



*So I'll cherish the old rugged
Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay
down
I will cling to the old rugged
Cross
and exchange it someday for a
crown.*

*Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross
By George Bennard (1873-
1958)*

Dear Parents, students and staff

Welcome back after the Easter break and I trust you were able to enjoy some quality time with your family and friends as well as take the time to remember the most important time in our Church. Tuesday 27th April marks the beginning of term two and students can begin to wear their winter uniform. Students need to be in complete winter uniform by 3rd May. If you are unsure of what constitutes 'full winter uniform' please consult your child's planner.

You will notice this week the launch of our 'new look' newsletter. We hope to provide much more detail about all the various activities across the College. Having an electronic newsletter allows us to have many more photos and details. Hopefully you will view this as a positive change as it will provide you with much better communication about College life, our students' achievements and our plans for the future.

Paying Tribute to ANZAC Day

Anzac Day is becoming one of the most spiritual and solemn days of the year in Australia as people gather to remember those who have died in war. It is a day marked with respect, honour and pride and the growing numbers at dawn services around Australia and those who pay tribute in Gallipoli speaks of this. In a society where at times the cost of life seems so undervalued, there is great hope in seeing hundreds of people coming together in sacred places to give such importance to lives lost, to honour our history and the sacrifices of the past.

Several of our students will represent the College at ANZAC remembrance ceremonies in Glengarry, Morwell, Traralgon, Newborough and Moe. This week **Ashley Bransgrove** was received at a civic reception in Melbourne for being a finalist in the **Spirit of Anzac Prize**. Ashley painted a poignant and insightful interpretation of the Second World War.

Staff News

We congratulate **Lisa and Rodney Williams** on the birth of their second child, Matthew Thomas Williams who was born last week. Mother and child are at home now and Matthew is doing all the right things. We welcome home **Mr Shane Reid** from his Marist pilgrimage. Despite being jet-lagged he was full of enthusiasm and excitement on Monday. He has written a reflection about his experience and I am sure he will be able to draw on this for many years to come.

Enrolment for 2011

The College is now open for 2011 year 7 enrolments and both the St Paul's Campus and the Presentation Campus will invite families to experience some of what Lavalla is about on Sunday 2nd May (Presentation Campus) from 2pm – 4pm and Wednesday 5th May (St Paul's Campus) from 4.30pm – 7.30pm. We encourage you to invite prospective families to these sessions.

I trust the term has started well for you. Best wishes

Erica Pegorer
Principal

Sports Update - AMSA Carnival

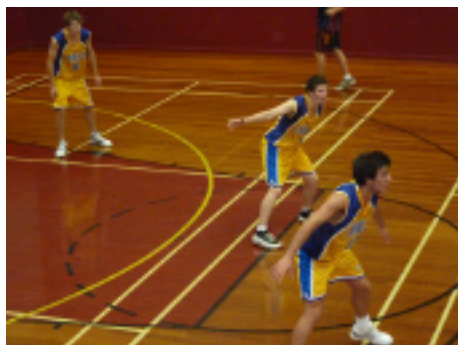
Lavalla hosts the Australian Marist Schools Association Basketball Carnival

We have been delighted to welcome 18 Marist Brother and Father Schools from every state in Australia to Traralgon this week. Athletes, coaches, managers and billet families gathered at the Champagnat Centre for the opening mass to mark the beginning of the 21st Marist Basketball Carnival. It was certainly a memorable afternoon, filled with anticipation and excitement about the four day carnival that was about to begin. We were delighted that Latrobe City Mayor, **Cr Kellie O'Callaghan** was able to officially open the carnival and to pay our respect to the custodians of this land.

