

# Lavalla Catholic College

18 March 2011

## *From the Principal*

Dear parents, students and staff

This week, in a heartrending and poignant funeral service, we celebrated the precious life of **Alexandra Terranova**, a young woman remembered fondly as a graduate of this College and one who made the College a better place for her being here. As we sat, still and silent, praying for Alexandra, the profoundly devastating grief of her family and especially of the young people (many of them former and current students) was almost too much to bear. We all remembered Alex as a vibrant, joyful and talented young woman and her loss is so deeply felt. We are a community in shock that such a young woman, with all her potential to do good in the world, has been taken so soon into God's loving arms. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her parents, her sister Danielle in Year 9 and her brother Jason in Year 11. Life will be different for them now but we hope that they find some comfort in the support of family and friends and in cherished memories of times spent with Alex.

As we mourn in our local community, we also cannot help but have our attention drawn to the loss of thousands of lives in northern Japan. The earthquake, the tsunami, and the consequent devastation are almost beyond our imagination and the scenes that unfold before us are too horrific to take in. In looking for explanations, some will question God in it all; but we remember that our God is a God of Love. The answers do lie in the force of nature. In our lives we are used to the beauty of nature; we are used to its vagaries of flood, drought and cyclone - but the situation in Japan again rouses our sensibilities to the force of mother nature.

***Let us all pray..... That the Japanese people will find support in their religious and spiritual beliefs, as we do in ours.***

### **LENT - A TIME FOR RENEWED PROMISES**

We have been so engulfed by natural disasters lately that we cannot imagine coping with much more. I am left wondering what this must be doing to the spirits and souls of our young people and our community. There is a palpable sense of sadness in our school for all those who are suffering from these disasters. The teachers at Lavalla are hopeful people who strive to bring God's message home to our students every day. Each day they help the students make sense of their world in a positive and optimistic way. During Lent we are encouraged to be truthful before God. It is a good time to tackle those hard questions about life, faith and self and to place these before God knowing that if we are listening our life and faith will be renewed and our inner peace restored.

### **THE MUSICAL IS COMING!**

You will see advertised in this newsletter the much anticipated College musical production *Alice In Wonderland*. Judging by the success of our last production, I encourage you to get your tickets early as many families were disappointed last time. Ms Emma O'Brien and her crew have been working extremely hard

to ensure that this year's production will be the best ever. Even at this stage it is worth congratulating all those students involved for their time commitment and dedication to ensure that this will be a truly entertaining night for us all. Keep 3rd or 4th May free. Speaking of Musicals... I had the pleasure of being entertained by a number of our students who were in the cast or in the orchestra of the Sound of Music a few weeks back. I was not at all surprised at the level of talent amongst this group and I admit to feeling quite proud of them and their achievements. Judging by the applause and the audience reaction, the production was impressive, entertaining and well received. We congratulate them all on this significant community contribution.

### **ACTING PRINCIPAL FOR TERM 2 - MR MARCO DI CESARE**

On behalf of the Provincial of the Marist Brothers, Brother Julian Casey (FMS), I write to advise you of the appointment of Mr Marco Di Cesare to the position of Acting Principal of Lavalla Catholic College during my upcoming leave in Term 2. My leave combines some scheduled enrichment leave with some weeks of long service leave. I have entered my 6th year as Principal and have not had Long Service Leave since 1998. I welcome the opportunity to learn new things about educational development and to replenish my energies. During the Enrichment Leave I will be on a study tour in England, Scotland and Ireland investigating faith leadership in Secondary Schools. This study tour lasts four weeks. For the remainder of the time I will be taking Long Service Leave with some holiday time in Europe and some time closer to home.

As you know Mr Di Cesare is currently the Campus Director of Kildare and is well placed, offering expertise and experience to lead the school in my absence. During this time, Ms Lee McKenzie will take on Mr Di Cesare's responsibilities as Director of the Kildare Campus. Ms McKenzie is also very well experienced for this role.

I am sure that you will offer your congratulations and support to both these members of staff for their new roles in term 2 and I thank them for generously accepting to undertake the Leadership of the College in my absence.

