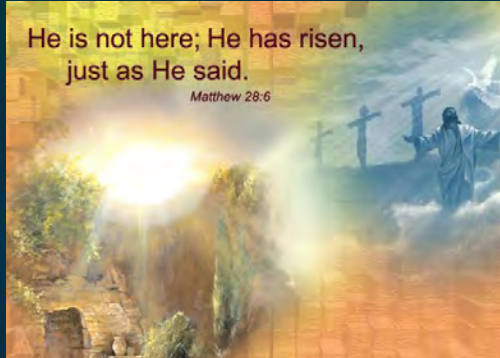
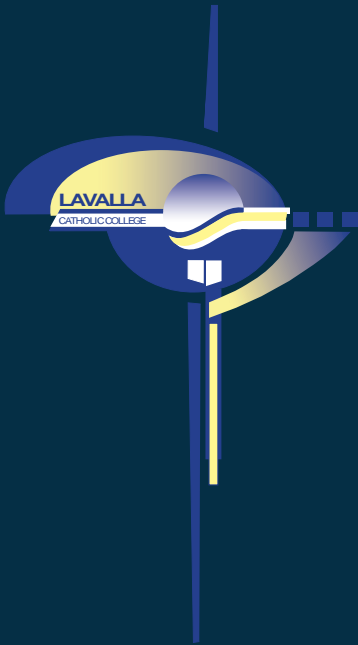


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From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

As we enter Easter week we rejoice in the announcement of Pope Francis and wish upon him every blessing as he works to unite and lead our Catholic Church in these troubled times. Already he has made an impression as a humble man of and for the ordinary people which has brought hope in our hearts. But he cannot heal or change the Church on his own. We are all people of the Church and we have to play our part to ensure that we are building a better Church for the future. Br Emili Turú, Superior General of the Marist Brothers has captured this sentiment well:

As highlighted in recent weeks, the papacy has a very important symbolic value. Thus, the sense given to that function is not irrelevant, nor is the person who assumes the position. It is clear that Pope John XXIII marked a new era in the history of the Church when he asked for a return to the essentials and a deep aggiornamento (updating), which generated a wave of hope for many people.

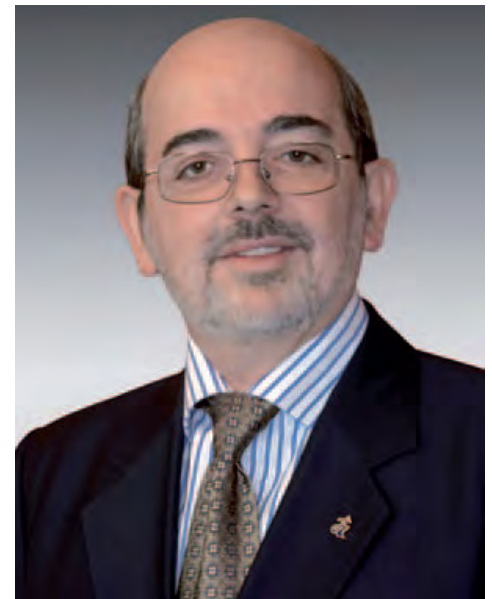
However, I am not so naive as to think that the Church will become more Gospel-centered simply by changing the Pope. They say that expectations are premeditated frustrations, so I try to keep in mind that the Church is built on the day-to-day experience of thousands of people who authentically seek to live their faith, and I remind myself that I must be one of them.

Yes, I dream of a Church which is unassuming, contemplative, unconditionally welcoming; the servant of all, especially the most vulnerable; open to dialogue, an actual community; giving greater prominence to the laity, especially women... But I know that I have a responsibility to build this Church.

If Pope John XXIII was able to convene the Second Vatican Council, it was because something was moving within the Church long before. He was probably only the catalyst for a broader renewal movement arising from the grassroots of the Church.

