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From the Principal, Mr John Freeman



The past few weeks have no doubt been very difficult for a number of people in our community, with many families being directly impacted by the fires and now with the ongoing issues with smoke coming from the open cut mines. We are all very grateful to the emergency services workers, particularly the volunteer firefighters, who saved property and potentially lives by their courageous efforts. We also appreciate the many volunteers, some of whom are staff and parents at Lavalla, that have volunteered their time to support those who had to evacuate their homes.

I have already acknowledged that the ongoing fires in the Hazelwood open cut coal mine is causing a number of issues. Included is the health concerns related to the impact of smoke and other contaminants on young children in Morwell. Accordingly, after a request from Catholic Education Office in the Diocese of Sale we have happily agreed to have the staff and students from Sacred Heart Primary School use our Presentation Campus in Newborough for as long as required.

I also want to make clear at this time that Lavalla Catholic College has not been registered on the *Bushfire At-Risk Register* and consequently will be open if a *Code Red* is declared on a day when students would normally attend school.

This week our Year 7 students participated in a camp at Licola Wilderness Village. This provided our new students an opportunity to make new friendships and get to know key staff, particularly their Learning Leaders. I know that everyone involved had a tremendous time as I had the opportunity to visit the camp on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. I very much want to extend my thanks to all staff who attended and in particular Ms Roma Valentine and Mrs Adriana Bianconi for all the work they put into preparing for and leading this camp.

Those of you who are members of the St Michael's Parish community will be aware that Fr. Mathew Joseph TOR has been recalled to his

home province in India and will be leaving the diocese and the Traralgon Parish on 28th February. On behalf of Lavalla Catholic College I extend our gratitude for his work in the community and support he provided to our school. We wish him the best of success in his work back in India.

I want to acknowledge and congratulate our students involved in volleyball, with support of the Phoenix Club, for some of their outstanding achievements in the last several months including:

Bronte Scott (Captain) and Alice Shaw were key players in a 4 girl Victorian U/15 Beach Volleyball team that took out gold at the National Junior Beach Volleyball Championships in Glenelg in January 2014;

Bronte and Alice, along with Monica Harasimiuk also featured in the Australian Volleyball Federation's "Auscamp" – which brings together the top 50 junior girls from across Australia to be trained by Australia's elite coaches as a pathway to National representation - in December 2013; a gold medal in the Under 15 division of the Volleyball Victoria (indoor) Schools Cup event for Bronte (Captain) and Alice, along with fellow Lavalla students Sam Rossiter, Madeline Hourigan and Anais Bond: State selection in the Victorian Indoor Volleyball representative teams for Bronte, Monica and Phoebe Trembath, Phoebe also achieved selection in the Australian Junior Volleyball team and participated in International Competition in 2013.

Well done to all those students and also my thanks to Mrs Lee Scott and Mr Ross Sizeland for all their work.

Finally can I commend to you Beyond Giving – Praying and Living Lent being led by Mr Paul Skippen on Thursday, 6th March at 7.30pm in Lecture Theatre on the St Paul's campus.

Spirit of God,

*Fill our hearts with a
desire
to seek truth and rejoice
in beauty.*

*Help us to know what is
pleasing to you
and to understand what
is right and good in your
sight.*

*Give us the spirit of
learning
that we may please you
by our thoughts
and love you in your
creation.*

*Give all teachers your
constant encouragement
and guide them in their
good work.*

*Spirit of God, make us
effective witnesses of
your truth
to all whose lives we
touch.*

*We ask this in the name
of Jesus the Lord.*

Amen.



St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

Yesterday, I was able to spend time at the Year 7 Camp at Licola, along with Mr Doug Doherty and our new Youth Minister, Mr Paul Skippen as well as several students who were unable to attend the Camp directly. What a wonderful day we had viewing and participating with our newest Lavalla students as they worked in activity groups to meet challenges we would probably shy away from as adults. The learning that results from working outside ones comfort zone is often invaluable, teaching students that risk taking in a supported environment provides impetus for developing confidence in self and others as bonds are forged and a formation experience begins. I look forward to observing the impact of their camp experience in the school setting over coming months.