### **LAST DAY OF TERM – 8TH APRIL**

Please be advised that the parent-teacher interviews on Friday 8th April will commence at 11am and conclude at 2pm at the Traralgon campuses and begin at 11.30am – 2pm at the Presentation Campus. The advertised time for parent-teacher interviews on Thursday 7th April remains the usual time of 4pm - 7.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Erica Pegorer  
Principal

# Ash Wednesday Reflection

by Mike Hansen, Director Mission and Ministry

Based on the viewing of a You Tube presentation  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL9Wu2kWWsY>  
 and Matthew 5: 3-11

The world is changing so quickly and we ask ourselves with the You Tube presentation... "So, what does it all mean?" I suppose there is the need to adjust our mindset and sharpen our wits to accommodate what lies, not only in our future, but right in front of us.

For instance, if we are being educated for jobs that don't yet exist, what must we pay attention to in our education that will equip us for the future? When we see a little movie segment like this – a condensed or telescoped package of data- it acts as a wake-up call for us about how adaptable and aware we need to be.

The season of Lent, which begins today, is the Church's You Tube segment ... 40 days to reflect on how we are going in life and love. How we measure up, not to rapid changes in technology, but to the changeless message of the Gospel of Jesus. And what is that?

We have it in a nutshell in the reading we have had from the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes.... Blessed, blessed, blessed are the meek and merciful and the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty and those who mourn. This is each of us at our best and most human.

You are more than the sum of your weaknesses and failures... you are the sum of the Father's love for you. You are called to the fullness of trust and love at the heart of God for you, God's extravagant love for each of us.

This Lent is also a time to reflect on our responsibility for the human family who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in dire straits of poverty or need.... people affected by lack of educational opportunity, unemployment, droughts, floods and driving rain.

Through our generosity by supporting Project Compassion and other Justice and Humanitarian projects we help build up the human family.

Jesus calls us to engage all of life with its joys and heartaches... he calls us to the fullness of life... not to have more but to be more... to engage the world around us... to love tenderly, to act justly and to walk humbly.

So, ashes placed on our foreheads today are a symbol of change and a new start. These are the ashes of our selfishness, a declaration to all that we are on a personal journey to wholeness. These are the ashes of insensitivity in our dealings with family and friends. These are the ashes of our lack lustre responses and compassion fatigue to the cries of the poor and lonely in our midst.

We have all betrayed trust and refused blessings... we have damaged the earth and neglected and wasted the gifts God has given us... we have failed to forgive as we were first forgiven... we have judged others and borne grudges... we have skimmed on our commitments and relationships and failed in hospitality... we have tolerated injustice and kept silent when we should have spoken up... we have turned away when others have offered love and closed our hearts when others have needed compassion. We have given into temptation... we are not at all proud of some of our dealings in the world... indeed, our mouths are full of ashes.

Lent is the time to gather our strength and say with new vigour "Blessed are they..." We will be amazed at how quickly these old ashes will disperse in the wind and we will be astonished at what can rise again from the ashes of our old self with God's help and the gentle touch of our own compassion.

Believe in your own ability to be made new for you are more than the sum of your weaknesses and failures... you are the sum of the Father's love for you... and that is boundless.





# Update from the College Psychologist/Counsellor

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by Sandy Francois

What an exciting, vibrant and enthusiastic start to the year! It was a privilege to observe the wonder, and anticipation upon the arrival of our new year 7s.

The year 7 centre had a fresh new look, their team of teachers buzzing with new ideas and proud ownership of their new charges. My involvement with year 7s is quite significant especially during the first part of the year. I visited all homerooms on several occasions letting the students know of my presence and availability if issues arise. For us to get a sense about their learning styles they all participated in the Raven's Test of abstract thinking.

I am at the tail end of delivering the Protective Behaviours Program with our year 7's. They are learning about protective/safety issues at school, home and in the community. Please ask your child about the program and engage and extend conversations about keeping themselves out of harm's way.

This week we had an incursion – L. R. Productions from Melbourne for our year 8 students addressing topics around "Teen Issues". Highlights included skits on dangers of drug taking, alcohol, eating disorders, depression and how to look after your friends if they are not safe. Again parents please discuss these topics with your

children and invite them to be candid with their questions so that you might be able to help them be safe.

