

# Lavalla Catholic College

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## From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

It seems we have begun the new term and changed seasons, hopefully the Autumn break is upon us and much needed rain will come to replenish our farms and dams. Ms Pegorer is currently on the last leg of her long anticipated Marist Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rome and France. She is travelling with Marists from all over Australia as they visit biblical sites, Marist Headquarters in Rome and the mother house- L'Hermitage in France. Recently she wrote to us of her experience at the river Jordan, the site of Jesus baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, and how the visit had renewed and strengthened her own faith. A pilgrimage is a very physical way of understanding that faith is a journey, with valleys and hills, rough and smooth paths and that ultimately our goal is to draw ever closer to God. At the College we share part of this journey with students and families and offer some possible ways of walking these paths so that young people are equipped to continue their faith journey through life.

### Mara Bormanis

Unfortunately we have learned that over the holidays Mrs Mara Bormanis has broken her arm. This will mean some intensive treatment and perhaps 4-5 weeks sick leave. We have not been able to secure the services of a Psychology teacher to replace her but have a replacement who will be taking her classes, with the campus offering various forms of support to these students.

### Welcome

We welcome back Mr Michael Archipow who has returned after sick leave. We also welcome Ms Sara Brown who has taken on the role of receptionist and MSP support at Presentation Campus this term.

### Fame Junior

Rehearsals are well under way for the school production Fame Junior. Tickets for the 28th and 29th May performances are on sale. I know there will be many families keen to support our young people, so get in early to secure your seat.

### Marist Basketball

You will read later in this newsletter of our recent successes at the Marist Basketball Carnival held in Alice Springs. I am particularly proud of the students, staff members and parents who give so generously of their time to attend these carnivals with such enthusiasm. By all accounts the carnival was a wonderful experience and a lot of social learning went on about what life is like in the centre of Australia. I know our Marist school Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Alice Springs, was delighted to host schools from all over the country.

### Anzac Day

The College will have student representatives at various Anzac day ceremonies throughout Latrobe City. I know that they will represent us with due solemnity on such an important day. Each campus will hold ceremonies at appropriate times.

I share this heart-warming note received via email:

*I am a police officer stationed in the Latrobe Valley area. Today I was at mid valley (whilst off duty) and saw a group of approximately 9 or 10 of your students all in uniform, walking as a group through the centre.*

## The Lavalla prayer

God of our hearts,

Faithful Companion in this work  
that we do together, help us,  
to live deeply, with purpose...

to live mindfully, with  
awareness...

to live gratefully, with  
generosity...

to live justly, with compassion...  
to live truthfully, with integrity...  
to live fully, with enthusiasm...

Enable us to hold the Lavalla  
vision in our gaze

to seek the Lavalla spirit from  
within and daily renew it in our  
hearts,

becoming more and more the  
people you are calling us to be.

May our God who dances in  
creation,

who embraces us with human love,  
who shakes our lives like thunder,

bless us and drive us out with  
power

to take our place in this  
community.

STRONG MINDS,  
COMPASSIONATE  
HEARTS

*As they approached a gentleman selling Anzac Day merchandise, they all stopped and reached into their pockets, then donated all the loose change they had to this very worthy cause. I cannot tell you how proud I was seeing these students displaying such a generous act of kindness and patriotism. Well done to that group of young men and ladies. Your actions may have been unnoticed by most, but as a member of Victoria police, and as a mother myself, I say thank you.*

It seems that acting with Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts these students have a real understanding of the Anzac spirit. This has to make us all proud. I am most grateful to this police officer for taking the time to notice this act and reflect it back to us. Well done to those students, whoever you may be.

#### 2014 Enrolments

You will notice that we have begun our advertising for Yr 7 2014. I am aware though, that our best advertising is word of mouth from parents and students. If in coming weeks friends or family ask questions about the college I hope you will be able to speak positively from personal experience. If they pose questions that you can't answer, please encourage them to call us, far better we give a factual response than for them to work on supposition or hearsay. Mrs Bev O'Brien ( registrar) Mrs Heather Thompson (Campus Director's PA) or Mr Andrew Martin ( Campus Director at St Paul's should be able to answer most enrolment questions.

If you have younger children currently in Yr 6 and will be enrolling them in the College for next year please make sure that you receive an enrolment package; we don't have records of siblings and will not automatically know that you need these packages.