The Church hierarchy has its own responsibility, but we should not abdicate our own, as if everything depended on a small group of men. The resignation of Benedict XVI, was it not in fact an invitation for every Christian to use our freedom as sons and daughters of God, and assume our own responsibility?

Perhaps the question, then, is not what the Pope will do, but what can we do ourselves for the Church.



The prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me
sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console;

to be understood as to
understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we
receive;

it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.

National Day Against Bullying

The annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence has been organized through the Safe and Supportive School Communities Project since 2011. This annual day provides a focus for our students on the day and strengthens our everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Lavalla has supporting the Bullying. No Way! campaign every year and we remind students of this frequently. Lavalla takes acts of bullying very seriously and will not tolerate students being diminished or intimidated. Should you need support in this area please contact our Leaders in Welfare and Wellbeing, Ms Alford at St Paul's and Mrs Clarke at Kildare.

Debutante Balls

We congratulate this year's debutantes and wish them every success for their important nights which will be held on the 18-20 April. I offer my apologies to the students this year as I will be on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land during this time. These nights hold special significance this year as they are the last of the debutante balls organised by the College and I take this opportunity to thank the various Debutante committees over the years who have worked hard to ensure an enjoyable night was had by all. This year's committee has proposed that the Parent and Friends become the organiser of the Debutante Balls from 2014 and have graciously and generously given of their time this year so that the transition in 2014 will be relatively smooth. I express my gratitude and appreciation to them for taking on the organisation, management and responsibility of the Debutante Balls for our students in the future.

National Marist Basketball - Alice Springs - 2-6 April

Our Basketball teams are ready for this year's tough national competition in Alice Springs. It is the first time that Alice Springs is hosting the carnival and while all previous competitions have been significant, for our Marist family Alice Springs holds a special place for our Mission. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) in Alice Springs caters for many marginalized and indigenous children and the school is a living witness to the Marist call to help the marginalized in our communities. We wish the host school all the best and our students good luck in the competition. Many thanks for the teachers who are supporting our students during their holiday time - Karen Joyce, Ross Sizeland and Dwayne Tibballs. We hope our girls can return champions for the second year in the row and that our boys can match the efforts of our Cricket team last December! Go Lavalla!

Marist Pilgrimage:

I am delighted to be attending the Marist Pilgrimage this year that heads out on Easter Sunday and visits the Holy Land, Rome and the Hermitage in Lavalla in France. I will be back at work on 29 April. It has been over 10 years since I have visited the homeland of St Marcellin Champagnat and I am really looking forward to this and to my time in the Holy Land.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Easter and Term 2 holiday.

God bless

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal



**TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER
Bullying. No way!**



St Paul's Campus Update

Andrew Martin - Campus Director

As the term draws to a close, we are mindful of student performance and the first stocktaking of the efforts made in pursuit of excellence. At St Paul's, we are looking to provide students with the tools and processes which will equip them to assess and direct their own learning. Consequently, they should attend LA interviews and Parent, Teacher, Student conferences with a sense of their progress and a plan for improvement. Parental encouragement and interest in the study routine and goal setting of students is a key to embedding the habits of a good learner in our children and to engaging with contemporary education in a positive fashion.

Student Leadership

Supported by Ms Joanne Alford, our Student Leaders attended a conference on Friday March 15th at the Exhibition Centre in Melbourne aimed at skilling students in the art of speechmaking and event organisation. Students were challenged to be inclusive and to focus on the development of others as they worked to make their leadership year count. The impact of the speakers on our leaders was evident as they exuded an enthusiasm for working with the SRC team to 'make a difference' at St Paul's this year. I wish them all the best as they accept responsibility for inspiring others.

Project Compassion: Fundraising initiatives

Our effort to raise funds for Project Compassion over the Lenten period has continued as homeroom groups execute initiatives to promote real improvement in the lives of those in need in our world. An example of this action over the past week was 7.7's sponsored 'Walk to Victory Park' in order to 'open doors to the future' for others. We commend Ms Kim Widrich and her students for their proactive support of CARITAS and Project Compassion. I look forward to witnessing the ongoing efforts of our students and staff in this regard as we move toward term's end.