As well as our Commissioning mass, swimming carnivals and this week's celebrations of Delany Day/ St Patrick's day at St Paul's and a National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence at Presentation Campus are fantastic demonstrations of the College's commitment to its belief of "Strong minds, Compassionate Hearts".

Be well and Blessed.



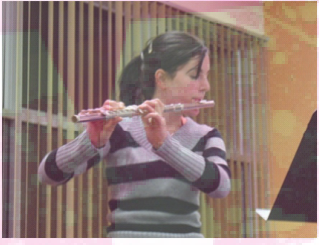
## ST PATRICK'S DAY



## SHROVE TUESDAY



## IN MEMORY - ALEXANDRA TERRANOVA



Our music department was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the sudden and tragic passing of Alexandra Terranova. I had the privilege of writing about Alexandra as the basis for my Masters dissertation in 2006, it dealt with the learning needs of our most gifted and talented learners. After reading the first draft of my paper, my supervisor, one of the most respected doyens of gifted education in Australia, told me that "it is only the truly luckiest of teachers who get the opportunity to work with a student like you've described here. Make the most of it". With due respect to him, I think even this appraisal was selling this remarkable young lady short.

Alexandra was the singular vanguard of a unique wave of musical and creative excellence, her capacity for brilliance inspired her peers and her contributions helped shape our entire department. She was the principal flautist of our Senior Wind Ensemble, a section leader and regular soloist for our Senior Choir but it was her work in the area of jazz music that created a benchmark and a legacy that

permeates to this day within our college. She not only was a member of our Senior Jazz Ensemble but of a specialised small jazz combo, a group formed largely for her, as a platform for her creative capacities to flourish. The level of thought she would bring to her jazz improvisations was quite extraordinary. One of her peers in this small ensemble once described her as thinking "at least ten times more and ten times faster than anyone else can" while she was improvising. Even this was probably short changing her. She is remembered amongst the finest students our music department has produced. Alexandra was that rarest of students who inspired and produced genuine excellence. She had a warm and inclusive sense of humour. Her musical discoveries and insights have become significant parts of our pedagogy and curriculum. She was an architect of the great work and success that has taken place in our Senior Jazz Ensemble over recent times. Alexandra is sadly missed by all within our department but such was her impact that she will never be forgotten. Our prayers and thoughts are with Fiona, Jason, Danielle, Marty, Alex, her fiancé Eugene and all of her family and friends at this time.

*Shane Reid Director of Music*

## Music Department

*by Shane Reid, Music Director*

I'm quite amazed by the stories of some of our former students. Early in 2003 a young year 7 Presentation Campus student named Ben Maunder began playing the French Horn, an instrument he had not even heard of before coming to Lavalla. Ben's time with us finished in 2008 and he, like many of our past students, continued his music education at a tertiary level at Australia's finest music school, the Victorian College of the Arts. Ben is now a member of the Melbourne Youth Orchestra; an auspicious beginning that has yielded a quite remarkable ending. It is certainly not too late for any students who wish to begin playing an instrument to do so. If there are any families who are reluctant based on the costs, we urge them to make contact with one of the music staff. We quite rightly judge the health of our music department not by stories of students like Ben, but by our Training Band and our Junior Choir. We need all of our current year 7 (and older students, it's never too late!) to dive in and give learning an instrument a go. It may be that there are year 7's who have a great deal of musical experience already and would benefit from the new challenge a second instrument may bring, our current Senior Wind Ensemble French horn section comprises of two students who are also wonderful

pianists in our jazz ensemble. It may be something that students have given very little thought to in the past. Like Ben, they may be about to embark on something quite wonderful. Students may have played an instrument in the past and not really enjoyed it or done any practise, I am confident that our ensembles will change their minds. Any parents or students with any questions can direct them to Mr. Harris, Mr. Reid or our Instrumental Music Co-ordinator Mrs. Testa.

