



## From the Principal

### Mr John Freeman

On Monday, August 15, we held prayer liturgies on each campus to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This Feast of the Assumption of Mary originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the 'Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God.' It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the 'Assumption' in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

As well as all the Sundays of the year, the solemnities of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ are the only other holydays of obligation for Catholics in Australia. However, we also took time at each campus to gather and prayer because Mary is very significant for Marists. As I wrote about a month back Marcellin Champagnat and eleven other young men took a pledge at Fourvière, Lyon in 1816 to dedicate their lives to beginning a new religious order of Mary-ist. We see Mary as a model to live our lives. She is the First Disciple, a woman of faith, who trusted in the Lord even though she did not know what challenges that trust would present. Mary, upon hearing of her cousin Elizabeth's pregnancy went "in haste" to the hill country to attend another's need. For all of us she is a the perfect example of what it is to be a person who seeks to serve others and make the world better- by meeting others where they are.

We wish Emily Beecroft the best of success in all her events at the upcoming 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio.

The students and staff at the Kildare campus on Monday presented Emily with a banner signed by a great number of us to take with her and hopefully remind Emily that we are thinking of her. We also congratulate Emily on being awarded the Annual Open Gippsstar Award last week.

I wrote in our last newsletter that we had three teams in the final of the Gippswebs for Business competition and now I am pleased to advise that our students, under the guidance of John Wilkie, were awarded first (Codebusters comprised of Selby Fisher, Zach Grimes, Nick Vella and Jonah Henry) and second place (Use Code Keem comprised of James Berkelmens, Thomas Eagle and Daniel Henry). Well done.

Thank you to Pru Scholtes for her work in liaising with VTAC so they could present an information session to students and parents in the Latrobe Valley on Monday, 8 August, in the evening. We had approximately 130 students and parents attend.

Congratulations to our Remar Gold Rowers - Matt Bodinaar, Nicola Broeren, Jessica Clarke, Naomi Etheridge, Leo Ma, Sam Rossiter, Lucy Smart and Grace Ware – who last weekend attended their last retreat, ably led by their Chris Roga. They are coming to the end of a three year journey in which they have grown as both individuals and as a group. They are to be thanked for their commitment to each other and for all their good work over this time. These are fine young people, who have already made a contribution to the school, local community and the wider world but I have no doubt will go on making a positive contribution when they leave us.



Thank you as well to Shane Lebbe who led a large group of our students, assisted by other staff, to Mary MacKillop College, Leongatha for a GIS music workshop. This was in preparation for the upcoming GIS Artzfest on 5 September at the West Gippsland Art Centre in Warragul starting at 7.00pm.

Thank you to Monica Justin and all the staff who worked with her last week on the Year 10 Retreats. Feedback from students was very positive.

Monica has also been very busy organising the Homeless Sleepout with her Year 12 CYSMA students next Thursday, which will see over 70 people from our school and Catholic College Sale participate. The purpose of the Homeless Sleepout is to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and funds to assist in programs of support. Also supporting overnight will be: Leigh Winter, Alex Rathbone, Matt Buckland, Jemma Michaels, and Roma Valentine. Thanks as well to the many staff who will offer support through providing soup, serving dinner, or breakfast.

**G**ood luck to following:

Jocelyn Glasson, Imogen Henry, Lachlan Mc Grail, Emily Liang, Jye Tactor, Tom Snell, Brittney Paul, Tyron Branwell, Sarah Cropley, Ben Gafa, Madeline Russell, Anneke Ernst, Winson Xiao and Ben Nicholls as they make their presentations at the Tournament of Minds program, this Saturday at Federation University in Churchill and they will be guided by Monica Justin; Jamie Day, Lachlan McGrail, Brittney Paulet who will be attending the Latrobe City Regional final for the Vic Spell competition on Tuesday 30 August and they will be assisted by Roma Valentine and Millie Culliver, Emirson Devenie, Innika Hodgson, Kristy Jennings, Jade Melbourne, Abbey Noblett, Casey Sherriff and Joanna Watson who will be playing in the Champions Cup Basketball Competition on Monday August 22nd and will be coached by Karen Joyce.

