



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

1 June 2007

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students

On Sunday 27 May we celebrated *Pentecost Sunday*, the festival which recognises the gift of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it is also referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church', marking the beginning of the Church's mission for all humanity. On the same day we celebrated the *40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum* on Indigenous people and the Australian Constitution. History has recorded this as the most successful referendum and a most defining event on record with more than 90% of Australians voting 'yes' to count Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders Australian in the census and giving the Commonwealth Government powers to make specific laws in respect of Indigenous people. Some Historians refer to this outstanding victory as the 'Birth of the Reconciliation Movement'.

This referendum was a landmark not only because of the overwhelming 'yes' vote but also because it finally recognised the rightful place of Indigenous Australians in our country. It was an impetus for Government action in granting land rights, improved protection of Aboriginal rights and increased provision of certain services. It carried with it the hopes of a Nation for a fair-go for our indigenous people.

Now 40 years down the track, we become blasé about another media report that highlights continued injustices, inequalities, lost opportunities and deeply ingrained disadvantages for our Indigenous people? Overwhelming the Referendum showed that we were supportive of the Government mandate to take responsibility but how many of us take personal responsibility for what is happening to the most marginalise group in our community? As a First World country why don't we feel more shame about the fact that a large proportion of our Indigenous people are living below Third World conditions and not taking their place in the 21st Century?

As members of this Democracy based on Christian values we are called to take action for Social Justice and speak out against inequality but the silence is deafening when it comes to our most disadvantaged group of people. Pope Benedict XVI has recently reminded us that Christians are called to 'assume their specific political and social responsibilities' and 'to work courageously within our world to bring about that renewal of relationships which has its exhaustible source of God's gift'. Each one of us needs to be committed to Aboriginal rights because not to do so would make us negligent of our Catholic and Christian responsibilities.

#### With Deepest Sympathy

Sadly we learnt last Wednesday of the death of *Mrs Wilson's* son Luke. Our condolences are extended to Mrs Wilson and her daughters Paula and Jane and hope that the fond memories they hold near to them at this time will help in their sorrow, grief and healing. Mrs Wilson, as the Assistant Campus Director of the St Paul's campus is a long standing and esteemed member of this community and will return to work in due course.

*Ms Erica Pegorer*  
*Principal*

## St Paul's Campus

In an ideal world, every student would happily produce high quality school work on time, and every teacher would smilingly award top marks to every student! And they would all live happily ever after!

Alas! We live in the real world of human frailty and limitation! These weeks leading up to Report Writing Day on 15 June are the tough weeks in the College calendar. Students feel the pressure of producing and submitting quality work, while teachers, too, feel the pressure of completing curriculum and collecting and marking student work in time for the reports. My secret for success in school is to focus on Effort and Punctuality.

Students who are late in submitting work cause a great deal of unnecessary stress for themselves, their teachers and their parents. I know the teachers will catch up with students who are behind. I suggest that all parents chat with their children at this time to ensure that they have completed their work, or are confident they can meet deadlines. If you feel that your child is struggling please see if you can help them.

The College does provide Study Support every Wednesday from 3.30-4.30. I recommend that students use this time.

### Visit to Woolum Bellum to Hear Tom Hafey

Hollie Johnson, Amy Pickersgill and Monica McDonald met Tom Hafey at Woolum Bellum Campus at Morwell on 22 May 2007. Mr Hafey spoke about team work, respect, self accomplishment, motivation, drugs and alcohol. He stressed the importance of following one's dreams. The students could not believe that he has never smoked or drank alcohol in his life.

### Junior Boys (Years 7 & 8 ) C.A.S. Footy

The Junior team comprising of students from Presentation and St. Paul's campuses, has had a very successful season. They reached the Championships but were unfortunately defeated. Congratulations and thanks to the coaches, Mr Archipow and Mr Dominic De Van Der Schueren

### Courage to Care

The Year 9 students visited the 'Courage to Care' Exhibition at Leongatha. This exhibition is a tribute to the 'Righteous Among the Nations' who, at enormous risk to themselves and their families, saved the lives of Jewish men, women and children in World War II. The students watched a film and then listened to Peter, a Holocaust survivor; speak about his experiences during this time. He was only 6 years old when it began.