National Day of Action against bullying

In line with our pastoral care program, we conducted a number of actions aimed at informing and equipping students in relation to the scourge of bullying in our learning community and more broadly in our wider community. Unconditional respect for each individual is an expectation at Lavalla Catholic College and we will take a stand against bullying wherever we encounter its destructive force in our school. It is imperative that students have a strong sense of their value and the value of others in order to feel connected with others on their life journey.

Other news

Our swimmers were again dominant in the local SSV swimming competition held at Traralgon last Friday and we look forward to the regional competition to come.

To promote our house system, days have been arranged to celebrate the identity of each house. Nagle House will be running a range of activities and a BBQ for it's staff and students this week as first 'Cab off the rank' in this program.

My best to all of our families for the coming holiday period. I hope this is a happy and holy occasion for all.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

NEXT OPEN:
Thursday 18th April
3.30pm – 6.00pm

Winter uniform to be worn by 29th April

Shop located at:
St Paul's Campus

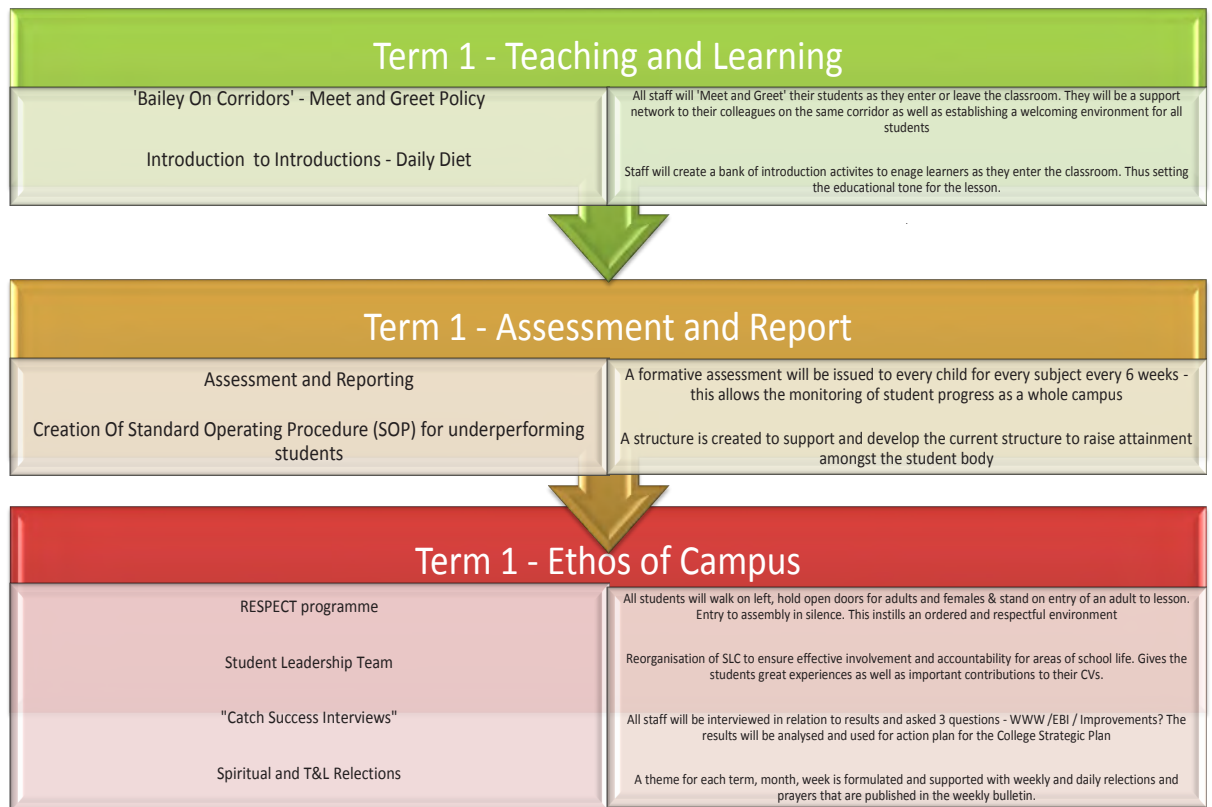
Payment options:
Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
(Please note Kilts/Skirts must be tried on. They are not sized)

Preparation fever has engulfed Kildare Campus.