## Child Protection

The College is firmly committed to child safety and has been developing and implementing a number of new policies and procedures throughout the year in response to Ministerial Order 870. We have now introduced a Code of Conduct which applies to adults who have direct involvement with students whilst at school – staff, contractors and volunteers. You can access the Code of Conduct on our website under the Policies section, specifically in the Child Protection Policies section.

All of us – school leaders, teachers, parents, coaches, family friends and community members – have an unequivocal moral obligation to protect the young we know and to see that they are safe from all kinds of harm, including physical, sexual and psychological abuse, neglect and other forms of mistreatment.



Mr Matt Harris is taking some Long Service Leave and will be replaced by Mrs Karen MacKay until the end of the term. Mrs Lisa French is still convalescing, and Mr Jose Illipparampil will be on sick leave for around two weeks and will be replaced by Mr Adam Ozga.

## Academic Review

Teachers have prepared student feedback which will be available via the Family Portal on Monday. Because of our regular reporting cycle it is simple to see how your son or daughter is travelling academically. In conjunction with the reporting we also have an Academic Review Process for those students who are at risk. This process assures that students do not get so far behind that they feel hopeless and unable to catch up. The power of the Academic Review Process is that there is close parental involvement. Common sense and research tells us that where parents are focused on their child doing well and engage with the school to assist in improving the learning, the child will generally progress. If you are invited to an Academic Review meeting it is imperative that you set the time aside to work through the process with your child and the teachers involved. In extreme cases where students have not been able to demonstrate satisfactory learning to complete a year level, they are asked to remain at school at the end of the year to complete tasks which demonstrate their suitability for study at the next year level.

## The Arts

Term 3 is traditionally busy with Eisteddfod work for our music students. This year has been made even busier by our participation in the GIS Artz festival. We wish the participants well as they move through rehearsals to performances.

## Footy Colours Day

Friday next week students are invited to participate in a fundraiser for our Fiji immersion group. By wearing footy colours and making a donation students are assisting students in a Fijian Marist school. A small group of students from Kildare will be visiting the school later in the year and we are keen to offer practical assistance to the school.

## Tournament of the Minds

Students from both campuses have been training under the guidance of Ms Monica Justin, for the tournament which will take place this weekend. We wish the teams well as they put their mental agility and presentation skills against students from across Gippsland.

## Subject selection Year 9 going into 10

My thanks to the parents and students who have responded so positively to the process. Considerable time is spent working with the Year 9 students to set them up for success with their future programs. Miss Couling and her team have spent many hours working individually with students to help them plan a meaningful and challenging path for senior study.

Anyone can hide.

**FACING UP TO THINGS,  
WORKING THROUGH THEM,  
that's what makes you strong.**

Sarah Dessen







"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of Great things!" Pope Francis.

This last fortnight has given the Lavalla Catholic College community many opportunities to witness our young people making use of their God-given talents, especially to achieve their dreams.

The success of our Paralympic Emily Beecroft to date is an inspiration to all. This week after our Feast of Assumption assembly, Emily was presented a 'good luck' banner from the Lavalla community and left the assembly to a standing ovation. We will be following your success very closely, well done and good luck Emily.



Successful use of talent was again evident when Grace Ware, Anastasia Richmond-Miller and Zali Harrison were selected as finalists to participate in the art prize/exhibition for the ReFresh Awards at Federation University. The exhibition dates will be 22nd August to 8th September and the winners will be announced on Sunday August 28th. We wish them all the very best and hope that their amazing talents are recognised by others, as much as we do.



Talent is also something that needs to be nurtured and discovered. Last week the Snow camp at Mount Hotham certainly was a place for all of our young people to achieve just that. The growth and development of student achievement, morale, self-esteem and skill was outstanding to say the least. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in making it such an amazing experience for the 74 students who attended. A full report will appear in the next newsletter.

Talent is something that should be shared, and this has certainly been the case with the large numbers of new enrolments for the Kildare Campus for 2017, as well as

the excellent retention numbers of our current students. I would like to thank all families and staff involved in the record turnaround time for re-enrolments and subject selections as these have all now been completed within two weeks.

I would also like to congratulate Daniel Cunico for securing fulltime employment with Gippsland Windows and Doors. Again, a true success story of talents being used to achieve dreams.

