

Lavalla Catholic College

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From the Principal, Mr John Freeman



Schools are always very busy places. Our Senior Students are immersed in their studies with every student involved in preparing for and undertaking their SACs and other pieces of assessment. On the St Paul's Campus the Year 7s and 9s have been engaged in the federal government's NAPLAN testing and year 8s continue their various classes.

With regard to NAPLAN, whilst there are often concerns raised about the value of the tests and the pressure they place, there is benefit. This is because from a whole school point of view the data derived from (literacy and numeracy) tests, can show how a cohort of students is performing on the relevant measures and, more importantly, how they are improving across the two year interval between tests (i.e. what 'value adding' the school is contributing).

What's more, when the performance data for a particular measure is analysed according to question type, the school can see what sorts of questions the students generally do well at and those they typically don't do well at. Schools can also readily ascertain whether any patterns in students' skills or understandings thus observed have held true across a few years (and therefore, across a few different cohorts of students). That would certainly give clues as to what emphases or teaching strategies might be required to enable teaching and learning of these skills or understandings to be more effective.

In the midst of what is a busy time we also held our 'Twilight' Information Night for families investigating Secondary School options. This was a fantastic display with a great number of activities and opportunities for real hands on experiences for families to enjoy. A great deal of work went into preparing for the early evening event and I commend Mr Andy Martin and all of his team for their work as well as every member of staff who contributed to a successful night on Wednesday just past.

Also during the previous week on Thursday and Friday the St Paul's Campus hosted students from our various Catholic Primary Schools. I know from talking to staff and students who attended on the days that this was a fun and worthwhile day. Simultaneously on Friday we also held our House Athletics competition at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. Congratulations to the members of MacKillop House on their success and thanks to all involved on the day in particular Dwayne Tibballs and Nikki Schroeter.

In this Newsletter you will also find details about our sporting cultural successes in recent times. Our Senior Jazz Ensemble has just returned from National Stage Band Championships in Mt. Gambier, South Australia. This is a prestigious competition with schools from all over Australia competing. Congratulations to Mr Shane Reid, his team and our students on what was no doubt very fine performances. In regard to our efforts in the sporting field the College has had recent competition and some success in Tennis and Touch Rugby and have begun competition in Australian Rules Football.

*God, sometimes I think
you want so much from
me that I get weighed
down just thinking about
all the things I
should be doing.*

*Help me to take life one
day at a time and to do
the best with what I'm
given each moment.*

Amen

From the Principal (Cont.)

I also want to acknowledge Ms Kelly Murray for arranging an evening of interviews for our Sudanese families with the support of interpreters from the DHS. This is no doubt a great initiative and one that is of benefit to both the school and the families involved.

On Monday and Tuesday last week our Remar Red Caravel Group joined with Remar Red Rowers at Marist-Sion College for a two day camp, including staying overnight at the school in Warragul, as part of their formation. Both Chris Roga as the Helm attended and was assisted by Therese Main on the Monday night. By all reports this was a successful enterprise and appreciated by all involved.



LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP PIE DRIVE 2014

This is advance notice that the Music Support Group will be organising a Pie Drive Fundraiser in 2014.

Important dates for your Calendars' are:

1. Order forms distributed 14 – 16 May
2. Forms Due back – 23rd May
3. Pie Collection Day Wednesday 4th June

Your support is much appreciated.

Would you like to be more involved with your child's music?

Playing a musical instrument or singing is a gift for life. Long after our bodies can no longer play sports; music gives years of pleasure. Not only does music help improve academic performance, it provides healthy social interaction for our teenagers.

The Lavalla Music Support Group works with your child's music teachers to keep the music programme as affordable as possible. Fund raising co-ordinated by the Group in recent years has led to the purchase of our music trailer, piano, a range of instruments and sending a group of student to the recent Mt Gambier "Generations in Jazz" festival.

We urge all parents of students involved in any way with the music department to consider making some time available to assist this group in 2014. This may be helping out at fundraisers (e.g pie drive, Bunning's BBQ, or a short monthly meeting on a Wednesday evening).

For more information please e-mail
mike.matthyssen@gmail.com.

