



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

21 March 2003

Dear Parents,

Whether it's the weather this week or the war or the "mid-term blues", we seem to have reached that part of the term where a few students have been crossing the boundaries of behaviour and a part of our task has been to deal with some student behaviour that is not acceptable. Of course, it is a minority of students; but these matters can be disruptive and they do absorb a disproportionate amount of time and energy of the staff.

We sometimes have to say emphatically: "This is not acceptable behaviour, you can't do this here." We try not to apportion blame on parents or teachers, but simply and calmly point out what student behaviour needs to be corrected and impose, in an even-handed way, some standard penalty. Part of the education process is to help students behave in acceptable ways and so we need to work with parents in a co-operative manner to remedy what needs to be remedied.

Everyone generally nods their head in agreement with these principles, because we often think that this refers to the others students. We have to remember that it is much harder to remain calm when "the phone call" is about your son or daughter. I think that as a College we understand that.

Sometimes it is necessary to discuss the situation at greater length. However it can be difficult for the College to be even-handed with its students, when families wish to argue the toss about the alleged misbehaviour and its standard and normal sanction. Hence we appreciate those parents who work together with the College in these matters. The result is that student accepts the consequences of his/her action, gets back to work and learns some valuable lessons.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The Year 7 students are to be congratulated on their enthusiastic and spirited participation in all facets of the **camp at Wilson's Promontory** last week. My thanks to **Mrs. Ambrose** and **Mrs. Fredrickson** for their assistance on the camp.

At the assembly this week our **Campus Leaders** and **Father Manny Lomagno** presented all SRC reps and Sports Captains with their badges. It will now be up to these students to show true Christian leadership throughout the year.

Presentation (contd....)

Year 7 Camp

On Wednesday, 12th March the Year 7 students travelled to Wilson's Promontory for their three-day camp. We were fortunate to have perfect weather allowing students to participate fully in all the activities held during the day and also participate in the evening walks.

The four activities, abseiling, surfing, canoeing and beach games, were supervised by First Track Adventures. Students were instructed in all the relevant safety factors, learnt new skills and gained confidence in their own abilities, in a very pleasant and relaxed environment.

Sleeping in tents was a new experience for some students, however they quickly adapted to the lack of space and quickly learnt to wombat-proof their tents. Overall the camp was a great success for both students and teachers.

(Mrs Ellen Fredrickson)

Debating Up-Date

On Sunday, 9th March a group of Year 9 debaters - **Kiera Elliot, Sarah Fogarty, Claire Hansford** and **Gemma Ryan** participated in a full day of training organized by the Monash Association of Debaters (MAD) at Monash Uni. Campus Clayton.

The Seminar focused on the skills and preparing and presenting a debate – matter, manner and method.

The girls found the day of great value and were delighted in winning a debate that *'Hunting Should be Banned'* with

only an hour of preparation. At present Kiera Elliot, Teresa Tuschewski and Claire Hansford are preparing for our first debate. *'That Year 11 and 12 Should Be Compulsory'*.

The debate will be held this Thursday, 20th March.

We congratulate the girls for their enthusiasm and wish them well.

(Mrs Vivian Haupt)

SARA Report – Term 1

The new SARA Program is well underway at Presentation Campus and most students seem to be enjoying it. Staff also appreciate being involved.

With only a small number of staff available for each SARA session, the range of options we can choose to do each week is limited; but most accept this and approach activities in a positive way.

The school has planned to stay on campus in first term. Hopefully though, groups will be heading to outside venues in 2nd, 3rd and 4th terms, which should make for a much more interesting program.

Thank you to all staff and students involved in the SARA program and your efforts so far.

(Mr Dominic De Van Der Schueren)

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Yr 8 Welcome Nights

My thanks to those parents who responded to the invitations to the evenings. It seems that most parents

are satisfied with the current forms of communication and didn't feel the need for this opportunity to catch up with homeroom teachers.

Consequently, we opted to have homeroom teachers call those parents who wanted to have a chat, and look forward to seeing the rest of you at the Parent Teacher interviews. My thanks to the staff who prepared for the evenings.

Life's a Ball

Last week I mentioned this program. As you may remember from your fees and charges brochure, all Yr 7 students are asked to pay \$6:00 to cover the cost of this performance. Prompt payment of this would be appreciated.