An amazing congratulations to the Lavalla Catholic College teams who successfully achieved First and Second place at the Gippsweb Business Awards for 2016. Well done to Mr Wilkie and his students for growing their talents and achieving such excellent recognition. A full report is included in this newsletter.

Our celebration of the Feast of the Assumption this week, has been instrumental in highlighting to the students that we, like Mary must listen for and accept God's call to use our talents for the service and good of others. An example of how this will become action is the 'Sleep Out' next Thursday night at the Kildare campus to raise awareness for the homeless within our society. Good luck and well done in advance to all involved.

God Bless Mr Doug Doherty



## Remar Gold Rowers: Living Life Fully

**M**y passion is to see young people, and all people, develop a sense of their 'haccietas' (uniqueness/specialness / sacredness). I encounter this daily among the Lavalla people, but recently it came home powerfully to me in my experience with the Remar Gold Rowers.

To give you an idea of what these young people achieved... They have jobs. They study. They are part of the Music programme, Volunteer Firefighters, Leadership at school. They have gone on Immerison to Fiji. They do many things.

In addition, they began Remar Red (Yr 10- 2014) with 17 rowers and they finish Gold as 8 (Year 12- 2016) After a 3-year journey. Over the three years they have grown personally (emotionally, socially, spiritually etc). They have shown commitment, goodness, openness and generosity, perseverance; they have managed the many difficult times and celebrated the many good times. Most of all they have formed a community that includes rowers across Australia.

Personally, they have completed more than 70 hours of Community Service, attended 60 meetings (in their own time), gone on Solidarity go Melbourne, gone on 6 retreats with other schools, been good ambassadors for the college, got involved in various ministry and outreach programs, helped out in school. They are doers with a purpose.

Their journey has had many ups and many downs, but they have learned to deal with life individually and as a close-knit group. They have learned life lessons and skills and they have done good quietly, contributing more than most people think. They have learned to lead balanced lives. They have discovered more of themselves. They show that young people today, in Remar, in Lavalla and in , but in general, bring a great deal of goodness and hope.  
I salute them!







On the 12th-14th of August, 8 Year 12 REMAR students adventured to Phillip island. They went along with Chris Roga and past REMAR students, Brittany Young and Nicole Somerville to meet up with fellow REMAR student from across Australia. The schools were from Beenleigh, Launceston, Perth, Shepparton, Alice Springs, Melbourne, Warragul, Traralgon and Adelaide. After attending many camps and meetings over the past 3 year this was to be the last camp the Lavalla REMAR Gold would attend together.



It was an action packed camp involving personal development and leadership skills and many group sessions involving evangelisation and faith development, about how we can be a part of our community, social justice, ministry and service to others. This is what the Lavalla crew said:

'It was an amazing experience. To be able to see all our friends from around Australia one more time was absolutely incredible.'- Leo

'The camp experience is always great and being able to meet and befriend so many new people just makes it even better'-Jess

'It was amazing to be in an environment with so many like-minded people who are passionate about making a difference in the world. I loved seeing all my friends from across Australia, too!'-Naomi

'It was an enjoyable camp. Meeting up with the REMAR team, young Marist and friends from across Australia who we have met thought our journey was an amazing experience'- Sammy

'getting to meet people who are likeminded and care about the same things as you is incredible. We now have friends all around Australia thanks to REMAR and this camp especially'- Nicola

'the camp was a great way for all of us to reconnect with other schools from around the nation. REMAR allowed us to form friendships with likeminded people through our passion for ministry'-Lucy

## Year 10 Retreats

On Wednesday and Thursday 10 and 11 August, the Year 10 Students attended their annual Retreat at presentation campus. The Retreat aimed to open the eyes and minds of the students to Social Justice and care for the earth. Mrs Monica Justin led the retreat supported by other staff. The students participated wholeheartedly in the games, workshops, prayer and liturgy. In general the Year 10 students found the experience better than they expected. Aaron (Year 10) liked the information given; Tayla was happy that she went; Yacoub just enjoyed the whole experience.