We are still keen to make sure that all in our college community have the opportunity to purchase their own piece of history with the 2010 Music Department C.D. 'Gunnai Dreaming', the piece written for our choir by Mark Pollard was the subject of recent keynote address on worldwide indigenous cultures given by Mark given at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver Canada. This very recording was used as part of Mark's address. The CDs are available from any of the music staff and at any campus reception for \$10. Any purchase would be a great support for our student musicians. Keep practicing!





Greetings from Presentation Campus!

On Monday 7th March the Campus participated in our Swimming Carnival. Students turned up to school very enthusiastic, ready to cheer on their house. The House cheer was a close call, with Champagnat and Delany coming second, while Nagle won due to participation and originality. During the day there were some great participants, some of whom competed in every event at every age level and there were a number of new times set by students for races. Throughout the day the results changed continuously.

The final results for the day were

4th Champagnat

3rd MacKillop

2nd Nagle and

Champions for 2011 Delany

Age group champions are:

**12 Year Old Male: Christopher Oulton**

**13 Year old Female : Mersina Gelagotis**

**13 year old Male: Jared Baldacchino**

**14 year old Female: Janelle Axisa**

**14 year old Male: Calvin Fry**

**15 Year old Female: Nicole Somerville**

**15 Year old Male: Cameron Stitt**

All champions will receive their medals and ribbons at an assembly Thursday 17th March. Congratulations to all students who participated or at least supported their fellow house members. A big thank you to the parents who assisted on the day, your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to Claudia Cassar in Year 7. Over the long weekend, Claudia competed in the Orbest Show, 3 Day Horse Events. Claudia excelled in many of her events in Division E, including receiving 4 firsts in Show Jumping, 2 firsts in Gymkhana, 2 firsts in 90 cm Height class Show and 2 fifths in Dressage and Cross Country. Claudia will now represent Victoria in Division E for all events, later in the year.



Friday 18th March is the first National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Presentation Campus will be participating in this day. The focus for the day is Bystander Behaviour. Throughout the day students will be involved in a variety of activities relating to bullying and being a proactive bystander. Students are encouraged to discuss the information conveyed through the day with their parents/ guardians, friends and family and to implement cyber safety practices.

*Tamsin McCormack*  
Campus Director

*"...through the personal encounter with our Redeemer and through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the journey of conversion towards Easter leads us to rediscover our Baptism."* Pope Benedict XVI's

## 2011 LENTEN MESSAGE

Our observance of Lent has begun. As a Campus Community we celebrated Ash Wednesday - a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. The ashes demonstrated our origins and our need to look towards God for mercy and forgiveness.

## CAREER TALKS

Our Careers Education and Tertiary Advisor, Mrs English, has sent her second email newsletter to students discussing some possible options and opportunities for students. This last fortnight Mrs English has had some visits from employer and training groups. Apprenticeships Group Australia have been on campus to discuss with our students how best to achieve their aims. Please keep an eye on the online calendar for information on these sessions.

## LEARNER ADVISOR MEETINGS

Year 10 Parents will soon be contacted about LA Meetings for their children. Please respond to these promptly. The LA Programme has been a huge success on the campus and the meetings are crucial to this programme. Communicate with your LA if there are any meeting time difficulties.

## VCEHELP SEMINARS

Last week our Year 10 and Year 12 students were involved in sessions with Dr Matt from VCEHelp. The presenter's energy was evident and he provided some insightful information about students learning and approaches to maximising one's potential. Thank-you to those parents who attended the session on Monday night.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Each Monday and Wednesday our Cross-Age Tutors make themselves available for students who may require help with their subjects. The Homework Club meets after school until approximately 4:30pm in room 34. I would encourage you to speak to your son or daughter about taking advantage of this time.

