



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman

This is a busy time in the school year with mid-year exams taking place, final pieces of assessment being submitted and end of semester reports being written. However, it is also a time for renewal and an opportunity to reflect.

For our Year 12s they have time for the first three days of next week to reflect on what has happened and to also set goals for the future at their retreat. This will take place at Phillip Island and whilst scheduling of a retreat during mid-year is not always common, I think it is very well timed. One of the key purposes of a retreat is to take time to withdraw from the day to day busyness of our lives and to reflect on all that has been given to us by God – family, friends, opportunity, to name but a few gifts – as well as allow ourselves the chance to recuperate physically, mentally and spiritually for the journey ahead of us. We all need this! Thanks in advance to Mr Chris Roga, Mrs Monica Justin and all the team who will no doubt provide our students with a great experience.

Also next week families of students in Years 7 to 9 will have an opportunity to attend Parent Teacher meetings. The timing just before the break is good in that there is an opportunity for praise to be given where appropriate and recommendations made as required. The break allows time for consideration and planning by students, parents and teachers about what is needed to improve.

This Sunday, 19 June, there will be a Mass at St Michael's, Traralgon at 9.30am to celebrate Catholic Education as part of the Parish's Centenary Celebrations. Students from Lavalla Catholic College, St Michael's Primary School and St Gabriel's Primary School will be present to assist in leading those assembled in song and prayerful reflection. I look forward to seeing you if you are there this Sunday.



Congratulations to Emily Beecroft who set a new world record at the recent IDM Berlin Swimming Championships in the S9 classification with a time of 26.15 in the Women's 50 Metre Butterfly. Emily competed in this event as part of her preparation for the upcoming Paralympics

Our Marist Netball team under the leadership and care of Fiona Morrow and Nikki Schroeter will be competing next week. This year the event will be hosted by Catholic College Sale with 17 teams participating for three days of competition. This is always a highly competitive tournament with usually only a few points separating the teams in the Championship Division in the preliminary rounds.

I wish the best of success to the coaches and the team, which consists of- Kasey Guttridge (C), Maddison Balcombe (vc), Casey Sherrieff, Darcy Guttridge, Chelsea D'Angelo, Sarah Mulqueen, Maleah Travers, Libby Towns, Georgia Hutchison, Cassidy Smith, Lori Scholtes and Chelsea Livingstone. Kaitlin Pooley will also work with the team as an umpire.



I wrote in our last Newsletter about our Liturgical Choir's performance at the official Latrobe City ceremony for Reconciliation Week and that they performed the piece *Gunnai Dreaming*. The composer of this music is Associate Professor Mark Pollard, who is the Associate Dean International Composer and Head Interactive Composition of the Faculty of the VCA and MCM at The University of Melbourne. He was made aware of our recent performances of Gunnai Dreaming and wrote to Shane Reid the following:

'Thank you so much for including me in this message. What a wonderful achievement and experience in such an important week for all of us.'

Congratulations on this great achievement. I often reflect fondly on our time working together as a community in the making and realisation of Gunnai Dreaming it was a very special time for me and gave me a glimpse of the important and inspiring work that you all do.'


Please pass on my warmest regards to all of my Lavalla College friends, the Gunnai/Kurnai community and of course to all in the senior choir. Again well done to all involved.'

Also today we recognised the achievements of our students in the Journey To Work program. Thank you to Mike Hansen and Rita Nainie for all their work with our students.

Once again I would like to remind families that enrolment applications were due on 31 May 2016. We can still accept applications, but we are now in the process of organising interviews for early next term. Accordingly, given that we already have a large number of applications it is essential that if you intend for your son and/or daughter to be considered to start Year 7 at the College for 2017 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.

Please remember to save the date of 9 September 2016, 11.00am as Bishop O'Regan will be celebrating Mass which will be the culmination of us recognising 60 Years of Marist education in partnership with the Brigidine and Presentation Sisters.

Finally, can I please ask you to remember in your prayers the following:



*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.*

The family of Shayne Oates who passed away recently. Shayne is the brother of Lee McKenzie, Campus Director of St Paul's Campus. His passing saddens us all.

The family of Tina Weston, member of staff. Tina's mother, Angela Di Cosmo passed away on 6 June.

The family of Molly Hunnam (Year 11), whose Grandfather passed away last week.



ATLAS9

Today I had the pleasure of being one of a handful of people invited to the Presentation Campus to sample the projects that our Year 9 ATLAS students have so diligently been working on over the last 6 weeks. One project group presented the "Project Doco Short Film Festival" which featured films about scientific conundrums and unsolved mysteries.

