input.

Our Champagnat medallists were announced at the Mass with the following St Paul' students and staff honoured in the receipt of this prestigious College award:

Year 7 - Anton Tarraran and Maddison Scott;

Year 8 - Bailey Cameron and Taylah Foster;

Year 9 - Lachlan Spiteri and Mary Jane Vernier;

Staff Winner of the Champagnat Medal at St Paul's – Mrs Lisa French.

Our congratulations are extended to these six students and to Mrs French, all of whom have exhibited the best of the Marist Charism in the eyes of the staff and students over the course of the last Year.

After Mass, the celebratory aspect of the day was highlighted with Year 7 and 8 students being treated to short concerts by Natasha Duarte, an empire records signing of great talent, while the year 9 cohort went over to Kildare Campus to enjoy the entertainment scheduled for the senior students.

A BBQ and an 'Activity' afternoon capped off a wonderful celebration of the Champagnat Way at St Paul's. The winning groups were 7.1 and 8.8 (with help from some friends in 7.2 and 8.9). Most importantly, the students of St Paul's raised around \$550.00 for the Marist Mission works in Fiji.

Campus News:

In other news, Lavalla College has now taken possession of our new 'Arts' building which will be officially opened as the 'Le Rozey' centre on October the 30th.

Congratulations to Lauren Beecroft for her selection in the 2013 National Youth Swimming Squad. We wish her well for the range of Competitive challenges she will face as a national squad member.

Semester One Reports

Parents should note that Semester reports will be available for perusal on Monday June 24th.

Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, June 27th from 4.00pm – 7.30pm.

School Uniform Shop

St Paul's Campus

Next Open:

Thursday 20 June
3.30pm - 6.00pm



Champagnat Mass

Thursday 6 June 2013

June 6 is the day of St Marcellin Champagnat (1789-1840), the founder of the Marist Brothers. As a Marist school, Lavalla honours his work on this day.

This years College mass was celebrated by Father Peter Bickley and Monisgnor Allman. Students learned about the life and works of St Marcellin Champagnat in the weeks prior. Previous student and former school captain Rhys McDonald returned from his studies at Melbourne University to speak to the college about his pride in being a medal recipient and his memories of Lavalla.

Students participated in the mass with interpretative dance, beautiful choir and music performances and presenting readings and assisting with the mass.

The 2013 Champagnat Medal recipients were also awarded on the day. These medals are awarded to students and staff who have demonstrated strong minds and compassionate hearts. The recipients are people who are genuine and straightforward, who say what they believe and act on those beliefs.



*Mrs Lisa French, Ms Erica Pegorer,
Mr Shane Reid*



*Year 10 female recipient
Karlee Dal Pra*



*Rhys McDonald
addressing the campus*



Rear: Mr Shane Reid, Mr Douglas Doherty, Mubastim Murshed, Jacob Farmer, Bayley Charalambous, Mr Brother Rod Thompson, Brother Paul Kane
Middle: Stephanie Castello, Mikaela Tarraran, Mary-Jane Vernier, Taylah Foster, Mrs Lisa French, Ms Erica Pegorer
Front: Mr Andy Martin, Lachlan Spiteri, Anton Tarraran, Bailey Cameron and Maddison Scott



Lord, teach me to be
generous.

Teach me to serve
you as you deserve;

to give and not to
count the cost,

to fight and not to
heed the wounds,

to toil and not to
seek for rest, to labor
and not to ask for
reward,

save that of knowing
that I do your will.

Amen

Champagnat Dinner

Thursday 6 June 2013

Fifty Gippsland Marists from Traralgon, Warragul and Sale celebrated Marcellin Champagnat day with a dinner last week. Sue Haeusler and Sharon Gardiner, teachers from Marist Sion College in Warragul, were the guest speakers and they spoke of their time in South Sudan volunteering to train teachers. They spoke about the educational needs and what life is like for the Sudanese.

\$1200 was raised for Marist Solidarity through the dinner. Thank you to all who attended.



GCA
Gippsland Carers Association, Inc.



*"Working to build a Regional Support Network
for unpaid family carers in all of Gippsland"*

Carers Support Group



There may be times in your role as a carer for someone with a disability, chronic illness, aged frailty, or mental illness, when you may feel overwhelmed and alone. That need not be the case! There are others out there just like you, with whom you can share your experiences.

GCA's Carer Support Group was formed to meet the needs of unpaid carers. It seeks to enable carers - those who give so much to others - the opportunity to enjoy friendship, and the support they deserve, from others who understand what they're going through. We offer a sympathetic, non-judgemental ear.

Sometimes, a CSG meeting includes a guest speaker, or activity. Some meetings are more like social outings, and may take place in other locations. If we have your email address, we can keep you posted on what's happening for each meeting. Otherwise, we recommend that you ring prior to the meeting for details.

Because we want members to get the most from the Carers Support Group, we welcome your input. So please, feel free to let the co-ordinator know what your interests are, as it may help her to plan future activities.

We look forward to seeing you!

Meeting Info for 2013

Meeting time 10am-12.00pm

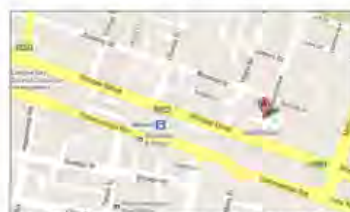
Gippsland Disability Advocacy, Inc
8 Hopetoun Ave
Morwell, VIC 3840

The meeting venue for any month may change, if an activity has been organised for that day's meeting. Please ring ahead to confirm.