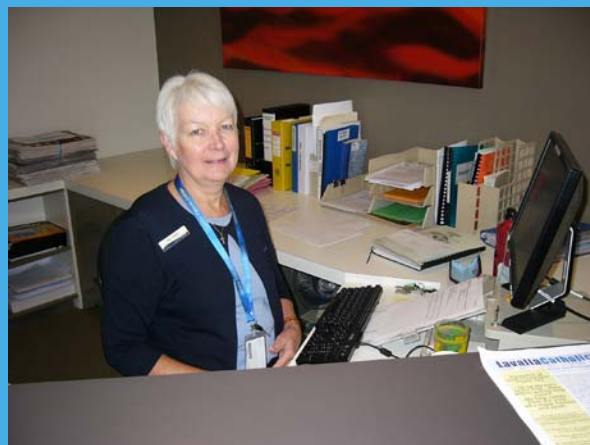
**Marco Di Cesare**  
**Campus Director**



Year 12 Legal Studies Excursion March 2011



## MEET THE TEAM



Mrs Giddens – one of the friendly faces, behind the friendly voice on the switchboard



## NATIONAL CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO

9am-4pm, Fri 25 March & 10am-4pm, Sat 26 March  
Discuss study options, source information from industry and employers, speak to major employers; Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank; [www.eo-cexpo.com.au](http://www.eo-cexpo.com.au) , 1300 667 121 for information.

## OPEN DAY DATES FOR 2011

Attending Open Days is a great way to find out more about universities and TAFE Institutes; see facilities, find out about courses, collect information. Here are some dates for your diary.

More information and dates as Open Days get closer.

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| Sun 27 Mar   | Veterinary Science Open Day, Werribee   |
| Sun 17 July  | Burnley Gardens Open Day, Burnley Campus, Uni of Melbourne, 500 Yarra Blvd, Richmond  |
| Sun 26 June  | Victoria University (Well ahead of the other universities this year)  |
| Sat 6 Aug    | Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula campuses)  |
| Sun 7 Aug    | La Trobe Uni (Melbourne)<br>Monash Uni (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses)<br>William Angliss TAFE                    |
| Fri 12 Aug   | La Trobe Uni (Shepparton)   |
| Sun 14 Aug   | Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne)<br>Deakin Uni (Warrnambool)<br>La Trobe Uni (Mildura)<br>RMIT (University and TAFE) |
| Sat 20 Aug   | Holmesglen TAFE   |
| Sun 21 Aug   | Deakin Uni (Geelong)<br>La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)<br>Uni of Melbourne<br>Swinburne (Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahara)       |
| Sun 28 Aug - | ACU (Ballarat);<br>Ballarat Uni<br>Box Hill Institute<br>Deakin (Burwood)<br>La Trobe Uni (Bendigo)                           |

## MARINE CAREERS DISCOVERY DAYS

The Marine Discovery Centre will run careers days with speakers including biologists, tour operators, chemists, education officers, technicians and fisheries officers.

## NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT DEGREES AT RMIT

RMIT has new degrees for 2012

## TRIAL-A-TRADE AT WILLIAM ANGLISS TAFE

This program will give students a hands-on feel for working life as a chef, baker, waiter, barista, confectioner, butcher or patissier.

## DO YOU WANT TO STUDY MUSIC?

What sort of skills are you after? If you want a career in a band, in sound or in performance in the music industry, then a TAFE diploma may suit.

by Steve Erdely, VCE co-ordinator

As a way of supporting our Year 12's and their families in their adjustment to the demands and expectations which face them this year, a student seminar and parent gathering was organised last week. Entitled VCE Roadmap to success and presented by Dr Matthew Bateman from VCEHelp, students were engaged in a range of presentations covering goal-setting, health and wellness, time mastery, as well as learning how to learn. Feedback from students and staff was extremely positive with many students now better prepared and skilled on how to approach their final year of schooling.



The evening session entitled Gen Y Parenting and the VCE provided parents with a basis for better understanding as well as supporting their child and was attended by over 70 parents. Dr Matt also passed on the VCEHelp website which

has an excellent range of free resources for parents and students. The address is [www.vcehelp.com.au](http://www.vcehelp.com.au) As we pass the half way mark of the term, staff and students

are in the midst of the first round of assessment tasks in Units 1 and 3. The importance of preparation for these has been stressed to students by their LA's as well as through a number of other forums and assemblies. It is timely to remind students studying a Unit 3 sequence about the protocol concerning absence on assessment days. An interview needs to be organised with me, at which time a medical certificate or detailed written communication from home is required to be presented. I will then make the decision as to whether Special Provision is granted to complete the assessment task at an alternative time. Can I also remind students completing off-campus TAFE courses as well as students involved in subject based excursions or camps, that it is your responsibility to instigate a meeting with subject teachers and either complete the class work to be missed or 'catch-up' on return to school.



