



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

17th October 2003

Dear Parents,

We hear a lot of talk these days about “Out-Sourcing” and “Service Providers”, and “Loyalty Programmes” with “Frequent Flyers” and “Flybuys”. For a College “loyalty” has a different meaning. For some it evokes memories of appeals to school spirit, uniforms, school songs, and sports events. But really we need to understand that loyalty is about the way I am connected to the community I belong to.

When its members value the values of the College, then there is a strong sense of belonging and loyalty. The commitment to others becomes part of how we understand what is good and life-giving for us. It’s certainly true these days that loyalty has to be earned as never before; it can’t just be appealed to as a thing that can be demanded without challenge. But that doesn’t mean it has lost its significance as an important part of the College.

If we want to define the strengths of Lavalla Catholic College, one of the first things we should be able to point to is that it offers a positive basis for loyalty and that the value of the work of students and staff hangs on the quality and seriousness of their lives together.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL’S CAMPUS

We were delighted with the co-operation of the students last week as we adjusted to life on the campus without the Stoddart Block. Yr 9 and Yr 8 students began homeroom in the Champagnat Centre and all students were patient with the settling in process. As of this week, all classes have an assigned classroom for homeroom.

Westpac Maths Competition

At our campus assembly on Wednesday we were proud to present a large number of students with their Westpac Maths Competition certificate. As advised in previous newsletters, students at this campus performed very well. At the time we were not able to present **Ian Bayley, Yr 7** with his award. Ian receives a cheque and certificate for his “High Achievement”. Well done, Ian.

Buddies - 2004

It has been terrific to see that approximately 100 Yr 8 students have put their hands up to be Buddies next year. This type of personal generosity certainly makes our school community richer and will make the transition to secondary

school much easier for the incoming Yr 7’s. These students will have a training day towards the end of the year.

Uniform

This week is the end of the transition period between summer and winter uniforms. All students must be in summer uniform as of Monday, October 20th. PE uniform is only worn on PE or SARA days. It is important that correct wearing of the uniform is maintained right through until the end of the year.

This week we farewelled, **Ms Dionny Penketh** who is taking maternity leave to await the birth of her first child. **Ms Moria DiCesare and Ms Jo-Maree Sharman**, both on a part time basis, will replace her.

Yr 9 Camps

The second half of the Yr 9 students began their camps at Tamboritha this week. 9.5 – 9.8 will complete their camps in coming weeks.

St Paul's (contd...)

Yr 9 Mass

Please remember to include on your calendar Thursday **December 4th**, Mass at St Michael's at 6:00. This is a very formal and fitting way for Yr 9s and their families to mark the end of their time at St Paul's. All students attend in uniform.

Christmas Hampers

As in past years, all homerooms will be asked to donate towards the creation of Christmas

Hampers to be presented to St Vincent De Paul at the end of the year. These have always been a great way to help students focus on generously giving rather than always expecting to receive at Christmas.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."--Norman MacEwen

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Last Saturday night about 80 staff, parents and friends attended the Parent Support Group **Trivia Night**. The event was a great success! The atmosphere of the night focused on relaxation, friendship, fun and enjoyment. Over \$600 was raised from the evening. My thanks to Carol Wilson and the Parent Support Group for the professional manner in which the evening was conducted. John Crawford is to be thanked for his MC-ing on the night.

On Wednesday of this week a number of our Year 9 students and their parents represented our campus at the **Prayer Service at St. Michael's Traralgon** for the repose of the soul of **Mr John Dwyer**. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Dwyer family and offer our prayers to them in this time of grief and loss.

The SRC are preparing for another fund raising event and social to be held on Thursday 23rd October. The cost of the tickets is \$5. The St. Paul's Campus students are invited to attend. If

there is sufficient interest a bus will be hired leaving the St. Paul's Campus at 7.00pm and returning at 11.30pm. The cost of the social ticket and bus fare will be \$7.