### HPV Immunisation

The Year 7 girls received the booster dose of the HPV injection on 29 May in the Year 7 centre. The site was prepared in accordance with the directives from the health authorities, and the whole exercise went off smoothly.

### Annual National Geographic Geography Challenge

Seven students entered the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography challenge. The challenge is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers Association and the Royal Geographic Society of Queensland. This year's focus was global warming and sustainable environments. There was 86,000 entries Australia-wide. The results for our campus are as follows:

**High Distinction:** Adam Lee

**Distinction:** Cameron Alexander

**Credit:** Shannon Bassi, Joey Black, and Kosta Psinas

**Participation:** Faizul Mostafa and Josh Young

Our congratulations to all seven students! I hope more follow their example and enter academic competitions.

*Mr Chris Roga*  
*Campus Director*

## Presentation Campus

### Information Evening

Since our last report some 20 families attended the Information Evening held on the 16th May. One of the highlights of the Evening was the presentation by our two Year 7 SRC representatives, namely Abbie Attard and Kate Troy. Our MC's for the Evening were our Campus Leaders – Sam Price and Ashlee Raymond. All students were able to speak to the assembled group in a confident and informative manner. My thanks to the presenters Ms Erica Pegorer, Jo-Maree Sharman and staff who made the evening the success it was.

### Year 7&8 Footballers

Congratulations to our Year 7&8 footballers who represented Lavalla in the 7&8 Competition recently held at Sale and Woodend. They were Tyler Forte, Simon & Jonathon Noy, Jayden Shaw, William Troy and Steven Hibbs.

### SRC Social

Tonight is the SRC social. It begins at 7.00pm and concludes at 11.00pm. Full security will be provided and No Pass outs will be issued. Monies raised will go to SRC funds and associated projects.

### Tamboritha Committee: For Sale

2 x LPG Gas Fridges

Price: \$200 each.

For further information please contact

Wayne Howe on 0400 957 846

Yours in the Spirit of Strong minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Mr Chris O'Brien*  
*Campus Director*

## Kildare Campus

I recently rang some parents about the good work that their children were accomplishing at the College. I enjoy celebrating the success of students with parents. In the same way, challenging a student's behaviour can also end up being just as rewarding - perhaps not at the time though. At the Kildare Campus we expect a little more of our students as they enter into the life of a senior campus. I ask that, as partners in our young people education, we remain united and supportive of one another.

### Music News

Congratulations to all members of our *Senior Choir, Senior Wind Ensemble, Senior Jazz Ensemble and Intermediate Jazz Ensemble* for their performances at our VCE Ensemble concert last Thursday. There was some wonderful work from all groups. These ensembles are now preparing to represent our College at the upcoming Melbourne School Band's Festival, the local Eisteddfod seasons and finally our Annual Music Concert. All of these events take place in Term 3 and judging by the standards already reached last Tuesday, we can look forward to the rest of the year with great optimism. Members of our College community may be interested in attending our upcoming Vocal night on Monday 4 June or the Year 11 Solo Performance evening on Tuesday 5 June. Both evenings will begin at 7.30pm in the St Paul's Lecture Theatre.

It is not too late for any students who may wish to join the Music department. Two of our senior trombonists began as late as the end of Year 11 and are now making a wonderful contributions. We even have some dedicated parents who join us every Wednesday morning. Students of every campus should feel free to approach any of the Music staff if they wish to become involved.

### Student Achievements

We recently had a number of students attend our staff morning tea. It was an opportunity for our staff to acknowledge and praise some of the achievements of students. While they enjoyed the festivities in their honour, I believe that it is worth mentioning those students once again in this newsletter. *Kateleen Wilson* has been the main organiser of our Friday Lavalla Radio. She had shown great leadership in ensuring that students are entertained each Friday during the class-free times. We congratulated and welcomed back *Annie Ferguson* who returned from her overseas tour of significant Anzac sites. *Lynton Tonta* and (in absentia) *Chris Johnston* were congratulated on their roles within the Latrobe City Youth Council. *Daniel McKenna* appeared in Saturday Herald Sun. We congratulated him on his football achievements and wish him all the best in the coming selection period. *Luisa Bomba* was also congratulated for her achievements at the Sale Dance Eisteddfod. She won the James Templeton Classical Scholarship and also won the Classical Dance Championship.

Our School Captains and Vice-Captains were also present and we thanked them once again for the leadership and support that they offer to the student body.