Participating schools were:-

NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trinity College Lismore St John's College Woodlawn (Lismore) <p>Marist Fathers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marcellin College Randwick Mount Carmel College, Varroville (Wollongong) St Gregory's College, Campbelltown St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill St Francis Xavier College, Hamilton 	VIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic College Sale Lavalla Catholic College Marcellin College Bulleen Marist Sion College, Warragul
		QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Augustine's College, Cairns Marist College, Ashgrove Trinity College, Beenleigh
		TAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marist Regional Marist College, Burnie <p>Marist Fathers</p>
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marist College Canberra 	SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacred Heart College, Adelaide
WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newman College, Perth 	NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Alice Springs

Photos in this newsletter speak of the Marist family spirit and collegiality that all experienced when participating in the carnival. We congratulate the winning team for the Girls A grade – **Catholic College Sale** defeating Lavalla Catholic College by only 2 points. The winner of the Boys A team was **Marcellin College Bulleen** defeating Catholic College Sale. Our Girls B team, as first time in the competition, had an impressive result in the B division finishing 7th overall. Lavalla Catholic College Boys finished 3rd in the competition defeating St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill. Being at all the finals games was a very proud moment not only because Lavalla was in the final play-offs but because each team played extremely hard and displayed true sportsmanship both in their defeats and wins. At times the cheering from the Lavalla camp was deafening. I am sure every team felt well supported. Detailed results of the competition and an impressive gallery of photos can be found on our webpage under **AMSA Basketball**.



Sports Update - AMSA Carnival

Organising Committee

A carnival with over 300 athletes participating is a very big undertaking and the College has been preparing for this event for almost 12 months. It is difficult to find the words to express how very grateful the College is to Mrs Nikki Schroeter for co-ordinating the carnival and to thank her for the many hours of work needed to host such a big event. Mrs Schroeter and her committee have been very efficient and professional. We acknowledge the work and dedication of the following committee members:-

Mrs Nikki Schroeter
Ms Karen Joyce
Mr Tim Northe
Mr Rob Tarraran

Mr Steve Erdely
Mrs Tamsin McCormack
Mr Marco DiCesare
Mrs Lee McKenzie

Ms Fiona Morrow
Mr Brett VanBerkel
Mr Mike Hansen

We were also fortunate to have the tremendous support of so many parents, support staff and associates. We thank them for their selfless generosity and invaluable assistance. In particular,

Dwayne Tibballs – Draw/Score/Results Secretary
Dave Roberts – Disputes/Games MC
Mick Donelan – All Australian Selector
Tony Van Rossum – Transport
David Gray - Website

Sharon Royal – Umpire Co-ordinator
Bruce Pickering – All Australian Selector
Brian Healy – First Aid
Giuliana Pezzutto- Photography
Ben Verghese- Website

Add to these roles, the many more students who acted as ambassadors, gofers, umpires, mascots etc etc & we had almost 500 people involved each day.

Carnival Dinner

Almost 500 people gathered at the Champagnat Centre for the carnival dinner and were entertained by three very significant Basketball players. Firstly, our own Alex Sheedy who has recently been selected for the Australian Institute of Sport was able to share her Basketball experiences so far. Desiree Glaubitz who began her career in a similar way was able to thank Ms Karen Joyce and a former staff member of this College, Mr David Axford for all their encouragement and coaching when she was a student of Catholic Regional College Traralgon. There was a real sense of pride in her voice when she spoke about her time here and her accomplishments were well recognised by the young basketballers she was speaking to. The star of the night was Michele Timms who spoke with humour and frankness about her brilliant career in basketball. (Continued next page)



Sports Update - AMSA Carnival

As you would know, Michele represented Australia in Barcelona and Sydney and also Captained the **Opals** in 1999 and was part of the team that won the first medal ever for Australian Basketball. Our three hundred athletes were spellbound by her stories and she left an indelible impression on them.

While we have participated in many basketball carnivals, this one has been particularly special to us because our teams were competing at home. Our three teams were well supported by the home crowd but they played so well that we could not help but be proud of their every game. More importantly however, the sportsmanship displayed by our players, their coaches and managers was exemplary. In every case, they were superb role models for our own community and for all who watched them.

Well done Lavalla. A memorable carnival on so many fronts.

Congratulations To Our Teams!

