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## From the Acting Principal, Ms Lee McKenzie



This term will pass very quickly with exams, final assessments and reports. The Kildare campus is already gearing up for the Farwell to the Year 12 students and the various celebrations that go with this. I encourage all Year 12 students to make the most of these farewell rituals and celebrations and to make a fitting parting with the College. It is important to remember that the exams lay ahead for VCE students and now is not the time to be diverted from their goals. I ask that parents work with their Year 12 child to ensure that they makes good choices about how they make their leave taking from the College. We have a strong tradition of students having fun and being appropriate; but we have all seen the newspaper reports of students at other school making poor choices, often alcohol and drug fuelled< which lead to embarrassment, shame and in some cases even legal action. We want to remember all members of the 2014 Year 12 group with affection and no regrets.

The Year 12 Graduation Mass takes place Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and I encourage all families of Year 12s to join us as we celebrate the end of their formal classes. VCAA exams begin on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

Welcomes:

**Mrs Belinda Gathercole** joins us this term to take on the role of student counsellor at Kildare campus during Bec McMahon's maternity leave.

**Gerard English and Karen MacKay** are replacing **Monica Justin** as she takes some well-deserved Long Service Leave with her family.

This term we welcome back our LOTE students and staff who have complete their language and culture immersion in Italy. The visit re-affirmed our relationship with Liceo Scientifico Enrico Fermi in Padua. Students had the opportunity to live with Italian families, visit and Italian school and practice their oral Italian as well as participate in more tourist focused trips. By all reports the trip went very well with students and staff very happy with the outcome. While a trip such as this is a big undertaking for a school and demands a great deal of teachers in terms of responsibility and personal time, the learning for students is worth the effort. They not only have the chance to authentically practice their Italian language skills, they build resilience through the trials of travel and they gain a sense of themselves as part of the global community.

### Prayer of Friendship

*You have blessed us, O  
God,  
with the gift of  
friendship,  
the bonding of persons  
in a circle of love.  
We thank you for such a  
blessing:  
for friends who love us,  
who share our sorrows,  
who laugh with us in  
celebration,  
who bear our pain,  
who need us as we need  
them,  
who weep as we weep,  
who hold us when words  
fail,  
and who give us the  
freedom  
to be ourselves.  
Bless our friends with  
health,  
wholeness, life, and love.*

*Amen.*

## From the Principal (Cont.)

In the same vein we have a small group of students in Fiji accompanied by our Principal Mr John Freeman and Mrs Tamsin McCormack. This group have gone to work with the Marist community as they work to educate village children. This is a solidarity experience, which means our students and teachers share the life of the villagers and assist them where they can. On these trips students develop insight into and empathy for others' lives. As globalization and interdependence increase, it is vital that our young people have an appreciation for the circumstances of others. The nature of these trips mean that the school needs to be very thorough in its management and risk assessment, hence Mr Freeman's participation so that he can be assured that our students will be both challenged and safe.

Last weekend I had the opportunity to attend the Remar Red camp at Phillip Island. It was a delight to be with young people from schools all over Australia and New Zealand who join Remar to offer service to their community, deepen their spirituality and develop their leadership skills in a Marist organization. These young people are supported by teachers who take on the role of Helm, to guide and support the caravel. Thank you to Lavalla Catholic College Remar Red and their Helm Chris Roga for including me in this great weekend.

Farewells:

After fifteen years at the College, Mrs Bev O'Brien will leave us to take up the role as Parish Secretary at St Michael's. We thank Bev for her years of service in the various roles she has had with us. Most recently she has been College registrar and has done a fine job of enhancing the relationships with have with our feeder school, as well as offering a warm welcome to new families. We wish Bev all the best in this new stage of her life.

Bec McMahon, will be leaving us for a while. She is taking maternity leave as she prepares for the birth of her second child. We extend our best wishes and prayers to Bec and her family.

*"All successful people men and women are big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect, and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose".--Brian Tracy*

## Important Dates

### 22 October

Year 11 Geography Field Trip  
Year 10 & 11 Drama Performance Assessments

### 23 October

Whole School Assembly  
Year 12 Graduation Mass

### 24 October

Year 12 Celebration Day  
Year 9 ATLAS Community Service

### 27—31 October

Year 12 VCAL Work Experience

### 27 October

Super 8's Cricket—Years 9 & 10

### 28 October

Jazz Ensemble Workshop Day  
SSV Gippsland Basketball Years 7 to 10

### 29 October

VCAA Exams Commence

### 29—31 October

ATLAS 9 City Camp  
ATLAS 9 Beach Camp

### 29 October

Connect2gether Year 11 Bus Man

### 30 October

AIIME—Federation University

### 31 October

SSV Gippsland Basketball—Year 8  
Year 11 English Orals

## Uniform Shop Next Open Days 2014

**6th November**

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop is Located  
At the St Paul's Campus**



**St Paul's Campus Update**  
**Mr Andy Martin, Campus Director**

The fourth term is underway at St Paul's with staff and students fully engaged.