Students are preparing rigorously for the new 6 weekly assessments as well as SACs and portfolio inspections. A fresh feeling of challenge and desire to perform is sweeping amongst many students and staff. Parents please ensure you are attending parents evening and LA meetings as these are compulsory and ensure you track the progress and hopefully success of your child with their 6 weekly assessments.

Alongside this academic preparation is the consistent promotion of the preparation needed for the celebration of Easter. This will cumulate with a special religious assembly, led by the RE team and Mark Larkins (Student Leader for Liturgy).

As Term 1 draws to a close, it is important to reflect on what we have achieved and what new changes have been introduced that have had impact. The table below should provide an outline of such a goal.



I have also reflected greatly on my experience during my first term at Lavalla Catholic College. I can firmly and honestly say that my experience is formed of excitement and encouragement as I get to know the students and staff capabilities and I very much look forward to the future and the success we will achieve. I feel very privileged and honoured to work for such a great school community and with such an inspirational Leadership Team led by Ms Pegorer.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students, parents and staff; a happy and Holy Easter and a productive holiday.

God Bless

Brain Bee Success

During July when the Year 10 work experience programme is underway, two of our students, Amelia Charlton and Bethany Hourigan, will have the opportunity to work in the laboratories of the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience at the University of Melbourne. Prof Dr Heather Young, who is currently conducting medical research there, has generously offered to supervise the students in her laboratory. Bethany and Amelia are currently preparing for the first round of the prestigious neuroscience competition, the Australian Brain Bee Challenge, and it was their commitment to this extra-curricular event that prompted this unique work placement opportunity.



The Red REMAR Caravel Embarks

A group of seven Year 10 students, Mr Vallak, Mrs McCormack and two of the REMAR Ministry Team spent two days last week on the Red REMAR Embarkation Camp, at the Coalville Holiday Camp. The Camp is designed to allow students time to get to know each other in a different situation, but also to start to understand what REMAR is and whether it is something they would like to continue with. REMAR is a Youth Ministry Group that allows students to build and use leadership skills, encourages ministry work within the wider community and asks students to explore their own and others faith.

This was a great experience for all involved, it required the students to problem solve, demonstrate leadership, participate as a group and be enthusiastic. There was time each day for the students to get to know those they would normally not spend their free time with.



Early next term the students will join with the Red Caravel from Marist Sion for a continuation of their journey. Throughout the year the students will attend meetings that they will organise and run themselves, perform community service where they see a need and later in the year attend a Leadership Camp attended by students from all over Australia.

We wish these students all the best in their journey, not just for this year but the future ahead.

Law Talks

Last week our Year 11 and 12 students attended Law Talks at Gippsland Grammar in Sale. The Victorian Law Foundation presented an outstanding program that was aimed at providing a 'hands on' learning experience to Legal Studies students living in Regional Victoria. The program brought experts from various Melbourne Legal agencies. They included Peter Ryan the Deputy Premier of Victoria, the Honourable P.D. Cummins from the Victorian Law Foundation, Paul Dore the Senior Deputy Juries Commissioner, representatives from the Victorian Law Reform commission, Victoria police, State Parliament, Magistrate Clive Alsop and Mediators from the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria. Students were involved in Role Plays, visited Sale Magistrate's court and got a real insight into the Legal system and were encouraged to pursue a Legal profession. This is in keeping with the drive of the Lavalla College for students to pursue pathways relevant to them. Our students were outstanding ambassadors of our College and I am confident that the experience will enhance their classroom studies and aspirations greatly.