## GIS Music Festival Rehearsal Day

On Monday the 15th of August our College's year 7 to 10 musicians journeyed to Mary Mackillop Catholic Regional College to take part in the first rehearsal of the Gippsland Independent School's Music Festival. Throughout the year the GIS ArtzFest and MusFest brings together a number of independent schools within Gippsland in a collaborative environment to create, rehearse and perform in a variety of artistic mediums. This day of rehearsals saw our students dividing into various ensembles made up of students from a variety of schools and offered them the opportunity to learn from one another as well as experienced music teachers.

The purpose of this rehearsal was for our students to begin preparing for the upcoming performance exhibition on Monday the 5th of September. This event will feature performances from a beginner, intermediate and advanced concert band as well as a choir and VCE Music Performance soloists. The exhibition is due to commence at 7:00pm and we welcome all families to attend what promises to be an enjoyable evening of music making at the West Gippsland Art Centre in Warragul at no cost.







It has been a busy term three in sport at Lavalla Catholic College with various teams qualify through to the State Championship of their respective fields of competition.

## Basketball

The Divisional Championships commenced this term and we had our Intermediate girls advance through to the Regional Championships with a strong showing at Traralgon Sports Stadium on July 15th.

On August 11th, our year 7 and year 8 teams in the boys and girls competitions also won through to the Regional Championships to be played in Moe in October.

In the Champions Cup, our intermediate girls failed to overcome some quality talent and managed to record one win in their three games. The junior boys displayed some polished class and registered three solid wins to advance to the final eight of the competition.

## Cross Country

On July 14th the College had a strong contingent of cross country athletes attend the State Championships.

Riley Evans produced a fantastic performance to finish 2nd in the 15 year boys event in a time of 8.57, while teammates Tyler Morley (32nd), Colby Morley (40th), Archie Grant (47th) and Flynn Shields (80th) helped the overall team to a third place finish.

Monique Lapenta, in a time of 11.14, was another strong performer for the College to finish 15th in the 13 year girls event. The team of Isabella Bettridge (80th), Chelsea Lawn (88th) and Summah Gardiner (92nd) accomplished a team placing of seventh.

Other athletes to attend were Hugh Dunbar who finished 42nd in the 13 year boys event and Jack Murray who came 74th in the 14 year boys event.

## Aust. Football

Our senior and junior girl's teams qualified for the Quarter Finals after winning through at the Regional Championships. Unfortunately our senior girls withdrew from the quarter finals due to lack of numbers and the junior girls were defeated by Mount Waverley, 6.6 (42) to 3.5 (23).

The intermediate boys, year 8 boys and year 7 boys all competed at the Regional Championships and they all missed advancing through to the quarter finals by percentage.

## Netball

Our year 7 girls and the senior and junior boys have advanced through to the State Championships of the SSV competition after surviving tough competition at the Regional Championships.

All three girls' teams that competed in the Netball Victoria Schools Championships have advanced through to the finals day in the preliminary round in July.

## Soccer

The strong contingent of soccer teams has enabled a number of teams to qualify through to the State Championships again with a likely State Champion to eventuate.





## Term 3

Date	Campus	Event	Further Information
Mon 22 - Fri 26 Aug	KILDARE	LA/AR Interview Week	
Wed 31 Aug - Thu 1 Sep	KILDARE	Year 11 Retreat	<b>Compulsory College Event</b>
Wed 31st Aug	KILDARE	REMAR Gold Graduation	
Tue 6th Sep	KILDARE	Annual Music Concert	
Thu 8 - 29th Sep	KILDARE	Italian Study Tour	
Fri 9th Sep	KILDARE	60th Anniversary Mass	<b>Compulsory College Event</b>
Thu 15 - Fri 16 Sep	KILDARE	Parent Teacher Interviews	4.00 - 7.00 pm Thurs 15th 8.00am - 12pm Fri 16th
<b>Thu 15th Sep</b>	<b>BOTH</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>	
<b>Fri 16th Sep</b>	<b>BOTH</b>	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

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1 September  
15th September  
6th October  
20th October  
3rd November  
17th November  
1st December

## 2017 Lavalla Parents & Friends Debutante Ball Committee AGM

The AGM of the Lavalla Parents & Friends Debutante Ball Committee will take place Will beheld at the Traralgon Bowls Club Wednesday 24th August 2016 from 6pm. Nominations for the Committee will be taken on the night.

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