The combined social held in Term 2 was a great night - please help make this one as good by attending. The Friday is a student free day.

Mrs Sue Collis from the CEO in Warragul presented the **'Family Life Program'** to a small group of Year 7 parents on Wednesday. The evening was very informative and we thank Sue for her time and enthusiasm in the presentation of this material. Earlier in the day, Sue spoke to our Year 9's on Personal Development and Adolescent Sexuality.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus*

KILDARE CAMPUS

Preparations for the end of the year:

The fourth term is a very short term for the Year 12's. They need to be focussed on the final exams and not let any side issues distract them from their purpose. Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Judd have both worked long and hard with their Leadership classes to ensure that all preparations for the last days are complete, that staff and students are aware of what activities will take place and that the College expectations are fully known.

Students who are not able to meet the College expectations will face consequences. For example, they may not be permitted to sit their exams with their friends; they may have their College reference withdrawn; they may be excluded from the Graduation Mass and Supper Dance; they will be asked to pay for any damage caused and may also face prosecution for wilful or criminal damage. I would ask parents to re-read the letter sent during the holidays and to

discuss the implications with their daughters and sons. So, I would like to remind students again that the last days are not the end of the school year.

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute's National Chemistry Quiz:

Forty-eight students from the Years 11 and 12 Chemistry classes took part in The Royal Australian Chemical Institute's National Chemistry Quiz this year. The aims of the Quiz are to promote and encourage an awareness of the nature and relevance of Chemistry amongst secondary students, especially those who undertake the Sciences. Such activities would hopefully interest students in the further study of Chemistry and would indicate to them the important role Chemistry has to play in our society. This Quiz is organised by Charles Sturt University and The Royal Australian Chemical Institute. This year there were 107,064 entries from 1,325 schools from the Asia-Pacific region.

Kildare (contd...)

There were 32,274 entries in the Year 11 category and 23,264 entries in the Year 12 category. The following students in the Senior Division are to be congratulated:

Credit:

Natasha Theopharous, Stephen McKenna, Kieran Jackiw, Jessica Black, Mark Agostino and Benjamin Lewellin.

Distinction

Brendan Yates, Kellie Young, Andrew Dowton and Damian Symons.

High Distinction:

Thomas McLean and Pawan Kashyap.

Westpac Australian Mathematics Competition:

The College also had a selected number of students who were entered into the Westpac Australian Mathematics Competition. A number of students received **Distinctions**.

Congratulations to:

Year 10: Kathleen Denny, Anthony DiDonato, Daniel Griffin and Bradley Slocum

Year 12: Mark Agostino and Thomas McLean.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

Second Hand Books and Uniforms

Work is already well underway to make arrangements for these second hand sales. You are urged to offer whatever help you can to this band of very dedicated workers. Also please remember in your dealings with these ladies that they are giving most generously of their own time; showing your appreciation of them would be most appropriate.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Presentation	Kildare
Mon 20 Oct.	L Thorburn	P Thorton	S Robb, M Rigg
Tue. 21 Oct.	A Zaghet	S Taylor	K Manson, S Prosser
Wed. 22 Oct	B Koedijk, J Pearse, J Bell	K Camilleri	M Wojciechowski, D Ferguson
Thu. 23 Oct.	L Weckmann, C Battista	M Kane	K Licciardi

A PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF PRE-TEEN AND TEENAGE PEOPLE - IT IS CALLED RAP-P (Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents)

You are invited to come along to a programme that will help you find new ways to relate to your growing child, ways that allow independence and connection. It will also help you deal with the difficult issues that occur at this time. The programme will help you:

- help my teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem
- help my teenager to gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family
- manage my stress so I can do my best job as a parent
- prevent and manage conflict with my teenager
- promote harmony in my family

DATES:	Thursday mornings November 6th, 13th, 20th
PLACE:	Anglicare Gippsland, 65 Church Street, Morwell
TIME:	10.00a.m. – 12noon
COST:	It's free
CONTACT:	Sue Laird, Anglicare Gippsland - 5133 9998

CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4

October

Wed 22 nd	Year 9.5 - Tamboritha
Thu 23 rd	Year 8 (St Paul's) – Excursion to Hastings Year 9 (St Paul's) – Amnesty Candle Day Last Classes for Year 12
Fri 24 th	Last Day for Year 12 Students Student Free Day for Years 7 to 11
Sun 26 th	World Cup Trip (optional) for Presentation Campus students
Mon 27 th	TAFE Dinner – Warratah Restaurant (Hospitality Students)
Tue 28 th	'Macbeth' Performance for 2 x Year 10 English Class Groups JPP Jobs Expo at Kurnai College – 9.00 to 11.00a.m.
Wed. 29 th	Year 9.6 – Tamboritha Year 10 Drama Night (4.00 to 10.30pm) – Lecture Theatre, St Paul's Year 11 Outdoor Education Excursion – Surfing at Inverloch
Thu. 30 th	Year 8 Science Excursion – Hastings Year 11 Outdoor Education Excursion – Surfing at Inverloch
Fri. 31 st	Year 8 Science Excursion – Hastings Year 11 Outdoor Education Excursion – Surfing at Inverloch

November

Tue. 4 th	Melbourne Cup (3.00 to 3.30pm) - Classes as usual Understanding Islam - Parents' Session (7.30 to 9.00pm) Year 10 Literature Excursion – Riddell's Creek/Hanging Rock
Wed. 5 th	Year 9.7 – Tamboritha Year 11 Surfing Excursion
Thu. 6 th	Year 11 Surfing Excursion CAS Triathlon Championships
Fri. 7 th	GCSSSA Tennis Championships St James Entertainers (St Paul's Campus) Year 11 Surfing Excursion
Wed. 12 th	Year 9.8 Camp CAS Senior Cricket Finals (Yrs 10-12)
Thu. 13 th	CAS Junior & Intermediate Tennis Finals (Years 7-10) Year 8 (Presentation) – Mountain Biking (9.00am to 3.00pm)
Fri. 14 th	Year 8 (Presentation) – Mountain Biking (9.00am to 3.00pm) Last Classes for Year 11 Students
Mon. 17 th	Year 11 Examinations commence
Tue. 18 th	College Art/Technology Exhibition – Opening Night
Wed 19 th	Year 9 (Presentation) Camp at Delhuntie Park
Fri. 21 st	College Art/Technology Exhibition concludes
Mon. 24 th	Student Free Day – Report Writing Day
Tue. 25 th	Year 12 (2004) Workshops commence Year 10 PEALs Diving Excursion at Cape Patterson
Wed. 26 th	College Christmas Concert – Champagnat Centre (6.00 to 8.30pm)
Thu. 27 th	Year 12 Graduation Mass and Supper Dance (6.00pm to 12.00am) Last Day for Year 11 Students (paraliturgy Periods 5/6)
Fri. 28 th	Traralgon Show Day – no classes

December

Mon. 1 st	Year 9 (Year 10 2004) Orientation Day at Kildare Campus
Wed. 3 rd	Year 9 (Presentation) Graduation Mass (6.00pm)
Thu. 4 th	Year 9 (St Paul's) Transition Ceremony (2.00 to 2.45pm) Year 9 (St Paul's) Concluding Mass (6.00 to 7.30pm) Year 10 End of Year Paraliturgy and Activities (1.45 to 3.25pm) Year 10 End of Year Social (7.30 to 11.00pm)
Fri. 5 th	Last Day for Years 7 and 8 Students
Tue. 9 th	Grade 6 Students Orientation Day (9.00 to 1.00pm)
Thu. 11 th	Secondhand Book Sales 12.00 to 8.00pm (Kildare & Presentation Campus) Report Distribution Years 10-12
Thu. 18 th	Administration and School Offices close