Lavalla Makes a Splash in Sale

Lavalla Catholic College has again ruled the pool with a dominant performance at the SSV Regional Championships in Sale on Thursday, March 14th. Lavalla is proving itself to be the best swimming school in the Gippsland Region.

On an overcast day, Lavalla hit the pool with great energy with seven place-getting's from the first eight events before Penelope Georgeson claimed our first gold in the Women's 14 Year Old 50m breaststroke in a time of 42.02. This set the wheels in motion as Erin Roberts, Maggie O'Keefe, Luke Mulqueen and Taylah Willaton followed with gold medals in their respective breaststroke events.

The day was capped with nine gold medals from 18 of the relay events on the card to give Lavalla an impressive tally of 30 gold, 20 silver and 7 bronze medals. In the school points calculation Lavalla compiled 711 points with Nagle College Bairnsdale second on 529 points and Wonthaggi Secondary College coming third on 524.

Lavalla's swimming team will head to the SSV State Swimming Championships at Albert Park on Wednesday, March 27th with a good chance at being the number one school in the state.



School	G	S	B	Total
Lavalla Catholic College	30	20	7	57
Wonthaggi SC	6	21	18	45
Nagle College Bairnsdale	13	11	20	44
Leongatha SC	7	10	5	22
Catholic College Sale	11	5	6	22
Trafalgar HS	7	5	8	20
Kurnai C	5	1	2	8
South Gippsland SC	1	2	5	8
Orbost SC	2	1	5	8
Drouin SC	1	4	1	6
Traralgon SC	2	2	1	5
Warragul RC	1	0	3	4
Mallacoota P-12 C	1	3	0	4
Korumburra SC	0	1	2	3
Sale C	1	0	1	2
Bairnsdale SC	0	0	1	1
Lowanna C	0	0	1	1

School	Total Points
Lavalla Catholic College	711.0
Nagle College Bairnsdale	529.0
Wonthaggi SC	524.0
Catholic College Sale	318.5
Leongatha SC	267.0
Trafalgar HS	211.0
Drouin SC	139.0
Orbost SC	117.5
South Gippsland SC	117.0
Lowanna C	100.0
Kurnai C	93.0
Warragul RC	89.0
Korumburra SC	74.0
Traralgon SC	51.0
Mallacoota P-12 C	43.0
Mirboo North SC	43.0
Bairnsdale SC	41.0
Lakes Entrance SC	39.0
Maffra SC	22.0
Sale College	20.0
Neerim District SC	9.0

LAVALLA BASKETBALLERS OFF TO THE RED CENTRE

The Lavalla Catholic College are gearing up for the annual Marist Carnival in Alice Springs with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart playing host. Lavalla's girls' team will be out to defend their title they won at Beenleigh while the boys' team will endeavour to rise up the ranks when they hit the courts from April 2nd to 6th.

We wish our Marist teams the very best in their campaigns. Below are the player profiles of each member from the two teams.

Brad Watson (3rd carnival)

Brad is a rugged rebounder and provides a physical presence. Will be relied upon heavily as the sole bigman on the team after shoulder injury to Pat Harriman.



Mitch McDonald (3rd carnival)

A prototype slashing player Mitch has the uncanny knack of penetrating the defence and getting to the basket. Has the ability to shoot from long-range and has great hands defensively.



Jordan Royal (3rd carnival)

Jordan is a fearless performer whose quick feet buttress strong defensive instincts. Extremely nifty around the basket in retrieving missed shots and getting off his own attempts.



Sam Clavarino (2nd carnival)

The ultimate warrior! What Sam lacks in height he makes up for with a big heart. Has great quickness and an aggressive determination that generates a high level of intensity at the defensive end.



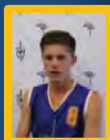
Pat Harriman (2nd carnival)

A shoulder injury may prevent Pat from participating in this year's carnival. A quick leaper blessed with excellent mobility and speed for his size. Is a more than adequate rebounder but it is currently a race against time to see if he is fit to play.