Important Dates

Monday 19 May—Friday 23 May

A Cause Worth Week—Kildare Campus

Tuesday 20 May

SSV Wellington AFL Years 7—8 Boys

ICAS Computer Skills Test—St Paul's Campus

Year 10 Drama Ensemble

Wednesday 21 May

Former Design Students to Visit Current Year 11 & 21 Students

Thursday 22 May

St Paul's Campus School Photos

Friday 23 May

Kildare Campus School Photos

ATLAS 9 Community Service

SSV Years 9 & 10 State Tennis Finals

Drama Students Years 10, 11 & 12 Incursion

Monday 26 May

Year 7 ACMI Race around the square

Year 12 Music Solo Soiree Performance

VET Students Grocon Visit

Year 12 Assembly during LA

Year 10 PE Traralgon Basketball Stadium Visit

Tuesday 27 May

Allied Health RMIT Course (27—29 May)

SSV Wellington Netball Years 9—12

SSV Wellington Soccer Years 9—12

Wednesday 28 May

Year 9 City Camp (28—30 May)

Year 9 Beach Camp (28—30 May)

Year 12 Students NGV Federation Square Excursion

Lavalla Catholic College— Art Exhibition

Years 10 & 11

Opening Evening

Wednesday 11 June 2014

4.00pm

Arts Centre



St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

As you can see, from the number and variety of staff reports in this newsletter, the past two weeks have been a period of intense engagement with Curriculum and the community at St Paul's.

On Thursday the 6th and Friday the 7th of May, St Paul's hosted over 220 year six students eager to experience the life of a typical Year 7 Lavalla student as part of our school transition program. The excitement and interest they showed in each lesson was noted by each of the session teachers. No matter whether it was Food Technology, Woodwork, Science, Art or Physical Education, all were keen and happy that they walked away with new skills, new learning or product to eat or utilize at a later date. We look forward to working with them next year as they have demonstrated that they are ready for the challenge.

Last Friday also saw the reincarnation of a St Paul's Athletics Carnival with all 7-9 students heading to Newborough Sports Facility to do battle for house honours. The day was enjoyed by all in great spirit with Mackillop house taking the points on the day. Thanks must go to our sports coordinators, Dwayne Tibbals and Nikki Schroeter for their organisation of the day and also to all of our house leaders for their marshalling of the faithful.

On Wednesday, our annual 'Twilight' evening was held in support of connecting our community and prospective enrollees with the activities and features of St Paul's and Lavalla Catholic College as a school of the 21st Century, with a contemporary learning pedagogy, committed staff and wonderful facilities. A range of interactive activities demonstrated the engagement we seek to inspire in our learners. Some 360 people took the opportunity on the evening to witness the event.

Many of you will have consulted the parent portal over the past week to receive the six weekly feedback on your children's academic progress. Each LA teacher has also been conducting

interviews with selected families to discuss results and encourage goal setting students. Over the course of the year, you can expect this opportunity to meet with the LA Staff, in excess of the usual parent teacher, student arrangements, will arise as a support for constant improvement in student performance and monitoring.

Over the past week, we have been collecting for the 'Give a Can, Give a Damn' charity, coordinated by our local Rotary Club. I recommend this activity as a significant contribution to the wellbeing of those in need in our community and encourage all to give where possible.

Thursday afternoon this week saw our Sudanese families gathering at St Paul's to establish our connection as a community and with each other. It was wonderful to meet the parents of some of our most dynamic and able students, to extend the welcome of the College, to advise on supports available through the college and community and to introduce parents to their children's LA teachers and College leaders. I look forward to hosting further afternoons like these throughout the year.

My best to all for the coming weeks

**2015
Enrolments
Now Open**

**Please Phone our School
Registrar**

**Mrs Bev O'Brien
on
03 51747355**



Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

What does it mean to live the Marist Charism?

As we fast approach the feast day of St. Marcellin Champagnat on 6th June, the Kildare Campus is undertaking an examination of this very question in the activities and achievements of our community members within everyday life.

PRESENCE is one of the 5 characteristics of the Marist Charism and the first area of the Marist Charism that we have begun to analyse.

