



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

14 March 2003

Dear Parents,

You should have now received the first of three school-fee accounts for the year. I would like to offer our gratitude to those parents who pay their instalments promptly. I appreciate that this requires considerable planning and no small sacrifice. My hope is that your children also appreciate this.

The College tries to promote an early payment of fees and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the burden of fees is shared among the parent body. The energy we expend in this area arises out of our need to keep the fees at a reasonable level. There are a variety of ways of paying fees depending on your own financial planning. We are very flexible and try to accommodate parents in this matter.

Please contact Helen Orr at the College if you wish to make other arrangements for the payment of fees. Parents are reminded that there are Education Bursaries available for special circumstances. Please contact the College for further details. Applications for the Bursaries will close at the end of this term.

We have just commenced a major building project at the St Paul's Campus and we are completing a Food Technology Room at the Presentation Campus. Please give consideration to helping us have a healthy Building Fund.

Thank you again for the support given.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Tuesday our Campus Leaders were acknowledged and received their badges at the **Lavalla Commissioning Mass held in the Champagnat Centre** on the St. Paul's Campus. The occasion was an impressive one, highlighting the importance the College places on those students elected by their peers to leadership. **Congratulations to Sarah Fogarty and Robert Wilson on being elected as Campus Leaders for 2003.** Sarah and Robert received the SRC and Sports Captains badges which will be presented to those students elected to these positions, at the Campus Assembly next Wednesday at 11:00am. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

On Ash Wednesday the staff and students attended the Parish Mass at St. Mary's. My thanks to Mrs. Haupt, Mrs. Morley, the choir and all students who led the prayers making the Mass a very prayerful and fitting way to begin our preparation for the Lenten Season.

The Mass was a very prayerful experience. It was an excellent opportunity to begin the season of Lent with the parishioners of the parish of St. Mary's. Father Manny Lomagno celebrated the Mass and his support in regard to the spiritual growth and the needs of the staff and students is warmly appreciated.

A group of Year 9 students travelled to Drouin last Tuesday for **the Super 8's cricket competition.** All teams made the most of the experience and enjoyed the day. Our thanks to Mr. De Van Der Schueren, for his organisation of and his enthusiasm for this type of sporting experience. The Physical Education program at the moment is focused on Athletics and the skills needed to take an active part in the coming Athletics Carnivals in Term 2.

Presentation (contd...)

The **Parent Support Group Annual General Meeting** is to be held on **Wednesday the 19th of March at 7:30pm in the Circulation Area**. It is important that as many parents as possible attend

this meeting. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Tamboritha Camps

The Yr9 camps which were due to start on March 19th have been delayed. There were many factors in this delay: The extreme fire danger in the High Country, the road to the chalet has been cut off, and the heavy demands placed on staff during the Yr 7 camps. In consultation with the Tamboritha Committee, it has been decided to hold the camps beginning with

**9.3 April 2nd, 9.4 April 8th,
9.1 May 7th, 9.2 May 14th**

Families will receive letters detailing the dates, and as always we are most grateful to the parents who give their time to attend camps or provide transport. The other Yr 9 classes will have their camps in term 4.

Yr 8 Parent Welcome Nights

**8.1 – 8.4 March 18
Mr Antonopoulos Coordinator
8.5 – 8.8 March 20
Mr Warnock Coordinator**

All parents will receive letters inviting them to attend these evenings. They are designed to give you an opportunity to hear a little about the program offered in Yr 8 and to meet the Homeroom teachers. It provides an excellent opportunity to pass on any relevant information about your son or daughter.

Yr 8 "Life's a Ball"

On the 21st and 28th of March we will have a visit, with sporting personalities: Paul Hudson and Joanne Fox associated with "Life's a Ball" visit our College and speak to year 8 students. "Life's a Ball" is a National Program, which aims to teach students positive life skills by using elite athletes as positive role models for year 7-9 students. The aim is to improve the emotional and spiritual well being of young people, through empowering them with skills that enable them to make positive life choices. The areas covered will include communication, self esteem, dealing with frustration, how to reach out to give and get help, choices and consequences and looking at goals and dreams."

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Study Seminar Series

Next week as part of the Campus Mentoring Program, Year 10 (Monday), Year 11 (Tuesday) and Year 12 (Wednesday) will be attending a series of Seminars on Study Techniques with Mr. Steven McInness. He will be conducting introductory and advanced seminars for students and the seminars will be run in the Virtual Services Centre.

Although the response from parents has been very good with 92 people expressing their interest to this point, I would like to extend a further invitation to parents to attend the **Parent Evening** on **Tuesday, March 18 in the Kildare Campus Hall**. The Seminar addresses the questions:

Would you like to know how you can ...

- ?? Best **support** your child throughout their VCE?
- ?? **Understand** the link between sleep and performance?
- ?? **Help motivate** your child to study?
- ?? Assist your child to **study more effectively**?
- ?? Create the ideal **study environment**?
- ?? Help them select and play **music** that assists study?
- ?? **Recognise** their **individual learning style**?
- ?? Encourage your child to take more **responsibility for their learning and outcomes**?
- ?? **Deal with the stress** of VCE?

