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Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

As usual Term 4 is a very busy and exciting time at Lavalla. Our Year 12 students have celebrated their last day of school, and have commenced their exams. The Year 12 Graduation Assembly last Thursday was a great event, attended by the whole school, I thank all the students for their participation in the ceremony of celebrating our Class of 2013.

Thank you too Father Babu for presiding over the Year 12 Graduation Mass at St Michael's Traralgon last Thursday. It was pleasing to see so many families, and staff pay tribute to the Year 12 students. Our choir performed delightfully under their conductor Mr Shane Reid and I thank all staff, in particular Mr Chris Roga, for their coordination of this important annual event.

Best of luck to all Year 12 students for their exams. Inside this newsletter is the schedule of workshops for Need to Succeed to help you be at your best when you enter the VCE examinations. I encourage you all to make the most of these important workshops to assist you in your preparations. I trust you will make us , yourselves and your families proud.

This week we opened the Le Rozey Centre, our new arts centre at the St Paul's Campus. This building replaces the old St Paul's art building which was burnt down in 2009. Many teacher, staff and student artworks are on display in Le Rozey and the main gallery area provides an exhibition space for art to be displayed.

Archbishop-Elect Christopher Prowse Blessed the Le Rozey Centre and Brother Michael Green from Marist Brothers Australia officially opened the buildings. All attendees then enjoyed a morning tea reception with food and entertainment provided by our students. They were also treated to the whimsy of hundreds of origami cranes tethered to the oak tree at St Pauls, a beautiful example of Art and its place in our College. Well done to all involved in helping us celebrate this wonderful event.

Special thanks to Monsignor Allman for his attendance at the opening. He has been a wonderful supporter of the College for many years and his presence at the opening was very special. Please see the next page for his handwritten RSVP to the event, he has seen the evolution of this College into what it is today.

Enjoy the long weekend

God Bless

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

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RSVP for Le Rozey opening from Monsignor Allman. He explains that he was at the opening of St Paul's Campus, the two Kildare Campuses, and Lourdes Campus. We were honoured to have him attend the opening of Le Rozey.

With Compliments To Lavalla College,

Per Dear Emma,
I was at the Opening of St. Paul's College;
I was at the Opening of Kildare College - both Campus';
I was at the Opening & blessing of Lourdes Campus;
I gratefully accept your invitation to be at the Rozey Campus
and I will gladly attend.

yours sincerely.

Allman

Monsignor John P. Allman

Mary
Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for me

Spiritually,
Physically
and Financially

Kildare Campus Update

Mr Doug Doherty, Campus Director

Goodbye to Year 12

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. – Mother Teresa

The theme for our College this year was Faith and Mission: Change the World. This week the Year 12 students of Lavalla Catholic College are commissioned to leave our school community to do just that. We hope that they will use all they have learned at their time at Lavalla to become citizens of the world, who will show love to all and bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ, supported by the Marist principles of Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work and in the Way of Mary.

It can be very frightening moving into a new life, whether university, apprenticeship or the world of work. However, my advice to our departing students is to always search for JOY. There is a big difference between FUN and JOY.
FUN is simply based on pleasure and is short lived – whereas JOY is based on LOVE and will help guide you on the path that is respected by both people and God.

FUN is celebrating great results – JOY is in making yourself, your teachers and your family proud when you receive great results that help you on your pathway to success. JOY is also the lasting memory of this event.

Finally, JOY is not always simple to find, it needs commitment and dedication. It needs to be based on excellence.
So remember – "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle.

It is important at this time that we recognise the work and efforts of all staff at Lavalla Catholic College. Our staff are consistently dedicated to ensuring that young people are prepared for their pathway to success, like our Year 12's graduating today.

I personally would like to thank my Campus Development Team for their dedication this year. In particular I would like to highlight the work of Mrs Clarke and Miss Farley in leading the welfare and curriculum needs of our students in particular our Year 12s.

A major thanks goes to Ms Pegorer. My family and I would not be here living our dream and hopefully helping the students of Lavalla Catholic College to find their dreams, if she did not appoint me. Please don't hold that against her though.
I will miss her as an inspirational leader, but most importantly as a friend.