Other activity at St Paul's has included a visit by the Australian Taxation Office, on February 21st, to present to students on the tax system and to set them up to apply for TFN's as they begin investigating the world of work for the first time. As well, Year 9 students will be addressed on February 27th by a representative of the WEP (The World Education Program). This program is focused on student exchange opportunity and places another form of learning experience before our student group.

Sport is getting underway as we prepare for our Swimming Carnival on the 25th of February. It is always a wonderful day for staff and students together, building House Spirit and camaraderie around a physical pursuit. I would encourage all to participate on the day as competitors and or supporters of their team. It is a College expectation that all students attend the day. I look forward to reporting the results of the day in the next newsletter.

In terms of general communication about St Paul's processes, I remind parents that pick up and drop off of students should not occur at the front entrance to the college as this has proved a dangerous activity in the past. A note also that you will be receiving a letter in respect of College uniform requirements as there has been some changes from the previous expectation. Queries regarding any changes can be directed to homeroom staff.

My Best for a mild and peaceful week to come

Important Dates

Monday 24 February

Year 10 & 11 VET Outdoor Recreation Excursion

Tuesday 25 February

St Paul's Swimming Carnival - Traralgon Outdoor Pool
Year 11 PE Heart Dissection Practical
1st Year Allied Health Students - Excursion

Wednesday 26 February

ATLAS 9 Students Excursion to Victoria University

Thursday 27 February

Year 7 Maths Travelling Roadshow
School Sports Victoria Swimming - Sale

Friday 28 February

Year 12 English Oral Presentations

Monday 3 March

ATLAS 9 Zoo Excursion
Kildare Swimming Carnival - Traralgon Outdoor Pool

Tuesday 4 March

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 6 March

Year 7 & 9 Immunisations

Friday 7 March

Student Leaders attending GRIP Conference

2015 Year 7 Enrolments

Parents of current Lavalla students who wish to enrol a child in Year 7 in 2015 are asked to contact the Enrolments Registrar, Mrs Beverley O'Brien before Monday March 31, 2014.

Phone: (03) 5174 7355

Email: registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au



Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well."

~Rene~ Descartes

At Kildare this term we are focusing on the development of skills. It is vitally important that as a learning community we focus on achieving the best possible individual results; academically, spiritually and morally.

To ensure that our students develop their cognitive skills that will allow them to stretch their academic abilities, I have very happy to announce that I have booked an excellent memory training programme for all Year 11 and 12 students. This training will be led by Chris Lyons from Gloo, The Memory Company. Chris holds the title of Australian Memory Record Breaker. He will focus on developing students' memory skills, effective reading and visual thinking. The end result of this programme will hopefully be an achievement of even higher grades this year, making 2014 the best year for results for Lavalla Catholic College. This programme will take place on 11th and 12th March.

A programme focusing on developing motivation and study skills is in the process of being organised for Year 10 students.

This academic year has already seen a greater focus on assessment and in particular, unit 3&4 final exams. This involves much more reference to exam skills and exam criteria language from term 1 onwards. With this in mind we wish all our English students the best of luck for Friday 28th February, when they undertake their English Oral Examinations.

As members of Lavalla Catholic College, the Kildare Campus is very proud to announce that they will be supporting the Harriers 5km Fun Run in aid of the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, an essential cancer support service for the Gippsland Community.

In regards to sport and fun, tension is building very strongly amongst the House System of Lavalla Catholic College with the approaching swimming carnival. The date for Kildare campus has been changed to 3rd March, with a back-up date of 6th March; due to inclement weather. I have every confidence that 2014 will be the year for Delany House to win!!

Tension is also building as we approach the election process for our student leaders. The positions include: Environment Leader, Liturgy Leader, Cross Age Tutor Leader, Campus Mentor Leader, School Events Leader, Cultural Events Leader, Community Cohesion Leader and Justice Leader.