#### Winter Uniform

Wearing the uniform correctly reflects both pride in belonging to the College and personal pride. Students who are not appropriately dressed will be challenged to improve their appearance, signal their willingness to co-operate and be a member of our community. While it can be frustrating to have deal with these matters I ask all parents to support the College, ensure that your child has the correct uniform, and comes to school each day dressed neatly, and ready to get on with the business of learning.

#### The Art Building

Construction on this building continues on schedule and it should be completed towards the end of May. At a recent site meeting the builders commented on the ease of managing the site, they have found that students have been interested but in no way impinged on the site.

#### Deepest Sympathies

Our heartfelt condolences to the MacDonald family. We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mrs Peta MacDonald, mother of Tayla Yr 7, after a long illness. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family.

May the Lord hold you tenderly in the palm of his hand,

Ms Lee McKenzie  
Acting Principal

*If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another  
- Mother Theresa.*



Tickets to Fame Jnr are now on sale. Seats are allocated so if you would like to come along, the seats at the front will sell first.

Tickets are available from Kildare Students Services.

Performances are Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Kernot Hall at 7.30pm.

Show runs for just over an hour.





## St Paul's Campus Update

Andrew Martin - Campus Director

As the new term commences and the weather turns toward its cooler setting, it is time for students to adopt the winter uniform of the College. It is expected that all students are fitted out with the appropriate items for this mode of dress on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate your communication should there be any issue with your son or daughter being able to meet this deadline.

I would like to thank all parents for their attention to the drop off and pick up of students. Clearing the front entrance to the Campus in the morning and afternoon has provided a much safer environment for all users of the College.

### Campus Activities

#### **Project Compassion: Fundraising initiatives**

Our effort to raise funds for Project Compassion over the Lenten period is reaching a conclusion, with a small number of activities to be conducted over the next week or so before we tally up the monies raised in support of those in need of our help around the world. We will report the final figure in the next newsletter.

#### **Sport**

On the back of a superb performance in the state swimming competition the College enjoyed great success over the holiday period at the Marist Basketball Competition in Alice Springs. The boys team improved from 19<sup>th</sup> place overall to 5<sup>th</sup>, while our girl's team had a repeat win. We congratulate all of the players, coaches and staff who represented the College so positively throughout the event.

#### **Camps**

The first of our fire delayed Year 8 camps to Tamboritha will be conducted this week. The focus of these camps is fixed upon team building, solidarity and extending personal horizons by engaging in the activities and challenges involved.

Our Intermediate band camp is also being held this week in Rawson. The opportunity to concentrate on both the skill elements and the art of playing in a group is integral to maintaining the standard of production we have come to expect from our music department. We wish them all the best in their quest for excellence over their three days together.

### Transition Activities

A selection of our Year 7 students have visited their old primary schools this week to provide the Grade 6 students at our feeder Catholic primary schools with some insights into life at Lavalla Catholic College. The visits conducted have been well received by all involved and we note the sense of pride that students have exhibited when representing the College. The Grade 6 students of our feeder schools will be visiting St Paul's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April for a taste of secondary schooling.

### Building Works at St Paul's

I am happy to report that our new Arts building is proceeding as planned and we expect to have use of the facility sometime next month. Additionally, we have been able to forge ahead with the second phase of our Year 7 centre redevelopment this term. Half of our Year 7 group will be relocated in the Stoddart block for Term 2 to allow the work involved to take place. We expect to have a fully developed Year 7 centre up and running for the start of Term 3.

**Second Hand  
Uniform Shop**

**NEXT OPEN:**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
3.30pm – 6.00pm

**Winter uniform to be  
worn by 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**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)

**REMINDER**  
Long sleeve  
shirts are to be  
tucked-in at all  
times.



## Kildare Update

**Doug Doherty - Campus Director**

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff. After having a rest, spending time with my family exploring the amazing state of Victoria, I feel refreshed and invigorated and ready to maintain to lead the Kildare campus to continue to raise aspirations and deliver excellence for all.

During Easter we celebrated the greatest moment in the history of our world, one that celebrates the promise of new life. During term two, we strive to offer our students every opportunity to achieve success within their pathways to their lives after Lavalla Catholic College.

Term two is going to be a very busy but productive term. Every student's progress will be tracked in relation to their ability, resulting in a development of specific strategies to ensure success for all students within all lessons. Therefore the examination weeks that will take place in June will be vital to illustrate the progress of every young person within our campus. The dates of these exams will be published within the calendar and the portal, so please ensure that you are all fully prepared to illustrate your excellent capabilities.

