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Lord Jesus,

You welcomed young people and blessed them,

and reminded us that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are the children of God.

Bless these men and women who work with young people in our community.

Guide them in their projects, fill them with patience and love,

and help them to inspire all with whom they work.

Let your Spirit of wisdom and understanding be with them

and give them joy and peace in their hearts.

Lord Jesus,
we praise you,
for you are our Lord for
ever and ever.

Amen

From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

Term three is ending with some icy blasts reminding us of winter, with glimmers of tantalising sun to remind us Spring is coming. As you are aware our principal Ms Erica Pegorer is currently on a study tour in Finland and Rome with other Diocesan Principals and Catholic Education Office Staff. The tour ends in Rome. Our former Bishop and current administrator of the Dioceses of Sale, Archbishop-Elect Christopher Prowse, will

personally be escorting the group through the Vatican City. This is a fitting concluding activity for him as he finishes his work in our Diocese and prepares to move to Canberra.

It is always pleasing to end the term on a positive note and I am sure that those families who attended the parent, teacher student interviews last night have left with some great feedback and ideas for improvements. Your attendance at these events is a valuable way of contributing to your son or daughter's education and helps cement the College family relationship.

Those of you who visited the Year 7 on Show evening will have been as delighted as I was to see the models that students had produced. It was so pleasing to see the pride with which students presented their work and the models demonstrated very deep levels of learning. In particular I would like to thank the teachers who encouraged and supported the students in this learning and spent time arranging the displays for the parent visit.

Another of our up lifting experiences was the Annual Music Concert. Our music staff and students labour through early morning rehearsals and hours of personal practice to be able to deliver outstanding performances. Along with the swelling music came swelling pride from the families who always so faithfully support their children and our music program. It is definitely always a highlight event in the Lavalla calendar.

Our drama students also allowed their lights to shine recently when they tested some of their work with an audience prior to assessment. Students in VCE presented solo, non-naturalistic pieces, whilst the Year 10 students took some license with Shakespearean styles. It was amazing how much fun they had with a classic Shakespearean style insult in the twenty-first century while still incorporating the other elements required for assessment. The individual pieces were well constructed and very well delivered. My congratulations to all involved.

Term 4 commences on the 7th of October with all staff and students beginning at week one. Ms Pegorer will return from her study tour the following week. Term 4 is generally an intense term as students studying VCE 3,4 subjects have a few weeks of intense study left before the exams. Student at other levels work towards completing assessments to ensure a satisfactory completion of subjects in preparation for advancement to the next year level. I ask that all parents take into account the demands of the term and remember that students are required to be at school, scheduling family holidays etc. during this time can be detrimental to students' learning.

I wish all our students and staff a safe and productive break and know that they will return refreshed and renewed in term 4.

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"--William A. Ward

God Bless

*Ms Lee McKenzie*Acting Principal

Alexandra Terranova Award 2013

The Alexandra Terranova Award for 2013 was presented at the Annual Music Concert recently. This year the Award was given to Matilda Lappin for her outstanding commitment to musical excellence throughout her years at Lavalla.

This Award is given in honour of past student, Alexandra Terranova, who is remembered fondly as one of the finest students the Lavalla Music Department produced. Matilda is pictured below with Lavalla's Director of Music, Mr Shane Reid



Educational and Careers Pathway Youth Forum

Lavalla representatives at the Educational & Careers Pathways Youth Forum at Monash University, Churchill.







We have completed another busy term at St Paul's.

Term 4 - Start date and uniform requirement

All students will recommence classes for Term 4 on Monday, October 7 at the usual start time. Summer uniform may be worn from the commencement of Term 4. Students are reminded that only LCC shorts and tracksuit pants are to be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform.

Road Safety

We would appreciate parents having a word to our students about the danger of crossing Grey St at any location other than a crossing in the mornings as this practise has been observed by staff coming to school recently.

It is important that students also understand that once they enter College grounds, they are in our care and may not leave the grounds without express permission of College staff.

I thank all parents who are observing the request to avoid student pick up at the front gate of St Paul's.

Student achievements

Wool4Skool, a competition—Several classes of our Year 9 Lavalla Catholic College students participated in the Wool4Skool 2013 competition this term and no less than 16 of our cohort received an "Outstanding Achievement Award".

They were required to design and draw an outfit for a member of the Royal Family . They had to support the design with a written statement describing their design choices.

Sporting selection for state representation

Congratulations to Grant McShane who has been selected for the Victorian State under 13's Soccer Team. He will be representing Victoria in his age group

against all the other State teams in Coffs Harbour for a week starting Sept 25th.

This is a fine achievement and he has won this place in the team after a rigorous selection process.

Sport - State Schools Victoria (SSV) Winter comp results

Alpine Clay Shooting

Lavalla team placed second out of 80 squads

SSV - Cross Country

Four students made it to State Finals – Amira Idmouh, Chelsea Kenter, Jessica Rankcom, Matthew Pearce

SSV - Soccer Boys

Year 7 boys Soccer / Yr 8 Boys Soccer & 9/10 Boys Soccer all made it to State Finals

SSV - Soccer Girls

Year 8 Girls & Yr 9/10 Girls Soccer - Made it to State finals

SSV - Netball

Year 9 & 10 Boys Made it to State Finals Yr 8 Boys made it to Semi Finals

SSV Footbal (AFL)

Year 7-9 Girls were state champions

SSV Athletics

Great success at Wellington and Regional competition with a number of students making it through to the state finals next term.

SSV Basketball

Year 11/12 Girls Basketball- made it to State Finals
Year 8 boys and Girls won Wellington division / Year 9/10
Girls won Wellington Division- Finals yet to be played.