We welcomed back Adriana Bianconi, Olivia Barrett and Raffaella Cataldo from the College Italy Trip where among other experiences, students and staff embedded themselves at Enrico Fermi College in Padua for 10 days to teach and join classes. Meanwhile, John Freeman our College Principal and Tamsin McCormack, our wellbeing leader at Kildare campus, have travelled to Fiji with a group of our senior students for an immersion experience in support of our connection with Marist works and schools in the Pacific.

At Presentation Campus, Year 9 students were lead in Retreat experiences by the Youth Mission Team who had a focus on Jesus' message and the role that he might play in their lives and personal relationships. Also at Presentation Campus, the Atlas Program got into full swing with students heading to Delahunty Park in Trafalgar for a 'Best Thinking' day on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. These students will be based at Newborough for the rest of the term, where they will be challenged by their Community Service commitments and a curriculum centred on Project based Learning. Camps to the City and Cape Conran are scheduled to commence from the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

Sporting opportunities for Term 4 have presented themselves from Week 1, with teams competing in Athletics and Basketball. The SSV State Athletics Finals are scheduled at Albert Park this Friday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> with the College to be represented by 9 students who we wish all the best on the day.

The students of both campus' participated in a 'free dress' day on Wednesday in support of the 'Relay for Life' Cancer project with St Paul's students contributing \$852.00 to the

cause. We recognise the on-going efforts of Staff member, Mary Giddens in regard to this charity which she has promoted in the community for a number of years.

In line with our six-weekly reporting and feedback cycle introduced this year, 'Block 5' reports went live on the parent Portal on Monday morning with Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences held on Thursday afternoon and evening. A parent survey will be conducted within the next few weeks to gauge satisfaction with the 2014 initiative.

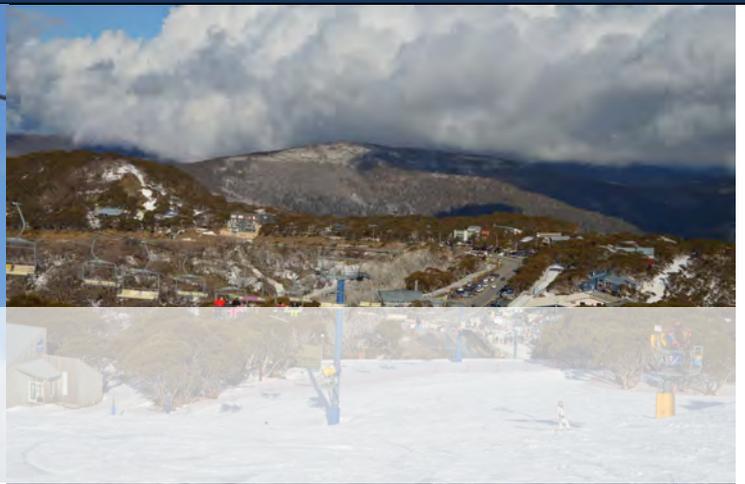
A big thankyou to all parents for ensuring a seamless transition to the wearing of Summer Uniform and for supporting our appeal for safe practice in respect of pick-up and drop-off of students.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**St Paul's Campus Parents/Carers**

The Grubb Avenue Gate will be open for student exit at 3.15pm each afternoon, this term. It is hoped that this will encourage students and parents to assign a dedicated pick-up point in Grubb Avenue. The College will not allow any students to cross Grey St to meet parents parked for pick-up on the side opposite school, as a matter of safety. This is a duty of care responsibility which is not optional or transferable for the college. Likewise, the College cannot support parents picking up students from the College Gate as there are no dedicated parking zones. Students must be picked-up, or, dropped off appropriately.

Thank You



## Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas 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: Serve One Another. 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 Yr12 Graduating this week.

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 McCormack and Miss Farley in leading the welfare and curriculum needs of our students in particular our Year 12s.

A major thanks goes to Mr Freeman. This has been a very busy but successful introduction for him as a new Principal. He has been a very visible and inspirational presence amongst the students.

A special thanks for Year 12. It has been a privilege to lead this year group in my second 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 Year 12, go into the world and show excellence!

Good Luck and God Bless

## Kildare Campus Update—Cont....

### Congratulations to Our New College Leaders:

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

Bailey Charalambous  
Edan Baccega  
Georgia Robinson  
Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura

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 2014; without whom, I and many staff certainly would have found their jobs much more difficult.

### 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 'Exam Workshop' 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.

## FaithBook

### Mr Paul Skippen, College Minister

When your friends come home with you, where do you go? Some people take their friends to their room, the family room, the backyard, or the shed. Do you have a favourite place, a secret place, where you go with your friends (or maybe a favourite, secret place)? Think of the fun you have there!

What about God – your very best friend, your *always-for-you-no-matter-what-you-do-friend* – who always knows what you mean? Where do you go with God?

Maybe you pick a place where you like to be and where your body fits. That's good. What's even more important

is to know that you can meet God any place, anytime!

Sometimes you might invite God to meet you in your head, so you can think together about whatever you want. Sometimes you might invite God to meet you in your heart, to love each other, and maybe figure out how to love someone else better.