Again...wishing you all the best over the next few busy weeks at school.

## VCAL/VALU Group Development Activity Day

by Todd Proud, VCAL Co-ordinator

As part of the Skills Acquisition Training Program (SAT) that VCAL/VALU students are undertaking during term one the students undertook a one day group development at Coonawarra Adventure Park. The SAT program has a particular focus upon OH&S in the workplace, employability skills and group development. The need to work as an effective team member and leader is stressed and practiced as part of the program. As an extension of this, a day was planned to put these skills into action. Students from VCAL and VALU were broken up into 4 groups to complete the challenging activities. There were four activities that the groups rotated through. Flying Fox-a 350 metre ride across the lake, giant swing-the team pulls students 30 meters into the air and they release themselves for an adrenaline rushing ride, canoeing- groups work as teams to complete activities and a challenge race and finally raft building, where students had to work together as teams to build a raft, race around a circuit and then dismantle. Harder than you think!

The day focused upon the group working as a team, communication and leadership. As part of this, individu-

als were awarded points after each activity in relation to these goals. At the end of the day, the winners from each group were announced. They were, Justin Moyes, Elliot De Carli, Jamie Ferguson and Ashley Chappell. The day was highly successful in breaking down a number of barriers that existed between groups and year levels, which range from year 10-12. A number of students commented on how much fun they had and the fact they got to know other students in the group. As staff, we were extremely happy with the way the day went and how well the students performed, overcoming fears of heights and water. It would be something we would continue next year.





I trust you had a good rest over the long weekend. While the news from Japan, Queensland, Victoria, New Zealand, Libya, the Middle East is worrying, and uncertainty seems everywhere, at the campus, life goes on. We are aware of what is happening around the world, but we choose to focus on what lies in our sphere of influence, to get on with the business of daily living. I have been very pleasantly surprised by two parents offering to help us in school in a couple of ways. We know it is highly beneficial for children to have their parents actively involved in school. It gives the children a greater sense of belonging to the school, improves motivation and has an effect on performance. It must; being on the premises means the teachers have access to parents and vice versa. So children smarten up. If there are any other parents who want to help out in school in whatever capacity, please contact us. We would be delighted to have your help and we can mutually work out the specifics of what? when? where? how?

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Third time lucky! Finally, after two postponements due to poor weather conditions, the day arrived. Even then it was touch and go. Both staff and students dressed to impress. The banners, the hair, the costumes, the spirit was fantastic to see around the pool. The atmosphere was awesome with students getting involved in their house chants. Lavalla had the neighbours complaining. The participation was great and our elite swimmers ruled the pool with their amazing performances that really stood out. Even though the weather was overcast and a tad chilly students still got into the water and didn't complain. The sun came out at 2pm!!

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements of Age group Champions:

13 yr Erin Roberts and Jack Law  
14yr Maggie O'Keefe and Luke Mulqueen  
15yr Rhiannon Georgeson and Sam Roberts

## HOUSE BASED RESULTS

**Mackillop: 1,782**

**Champagnat: 1,554**

**Nagle: 1,371**

**Delany: 1,023**

**Mackillop swam away with the shield**

Congratulations to the Mackillop Swimmers and to all the other swimmers for participating in what was a very good day for everyone.



## SHAVE FOR A CURE

Georgia Kelly shaved her head as part of the 'Shave for a Cure' to support Cancer Research. She had organised her family and a professional hair dresser to shave her head. The students watched mesmerised as her head was shaved. They supported her with their silence and their cheers and they contributed generously. It was moving and unforgettable.

## LEARNER ADVISOR MEETINGS FOR LEARNING BLOCK 1

The Year 8 Learner Advisor Meetings will take place from 21 March till 25 March. Each Learner Advisor will get in touch with the parents to arrange a suitable time for the meeting. At the meeting, each parent will be given the Learner Advisor Progress Summary for Learning Block 1. The student, the parents and the Learner Advisor will discuss the summary, and find ways to improve performance for the next block.