It consists of many different facets: including: Putting other people first, Getting involved, Caring – making time for others, Fostering openness – helping one another grow, etc.

In the past two weeks alone we have seen this Charism alive in many aspects of Campus life.

“Putting other people first” – Students have been very active and supportive with the promotion of the ‘Give a Damn, Give a Can’ programme to help those less fortunate. This began with an examination into the types of poverty within our communities – local, national and international. Students also examined their ‘duty’ to support their neighbours through biblical teachings and Marist/Christian examples. It cumulated with a neighbourhood collection and donation from all families, as well as a competitive feel amongst LAs. Results will be given in the next newsletter.

“Getting Involved” – Lavalla students are renowned for their enthusiasm for getting involved. Last week alone we have had a large number of students attend the Monash University Master Class, therefore getting involved in raising aspirations.

Also, last weekend also the Jazz Ensemble travelled to Mt Gambier to partake in the Generations of Jazz Festival. They represented the school honourably and I congratulate all involved, especially the staff who gave up so much of their own personal time.

Sporting events has also been prominent as a way in which students could receive enrichment through involvement. Not

only has there been success at both male and female football, but also in a wider range of sport such as swimming and golf.

“Caring – Making Time for Others” – The ethos of caring is not only evident in the feel of Kildare campus amongst all community members; but it is also evident in many different forms. An example of which was seen when a group of VCAL students created and decorated pot plants to sell to raise funds and awareness for charity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bunning's DIY Store, Traralgon for their support by providing all materials and expertise with their staff members.

The Red Cross Blood Ambassadors within our campus have been extremely busy – over 30 staff and students have signed up to donate blood, after their assembly the led with a representative from the Red Cross. These are certainly brave and dedicated young people, who would appreciate more donors to sign up under their campaign. It was also very appreciated to here from Scott the Red Cross Representative, when he informed us that our students where the best behaved during assembly, that he had ever experienced.

“Fostering Openness – helping one another grow” – The staff at Kildare campus are passionate in helping our young people grow to become young human beings, educated to be both work/university ready and spiritually ready for independence. An example of this was seen when Mrs Fenech and Mr Eagle led a group of Law students to visit and experience a mock trial at the Morwell Courthouse. The topic was focusing on ‘sexting’ and was an enlightening experience for all involved.

The range of REMAR camps being held organised by Mr Paul Skippen and Mr Roga has also helped to unite young people from throughout Victoria, in sharing their faith and encouraging the promotion of the Marist Charism.

So we can see from some of the few activities at Kildare these last two weeks that the Marist Charism is not something from the past, but a way of life that is blossoming at Kildare Campus.

Careers Update

Mrs Prudence Scholtes, Careers Development Coach

The Careers department has been buzzing with activities in the past few weeks with students in Year 10 and 12 heading out to Federation University at Churchill to begin exploring possibilities for life after school.

Year 10 students learnt a few of the basics such how to apply for university, what prerequisites are and what an ATAR score is. How to apply for scholarships was also discussed. Student life and living on campus was a popular topic amongst our students.

Year 10 students attending on the Monday listened to mini lectures from the Science and Business faculties and Tuesday's attendees experienced Science and Sport lectures. A tour of the campus was met with wonder and awe – even the library!

Some of the feedback included:

- I think I might want to go to University now
- Student ambassador Q&A was extremely helpful
- Great all round experience
- Science talk was very funny and helped make us realise that what we're learning in the classroom will one day all come together.
- Tour gave a great insight into the life and campus of a Federation University student

We hope students use this opportunity to kick start their thinking about their future and importantly what subjects they should be considering studying in VCE to put them on the right pathway to a number of different careers they might be considering.

Year 12 Students met with representatives from the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre and were given advice on how to apply for post school studies and completing SEAS applications. The students then had an opportunity to collect information and meet with representatives from a large number of Universities, TAFE institutions and private colleges. This was a great opportunity especially for those students unable to make it the Age Careers Expo in Melbourne last weekend.