NAPLAN- Results Distribution To Parents

Please be advised that schools have been informed by ACARA that due to an averaging error, Year 5 and 7 NAPLAN results need to be reprinted and will not be distributed until Monday 7 October.

My Best to all for a happy and safe holiday period.

Andy Martin



"A good teacher has been defined as one who makes himself/herself progressively unnecessary."

- Thomas J. Carruthers

As we approach the end of Term 3, we can only hope that the students of Kildare find this statement relevant to themselves. The final countdown has begun for the Year 12 students and Year 11 students studying units 3&4 at VCE. This countdown to the first actual VCE written exam can be viewed on the welcome page of the intranet. Therefore, this is imperative that all exam students make use of the holidays to ensure they are independently fully prepared for the forthcoming examinations.

In regards to the Year 12 Leavers, a letter and information fridge magnet has been sent to all relevant households, outlining the key graduation events, dates etc.

Events

Work has begun with the refurbishment of the quadrangle area at Kildare, after contracts were signed. This is a very exciting project, which will provide a salubrious gathering area for all members of the school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and students involved with the production of the Annual Music Concert. It was a wonderful evening filled with exceptional professionally performed music.

The Alpine Adventure at Mt Hotham, which I had the privilege to accompany, was an exceptional experience. I have led over ten trips in Europe and I have never seen students so well behaved and determined to succeed. It was amazing to watch students develop so much skill and confidence in less than three days. This will undoubtedly help them with other challenges they may face. An extra congratulations must go to Casey White, who actually won a snowboarding competition the following weekend at Mt Baw Baw. I wish we could say it was our influence that secured Casey this win, but he really is a person to follow in future snowboarding and possibly Olympic events.

Congratulations must go to all the athletic students, who have competed over the last two competitions. It is great to see so many winning medals and ribbons for our college.

Our Intermediate Boys Netball also performed well, coming second in their group at the Waverly Netball Centre, Wheeler's Hill, Melbourne. Thank-you to Mr Buckland and Mr Tibballs for their support of these students.

It was also great to meet so many parents on Thursday 19th September at the Parent/Teacher interviews and to hear so many positive comments regarding the campus, both curriculum and welfare.

The election process has begun for the school captains and the successful candidates will present a speech on 10th October to the whole campus, to launch the final stage of the election process.

The successful candidates who made it through the interview process to the election speeches are:

Brittany Young, Jacob Farmer, Carly Howe, Bianca Gawith, Tessa Jenkins, Tyler Briggs, Kayla Massaro, Constantinos Kavadias and Korey Kavadias. Good luck to all these students.

It was also great to see our award winning VCAL team demonstrating and sharing their expertise in the field of VCAL with the TEC Rangers, who came and spent the day at our Kildare Campus.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, students and families of Lavalla Catholic College, a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Parents

If you drive your children to school you must either park LEGALLY on Kosciusko Street or use the turning circle in the school grounds.

Do not pull into/across driveways to let students out.

Drama Department Update Mrs Prudence Scholtes

Last week was the final performance evening for our Unit 4 students. Mitchell Sherrit, Macey Henderson, Kate Anderson, Liam Charleston, Bianca Gawith, Annelise Answerth, Ryan Jones and Stephanie Spehar who all performed their entire assessment piece in mock exam conditions that also included an audience of parents and families

All of the students really lifted their performances up a notch and benefitted from the experience of performing in front of an audience and dealing with the nerves and technical hitches before the exam.

They were well supported by the Year 10 Drama class who opened the night with their entertaining devised interpretations of Shakespearean Theatre.

The Year 12's now continue to work on refining their performances further before their final performance exam on Friday October 11.

Our next Performance Night will be held on October 22 where the Unit 2 class will present their first ever solos and the Year 10's will once again support them with their latest short pieces.





Ski Trip - VET Certificate III Sport and Recreation

This year I attended the Ski Trip to Mt Hotham Alpine Resort. It was definitely one of the best experiences I have ever had. A lot of our time each day was spent skiing or snowboarding which really helped us to further develop our skills. We spent the majority of our time with our school group, but also spent an hour each day with trained instructors. We also benefited from the trip educationally and the information we learnt has helped us with SACs we have done since the trip. On the trip my skills developed immensely and I now look forward to going to the snow again knowing that I am more confident in my snowboarding abilities. It was really good spending time with our peers and teachers outside of the classroom and getting to know them better.

Upcoming Events

Friday 20 September

Last day Term 3 - School ends 2.30pm Adidas Fun Run - Year 7 & 8

Monday 7 October

First day Term 4 - School resumes

Summer uniform compulsory by 21 October

Wednesday 9 October

Year 7 immunisations - St Paul's Campus

Thursday 10 October

MSP Summit Excursion Year 12 Drama Solo Performance Exams 8.30 - 11.30am Year 7 Immunisations - Presentation Campus MARCELLIN HOUSE (ADMINISTRATION) Coster Circle TRARALGON

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Lavalla Uniform Shop

Term 4 Opening Dates

17 October - 3.30pm - 8.00pm

7 November - 3.30pm - 6.00pm

21 November - 3.30pm - 6.00pm

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Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?

Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who have experience with parenting and can provide a safe and secure home for children aged 5 – 15 years needing care for weekends, short term and long term.

Our next Foster Carer training is being held on:

Saturdays 5th & 19th October and 2nd November 2013 10am – 4pm 65 Church Street, Morwell



Bookings are essential. For further information and to receive an information package please contact Anna Jones on 5136 9189 or email anna.jones@anglicarevic.org.au