- Chris Roga  
Campus Director, St.Paul's Campus



Above - St.Paul's Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
Below - Protective behaviours Workshop



# LAVALLA SPORT ST. PAUL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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## CAN YOU HELP? *BILLET FAMILIES REQUIRED*

The school community again is host to the National Evangelization Team (NET), who will be conducting an onsite retreat for our year 10 students from the 4th to the 7th of April 2011.

The young men and women who comprise the team are highly dedicated and motivated retreat leaders. The mixture of geographic areas, ethnic and family backgrounds represented on the team adds to their effectiveness in relating to the cross section found in our school community. It is the responsibility of the host school community to billet the team in groups of two or more for the duration of their stay with us. So, if you can assist with accommodation please contact me. Assistance for a couple of nights or the duration of the team's stay would be most welcome. The basic requirement is for a bed, breakfast and an evening meal. The college will provide a substantial lunch for the team during the retreat days.

The experience in the past of host families and their NET guests has been most positive and has enriched the life of the family as a whole. The team members will have been away from home and on the road since February. The richness of family life is a tonic for their spirits and past teams have greatly appreciated the care we have extended to them. Lavalla Catholic College is a place they look forward to coming to... our reputation for hospitality and friendship goes before us.

In scheduling host accommodation, there is a need to minimize the amount of travel time between the Kildare Campus and housing. Ideally, this would mean accommodation in Traralgon itself or nearby.

The team will arrive Saturday April 2nd and depart Friday April 8th. We will need to accommodate the team between these dates. If you can help with part or all of this time I would love to hear from you.

Thank you in anticipation.

*Mike Hansen*

*Director of Mission & Ministry*



# Alice

# IN WONDERLAND JNR



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

7.30pm Town Hall Traralgon



# UPCOMING DATES

## MARCH

- 21/03 VCE Drama Excursion
- 30/03 Year 7 Independent Study day
- 31/03 Year 7 immunisations

## APRIL

- 07/04 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
Parent/teacher interview 4pm - 7.30pm
- 08/04 Parent/teacher interviews (11am - 2pm - Tgn campuses and 11.30am - 2pm for Presentation)  
Debutante Ball no.1
- 09/04 Debutante Ball no.2
- 27/04 **SCHOOL RECOMMENCES (Full winter uniform)**

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

*CHANGE OF DATE FOR LATE SESSION.*  
*The late session previously advertised for the 7th April has been changed to the 5th May due to Debutante Ball commitments.*

### NEXT OPEN

Thursday 7th April 3.30pm – 6.00pm  
Thursday 5th May 3.30pm – 8.00pm  
Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus  
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

(Please note Kilts/Skirts must be tried on.  
They are not sized)

## ST MICHAEL'S/ST GABRIEL'S COMBINED FETE INFORMATION

**SCHOOL FETE**  
**SATURDAY 19TH MARCH - 10AM - 4PM**  
**St MICHAELS PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ST. TRARALGON**

**Activities include**  
Kids Craft  
Local Entertainment  
Rides 11am - 3pm  
Petting Zoo  
Face Painting  
Snow Bags  
Spinning Wheel  
COCO THE CLOWN (between 12 - 2)  
and more!

**Stalls include**  
Garden Stall  
Book Stall  
Produce Stall  
Cake Stall  
Baby Stall  
Mystery Bottle  
Craft Stalls  
trash and treasure and more!

**Win!**  
**7 NIGHTS AT SEAWORLD RESORT FOR A FAMILY OF 4, INCLUDING \$1000 AIRFARE VOUCHER, ENTRY INTO PARKS, FOOD VOUCHER, RAFFLE DRAWN AT 3PM ON THE DAY.**

**Loads of food!**  
**including bbq, devonshire tea, fairy floss, drinks and heaps more!**

**COMBINED SCHOOL FETE SUPPORTING ST MICHAEL'S AND ST GABRIEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

## ENROLMENT 2012

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2012:

Students attending State / other non-Catholic primary schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla College should telephone Jean Jennings at St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to register their names.

Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla College and who attend State or other non-Catholic primary schools should telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the list for enrolment applications.

Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.

**ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS  
WILL CLOSE IN MAY.**