**For further info, please ring:
Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241**

Meeting Dates for 2013

27th February < at Latrobe Regional
27th March Gallery, Morwell
24th April
22nd May
26th June
24th July
28th August
25th September
23rd October
27th November



Hopetoun Ave is a short walk from the train station

Email: gippscarerinfo@speedweb.com.au Website: www.gippslandcarers.org AIN A0035748T - ABN 20547 306 121

Lavalla Netballers set to invade Western Australia

Lavalla Catholic College are set to invade the west coast of Australia for the annual Marist Netball Carnival with Bunbury Catholic College playing host. Lavalla will be out to capture their first carnival title since 2005 which they won at Alice Springs with the likes of Stacey O'Brien, Caitie Mitchell, Carly Jennings and Rachel Loechel when they take to the courts from June 22nd to 26th.

The Lavalla team has produced some very promising netballers over the past couple of years and will take a lot of belief with them in their endeavour to win the lot. We wish the team the very best in their campaign.

Below are the player profiles of each member from the two teams.

			
KEELY BOURKE	AMELIA CHARLTON	PAXTON FARLEY	MADELYN GIBSON-DOUCH
Positions: GD, GK, WD	Positions: GD, GK, WD	Positions: C, WA, GA	Positions: GA, GS, WA
Marist Test Caps: Rookie	Marist Test Caps: 1	Marist Test Caps: 1	Marist Test Caps: 1
Unassuming and reliable defender who has the versatility to play in the mid-court.	Strong, high impact defender who can dictate the space in the circle. Should catch the eye of carnival selectors.	Physically strong and hard-working mid-courter who doesn't back off in any pressure situation.	Experienced and accurate goalie who has impressive footwork and presents in the ring.
			
BREE GUTTRIDGE	SUKIE HODGSON	SOPHIE JOHNSTON	MEGHAN KEAST
Positions: GD, GK, WD	Positions: GS, GA, WA	Positions: GK, GD, WD	Positions: C, GD, WD
Marist Test Caps: Rookie	Marist Test Caps: Rookie	Marist Test Caps: 2	Marist Test Caps: 1
Persistent defending skills and a tireless worker in the defensive circle.	Clever goalie who finds great position in the circle and likes to work her way to the post.	Unconventional defender who often finds herself in the right place at the right time.	Versatile player who attacks every possession and makes her presence known with many intercepts.
			
GEMMA McMAHON	SOPHIE MEMBREY	KAYLAH THORBURN	JAYDE TRAVERS
Positions: Umpire	Positions: WA, C, WD	Positions: GA, GS, WA	Positions: GA, GS, C
	Marist Test Caps: 1	Marist Test Caps: 1	Marist Test Caps: Rookie
	Smart and vocal mid-court player with great prospects of becoming a future leader.	Quiet achieving goalie who likes to drive the baseline and is very strong overhead.	Extremely swift and agile goalie. Loves to drive the mid-court and move the ball quickly.

Great Results for Lavalla at Cross Country

Lavalla achieved some great results from the recent SSV Cross Country event staged at the Alberton West Reserve on Friday, June 7th.

Amira Idmouh was Lavalla's only first place getter for the day in the Girls 13 years while our Boys 13 years team came in first place, which was comprised of Jaxon Gardiner, Michael Gaudiano, Elijah Lappin, Lachlan McFarlane, Will Gordon and Liam Pearce.

In the Girls 14 years event, Jessica Rankcom and Chelsea Kenter battled it out for 3rd and 4th respectively while Isis Tyler finished in 6th place.

Matthew Pearce made a late surge in the Boys 14 years event to edge out Sale College counterpart to claim 2nd while Hayden Willaton (7th) and Nick Calla (10th) put in strong performances. Will Bowtell was our only competitor in the 15 years event for either gender and made the cut off by finishing in 12th place.

The day eventually cleared but it remained cold after the early morning rain.

The students made it through the day unscathed and they will now look forward to the Regional Championships on Thursday, June 20th to be held at Lardner Park.



Upcoming Events

Monday 17 June

VCAL Work Experience - this week
Year 11 Exams - this week
Year 12 Retreat
ICAS: Writing
About Face Art Trip
Clay Shooting

Tuesday 18 June

Year 12 Retreat
ICAS: Spelling

Thursday 20 June

Year 11 Assembly - Kildare
Straight Talk
Year 12 Photos

Monday 24 June

Year 8 Party Safe Sessions
Year 11 Vinnies students

Tuesday 25 June

Year 8 Party Safe Sessions

Wednesday 26 June

SSV Netball - Yrs 9-12
SSV Soccer - Yrs 9 - 12

Thursday 27 June

SSV Football - Yrs 7-8
Last day of Term 2



Apraxia Support Group

11 Lansdowne Rd Traralgon @ Central Gippsland
Speech Pathology call 51 747 585 for directions

Thurs June 27th 10am – 12noon

All welcome – Children welcome to attend as well
Contact Tracey 51 924 116 / 0409 200 872 or Yvonne at
Parent To Parent Gippsland 51 353
131 yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au



You're not alone!
FAMILY SUPPORT SEMINARS

**Someone you love have a problem with alcohol or drug use?
Do you find yourself feeling guilty, angry and stressed?**

Latrobe Community Health Service Drug Treatment Service will be hosting three **free sessions** for families of a person with an alcohol or drug use problem.

Wednesday 19 June from 12.30pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 8pm

Latrobe Community Health Service, Buckley Street, Morwell

Thursday 20 June from 10am to 12pm

Lifeline Gippsland, Fleming Street, Morwell

LIMITED SEATING
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For more information or to reserve a place, phone
Louise Murphy on 5136 5232 or visit www.lchs.com.au



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