Ben Barlow (2nd carnival)

Gifted versatile performer, Ben boasts impressive instincts for the game. Adequate ballhandler who is comfortable on the perimeter and can hurt opponents with drives to the basket.



Will Lowe (1st carnival)

Will has deft ballhandling and passing wizardry while also being capable of scoring from anywhere on the court. A hard-nosed competitor who is deceptively quick on his feet.



Lachlan Ware (1st carnival)

Possesses skills to play inside and outside the key. Lachlan also has the ability to drain the triple but will also need to step up in the absence of Harriman to help out in the rebounding department.



Jordan Bianconi (1st carnival)

Another of the rookies and will play a pivotal role in the front court line-up. Jordan is an all-round athlete who has a feathery touch from downtown, can take to the rack or nail the mid-range jumper.



Nathan Catherwood (1st carnival)

Remarkable 'handle' on the ball usually enables Nathan to beat anyone of the dribble. Superior quickness and court vision mixed with pristine shooting. Has the ability to be a great performer at the Marist level.



Chris Watson (head coach)



Eden Bourke (4th carnival)

Eden enters her fourth Marist Carnival and will lead the team with great knowledge and experience. Is a solid rebounder who will work in tandem with Millie Culliver to own the boards.



Meghan Keast (2nd carnival)

Meghan is an energizer bunny that became a key defensive element at last year's carnival by shutting down the opposition offensive threats for large portions of the carnival. A similar effort will be relied upon at Alice Springs this year.



Keely Bourke (4th carnival)

Keely is a capable workhorse at both ends of the floor. Her contribution offensively and defensively will go a long way in propelling Lavalla back to the championship game.



Sukie Hodgson (2nd carnival)

Few players have the ability to nail a shot from the perimeter like Sukie does when she goes on a tear. That shot may be called upon time and time again during the carnival.



Jayde Travers (2nd carnival)

Jayde will be called upon to share the ball carrying duties with the small contingent of quick guards on the team. Versatile performer who drive determinedly to the basket, provide aggressive defense and can run the floor in any transition game.



Shinae Ainsworth (1st carnival)

One of four rookies on the team and Shinae will provide great leg speed on the floor when required. She will also offer aggressive defense and share the ballhandling duties at times.



Casey Sherriff (2nd carnival)

Casey has all of the ingredients to become a premier player at the Marist level. Blossomed in her first experience of the Marist Championships last year and is at her best when penetrating to pass or score.



Jessica O'Toole (1st carnival)

Jessica is another rookie who will provide back-up support to Eden, Keely and Millie. Her first carnival should provide plenty of experience to assist with her development.



Millicent Culliver (1st carnival)

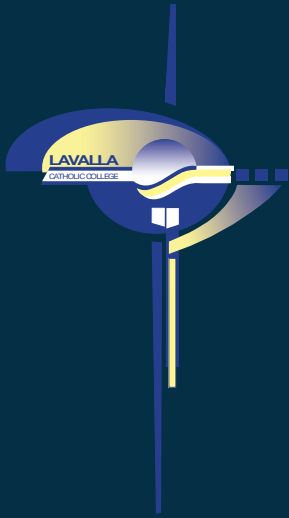
A projected force in the middle and possesses an amazingly soft shooting touch around the basket. Provides great size in the rebounding department and can run the floor exceptionally well for a big.



Samantha Waters (1st carnival)

Sammy's diminutive stature translates to a solid point guard with exquisite ball handling abilities. Can shoot from the perimeter or drive to basket with great quickness; a player to watch at future carnivals.