<p>Boys Team Coach: Laura Pickering Manager: Ross Sizeland Andrew Ware Tom Holt Tom Pattle Matt Pattle Frazer Brouns Rhys Mc Donald Steve Gelagotis Jack Sheedy Chris Sutton Matt Royal Kane Lewthwaite</p>	<p>Girls Team A Coach: Karen Joyce Manager: Lisa Blackwood Molly Clavarino Bec Jennings Carly Mullen-Bianconi Jaimee Salleh Taylah Brouns Michelle Clarke Shantelle Thorburn Hayley James Tenielle Talbot</p>	<p>Girls Team B Coach: Anna Parniak Manager: Emily Pickering Rach Harasimiuk Eden Bourke Keely Bourke Rach Drenen Katelyn Somerville Lauren O'Hea Maddie Rickard Sophie Membrey Maggie O'Keefe Jayde Travers</p>
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Presentation Campus

Friday 16th was a community service for our Year 9 class with involvement in the Harmony 8's as program mentors, others assisted at Newborough Primary's Sports while others followed through on the Campus's Environmental Initiatives. In each of these venues they proved themselves to be wonderful ambassadors of the Campus and the College.

It was a great pleasure yesterday to attend day 1 of the Marist Basketball competition to see the high standard and often heart stopping games that Lavalla was involved in. Our year 7 and 9 classes also had a short tour of the Kildare Campus, especially visiting the new ISC and Student Services Buildings.

This week, Year 7's have also participated in the Flying Book-work performance and a visit to St Mary's where the co-operative Transition Program has commenced. The St Kieran's visit will follow shortly.

We also look forward to sharing some of our upcoming Sports/ Games Day at Joe Carmody Track with students from these two school communities. We would welcome any parents/carers of our students to join us if they are able. Competition will start at 10 and continue until 2:30.

We look forward to present and prospective students joining us for our Open Day being held for the first time on a Sunday. The Campus will be open on May 2nd from 2-4 with the information session at 2:30. Students and staff will be involved in showcasing the wonderful work that is done on campus, the diverse opportunities available to students in this beautiful bush setting.

As the first group involved in MSP (students pictured right) spends their final days in the program many memorable moments have been shared. Much has been learned by both

staff and students and this will inform and enrich future presentations of the program.

One of the letters received recently contained this feedback "My son Casey, has found the program very enjoyable and he has often remarked on how much he is learning. Many thanks for a great start to his year and we have appreciated the enormous effort that teachers have put into this program."

Mrs Jenny White.

Laynton Allan, a past student now a teacher who helped staff the Tamboritha Camp last week also shared his reflections on the camp "... what a positive experience for staff and students alike. Students need to be congratulated on the way they planned and undertook the role to manage the catering, the wood chopping, campfire management and in their overall participation in activities. It was testimony to the skills and character development this program and their education at Lavalla so actively promotes. It was great to see the co-operation, unity and harmony throughout our three days with this group of developing young adults."



Leanne Mills
Campus Director

St Paul's Campus

Welcome back after the holidays. Term 1 ends on **Friday 23 April** (Shakespeare's alleged birthday) and Term 2 begins on **Tuesday 27 April**, after the long weekend.

In Term 1, besides teaching the normal classes and running the normal sports events & learning excursions, we successfully implemented a number of new programmes designed to improve student learning and growth.

- The new Mastering Learning Programme for Year 9
- The Master Survivor Programme for Year 9
- The Learner Advisor Programme for Year 8
- Project Compassion

The staff have worked very hard to set up these special programmes. The result of their work is that the learning is improving and there are fewer student management issues.

One issue that seems to be growing is the misuse of technology; mobile phones, internet chat and websites. Since this occurs outside school, I urge parents to teach their children safe practices on the internet.

The Term 2 focus is on enrolments for Year 7 in 2011. Consequently, the Grade 5 & Grade 6 students from the Catholic Primary Schools will visit the campus and take part in a number of hands-on activities to get a taste of Lavalla. The Transition Co-ordinator will in turn visit the Grade 5 and Grade 6 students in their primary schools. You will see the advertisements for the college in the newspapers and on TV. The central event of the enrolment is the **'Twilight Open Campus'** on Wednesday 5th May from 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm. All parents & students, especially those seeking information about Lavalla, are invited to attend. It is a rare opportunity to see the campus in action. Last year it was an exciting, energising experience.

The NAPLAN testing takes place in mid-May. The year 7 Camp will be held for all year 7 students from 17-19 May at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort.