A special thanks for Year 12. It has been a privilege to lead this year group in my first year at Lavalla Catholic College, and they will always hold a special place in my heart and prayers.
Remember you may leave the College but you will always belong to the Lavalla Catholic Community.
So go into the world and show excellence!

Good Luck and God Bless

Mr Doherty

Congratulations Rebekah Symons
It is with great pride that we congratulate Rebekah Symons on her selection as part of the GLEE Club Straight Edge Talent Development Project for 2013. This means that Rebekah will actually be travelling to Los Angeles, Anaheim and San Diego during the month of December.

Rebekah's achievement has been described as; *"A huge honour and testament to Rebekah's talent, discipline and determination."*
Jen Hayes
Director of Operations – Australia
International Programmes
The Australian Institute for Performing Arts (APIA) Pty Ltd

Rebekah will be taught by some of the world's best choreographers and musical directors and arrangers. The group will perform publicly and take class with industry professionals, professionally record a song, record a video clip and short film on a working studio backdrop.

Good luck Rebekah, and remember us at Lavalla when you are famous!

Congratulations Sinea McCullagh

On Friday 18th October, Ms Blake attended the Pixel Prize exhibition opening at Australian Catholic University with Year 10 student Sinea McCullagh and her family. Sinea entered two photographs exploring this year's theme of Sustainability. Sinea received the "Highly Commended Finalist - Digital Darkroom" award (one of only 8 awards given!) and her photographs were part of the Pixel Prize Exhibition at ACU in Melbourne.

Congratulations to Aman Bhatti

This is a report written by Aman, following up on his prize of a VAAC internship with Ford.

During the term three holidays, I was fortunate enough to undergo two weeks work experience at Ford's Design Centre, in Campbellfield. Going to a place such as Ford was a great experience, which gave me exposure to the Automotive Industry, and taught me how Industrial Design is applied in the real world.

During my time there, I was able to talk with designers and gain valuable tips on transport design, as I spent the two weeks sketching, computer rendering and CAD modelling, which was all worthwhile and great fun.

Upon completion of my work experience, I'd just like to give a special thanks to The Ford Motor Company and the VACC on presenting me with such a unique and worthwhile experience. Ford have invited me back to undertake an internship with them in the future.

Aman Bhatti

Congratulations to Our New College Leaders:

I would like to welcome to the role as College Leaders the following students:

Tyler Briggs
Bianca Gawith
Jacob Farmer
Kayla Massaro

These students have been chosen from a large group, after going through an interview, speech and election process.
They have already undertaken their roles in several school events, with great decorum.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the College Leaders of 2013; without whom, I and many staff certainly would have found their jobs much more difficult.

Experiencing Social Justice first hand

Lavalla Catholic College has begun to build a great relationship with Br Doug in Melbourne, with both staff and students giving up their time to support the Soup Van in helping those less fortunate.

I would like to thank Mr Roga in particular for his organisation of these events and the drive to help organise a similar programme in our local community of Latrobe Valley.

Finally – Good Luck

Good Luck to all who are sitting examinations. Please remember that I have organised a full programme of Exam preparation events for each subject.

This 'Need 2 Exceed' timetable has been emailed to all Year 11 and 12 students and is included in this newsletter.

Please ensure that you attend. It is a common belief that these events can possibly lead to much greater overall exam performance.

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Kildare Students.

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"Need 2 Exceed!" – Lavalla Focus Revision Events

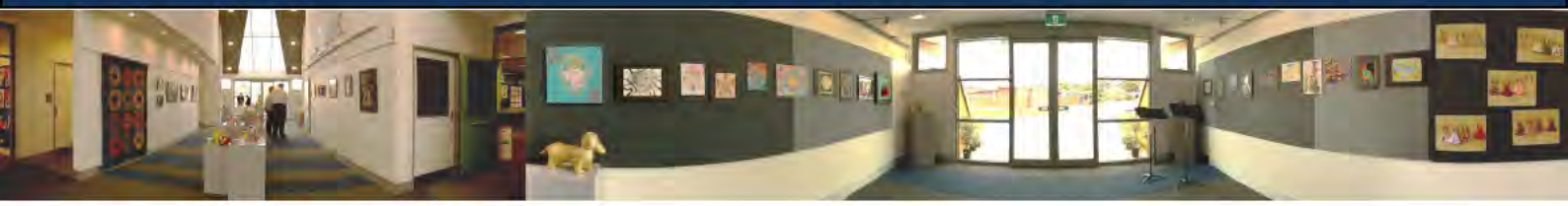
FOR THE ATTENTION OF YEAR 12 AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS DOING UNITS 3&4 VCE/VET EXAMINATIONS