Parents who have not yet replied to the initial invitation are asked to contact the Office and leave a message for Mrs. Clarke about how many people will be attending.

Battle of the Bands:

A group of senior students formed a band a couple of years ago and called themselves *Fake Mushroom*. Over the past few months they have been performing in the State Battle of the Bands Competition. They won the local zone during the year last year, won the regional zone in Bairnsdale towards the end of last year and on the week-end competed in the State Finals. They were placed second to a punk-rock band from

Frankston. They played six songs, all of which are original compositions, in the funky, jazz -rock genre. Congratulations to Joshua Kane – keyboards, Kevin Lane – drums, Leigh Marino – lead guitar and Joseph Franklin – bass. To come second in an Under 21, state-wide competition is a wonderful achievement from a most talented foursome from the College.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

SHAVE FOR A CURE

The College will be raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation by participating in Shave for a Cure on Friday, March 21. All three Campuses will be involved. Participating students are asked to come to school with their hair temporarily coloured or to have their hair shaved. Each Campus will provide students with guidelines and direction as to how the day will be conducted.

VCAL – Vic. Certificate of Applied Learning

This year we have 40 students in years 11 and 12 who have chosen to do the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning instead of the VCE. The program they do is arranged into four streams – Literacy and Numeracy, Work Related Skills, Industry Specific Skills and Personal Development. This certificate can be done at Foundation level – 10 students; Intermediate level – 15 students or senior level – 15 students.

As a part of the Industry Specific stream all of these students have taken up either a VET course or a Part-time School Based Apprenticeship. Both of these involve a work placement in an industry related to the studies they are completing. The Work Related skills stream involves the students developing the skills that will be needed for them to take their place in the workforce. Literacy and numeracy studies are done within the curriculum offered to all of the students at Lavalla. The Personal Development stream has been designed to build on the life skills of each student in a variety of ways. First - Aid training, participation in a Landcare project, Driver Education – preparation for L's or P's, as well as a Business Project where the students will be selling shares in a company they have established are all important aspects of the VCAL.

Each week of the VCAL program brings a new highlight. This week saw the Landcare group led by the valiant Mrs. Wilson drag a dead cow from the dam – a practical life skill if ever there was one. Throughout the year we will give further updates on the development of the program
Anne English, Anne Wilson, David Hansen

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 7th April 2003 in the Resource Centre at St Paul's Campus at 7.30pm.

We would like to thank all the new and continuing parents who attended our last meeting. The turn up was certainly an improvement on the previous number of attendees, although for P & F to continue we still require more parents to attend. Mrs Maureen McIntosh, Year 7 Coordinator, will be the guest speaker at our next meet on the 7th April and will speak on her role as the Year 7 Coordinator.

Parents and Friends encourage new parents to come along and any suggestions would be most welcome. Our meetings are always informative but at the same time relaxed and informal. Please feel free to contact either Jenny or Felicetta if you require any further details.

Meeting nights for 2003:

Term 1	7th April	2nd June
Term 2	5th May	1st September
Term 3	4th August	1st December
Term 4	3rd November	(Xmas breakup)

Jenny Hansch / Felicetta Kile
Co-Chairpersons
(51221684 / 51661480)

PARENT SUPPORT AUXILIARY – the **next meeting** will be held on Thursday, 20th March in the Conference Room, St Paul’s Campus, commencing at 1.30pm. Following the meeting the **second-hand uniform shop** will be open from 3.30 to 4.30pm, St Paul’s Campus.

ST MICHAEL’S YOUTH GROUP – Friday 21st March –Visit the Fire Station and learn more about being in the Fire Service and fighting bush fires. Meet at the Hall 7pm. Cost \$2. Phone Lia for more information 5174 8949.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Presentation	Kildare	St Paul’s
Mon 17 March	S Caffrey	L Thorburn, F DiIorio	S Mills, S Waaanders
Tue. 18 March	K Farrugia	D Miller, K Daniels	M Amatas & M Amatas
Wed. 19 March	K Camilleri	M Leahy, A Fletcher	J Adams, K Daniels
Thu. 20 March	-	R Greaves, help req’d	S Eccles, D Webb
Fri. 21 March	-	J Hansch, C Barry	N Ellis, J Hartley, K Clarke

ENROLMENT 2004

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2004:

- ~~///~~ **Students at Catholic primary schools will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.**
- ~~///~~ **Students attending State/other schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla College should fill in the form below and return it to either St Paul’s or Presentation Campus office.**
- ~~///~~ **Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla College and who attend State or other schools should ring the St Paul’s Campus office (5174 7355) to be placed on the application for enrolment list.**

**YEAR 7, 2004 ENROLMENT
SIBLINGS ATTENDING STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Parent name/s and address:

.....

Phone No.:

Student name and current State Primary School:

.....

.....

Postal address PO Box 1080 Traralgon 3844	Marcellin House Admin Coster Circle Traralgon Ph 5174 5272	Kildare Campus Kosciuszko St Traralgon Ph 5174 8111	Presentation Campus John Field Drive Newborough Ph 5127 1311	St Paul’s Campus Grey St Traralgon Ph 5174 7355
-------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------