This term will also include Work Experience for VCAL students in Years 11 and 12. It is vitally important that students are prepared for this amazing opportunity to experience the pathways of their choice.

The Arts will once again be very prominent this term. This will consist of the school production of 'FAME' (tickets are now available) which promises to be very professional and entertaining to the representation of Lavalla Catholic College at the Australian Jazz Festival in South Australia.

Sport will of course be a prominent part of our educational programme, providing many opportunities for our students to achieve success and experience. The opportunities range from Regional Tennis and Touch Football Championships to Netball and Football Competitions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students who successfully competed in the Marist Basketball competition in Alice Springs during the Easter Hols, with the girls winning the event!

The holistic development of our students would not be complete without their spiritual development. This term will consist of a range of events such as the Year 12 retreat, the celebration of the Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat to the "Give a Damn, Give a Can" appeal.

"Faith and Learning: Change the World" - our motto for this year clearly underpins all we are hoping to achieve.



## Master Survival Program (MSP) Update

The Master Survivor Classes attended a Zoo Leadership program at The Melbourne Zoo during March. Students were presented with the question, "Are leaders born with leadership skills or do leaders have to acquire leadership skills?" The presenters, Andy and Tom put forward different arguments but asked the group to reserve their answer on the question until they had visited some of the animals and examined how leadership is shown in the animal kingdom.

Students broke into groups and visited gorillas, meerkats, seals and baboons listening to presentations about how the animals develop leadership skills in their groups. An interesting fact was that in the primate kingdom there are no female leaders. However, there is a female leader under the main male leader.

The final session saw students have to make a decision on the question posed earlier and they learned that leadership skills come from personal attributes as well as life experiences. That leadership can be used for both good and evil in humankind but that people could learn a lot from the animal kingdom. Overall the Zoo and the program was an amazing experience.



## Give a Damn, Give a Can

In the Gippsland region there is an increasing demand for emergency assistance.

- The world economic crisis has impacted on the Australian economy
- Changing government financial assistance to single mothers has left some households with considerably less weekly income
- Land locked LaTrobe area makes it difficult to build public housing
- Refugees, especially, are not eligible for some emergency funding

These factors have impacted on low income earners and others whose resilience has been crushed by circumstances.

Often there is just not enough money around to pay bills such as electricity, rent and also feed the family.

Emergency food parcels are a necessary and growing response to this local crisis.

Ask mum and dad for one can of hearty food such as soup or fruit that is already in the pantry cupboard at home.

Please give generously...

Collection ends 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.



## Can you open your heart & home to a child today?

Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak with you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit [www.berrystreet.org.au](http://www.berrystreet.org.au)

## Sucess at Marist Basketball Carnival

The annual Marist Basketball Carnival, hosted by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College in Alice Springs, was another great success story for Lavalla Catholic College with the boys team climbing 14 places and the girls team repeating their efforts of 12 months ago to recapture the Marist Basketball title for 2013.

### GIRLS REPORT

Lavalla commenced their carnival campaign with a strong opening to day 1 by withstanding a late rally from Marist Regional College, Burnie to prevail 47-42. The girls then overcame a slow start against Newman College, Perth before Eden Bourke's buzzer-beater from well beyond the arc capped a 59-31 victory. The day concluded with a 45-39 win over Assumption College, Kilmore in a close battle throughout.

These results from day 1 pitted Lavalla against long time nemesis Catholic College Sale and another Gippsland rival in Marist-Sion College, Warragul in the semi-final pool of matches. The girls brought their 'A' game against Sale and triumphed 47-28 in a contest where Lavalla could do no wrong. Against Warragul the girls gradually edged ahead in each quarter to prevail 50-31 and setup a Championship Final meeting with Burnie.

Lavalla fell behind early in the final before they regained their composure to take the ascendancy prior to the end of the first quarter. Throughout the first half the girls focused solely on a good defensive effort which nullified Burnie's main offensive threat and by midway through the third her frustration saw her foul out of the game. Lavalla maintained their intensity and never relented in their quest to make it back-to-back Marist Titles and behind the solid play of Jayde Travers, Casey Sherriff and Keely Bourke a 58-37 victory was preserved in the Championships game.