Karen Joyce (head coach)



Upcoming Events

Monday, March 25

Yr 12 Performance SAC Night

Wednesday, March 27

SSV Swimming State Finals

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

Thursday, March 28

STUDENT FREE DAY

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

End of Term 1

Friday, March 29

GOOD FRIDAY - full school closure

Sunday, March 31

EASTER SUNDAY

Tuesday, April 2

Marist Basketball

Monday, April 15

Term 2 Commences

Dear Parents,

This year at Kildare a new leadership program has been implemented, giving more students, more leadership positions in more diverse areas.

As part of this new program, the position of Student Mentoring Leader has been created and as such Steph Schena and I have been charged with the responsibility of coordinating, cross-age, cross-campus and cross-school tutoring across the College.

My first initiative in this position has been to begin the implementation of Cross-Age Tutoring at Kildare Campus, which for now, is available during student choice times on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program aims to offer tutoring from capable students in a diverse range of subjects across years 10-12. Subjects such as Maths and English are offered but also subjects as broad as Music, Italian, Vis Comm and Outdoor Recreation are available for tutoring.

The program commenced as of the 19th March and I strongly urge you to encourage your children to seek its benefits to strengthen their skills and help them in their own studies.

If any parents would like to enquire further or have any queries about the program, please feel free to email me at: kavacon1@lavalla.vic.edu.au

Yours

Con Kavadias.

"Let children know there is a correlation between success and effort."

- **Michael Grose, Parentingideas**

For more inspirations and tips from Michael Grose, please check out the link below:

www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

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St Paul's Parent Teacher Evening and Reports

In 2013 all Parents are required to use the Portal to book appointments with subject teachers. The portal will be open from Monday the 18th of March. Interim reports will be available from Monday 25th of March for Year 7 and 9 reports on the College Portal. It is essential to make a booking with any teacher that has requested an interview on the report.

WHEN: *Wednesday 27th March (4:00pm – 7:00pm)*

Thursday 28th March (9.00am – 12.00pm)

WHERE: *St Paul's Campus*

HOW: *College Family Connect portal (details attached) allows parents to arrange their own appointment meeting times with teachers.*

Students must accompany you to the meeting with their computer device. Interview times will be at 10 minute intervals.

We encourage all parents to meet teachers and view displays of student work.

Mr Andy Martin
Campus Director – St Paul's.

Family Connect

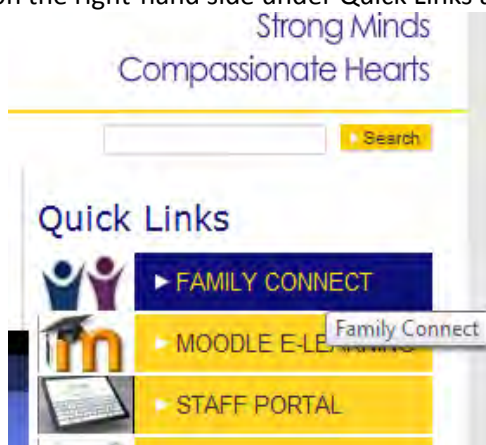
What is Family Connect?

Family Connect will allow you access to the College database system which underpins a large part of the organisational, education and financial business of Lavalla Catholic College. As a parent and/or debtor of a student at Lavalla Catholic College, much of the information stored in the database relates to you and your children. Family Connect is a way of accessing that information using an Internet browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox.

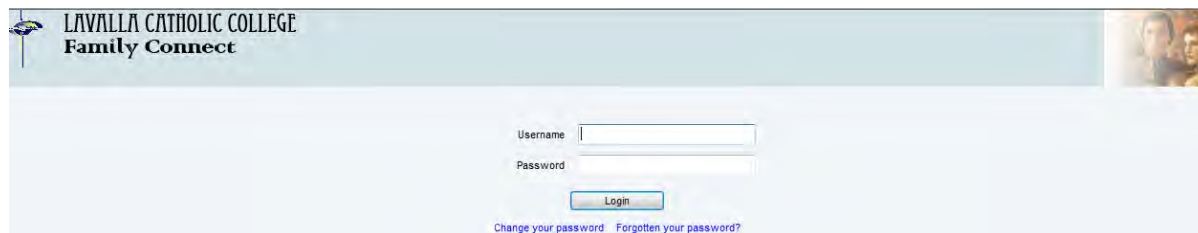
How can I Access it?