Project Compassion

What a wonderful effort!! At time of writing, the **St. Paul's Campus has raised \$2104 for Project Compassion**. During Lent various groups – some RE classes, most Homeroom and LA groups – undertook many different activities to ensure such a positive result. The money will be sent to Caritas Australia to help fund different self-help programs for the poor and marginalised in different parts of the world. The call for Christians to take care of the poor is a constant theme throughout the Old and New Testaments..... and actions do speak louder than words!!!! Thank you everyone for your efforts – a job very well done. Your efforts will be a source of hope to many people.

Br. Mark Needham

Year 8 Learner Advisor Programme

The first block of the Learner Advisor Programme finished in mid-March. The Learner Advisor is a teacher who has charge of helping about 12 year 8 students to set goals, and monitor performance. The first round of Learner Advisor Interviews with parents and students created a positive energy. The second round of interviews is scheduled for the week beginning 24 May.

Flying Bookworm

The Year 7 staff and students attended the Flying Bookworm on 20 April. This activity built on the anti-bullying strategies at the campus, such as Protective Behaviour. The presentation and role plays dealt with how to be safe, how to deal with bullying issues and cyber safety. Staff and students responded positively to the Flying Bookworm.

Chris Roga
Campus Director

Kildare Campus

Our new look newsletter is an important step in keeping our College Community informed. So many things happen across the campus and this is a great opportunity to keep our community abreast of our fortnightly calendar. The biggest event of the week has been the AMSA Basketball Carnival. Our many student and staff volunteers have contributed to the atmosphere. Hosting so many Colleges from across Australia can be a daunting task. Our students and staff have done us proud. The teams have exceeded our expectations and I congratulate all of them. St. Marcellin Champagnat would have been proud!

Student Absence

Some parents will have received calls from Mrs Lawler from the Student Services Centre. We randomly ring parents of students who have not arrived in the morning. If a student is going to be absent or late please ring the Student Services Centre in the morning by 9am.

Past Student

Our students were recently given the opportunity to hear from past student Officer Cadet Adam Hunter (Air force). Adam returned to the College to inform students of his progress on being selected for The Australian Defence Force (ADF) GAP Year Programme. Students heard Officer Cadet Hunter speak about the "once in a lifetime 'one year work experience' program rather than a 'career' for life." The College is keen for past students to engage with current students in a variety of areas.



Future Leaders Indigenous Award Winner

Congratulations to Hollie Johnson on being named a Future Leaders Indigenous Award Winner for 2010. The Future Leaders Indigenous Awards recognises Indigenous students who show strong leadership and academic potential. There have been many examples of Hollie representing her heritage in a proud, respectful and joyous way on official civic occasions and school gatherings. Further, in her manner and character, she is an excellent ambassador for all young people in the College.



Litter Problem

As a campus we need to ensure that we present ourselves well in a number of areas. I have been disappointed with the litter around the yard. I have been working with our student leaders about the issue and recently informed the student body that: a) unless our litter problem improved, we would limit what the Canteen provides or look at Lunch Orders only and b) move LA Time to before lunch and have students eat their lunches inside. Please speak to your child about the litter issue and try to limit what potential rubbish you send with their lunches and snacks. It is a shame that some students don't act more responsibly. Using one of the many bins around the campus will fix this problem.

Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

Faith and Ministry

A Post Easter Reflection

Nearly a decade ago I attended the funeral of my wife's uncle in the Uniting Church in Morwell. Wendy's uncle had actually built the church in the 1950's. As a child she had worshipped in St. Luke's when it was the Methodist Church and it is her proud boast that, as a child, she used to sing in the choir.

What struck me on the day of the funeral was the stark and unadorned nature of the church interior. There were no icons, statues or paintings. A single image dominated the front wall: a large Cross. In discussion later about the church building that Wes Jones had built, one thing rang clear about the cross and the worshipping community who had it placed there.... as a Christian community we must have the cross always before our eyes and allow no other distraction.

I find myself pondering the message of this humble church architecture and religious image of the cross in this post Easter season. Indeed, there is much that distracts us from the message of Jesus and his cross in a world jangling with events that pull our attention elsewhere and even threaten our centres of power and meaning.