Important Dates/Events/Opportunities for Students Coming Up:

- Year 10 Work Experience and Future Careers Sessions will be held during classes the week following their exams in June.
- Year 11 Careers Day: Wednesday June 18th
- Year 9 Careers Sessions will be held weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3.
- University Visits overnight camp for Year 12 Students July

14th and 15th

- Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park July 29th.
- Courses and Careers Expo for current Years 9, 10 and 11 students: Friday August 1st



Years 10 & 12 Students sitting through a Lecture at Federation University



Years 10 & 12 Students finding out about accommodation options at Federation University

Franklin Park Bus Update

Lavalla Catholic College has submitted an application with Latrobe Valley Buslines giving details of a number of families interested in using this service on a paying basis.

As yet, Latrobe Valley Buslines have not made any commitment to this service and are awaiting interest from other schools within the area.

We will keep you informed of any updates on this matter.

Mr A Van Berkel
Bus Coordinator

Business Management

Year 12 Business Management Excursion Mrs Pierina Fenech

This week our Yr 12 Business Management students travelled to Melbourne to observe operations of the Carlton United Brewery and Yakult production facilities. They got to see and experience the key elements of an operations system involved in producing both beer and the famous fermented milk drink.

Our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and were very impressive in the way they engaged in the learning experience.

Back in the classroom, the students are now preparing detailed reports on the key knowledge areas from their VCE study design and applying them to both companies. This will be an outstanding resource in their preparation for their final exam in November.



Year 12 Business Management Students at the Carlton United Brewery



Year 12 Business Management Students at the Yakult Production Facility

Legal Studies

Years 11 & 12 Legal Studies Excursion Latrobe Valley Law Courts Mrs Pierina Fenech

As part of 'Law Week', on Tuesday our Yr 11 and 12 Legal studies students travelled to the Latrobe Valley Law courts to participate in a mock trial on the issue of Sexting. This amazing opportunity was made possible to our students through the generosity of the Victorian Law Foundation and the Gippsland Community legal service.

Our young people sat transfixed on Magistrate Alsop and his team of highly professional legal practitioners who acted out a hypothetical scenario on a growing issue that concerns our young people today. Mr Alsop, who is a strong advocate for educating our youth in the dangers that exist in our society, was inspiring and confronting in his address. He spoke of ways young people can protect themselves today and into the future. He offered our students a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and experience. Mr Alsop also spoke of the value in educating young people about the law, not just as an inroad to a legal career, but on how to be a good citizen in general.

Our students were excellent examples of what fine citizens they are and will be in the future.



Drama Department

Mrs Prudence Scholtes

Thirty three Drama students headed to Melbourne on Wednesday 2nd of April to see Melbourne Theatre Company's production of Neighbourhood Watch, starring award winning actress Robyn Nevin.

For a number of students this was the first time they had seen a live theatre production and for over a third of the students, the first time they had seen a play that wasn't a musical.

Students had spent two weeks preparing and researching the world of the play and the theatrical conventions they might see but judging by the post show reactions none were prepared for the sheer brilliance of the acting or the cleverly constructed lighting and set design.

Spirits were high on the bus on the return from Melbourne with students sharing thoughts and ideas of what they had seen, how they might use some of the skills in their own ensemble performances in May, as well as how to tackle the analysis assessment tasks that follow this experience.

During the day students also attended a talk with students from all over Melbourne that helped 'unpack' what they were going to see. Our students contributed with intelligent, mature and insightful answers to the speakers' questions and were a credit to the College. The Q & A session after the performance with the cast was also a highlight.

All members of the Lavalla College community are invited to attend our Year 11 and Year 10 assessment performances next week. VCE Unit 1 students will present performances based on the theme: Evolution – Technology versus Humanity, Monday 19th May 5:30pm, Kildare Virtual Services Centre Spillout area. The following evening at 6pm in the same location the Year 10 Drama class will present their end of semester exam piece – Commedia Dell 'Arte. We look forward to seeing you there.