### BOYS REPORT

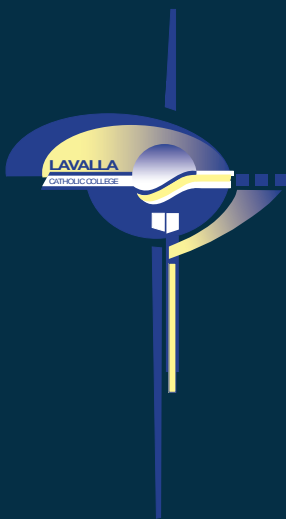
Lavalla recorded some outstanding results in their pool matches by getting past St. Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville 50-39 in their first game of the carnival. A 41-47 defeat at the hands of Marist-Sion College, Warragul was a speed hump that momentarily stalled the boys' progress. They were quick to regroup and posted a 40-28 victory over Marist College, Canberra while a 60-35 rout of St. Augustine's College, Cairns enabled Lavalla to claim a place in the Championship Eight.

The Championship Semi-final matches began with a 53-46 loss to Marist Regional College, Burnie but Lavalla were gallant in defeat as they closed within one point before Burnie claimed the narrow victory. The boys were clearly outclassed against a very disciplined and well-drilled Marcellin College, Bulleen team. Lavalla endured their biggest defeat of the carnival going down 86-34 but the boys displayed great spirit to battle it out to the end. The boys had to grind out a tough 41-35 victory against Marist College, Canberra in what became a very physical encounter to earn a matchup with Warragul in a playoff for 5th & 6th.

Lavalla gained the early lead by quarter time and struggled to maintain their advantage by half time. The boys extended the margin during the third but Warragul remained close before Lavalla's pressure gave the boys a 53-46 triumph and a 5th place finish overall behind the solid contributions of Ben Barlow, Mitch McDonald and Jordan Royal.

A big thank you to the respective coaches in Ms Karen Joyce and Mr Chris Watson for giving up their time to perform their roles and for the assistance from Mr Ross Sizeland.





## Upcoming Events

**Monday, April 22**

Year 8.5 camp

**Tuesday, April 23**

Grade 6 visits to St Paul's

**Thursday, April 25**

**ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Friday, April 26**

MSP summit excursion

U15 touch football state championships

**Monday, April 29**

Year 8.2 camp

REMAR red carnival

**Full Winter uniform**

SSV tennis (Regional)

**Tuesday, April 30**

Year 10 immunisations

**Wednesday, May 1**

Year 8.6 Camp

**Thursday, May 2**

U18 boys touch football state championships

**Friday, May 3**

U18 girls touch football state championships

VCAL Dalkeith excursion

Year 11-12 drama excursion

**Monday, May 6**

Year 8.8 Camp

**Tuesday, May 7**

TWILIGHT

St Paul's open campus

**Wednesday, May 8**

Year 8.9 Camp

Senior ensemble performance

## End of term retreat



### Be still

#### Registrations now open!

Be Still aims to provide Year 11 and 12 students with an overnight escape from the busy and hectic lifestyle of VCE by providing an opportunity to reconnect with their faith, make new friends and have heaps of fun!

**WHEN:** 5pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to 4:30pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013

**WHERE:** The Summit – 21 Cemetery Road, Traralgon East

**COST:** \$30 per student (includes accommodation, all meals and activities)

Check out our [website](#) for more information or download a registration pack below. If you have any questions, contact Cassie at the Youth Ministry Office on (03) 5622 6686 or via email [cassieq@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:cassieq@sale.catholic.org.au)

## World Youth Day 2013



### Pilgrim preparation

#### Formation sessions

For those pilgrims attending WYD2013 in Rio our first pilgrim sessions start this month! Session 1 is happening in four locations across the state, so you only need to attend the one that is nearest to you.

#### Pilgrim Formation Session 1:

**Wednesday 17 April**  
6.45pm-9pm

Language Centre, FCJ College  
Benalla  
corner Arundel St and Wedge St,  
Benalla

**Tuesday 30 April**  
7.30pm-9.30pm

Cardinal Knox Centre  
383 Albert St, East Melbourne

**Tuesday 7 May**  
6.30pm-8.30pm

Sion House, Catholic Diocese of Sale  
6 Witton St, Warragul

**Saturday 25 May**  
2pm-4.30pm

Ballarat Cathedral Presbytery  
3 Lyons St South, Ballarat

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