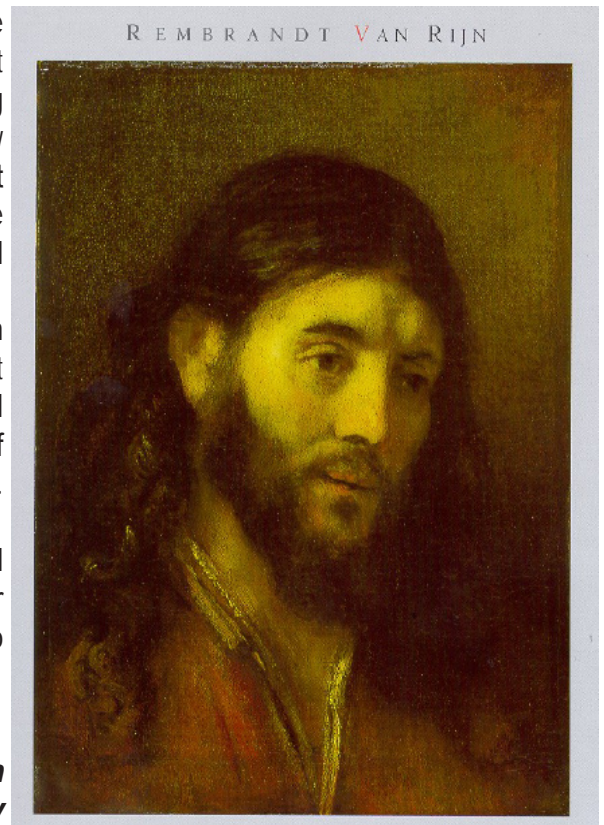
Natural disasters and family illness may cause us to question the motives of a loving God; personal setbacks and shattered plans may cause us to doubt the care of a God who is passionate about us; betrayal by some priests and personnel within the church may test our faith in the very nature of the church itself; crushing powerlessness in the face of overbearing authority may corrupt our image of a God who accepts us as we are.

However, for the Christian, it is the image of the cross and pattern of the Lord's life, death and resurrection that allow us to see past the things that destroy and bring death to our ideals, hopes and dreams. The crushing of all that we cherish, including life itself is a reality that takes on new meaning when we remember that in Jesus and his cross life has not ended... it has changed, and there is new hope. Possibilities emerge 'with Him, in Him and through Him' and the signs of new life are all around us if we but look for them.

In Jesus we see the face of God and have a true sense of the warm embrace of the Holy One come among us as a man who lived a life not dissimilar to our own. When threatened by the storms of life and personal tragedy Jesus had recourse to his Abba and even today the audacity of being able to address the Holy one as 'Dad' is shocking in its familiarity. But such is the simplicity of Christian revelation!

So, in this post Easter time, let us keep our head up and our eyes focused on the meaning of Jesus and his Cross. And let us reach out and put our own hand into the warm hand of the God of Jesus, the Holy One who loves us passionately and indiscriminately.

Mike Hansen
Director of Faith & Ministry



Curriculum Update

Master Survivor Programme for Term One was a challenging experience for all students, requiring them to step outside their comfort zones and develop skills and techniques to allow them greater ability to master their learning.

Their learning correlated to the 7 components integral to this new program. During Construction students had a choice of making skim boards, outdoor furniture, screen printing or murals. Marist Commitment & Community Project involved fundraising for CARITAS through events such as a St Patrick's Day cake stall. Physical Challenge required students to use 'Best Day Thinking' to complete different high ropes elements, learn to surf, and survive a day in the bush. Indigenous Culture examined the original custodians of our land and their traditions through rock painting, dreamtime stories and role plays. When studying the Environment students went rock pooling at the beach and seed collecting in the bush. Personal Evaluation & Personal Growth required students to **set goals, reflect on their experiences, learn new skills** such as First Aid and develop their strengths and understand their weaknesses. Students also participated in a beach camp at Venus Bay and Inverloch and a bush camp at Tamboritha.

MSP has been designed to provide a balance of academic subjects and experiential learning covering all compulsory key learning areas. It has an increased emphasis on time management, personal responsibility for learning and applied learning. Students within the program have experienced **success as learners and have become more confident and creative individuals**. They came to realise more clearly that setting clear goals and the effort to achieve them are integral to their attaining their personal best.