Election day will take place on Thursday 27th February during LA time. It will actually be undertaken by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), who will be coming to Kildare Campus and ensuring that the students have a 'real life' experience of voting.

I would like to congratulate Rebecca Symons on her amazing achievements during the holidays as part of the Australian Glee Group to perform in the USA. Please read her attached article.

I would also like to encourage all readers to support the St. Michael's Parish fete, which takes place on 15th March at St. Michael's Primary School. This promises to be a great day for families.

God Bless

Year 7 Music Tuition

Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music

Dear Year 7 Parents,

On behalf of the entire music department I extend a warm welcome to Lavalla Catholic College to all of you. I am delighted to briefly outline some musical opportunities that we offer all of our year seven students to you.

We are rightly proud of our music students. Their involvement in our department helps them forge meaningful friendships with large numbers of their peers (a particularly important issue for our year seven students), improve their academic results (a multitude of studies as well as our own college results support this) and perhaps most importantly, offers them a "home away from home" during their secondary schooling.

They are hard working and dedicated and the quality of our ensembles has proved equal to any in the state of Victoria as recently as last year. It was put to me by our principal last year that our music students are the happiest in the school, what a wonderful and accurate assessment this was.

We really encourage you to complete the attached form and enrol your child in music lessons and/or support them in becoming a member of our Junior Choir. We offer lessons in the following instruments – **trumpet, trombone, tuba, flute, clarinet, saxophone, percussion (including drums), bass guitar and voice**. Later in first term all students learning an instrument will join our Training Band will begin a weekly rehearsal. While our voice students are all a part of our Junior Choir, this choir is open to anyone who wants to join.

I urge parents who may be put off by the extra costs involved to make contact with one of the music staff listed below. We can arrange a raft of payment options and explore ways to involve students from families who may feel the extra costs are prohibitive. It may be that a less popular school owned instrument may be available. Any queries (no matter how small or large) can be directed to either myself or Mrs Maria Testa, our Music Secretary on 5174 7355 or testmar1@lavalla.vic.edu.au. We have two music staff members based at the St. Paul's Campus, either of whom will teach your child this year in our classroom music programme. Their names are Mr Matthew Harris harrmat1@lavalla.vic.edu.au and Mr Shane Lebbe lebbsha1@lavalla.vic.edu.au. They can also be contacted through the phone number above.

We all wish you well as your child begins their secondary education. We hope that they can join us in 2014 either as member of our Training Band and/or Junior Choir. We welcome any queries you have.

Glee Club 2013

Rebekah Symons

In December 2013, I was privileged to travel to USA for the second consecutive year with AIPA's GleeCLUB Straightedge Talent Development Project. This project was a three week intensive training program to allow a selected group gain knowledge and experience in the American TV and Movie industry as well as perform a 25 minute show we prepared in Sydney throughout July, October and November.

On arrival in Los Angeles, Glee Club participated in The Hollywood Christmas Parade. We were the first group of Australians ever to be part of this 82 year old Hollywood tradition. The Parade was situated on Hollywood Blvd, where the road was covered with thick plush red carpet. We performed Jingle Bells in front of the host's stage and I performed as one of the Specialist Dancers. The parade was later televised all over America.

During the 3 weeks I performed at major tourist attractions including Disneyland, California Adventure, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Citadel Outlets and at the December Nights Festival in San Diego. Much of the other time was spent taking master classes with industry professionals. The professionals came from a variety of TV, Film and Musical Theatre.

We were lucky enough to shoot a short film alongside a professional actor. The film was shot at Paramount Ranch and was an Old Style Western Silent Movie. The movie is going to be submitted into Tropfest in the coming year. The group recorded the song 'Do they Know It's Christmas' at a professional recording studio.

The knowledge I have gained from this project has helped me to further my experiences in all aspects on performing. I am also very thankful to my family for allowing me to be a part of this great project.



LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION AGREEMENT FOR 2014 - Year 7

Beginner Instrument Lessons are available for Year 7 students to commence and continue until the end of the year

Cost and Lesson information

- Music Lessons are \$18.00 per lesson
- There are a total of 34 lessons for the whole year
- Students will be enrolled for the whole year
- More advanced lessons available on request

Instrument Hire

- Clarinets, flutes, trumpets, trombones - \$74.00 per term.
- Alto & tenor saxophones - \$120.00 per term.

Name of Student				
Homeroom				
Instrument				
Do you need a hire an instrument	Yes		No	
Parent/Guardian Name				
Address				
Phone – Mobile				
Phone – Home				
Email Address				
Parent/Guardian Consent				
Signature				
Date				

When completed please return this form to the St. Paul's Campus front office or the Music Office in the Lourdes Performing Arts Centre

Lavalla Senior Jazz Ensemble

*Powered by chocolate all the way to
Mount Gambier*

Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music

Our Senior Jazz Ensemble will return on the 9th of May to the scene of one of our college's most laudable moments, the Generations in Jazz Festival in Mt. Gambier where we placed 3rd in the National Stage Band championships last year.

These students are the hardest working group of students in our college. They are committed to not only our Jazz Ensemble but our Senior Concert Band and Senior Choir as well which sees early morning rehearsals for them four days each week. This term will also see them rehearse some Sunday afternoons as well as they prepare to represent Lavalla on the national stage.

Our students are currently selling Cadbury fund raising chocolates to raise much needed funds for this venture. If there are any members of the broader college community who may be able to help out by taking a box of chocolates for sale at their workplace and/or amongst friends and families we would be most appreciative.

Please make contact with our Music Secretary Mrs Maria Testa on 5174 7355 or maria.testa@lavalla.vic.edu.au Alternatively, feel free over the coming weeks to seek out over the any of the students listed below who will happily sell you a chocolate bar or seven!



1st Alto Sax	Taeson Cleator	1st Trombone	Morgan Williams
2nd Alto Sax	Korey Kavadias	2nd Trombone	Luke Matthyssen
1st Tenor Sax	Georgia Quinn	Piano	Taryn Clarke
Baritone Sax	Kristen Jenkinson	Guitar	Tom Eddy
1st Trumpet	Nathanael Georgeson	Bass	Jack Beauglehall
2nd Trumpet	Renny Dalton	Drums	Brandon Gawith
3rd Trumpet	Tobias Duffy		

THE LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO:

BEYOND GIVING

Praying & Living Lent

AN EVENING OF SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MUSIC, STORY, SONG & RITUAL
TO COMMENCE THE 2014 LENTEN JOURNEY FOR FAMILIES.

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2014 – 7.30PM

LECTURE THEATRE, ST PAUL'S CAMPUS (LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE)



**LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE
MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP**

EASTER BUN DRIVE 2014

Greetings!

Attached to this page is an order form for delicious Easter buns and scrolls organised by the Lavalla Music Support Group. Money raised will be used for the purchase of a new instrument (hopefully a tuba!) and the cost of sending students to the Mt Gambier *"Generations in Jazz" Festival*

Please share the form with family, friends and workmates!

Your support is much appreciated.

Would you like to be more involved with your child's music?

Playing a musical instrument or singing is a gift for life. Long after our bodies can no longer play sports; music can give years of pleasure. Not only does music help improve academic performance; it provides healthy social interaction for our teenagers.

The Lavalla Music Support Group works with your child's music teachers to keep the music program as affordable as possible. Fund raising co-ordinated by the Group in recent years has led to the purchase of a music trailer, a piano, and sending students to the Mt Gambier *"Generations in Jazz" festival*.

I urge all parents of students involved in the music program to consider making some time available to assist the group in 2014 and beyond. This may involve helping with fundraisers (e.g. pie drive, Bunnings BBQ) or coming to a monthly meeting.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm, Wednesday 12th March at the Kildare Campus music rooms.

For more information please e-mail me at: mike.matthyssen@gmail.com.

Regards

Mike Matthyssen

Lavalla Catholic College- Music support Group

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FORMS & MONEY DUE BACK MONDAY 11TH MARCH

BUN COLLECTION TUES 25TH MARCH 2-4 ST PAULS

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