Best of all you can meet God *way down deep inside*, in those secret places where no one else goes – just you and God. That's very personal. And the best part is that God loves being with you anytime, any place, but most especially *way down deep inside* where God speaks to your heart.

Invite God, every day, to be with you. You'll find God full of surprises!

*God of Wisdom, help me to keep things in perspective and not to worry about the exams or to care too little. When pressure overwhelms me, remind me that you hold my future in your hands, and that all does not rest on the result of this study. Help me to manage my time well, to make time to rest and play as well as study. Help me to revise effectively, and to remember all that I have studied during the exam. May I always give you the glory for all that I am and do. Amen.*



Year 12 Drama Examination Students



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Unit 3 / 4 students all the best for their final exams. Remember the key to success is to balance out study with plenty of exercise, healthy foods and at least eight hours of sleep each night.

I know it's sometimes easier said than done, so in case things don't go to plan and students need to reassess their options when results come out in December – all tertiary institutions will have a hot line number for students to call and discuss any course preference changes they might want or need to make.

I am still waiting for a couple of institutions to publish their numbers and open times for change of preference phone calls. As soon as I have these collated I will email them through to the Year 12's.

I will come back in to school the day results come out to catch up with anyone who wants to see me. Ms Sizeland will also be available on the Tuesday and Wednesday morning after results come out.

Highlights from the last two weekly careers newsletter (found on the careers section of the Lavalla website) include:

**Exam Preparation Tips**

Websites highlighted: Destination Monash, Victoria Youth Central and ATARnotes

Vocational News: Highlighting Lock Smithing, working with glass, bricklaying, Allied Health Orthoptics

Where are the trades, labour skills and banking industry shortages?

For Year 12's

Cadetships in Logistics with the Victorian Transport Association

Monash University Art, Design and Architecture Pre Selection Activity requirements

Diploma Courses at Latrobe University

Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships

University of Melbourne Blog link

Victoria University – Bachelor of Community Development and Creative Arts Industries course

For Year 11's

University Extension Program Information Evenings

For Years 9 to 12

Top Tips from Monash University on Preparing for Exams

Focus on careers in Food Science and Nutrition

Focus on careers in Hydrographic Surveying

Focus on careers in Radiation Science

2015 Work Experience at Melbourne Aquarium – applications open next Monday. (This is highly competitive so you need to get in early).

Save the date – VCE and Careers Expo, May 7 to 10 Caulfield Racecourse

Hands on Monash Indigenous Summer Camp

Trinity College Young Leaders Summer School

**BUS TRAVELLERS**

**TSC Country Bus Travellers**

Traralgon Secondary College has requested that all their Country Bus travellers should keep their 2014 bus passes in 2015 until further notice.

**Franklin Park bus 2015**

Latrobe Valley Bus Lines put in an application to State Government for approval to run a school bus into Franklin Park after we surveyed parents, but I assume they have not heard back yet. Anna Tyben from LV Buses was not confident it would get approved because of the cost involved. She suggested parents contact their local member to push for it.

Mr. A Van Berkel – Lavalla Bus Coordinator

## Mothers' Union Presents

What YOUNG children need to know to stay safe

*Freda Briggs*

The Mothers' Union Gippsland Diocese is proud to present Freda Briggs who will be discussing 'What young children need to know to stay safe'. St Paul's Anglican Grammar School Principal Lisa Moloney will be the Master of Ceremonies on the night.

Parents and Professionals within the local community are encouraged to attend this informative session.

**Thursday 30 October, 7pm**  
**St Paul's Anglican Grammar School**  
**Traralgon Campus Gymnasium**

To reserve your seat please contact Bev Foster 56221949, Jan Misiurka 51261767 or email [muauscpd@primus.com.au](mailto:muauscpd@primus.com.au).

\$10 Per ticket



Freda Briggs, in collaboration with Victoria Police, played a major role in bringing child protection curriculum for schools to Australia in 1985. For over 21 years Freda was researcher and adviser to NZ for evaluating their child protection curriculum with children of all ages and their parents. In South Australia, Freda was involved in planning and evaluating the child protection curriculum which is compulsory and teachers have to be trained to use it.

A published author of 17 books, Freda is sought by Universities and governments nationally and internationally to consult and advise on child protection issues.



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12/10/2014

Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of Anglican Mother's Union in Gippsland, which has the aim of nurturing family in its many forms and over the past few years we have provided several excellent speakers to help families.

This year we are very pleased to have Child Protection Expert, Professor Freda Briggs OAM, who will speak on "What young children need to know to stay safe" at 7pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Paul's Traralgon Campus, 46 Crosses Road, Traralgon.

We are asking if it is possible that you can advertise this to your school families and staff, please. We are anticipating a good crowd to hear Freda's presentation as her expertise on child protection is widely known and she is in great demand throughout Australia and many countries to speak and lobby for this cause.

Yours sincerely



# INFORMATION NIGHT

For 2015 Courses

Wednesday 22 October, 4pm – 6.30pm

## What will you study in 2015?

Come and visit our Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon & Warragul Campuses to find out what is on offer at Federation Training in 2015. Teachers will be available to discuss your study options.

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