Step 1: Go to the College website of www.lavalla.vic.edu.au

Step 2: Look for the yellow boxes on the right-hand side under Quick Links and click on FAMILY CONNECT



Step 3: Type in your Username (this will be a 4 to 7 digit number) and type in your password (a mixture of Uppercase and lower case letters)



How secure is it?

Access to Family Connect is totally secure, relying on a password and ID number to give you access to your family record. You do not have access to the records of any other family. The web site is 'secure' (https) which means that any passwords entered are 'encrypted' before being transmitted across the Internet.

How do I get my Username and Password?

Families who are new to the College will have their username and password posted to their mailing address in the coming week. This letter will provide you with a username (your ID number which appears on your fee account) and a temporary password which you are strongly advised to change when you first log in to Family Connect.

What happens if I have forgotten or mislaid my username and password?

You can get your Username (but not your password) by ringing the College Reception on 5174 7355 or emailing them on Administration-StPauls@lavalla.vic.edu.au. Reception staff will need to verify your identity and ensure that the system has a correct email address for you. For privacy reasons, they will not have access to your password.

After typing in your Username, you will see on the login screen has a "Forgotten your password" link which will enable you to change your password, or to have it emailed to your registered email address (i.e. the address which you have supplied to the College)

What information does Family Connect contain?

The information in Family Connect is organised into a number of pages (tabs)

1 Results page



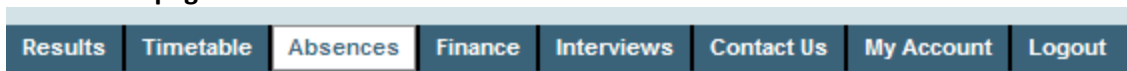
This gives access to your child's academic results for the term. Note that these are generally only available at the end of each reporting cycle such as Learning Blocks for Yr 8 and 10 students, and end of term for the other year levels. Parents of Year 11 students can expect to have on-going feedback through Family Connect.

2 Timetable page



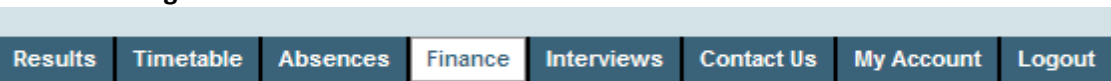
Access to both the weekly and daily timetable for your child.

3 Absences page



Lists all absences which your child has had during the school year. As well as absences for sickness, family occasions or 'unexplained' absences, the page gives details of late arrivals, early departures etc. which are recorded through the school offices.

4 Finance Page



Gives an overview of your financial standing with the college if you are designated as the debtor. It includes the total amount owing / overdue, an overall balance, the date of the last statement and the amount owed at the time of the last statement. You can review / print your last 5 receipts or statements. As the data on this page is calculated 'in real time' it always shows your precise financial status (which is not always apparent from printed statements posted out by the college which cannot reflect payments received / processed between the statement being printed and distributed. This page is not available to those who are not debtors. Financial queries should be directed to Mrs Colleen Robins – Ph 51745272 or email robicol1@lavalla.vic.edu.au

5 Interviews page



Will allow you to book or cancel Parent-Teacher interviews (as part of the normal Parent-teacher interview cycles) and print a schedule of appointments. This page is blank for most of the year and will become "active" in the last two weeks of each term. When this is active, please book only one slot with any teacher for each child

6 Contact Us page



Gives a list of email contact addresses for your child's teachers. Email communication with the college is encouraged as a means of improving communications between the home and the school.

7 My Account page



Has contact details (email addresses, mobile phone etc.) for family members. The page contains a tool whereby the college can be easily notified if changes are needed to our records. The College Registrar (Mrs Bev O'Brien) is the contact person for all changes – phone 51747355 or email registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au