Date	Subject	Time	Rooming
Monday 28th October	**English**	9:00am – 1:00pm	Rooms 31 & 34 & Theatrette
Tuesday 29th October	**Biology**	9:00am-12:00pm	Room 5
Tuesday 29th October	**Product Design and Technology**	12:30-3:30pm	Room 9
Wednesday 30th October	**Specialist Maths Examinations 1&2**	11:00am-3:30pm	Seminar Room 3 ISC
Thursday 31st October	**Psychology**	12:30-3:00pm	Room 11
Thursday 31st October	**Further Maths Examinations 1&2**	All Day	Room 31
Thursday 31st October	**Mathematical Methods Examinations 1&2**	All Day	Room 32
Wednesday 6th November	**Health and Human Development**	9:00am-1:30pm	Room 34
Wednesday 6th November	**Physical Education**	All Day	Room 31
Wednesday 6th November	**Drama**	9:00am-1:00pm	Room 32
Wednesday 6th November	**History Revolutions**	All Day	Room 12
Wednesday 6th November	**Outdoor and Environmental Studies**	All Day	Room 33
Thursday 7th November	**Literature**	11:30-3:00pm	Room 31
Friday 8th November	**Studio Arts**	All Day	Room 19
Monday 11th November	**Chemistry**	All Day	Room 2
Monday 11th November	**Legal Studies**	All Day	Seminar Room 1 ISC
Tuesday 12th November	**Food and Technology**	11:00-3:15pm	Room 50
Tuesday 12th November	**Music Performance**	All Day	Room 70
Wednesday 13th November	**English Language**	12:30-3:30pm	Seminar Room 1 ISC
Wednesday 13th November	**Visual Communication Design**	9:00am-2:00pm	Seminar Room 2 ISC
Wednesday 13th November	**Philosophy**	9:00am-11:00am	Seminar Room 3 ISC
Wednesday 13th November	**VET Business**	9:00am-2:00pm	Room 33
Thursday 14th November	**Business Management**	9:00am-2:00pm	Room 33
Friday 15th November	**Systems Engineering**	All Day	Room 1
Friday 15th November	**Geography**	9:00am-2:00pm	Room 34
Tuesday 19th November	**Italian**	All Day	Room 3

Please contact your member of staff for further details regarding each exam preparation session.

Good Luck and God Bless

Mr D Doherty



St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

As Term 4 progresses, we enter a period rich in celebration as we applaud the successes, efforts and achievements of our students and staff at the College.

Last week, we gathered as a whole school to honour and reflect upon the time that our year twelve students have spent as Lavalla Catholic College students. A mass on Thursday evening, provided a focal point and signpost for the graduands and a good humoured gathering on Friday at Kildare Campus was a fitting way to thank staff and each other for care provided on the journey.

This week, we were honoured to have 'Our Bishop', Christopher, Prowse, attend the opening on Wednesday morning of the' Le Rozey' Arts Centre. We thank him for his attendance along with Mrs Maria Kirkwood of the Catholic Education Office and Brother Michael Green of Marist Schools Australia on the official guest list for the occasion. Our students at 7-9 were official
ambassadors, readers, ushers on the day. As well, our students featured prominently in the musical presentation,
food creation, art on display (along with staff
submissions) for the perusal of invited guests.

Student activities and news

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the SSV Athletics finals last week and our particular congratulations extend to Grace Walker, as State Age Level Long Jump Champion.

Four of our Year 8 students (8.4 English) James Doherty & Bonnie-Leigh Sartori (Poetry) and Olivia Portelli & Alicia Hayes (Short Story) entered the 2013 Poetry & Short Story state wide writing competition "Writing 4 Fun" earlier this year (Term 3). They each received a letter which commended them on their work and which informed them that their submissions were being published. This is a wonderful achievement for these four "budding" authors.