Model United National Assembly

Morgan Brinsmead and Bethany Hourigan

During the weekend of 2nd - 4th May, 2014, we represented Lavalla Catholic College and the Traralgon Rotary Club at the Model United Nations Assembly. Schools from our district went to Forest Edge, in Neerim South, to debate serious world topics, whilst representing a country. We represented Argentina and spoke about topics such as: the right to food, women in development, terrorists' rights and the issues that war stricken countries face. We spent the weekend preparing speeches and meeting new people. It gave us an insight into the problems occurring around the world and how they should be dealt with.

This experience at Forest Edge is one we will never forget. We met a lot of new people and we gathered new knowledge and insight into what is happening in the real world. We believe this was a very unique and useful experience. We had lots of fun watching and participating in the various debates. We encourage the year 10s to think about getting involved with this camp next year, as it was fun, interesting and a very useful experience.



Religious Education

Mission and Ministry

Mr Chris Roga

My mother turned 87 last week. I owe her nearly everything; she gave me birth, she brought me up and I am who I am because of her, and I value her. Her great pride is in how her children and grandchildren fare. Nothing else is of much importance to her now. She lives now, as she lived earlier, for her family. I cannot honour her enough.

For us in Traralgon, this is a fantastic time of year. It is May, the month of Mary, our good Mother, and a time to celebrate all mothers because, wherever they are, or whoever they are, they play such a vital role in rearing children and shaping the world to come. We are familiar with Mary's role at Christmas, when Jesus was born. But she disappears for the next thirty or so years. What happened in those years? She did what every mother does; cooked, cleaned, washed, looked after Jesus, sang to him, comforted him, showered love on him, and often wondered what he would become and what he would do. Day after day, month after month, year after year. Quietly. Just got on with being a mother. And what a job she did!

With hindsight we know who Jesus was and what he did, and how he shaped the future. But Mary had no hindsight. All she did was live in the present and watch over Jesus. She rejoiced in his victories and triumphs, grieved in his setbacks and pain. Let us celebrate Mary, each in our own ways, and let us celebrate our mothers, too.

Remar Red Caravel Day

16 Lavalla and 34 Marist-Sion Red Rowers participated in a fantastic Red Caravel Overnight Camp at Marist-Sion. The activities run by the Remar Mission Team were fantastic and the rowers responded magnificently. Friendships were cemented, the students mixed well, the sharing was mature and of some depth and they all had fun, despite sleeping on a hard classroom floor. At the end of the camp, they were awarded the Red Rower badges, which they are all wearing to school quite proudly. Congratulations to this amazing group of young people.

Fitzroy Soup Van

Paul Skippen, Reggie Gordon, Leanne Young, Monica Justin, Brittany Young and Queenie Fitzpatrick went to Melbourne after school on Friday 9th May to work in the Fitzroy Soup Van with Brother Doug Walsh and the St Vinnies crew. Their task was to go on the street to the different venues where the homeless gathered and serve them. Soup, coffee, Soft drinks, sandwiches and hot food were offered. Chatting with these people is as important as the food. For some of the people it is

the only positive contact they have for the day. The Lavalla group returned after midnight, satisfied with their effort and sobered by the experience. The next Soup Van service is scheduled for May 30. We can only accommodate 11 people, and places are filling fast.

Give a Damn! Give a Can!

Four Year 10 Classes doorknocked on Tuesday 12 May in collaboration with the Rotary Club, Traralgon to collect food cans for St. Vinnies. Students responded enthusiastically, and discovered that most people were very kind and gave generously. At many homes they got no response because, presumably, the occupants were at work. Still they collected a sizeable number of cans. We still have to count and sort the cans out. Lavalla has also instituted an internal can collection drive.

All food cans collected will be distributed by St Vinnies to families throughout winter. It is hard to imagine that we have needy people living in our midst, but I am told that the number of needy people is increasing. Every little bit helps, and we are grateful to help out. If any readers care to help they drop food cans off to St Vinnies at the corner of Kay and breed Streets.