Their work in scripting, filming and editing was a marvel for only having had a few weeks to complete a complex project. Project Nura produced a gastronomic experience based on the themes of the Tim Burton films Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Alice in Wonderland. The food was of an exceptional quality and demonstrated how our students operate and excel under pressure.

Music Concert

Last week, the College music team put together a music concert highlighting the choral work of 7.1, 7.3, 7.5 and 7.7.

They have spent much of this term learning two pieces in their music classes. Many of the colleges other ensembles also performed, giving the students and their families the opportunity to see the breadth of what our college has to offer. Thank you to Shane Lebbe, Matthew Harris, Shane Reid and Sarah Duncan for all of their work in preparing for the night.

End of Term

We are quickly coming to the end of term and students have been busily trying to finish all of their work for assessment. Next week students will again receive feedback for the work completed in learning block 3. Academic interviews will occur next week and these will be booked through your child's homeroom teacher. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held next Thursday evening and Friday morning and these can be booked through the portal.

Attendance

Please be reminded that the current acceptable attendance rate for students is 90%. Missing school means that students miss out on valuable learning and social opportunities. Some families will have received letters in regards to written confirmation of an absence where no written notice has occurred.

For every absence, it is essential that the college receives written (letter or email) notification of the reason for the absence. If you are planning an absence, please notify the college beforehand.

Be loving
towards
yourself, then
you will be
able to love
others too.

- Osho



Telstra CEO Visit

Andy Penn, the CEO of Telstra, visited Lavalla Catholic College on the 8th of June and was joined by representatives from the Telstra Board, Federation University, and the LLEN. It was a presentation about the Gippswebs for Business program and the benefits the program gives to students and the businesses involved.



Lavalla was asked to host the event due to its high representation over the last number of years. We have been fortunate enough to have had a number of teams take home 1st, 2nd or 3rd each year and have also accepted the 'Best Presentation' on the night numerous times. Team "Momentum", consisting of Daniel Henry, Ben Jones and Stephen Armatas, presented their winning entry from last year. James Berkelmens and Tom Eagle from team "JST graphic Design" who made it to the finals, but didn't place, also presented their efforts.

The Gippswebs program allows students to work in a digital media workplace environment. They work with a business to create a website, hold meetings with the business and collect the content required for display. It's a lot of work and those that have

worked well throughout the term have seen their efforts rewarded. A number of sites have previously been put online and I congratulate the students who managed this.

Overall, the presentation displayed a strong correlation of how Telstra's involvement has helped our students and community become more enriched. This program would not be here today without Telstra's support and that of the LLEN and Federation University. A big thank-you to all of those involved to make this experience possible.

- Mr John Wilke

Lavalla Students at the Regional Finals



On Friday June 3, Year 11 English students, Alexandra Delicato and Olivia Portelli presented both planned and impromptu speeches at this year's Regional Final of the VCAA 2016 Plain English Speaking Award at Gippsland Grammar Sale. Students from Gippsland Grammar and Swifts Creek also took part in this competition. Both Alexandra and Olivia represented the College admirably and they would encourage other students to involve themselves in public speaking opportunities.

'The Plain English Speaking Award was a great way to explore and extend previously learnt oral presentation skills. It helped to build confidence and gain constructive criticism to help for the future. I would recommend it to anyone looking to improve their presentation skills!'

- Alexandra Delicato, Year 11



VCE Music Performance Solo Evening



Our senior musicians from the Year 11 and Year 12 VCE Music Performance classes finished their assessments for semester one with a very enjoyable solo recital evening last Tuesday the 7th of June.

For the year 12's, it was their final formal internal solo performance assessment before they present a recital of 25 minutes duration to an expert in their instrument of choice. For the most part, our year eleven students were giving their first public solo performance. Congratulations to all of our musicians on what was an entertaining evening of music.

- Mr Shane Reid (Director of Music)

ArtzFest: Dance and Drama Exhibition

On Monday the 23rd of May a troop of dancers, a drama student and three aspiring photographers represented our college at the Gippsland Independent Schools ArtzFest: Dance and Drama Exhibition which was held at the West Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Warragul. Throughout the year the GIS ArtzFest brings together a number of independent schools within Gippsland to work in a collaborative environment to create, rehearse and perform in a variety of artistic mediums.

Centred around the theme 'Renewal' the exhibition featured a series of drama skits, a theatre sports act and a dance number of which sixteen of our St Paul's students took part in. The preparation for this event saw these performers attending regular lunchtime rehearsals as well as external rehearsals to work alongside students from other schools to collaboratively learn the challenging choreography, practice improvisational techniques, take part in photography workshops and construct an entertaining and thoughtful drama recital.

Also featuring at the exhibition was a large painting completed by students from the year 9 Art class with some of their smaller works being exhibited in the foyer along with some photography and film items of which three of our students contributed to. We would like to thank these students for their hard work and congratulate them on their outstanding final performance.