### World Bocce Titles

We congratulate *Matt Moffatt* of Delany House. He has recently been selected to represent Australia at the World Bocce Titles in France. Matt plays Bocce at the Australian/Italian Club in Morwell and won his section in Melbourne a few weeks ago. Any donations to assist Matt to attend the Titles in France would be gratefully accepted by Mrs Sarah Moffatt on mobile: (0412) 920 343. Congratulations Matt and all the best in the Titles.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare*  
Campus Director

### Marist Netball Carnival Billet

Once again, thank you for your generous offer to billet girls for the Marist Netball Carnival from Sunday 24th June - Wednesday 27th June.

#### Meeting

A brief meeting will be held in the Virtual Services Centre, Kildare Campus on **Monday, 4th June from 7.30 - 8.00pm**. The purpose of this gathering is to answer questions concerning the expectations of host families, the completion and lodgement of the 'Working with Children Check Application Guide and Form' as well as provide you with a list of the girls who will be staying with you and any special information you may need about them.

If you have any questions prior to these meeting, please feel free to contact me on 5174 5272. Would you please return the reply slip by **Friday, 1st June**.

### Lavalla Arts & Technology Exhibition 2007 Competition

Design a name or logo that can be used for the invitation and promotional advertising for the 2007 Arts/Technology Exhibition.

#### The Brief:

Design a name or Logo that is appropriate for the following information:

- Art, Technology, Music & Drama
- Year 7-12
- Exemplary pieces of student work & student performances

**Due by:** Monday 18th June

**Submit:** Reception

**Further information contact**  
your art, technology, drama or music teacher

## Forthcoming Events

### JUNE

- 1 June** Enrolments Close Year 7, 2008
- 1 June Year 9.4 ArtsConnect Excursion [SP]
- 5 June School Photographs [K]
- 6 June School Photographs [SP]
- 7 June School Photographs [P]
- 11 June Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
- 12-13 June VCE Exam
- 14 June VCE Exam – GAT
- 15 June Curriculum and Report Writing Day – SFD
- 17-19 June Intermediate Band Camp
- 18 June Year 12 Oral Exam
- 20 June Year 12 LOTE Oral SAC
- 24-27 June **Marist Netball Carnival**
- 27 June Reports Distributed
- 28 June Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00pm-7.00pm)
- 29 June Last Day Term 2

### JULY

- 16 July Student Free Day
- 16-23 July Italian School Visit [K]
- 17 July** **First Day Term 3 commences**
- 26 July Champagnat Mass
- 31 July Annual General Meeting

## YEAR 7 2008 ENROLMENTS

**Deadline for applications close,  
today, Friday June 1st.**

Enrolment applications should have been forwarded to Jean Jennings, the Enrolment Registrar, for those families interested in placing their Grade 6 child at Lavalla for next year.

If you have omitted to return your application, or inform the College of a sibling attending Grade 6 at a State primary school, please telephone

**Jean Jennings, Enrolment Registrar  
immediately on Ph: 5174 7355.**

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Weekends for 2007 will be at  
Millgrove July 13-15 and  
Lysterfield October 19-21.

Contact Peter and Erika Smith for further details or to book on (03) 9899 0824. Checkout the website for more information on [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)



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### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

- Mon 4 June M. Mocera, L. Calabrese
- Tue 5 June S. Garrett, T. Pledge
- Wed 6 June R. Crowle, (help required)
- Thu 7 June C. Hines, (help required)
- Fri 8 June L. Weckmann, (help required x 2)

- Mon 11 June **Queens Birthday Public Holiday**
- Tue 12 June L. Barrett, (help required)
- Wed 13 June T. Thornton, (help required)
- Thu 14 June Help required x 2
- Fri 15 June D. Buckley, (help required)

#### KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 4 June D. Webb, B. McNulty
- Tue 5 June G. Breed, (help required)
- Wed 6 June S. Hillier, (help required)
- Thu 7 June M. Wojciechowski, (help required)
- Fri 8 June (help required x 2)

- Mon 11 June **Queens Birthday Public Holiday**
- Tue 12 June J. Campbell, (help required)
- Wed 13 June A. Scully, (help required)
- Thu 14 June P. Radovich, (help required)
- Fri 15 June M. Byl, (help required)

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