We have been busy ensuring that our experience, as well as student and parent feedback enable us to develop our program. We are excited about the future of MSP and the opportunity it offers our young adults during their Year 9 studies at Lavalla. **Kim Stewart - MSP Team Leader**

Term 2 is about to begin and students have been reminded to ensure equipment required for each class is checked and restocked and that learning goals are revisited. All year 7 and 8 students have been issued with the College Home Study policy document and semester outline.

STUDENT LITERACY

Recently Year 7 and 8 students at St Paul's campus have completed the online On Demand test in English created by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Information gained from this exercise will help give students, teachers and parents an insight into skill level and areas which require development. This activity compliments a range of tasks students are currently completing to further enhance literacy skills. For further information please visit:

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/prep10/ondemand/OnDemandTests.pdf

Spelling Programme

Most Year 7, 8 and 9 students are engaged in a differentiated spelling programme aimed at addressing the range of skills found within each English class. To this end, each student has had their 'spelling age' determined by using a common diagnostic tool earlier in the year.

WHERE IN THE WORLD? . . . National Geography Competition

Close to 50 students across St Paul's and Presentation campuses participated in the 2010 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition in late March. Lavalla Catholic College has a long history of involvement in this extra-curricular activity which encourages students with an interest in Geography and an ability to interpret and analyse information to pit their skills against 90,000 other Australian schools. Ms Berg (Competition coordinator) commented that "there's a renewed emphasis on geography and history in schools linked to the national curriculum."

Kim Widrich - Team Leader 7/8 Curriculum

VCE

As we approach the next assessment week for Unit 3 it is important for students to be fully prepared for their SAC's (School Assessed Coursework). The College website (www.lavalla.vic.edu.au) has important information for all students and parents regarding SAC dates and the rules governing these as set out by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority). Please take the time to read these important documents, they are found in the Yr 11-12 section under the Learning tab.

Students can fully prepare for their SAC's if they have all the possible information from their teacher. Students should make sure they know what is being assessed in each SAC, the type of assessment to be completed and most importantly the time and date of the SAC. Students should ask their teacher for this information, double check the time and date!

Other ways students can be prepared include:

- Knowing the time frame of the SAC. How much time will be allowed? Will the SAC extend over more than one period?
- Check which resources will be allowed during the SAC. Will it be open book? Can I use my calculator? Can I use a revision sheet of notes? Each student should bring their own resources!
- Ask the teacher what specific preparation should be done. Create a check list of topics to be reviewed.
- Can you complete practice questions? Your teacher may be able to advise which questions from text books or past exams will be good preparation for the SAC.

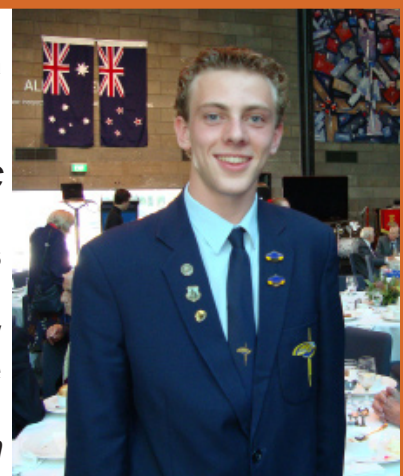
Teachers are very willing to help students who want to do well so please ask them for help, they are your best resource.

Jenny Sutton, Year 11-12 Curriculum Team Leader

SPIRIT OF ANZAC PRIZE STATE FINALIST

On Wednesday 21 April **Ashley Bransgrove** (pictured right) in year 11 attended a Luncheon, hosted by the Honourable John Brumby MP Premier of Victoria, commemorating the '95th Anniversary of ANZAC Day' in the Great Hall, NGV International. Ashley received a certificate for being a State finalist in the most recent **Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize**. This is the second time Ashley has been a state finalist in this competition in as many years. Three students from each region of Victoria make up the 27 finalists from which 10 winners are drawn. His painted entries have been accompanied by a written response and he has had to attend interviews in January and present his entry to a panel of judges. Ashley's interest in military history and his artistic talent have combined to produce two pieces of work which help us visualise the ANZAC Spirit.