Enrichment Sport 2017

The Sports Enrichment Program – a program designed to identify, support and enrich students who are competing and participating in sports at an elite level.



Applications are now open for students going into year 8, 9 and 10 who would like to be part of the Sports Enrichment program in 2017. Students who are already in the program must re-apply for a position. Student athletes need to be at a State or equivalent level to qualify for level 1, or the next highest level in their sport to qualify as level 2.

Applications are available at the front office and all current sports Enrichment students have been e-mailed a copy of the application form.

Students accepted into the program for 2017 will be able to choose a Sports Enrichment elective at year 9 and a Sporty Lifestyle – Enrichment subject at year 10 especially designed to assist our elite athletes.

Anyone who would like more information about the Sports Enrichment Program should contact Karen Joyce at the St Paul's Campus on joyckar1@lavalla.vic.edu.au.

SSV Soccer

Our year 7 & 8 boys and girls had a successful day out in Sale at the SSV Soccer Divisional Championships which saw all teams apart from the year 8 boys moving on to the next round of competition.

The year 8 boys posted two out of three wins in their division against both Catholic College Sale and Sale College with their only loss being inflicted by Kurnai College; all our other teams went through the round undefeated with some impressive high scoring wins with our year 7 girls defeating both Catholic College Sale and Traralgon Secondary College convincingly. Our year 7 boys also defeated Catholic College Sale, Traralgon Secondary College, Kurnai College and Sale College. The Year 8 girls also had a successful outing defeating everyone in their division which included Catholic College Sale, Maffra Secondary College and Sale College. It was a great effort from all our teams as they will commence preparation for the Regional Championships next term.

SSV Netball

Our year 7 girls and junior boys netball teams claimed success at the SSV Divisional Championships in Sale recently with some strong competition on display.

The year 8 girls fell short of making it a clean sweep by Lavalla Catholic College after Catholic College Sale proved far too strong in the end to eliminate our year 8 team from advancing on.

The junior boys teamed really well together and recorded very easy wins throughout their opening matches before prevailing in a tight contest against Sale College.

The year 7 girls fought out a close contest against Catholic College Sale and managed to preserve a narrow victory.



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60th Anniversary A Look Back



St Paul's College
Glen Lilac 1956



St Paul's College
1970's



Kildare College



Girls Basketball Team 1962

2016

*Celebrating 60 Years of Marist Education
in partnership with Brigidine &
Presentation Sisters*



Term 2

Date	Campus	Event	Further Information
Thu 16 - Thu 23 June	Kildare	Year 10 & 11 Exams	
Sun 19 - Thu 23 June	Kildare	Marist Netball	Catholic College Sale
Mon 20 - Fri 24	St Paul's	Academic Review Interviews	
Mon 20 - Wed 22 June	Kildare	Year 12 Retreat	Further Details to come
Thu 23 June	Both	END OF TERM	Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00 - 7.00pm @ St Paul's Campus
Fri 24 June	Both	STUDENT FREE DAY	Parent Teacher Interviews 9.00am - 12.00pm @ St Paul's Campus

Canteen Volunteers Needed

The canteen is in Urgent need of volunteers between the hours of 10 - 2pm in Third term.

If you could spare a few hours, it would be most appreciated, by the students.

Volunteers help keep the canteens running.

Please contact Anna Di Savia Canteen Manager on (03) 5175 8230 if you can help out.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

@ St Paul's Campus
Open 3.30 - 6.00pm

16 June

21 July

4 August

18 August

1 September

All-Ability Basketball

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for EVERYONE! The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with special needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run various sporting programs locally; Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – Footy at Westend Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

NEW TO ALL ABILITIES...

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for ALL ABILITY BASKETBALL, the sessions will run for 4 weeks during Term 3, 2016

Sessions will be held at St.Gabriel's Primary School Hall, Rangeview Drive, Traralgon

TUESDAYS 19 July, 26 July, 2 August & 9 August, 2016 from 5pm – 5.45pm.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child.

These sessions are FREE – siblings welcome to join in too!

For more information phone Louise Varsaci on 51750877 or 0414540296 or find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe Valley

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Come and see what sets us
apart at our

Careers & Courses Expo

Thursday 4th August 2016

11.00am - 4.00pm

Kildare Campus

Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon

Lavalla Catholic College offers VCE, VCAL
and VETiS as part of our holistic education
program.

This is an opportunity for new and existing
families to the College, to see what subjects are
on offer in 2017.

Discover Career Pathways by having the
opportunity to meet Universities, Further
Education Providers and possible future
employers.

New Enrolment enquiries for Year's 10 - 12
Please Contact College Registrar on 5174 7355 or
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