Camps

Year 8 student groups that missed out on the
Tamboritha experience earlier this year have been
engaging an experience that is alternate to that of groups who participated earlier in the year. Instead of horse riding, they are abseiling, and, for one group last week, making Snowmen. We wish the last two groups to attend Tamboritha this year all the best. As well we wish our MSP, city and Beach Camp groups the best for their experiences this week.

Good Works

Three of our Year 7 Young Marist Leaders devoted their lunch times and study time to creating (as part of their 'community service' commitment) the banner for the Lavalla Legends Relay for Life team. The Lavalla coordinator of Relay for Life, Mary Giddens, picked up the banner last Friday and it was displayed with pride throughout the weekend of the relay, which was held in Churchill. The students involved were
Tahlia McCormack, Eryn Gunn and Annaliese Piper.

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Drama Department Update
Mrs Prudence Scholtes

Tuesday, the 22nd October saw the final performance evening for our Unit 2 students; Clarissa Duncan, Eleisha Foulkes, Emily Henwood, Coby Gregg, Jacob Hector, Carmel Jenkinson, Rebekah Symons, Taylah Trew and Brittany Young.

Each performed their entire 5 minute solo assessment piece that also included an audience of parents and families.

Each student has found the journey to this night personally challenging in a variety of different ways. All of the students really lifted their performances up a notch and benefitted from the experience of performing in front of an audience and navigating similar deadlines and expectations to what they will experience in Unit 4 Drama.

They were well supported by the Year 10 Drama class who opened the night with a unique performance "From Tableaux to 30 Second Solo"

A special thank you to the staff who were able to find time during this very busy and wet week to come and support the students, Carolyn McCabe for taking the photos and to the Maintenance staff for moving the sets.

Debutante Balls 2014 - Information Night

The Lavalla Parents and Friends Debutante balls for 2014 will be hosted at the Premier Function Centre April 10th, April 11th and April 12th. The Balls will be capped at 21 couples per night and our ability to offer three balls in 2014 will be dependent on numbers.

Registration and information packs are available for collection from the Student Services Centre, Kildare Campus.

A registration and information evening will be held at the **St. Pauls lecture theatre on Tuesday November 19th** beginning at **7pm** sharp. The evening will start with registration followed by a short presentation and by end of the night we are hoping to confirm the date all Debutantes have been allocated to make their début. If there are too many registrations for one evening you may need to reconsider your 1st choice.

Please note that for a debutante ball registration to be accepted the students must register as a couple and bring to the registration night full payment (EFT available) and all completed and signed paperwork from both students in the one envelope. We are unable to hold places or assist in finding partners.

For further information contact the Parent and Friends of Lavalla Committee via email pflavalladebball@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Monday 4 November
Mid Term Break - Student Free Day Both Campuses

Tuesday 5 November
Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday. No School

Wednesday 6 November
MSP City Camp to Friday 8 November
CYSMA Twilight Retreat

Thursday 7 November
Year 8 ICILS Testing (selected students)

Friday 8 November
Year 10 Geography Excursion

Monday 11 November
VCAL Year 11 Work Experience - All week
REMAR Year 9 students camp to Wednesday 13 November
Year 11 Music Solo Performance Soirees 7.00pm Kildare Hall

Tuesday 12 November
State Schools Victoria Girls Cricket Year 7 and 8

Wednesday 13 November
Super 8's Year 9 and 10 Cricket

Thursday 14 November
Year 10 Sport Lifestyles Excursion

Friday 15 November
MSP Community Service

MARCELLIN HOUSE
(ADMINISTRATION)
Coster Circle
TRARALGON
Ph. (03) 5174 5272
Fax. (03) 5174 9235

KILDARE CAMPUS
Kosciuszko Street
TRARALGON
Ph. (03) 5174 8111
Fax. (03) 5174 0783

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS
Grey Street
TRARALGON
Ph. (03) 5174 7355
Fax. (03) 5174 1827

Lavalla Uniform Shop

Term 4 Opening Dates

7 November - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
21 November - 3.30pm - 6.00pm

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