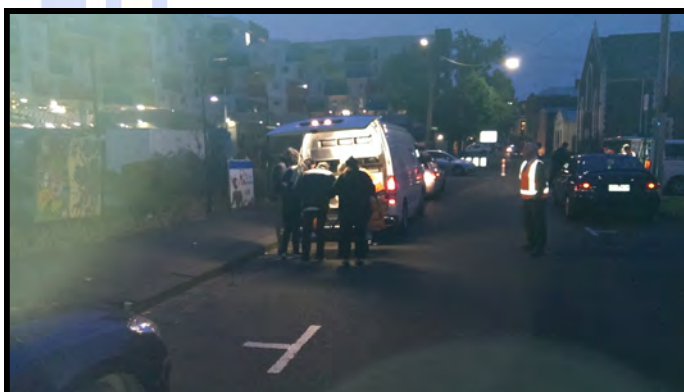
Important Dates:

Thursday June 5

Champagnat Mass - Whole College Mass
Champagnat Centre 9.30 am

Wednesday 18 June—Friday 20 June

Year 12 Retreat Philip Island Adventure Resort



Music

Mr Shane Reid

Bass Jack Beauglehall

Drums Brandon Gawith

Director Shane Reid

Generations in Jazz Festival

It was an absolute pleasure to stand on stage with our 2014 Senior Jazz Ensemble as they proudly represented our college in the National Stage Band Championships in Mt. Gambier, South Australia last weekend. This is the big ticket event on the music education calendar. It involves over 4,000 students representing over 200 schools from every state in Australia.

As well as performing magnificently, our students were privileged to hear performances from (amongst many others) James Morrison, Marian Petrescu, The Idea of North, Darryl Somers, Ross Irwin, Gordon Goodwin and a fantastic trombonist named Andy Martin (which made us all a little nostalgic for a Campus Director back at home). All are definitely worth a YouTube search when you get a moment. Alternatively you could ask any of the girls listed below (or even Pru) about the natural wonder that is Ross Irwin.

It is a rigorous national competition; the quality of music making was first class. In our division there were almost 50 schools competing and almost all were high fee paying independent or grammar schools or the more exclusive music selective entry high schools. It is worth pointing out that we were one of only five regional schools in the entire festival and the only regional catholic school. Our 16th placing and 3rd placing in 2013 are laudable achievements for our school. One of my contemporaries from an unnamed school was quite surprised to see that "a school from up whoop whoop in your demographic could reach the appropriate standard."

Our music department has once again stood tall with the best of the best, I am so very proud of the following students. The term 'Lavalla Jazz' has come to represent something very special indeed. I am really grateful to Shane Lebbe and Pru Scholtes for giving up their weekend to accompany us.

1st Alto Sax Taeson Cleator

2nd Alto Sax Korey Kavadias

1st Tenor Sax Georgia Quinn

Baritone Sax Kristen Jenkinson

1st Trumpet Nathanael Georgeson

2nd Trumpet Renny Dalton

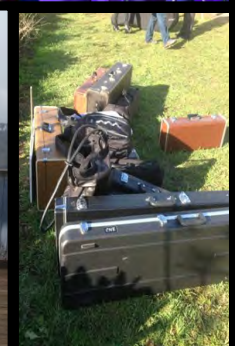
3rd Trumpet Tobias Duffy

1st Trombone Morgan Williams

2nd Trombone Luke Matthyssen

Piano Taryn Clarke

Guitar Tom Eddy



LAVALLA SENIOR AUST. FOOTBALL TEAMS THROUGH TO THE NEXT ROUND

Lavalla had its two senior boys and girls teams win through to the Regional Championships after complete domination at the Wellington Championships on Tuesday 13th May.

Neither team lost a match with strong opposition from other schools such as Catholic College Sale, Maffra Secondary College, Kurnai College and Sale College.

The boys advance after winning their two pool matches before a strong showing against Maffra SC in the final.

Best players: Ben Noy, Mitchell Jones, Cory Stockdale, Nathan Rowley, Tom Wilson

Game 1:	Lavalla Catholic College 5.5 (35) defeated Kurnai College 2.2 (14)
Game 2:	Lavalla Catholic College 11.2 (68) defeated Sale College 4.0 (24)
Final:	Lavalla Catholic College 12.2 (74) defeated Maffra Secondary College 3.4 (22)

The girls were as dominant throughout their round of matches and despite some inaccurate kicking early in the final against CC Sale, they steamrolled their way to an easy 100-point victory.