Pilgrimage

Both Alby Van Berkel and I will be absent from the campus during the last week of term as we take part in a pilgrimage to France, Italy and India to follow in the footsteps of Marcellin

Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers. Br John will be the Acting Head of Campus and will be assisted in various tasks by the Year Level Coordinators.

Protective Behaviours

As we near the end of this program, please take the time to speak to your Yr 7 child about what they have learnt from the program. I am especially grateful to Ms Francois who has spent a full day with each class to ensure that they are all equipped with these behaviours.

“Every place is safe to one who lives with justice”

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Immunisation Program

Last week I was contacted by a senior member of the Latrobe City Environmental Health Department. Our conversation concerned the Department's Secondary Schools' Year 10 ADT (Adult Diphtheria/Tetanus) and Years 10, 11 and 12 Meningococcal Immunisation Program. Immunisation will take place on Monday, April 7 for those students whose parents consent to the immunisation.

ADT and Meningococcal immunisation is now being offered free of charge to Year 10 secondary school students in accordance with Health Department regulations. Each vaccination is a single separate dose and administered at the same time, one in each upper arm.

Meningococcal immunisation is also being offered free of charge to all Years 11 and 12 secondary school students, in accordance with Health Department regulations. The vaccination is a single dose, also in the upper arm.

Information concerning the Immunisation Program came home during the week, distributed through Homeroom. **Please take time to read the pamphlets**, fill out the relevant ***Immunisation Consent Card*** and return it to the Campus Office by Monday, March 24, please. Following the immunisation students will remain in the hall for a few minutes under medical supervision as a matter of immunisation program routine.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

GCSSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday the Lavalla Catholic College Swimming Team participated in the GCSSSA Swimming Carnival at the Sale Swimming Complex. It would prove to be a great day for Lavalla winning the Carnival with a total score of 912 points. Team Captains **Andrew Crozier** and Caitlyn **Mitchell** lead by example, with Andrew breaking three Records and Caitlin breaking one. **Glenn Ferguson** also set a record. Other outstanding swimmers on the day were **Caitlyn Hopley, Melissa Hopley, Ben Smits** and **Damian Dunne**. A big thank-you to Mr. Steve Erdely and Miss. Carmel McCullagh for organizing the squad, and Mr. Mark DiFazio for helping on the day.

BUS TRAVELLERS

All Lavalla students who travel on buses organised by Lavalla Catholic College have been required to submit a pink Public Transport Conveyance Application. Most have complied but a few are still outstanding. If parents have not yet sighted this form and filled it in, it is urgent that you do so immediately. The following buses are Lavalla buses:

Churchill 1, Churchill 2, Churchill 3, Hazelwood North, Morwell 1, Morwell 2, Morwell 3, Morwell 4, Morwell 5, Moe, Newborough, Traralgon East and Traralgon Ellavale. Students who have not returned this form will have their bus passes taken from them.

Mr Albert Van Berkel
Bus Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER

	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Kildare</i>	<i>St Paul's</i>
Mon. 24 March	R Ryan	J Adams, C Jackiw	T Roberts, G Hastie
Tue. 25 March	G Stephens	S Prosser	A Prezioso, P Johnston
Wed. 26 March	M Bortignon	M Tomkins	A Scully, R Crowle
Thu. 27 March	-	K Licciardi	S Barber, S Sammut
Fri. 28 March	-	G Krutop, J Farquhar	M Johnston, M Lafferty

HELPERS URGENTLY REQUIRED for **Presentation Campus Canteen** on Thursdays and Fridays between 12.30 and 1.30pm. Please ring canteen if you can assist.

CALENDAR DATES FOR COMING WEEK:

Monday 24 March	Year 10 Commence Work Experience
Tuesday, 25 March	CAS Swimming Championships
	Year 9 Parent Night (9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4)
	Yr 7 Hep. B Immunizations (St Paul's)
Wednesday, 26 March	Year 9 Camp commences
Thursday, 27 March	Year 9 Parent Night (9.5, 9.6, 9.7 and 9.8)
	Yr 7 Hep. B Immunizations (Presentation)

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