Best Players: Kim Graham, Shayla Marsh, Keely Bourke, Monica Harasimiuk, Olivia Vincent and Nadine Harte

Game 1:	Lavalla Catholic College 7.6 (48) defeated Kurnai College 0.0 (0)
Game 2:	Lavalla Catholic College 12.7 (79) defeated Sale College 1.2 (8)
Final:	Lavalla Catholic College 17.10 (112) defeated Catholic College Sale 2.0 (12)



MACKILLOP HOUSE WIN JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

For the first time in since 2008 the Lavalla Catholic College held an athletics carnival on Friday, 9th May at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. The weather was kind enough although reasonably cool as the year 7-9 students were able to enjoy the festivities of the College's first carnival in six years.

All events were on offer with exception to the javelin and hurdle events and there were some outstanding results achieved by all house competitors as they put forth their efforts to qualify for the College's athletics team to compete at the SSV Athletic Divisional Championships later this year.

Mackillop house were runaway winners of the carnival on 1,104 points with Nagle second (851 points), Delany third (762) and Champagnat fourth (746 points).

The following students were recipients of the age group champion medallions.

	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>
13 Year Old	Zoe Roberts (Mackillop)	Flynn Shields (Champagnat)
14 Year Old	Amira Idmouh (Delany)	Joseph Darling (Nagle)
	Grace Walker (Delany)	
15 Year Old	Samantha Waters (Mackillop)	Matthew Pearce (Mackillop)
	Chelsea Kenter (Nagle)	Neil Flanagan (Champagnat)



LAVALLA AMONGST BASKETBALL'S BEST

Lavalla Catholic College's Marist basketball teams attended the Australian Marist Carnival in Sale during the last week of term 1 and while neither team captured the ultimate success, they again proved to be amongst the upper echelon of teams at the championships.

Lavalla endured four defeats throughout the four days of competition in the boys to finish 8th overall which included a buzzer-beating loss to Assumption College, Kilmore. Nevertheless, the boys achieved some great results with a reasonable young team.

Lavalla again set the benchmark throughout the girls competition but the encountered their first defeat of the championships in the most important game of the carnival and it was to the arch-nemesis, Catholic College Sale. Despite the loss the girls can be encouraged with only two members of the team likely to depart the girls roster for 2015.

Kelly Bourke and Jayde Travers were rewarded with selection to the girls Marist All-Star team while Patrick Harriman and Keely Bourke received team MVP honours.

<i>Boys results</i>	<i>Girls results</i>
Game 1: Lavalla 74 <i>def.</i> Gladstone 12	Game 1: Lavalla 51 <i>def.</i> Perth 16
Game 2: Lavalla 36 <i>def.</i> Campbelltown 30	Game 2: Lavalla 55 <i>def.</i> Gladstone 18
Game 3: Lavalla 54 <i>def.</i> Sale (2) 27	Game 3: Lavalla 63 <i>def.</i> Warragul 27
Game 4: Lavalla 58 <i>def.</i> Varroville 16	Game 4: Lavalla 38 <i>def.</i> Adelaide 24
Game 5: Lavalla 69 <i>def.</i> Alice Springs 18	Game 5: Lavalla 46 <i>def.</i> Woodlawn 28
Game 6: Bulleen 76 <i>def.</i> Lavalla 38	Game 6: Lavalla 46 <i>def.</i> Burnie 36
Game 7: Lavalla 39 <i>def.</i> Canberra 31	Game 7: Lavalla 42 <i>def.</i> Sale 31
Game 8: Adelaide 60 <i>def.</i> Lavalla 25	Game 8: Lavalla 63 <i>def.</i> Warragul 22
Game 9: Shepparton 44 <i>def.</i> Lavalla 42	Game 9: Sale 59 <i>def.</i> Lavalla 51
Game 10: Kilmore 49 <i>def.</i> Lavalla 33	



LAVALLA TENNIS SERVE UP SUCCESS

Lavalla had six tennis teams represent the College at the recent SSV Regional Championships and served up an overwhelming performance that propelled five of our teams through to the SSV State Championships.

The senior boys, intermediate boys and girls, year 8 boys and year 7 boys all outlasted strong opposition from the best schools from the Gippsland Region and now look forward to traveling to Boroondara Tennis Centre to take on the State's best!

The senior girls, after advancing to the Regional Championships without playing at the Divisional Championships, were not so fortunate and were unable to get past Nagle College, Bairnsdale.



TOUCH FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just prior to the end of term one our College had three representative teams travel to Elwood Park for the Victorian Schools Touch Football Championships.

The College had two boys teams attend with the Championship Division team almost winning through to the final. Requiring victory against Westall SC (who would eventually win the state title), Lavalla led for much of the contest before a late try from the opposition left the match in a tie and eliminate the Championship boys team from the competition.

Our Plate boys failed to win a game but pulled off a draw in their final match of the day to boost team morale and bring a smile to the boys faces.

The Championship girls team started the day with two loses before winning their remaining three matches to finish third in the state.

Championship Boys Team

Round 1: Lavalla 2 *def.* Chaffey 2
Round 2: Lavalla 3 *def.* BGS 1
Round 3: Lavalla 2 *def.* Billanook 1
Round 4: Luther 3 *def.* Lavalla 2
Round 5: Lavalla 1 *drew* Westall SC 1

Plate Boys Team

Round 1: Luther 4 *def.* Lavalla 1
Round 2: Haileybury 7 *def.* Lavalla 0
Round 3: Lavalla 2 *def.* Chaffey 2

Championship Girls Team

Round 1: Haileybury 2 *def.* Lavalla 0
Round 2: Chaffey 3 *def.* Lavalla 2
Round 3: Lavalla 1 *def.* Westall SC 0
Round 4: Lavalla 2 *def.* PEGS 0
Round 5: Lavalla 3 *def.* Aquinas College 2



Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon



Book in a Day Competition—Enrichment Activity

Saturday June 14th, 2014
10am - 5pm



Book in a Day is a fun, flexible, team building and writing experience, open to students from Y8 to Y12.

Teams of 6-8 students work collaboratively during the day to create a novella of approx 10 -12,000 words. Teams can be Senior, Junior or Mixed year levels.

All students must bring their own devices/chargers.

Wi-Fi access will be provided on the day.

Please note: Each school must have at least one staff member present for the duration.

Your team will be given a choice of two topics on the day. Writing will begin at 10:00am. It will be up to your team to decide on the plot and characters for your novella.

Lunch will be provided.

Writing will end at 5 pm. All novellas are submitted via a USB. Lavalla Catholic College will print, bind and distribute each novella to participating schools.

At 5pm, Certificates of Participation will be awarded to all students as well as individual and team prizes.

Registration Details

Name of School

Address of School

Name of Staff Member
accompanying students

Team members name and Year
Level

Any special dietary

Requirements for any members

Registration is now OPEN!

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Diocesan Review of Religious Education



12 May, 2014

Re: Diocesan Religious Education Review Committee

Dear Father, Parishioners and School Community

In mid 2013 Bishop Christopher Prowse requested a review of Religious Education in the Diocese of Sale. Bishop Christopher formulated specific Terms of Reference and initiated a committee to carry out the review.

I am writing to give you an update on the work of the Diocesan Religious Education Review Committee which will continue in the interim between Bishops.

The Committee has met on five occasions and has developed an "action plan" around three key focus areas;

1. Why do people come into this Catholic Community (background and faith experience)?
2. How are people educated in religion in this Catholic Community?
3. How are people formed by their experience of Catholic Education?

A large number of individuals and groups have been consulted. Information gathered, along with existing data, is being analysed in order to formulate a survey so that an even wider consultation can take place. The survey will be available in May/June 2014.

Survey results and other data will then be used to complete a report for the Diocesan Administrator and/or incoming Bishop and Director of Catholic Education and may be used for the formation of the future direction of Religious Education in the Diocese.

The committee looks forward to your assistance and input when the surveys become available in your community.

Yours sincerely

Chris Randell
Chair of Diocesan Review of Religious Education Committee
(on behalf of the Committee)