Kim Widrich - Team Leader 7/8 Curriculum



A Note from Our Parents

Dear Parents,

It is raffle time again. We know we all grumble and groan at the thought of selling raffle tickets, but this is for the benefit of our children to enhance their learning environment during the hot summer months. As you know, money raised from this raffle will continue to build on our funds towards air-conditioning across the College. If your children are like our children, you would have heard them complaining about how hot it is in classrooms over all campuses. As parents, we would like to help the school address this. So, for the comfort of our children, we need your support to raise a substantial amount of money. The more money we raise, the sooner our goals will come to fruition.

In seeking your support once again, we would like to thank the many families who made a great effort to sell tickets for our major fundraising last year and while we were pleased with the final result, there is still a long way to go before we can reach our goals. So we are writing to you as Presidents of the combined Parents & Friends (Traralgon and Newborough) in seeking your generous support once again.

The College received valuable feedback from parents from each of the three campuses and we thank you for this input. In response, we have made the following changes to our raffle this year:-

- Each family will receive one book of tickets via mail.
- Extra books available at each campus on request.
- A minimum of 2 books sold to be eligible for the ticket seller's prize, which is 1 year's tuition fee for one child.
- Incentive prizes at each campus for the top ticket seller.

Please expect your tickets in late May, with the raffle to be drawn at Careers' Expo on 13th August at 3pm.

Please help us to help your children.

Mrs Anita Both



President
Parents & Friends – Traralgon

Mrs Irene Bramstedt



President
Parents & Friends - Newborough

The heartlands and champions of our Marist charism are not necessarily where one expects to find them. For it was not in the historical homeland of Marcellin Champagnat or the busy Marist centres of Paris or Rome that I came face to face with the work of God, but in the margins and fringes of Guatemala City and San Salvador.

Br. Moises was principal of Escuela Marista in San Salvador for all too brief a time. His principalship coincided with the similarly short time that Oscar Romero sat as Archbishop of El Salvador. Both men were killed for their respective ministries. The city of San Salvador is a geographical heart to the liberation theology movement, which demands political and social change as a reaction to the message of the gospel and the life of Jesus. My time as a Champagnat pilgrim forced me to ponder the lives of these two men who both epitomised a Christian life in one of the most violent cities on earth. A city which offers no welfare system, a city in which eighteen murders are committed daily and only 2% are ever solved.

For Romero, it was his homilies that spoke to the injustices and inequities faced by the poor of El Salvador that made him a powerful figure of dissent in the eyes of his dictatorship government. Moises used his school and his position as a platform to feed and clothe the children and families that he worked with. Romero was gunned down whilst administering a funeral Mass. Moises was strangled to death in his office as the children of Escuela Marista watched through the windows.

I have spent three weeks in the company of pilgrims from other Marist schools across Australia. In France we walked in the footsteps, both physically and symbolically, of our founder Marcellin Champagnat. In Rome, we were challenged by Br. Emili Turu, the superior general of the Marist brothers, to actively seek and find the poor in our communities and bring them into our colleges. We were challenged also to address the spiritual apathy of



our own communities. It seems to be easier to see the face of God where he is needed most. I came face to face with a loving God in Central America, where we saw the charism of Champagnat alive in the actions of brothers and lay Marists who work tirelessly for the children in their care.

Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music

Second Hand Book and Uniform Shop.

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 20th May

3.30pm – 6.00pm

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)

Forthcoming Events...

Term 2

26 April	ANZAC Day public holiday
27 April	Term 2 commences MSP Homerooms 9.2&9.7 commence
3 May	Full winter uniform
6 May	Immunizations (Presentation Campus)
11 May	NAPLAN Language C&W (Presentation)
12 May	NAPLAN Reading (Presentation Campus)
13 May	NAPLAN Numeracy (St Paul's) Yr 10 Immunizations (Kildare Campus)
14 May	School Photographs (Kildare Campus)
17-21 May	LA Interviews Yr 8 & Yr 10 (Learning Block 2)
24 – 26 May	Intermediate Band Camp
25 May	ICAS Computer Skills Competition
26 May	School Photographs (Presentation Campus)
28 May	School Photographs (St Paul's Campus)
31 May	MSP External Activities
31 May – 4 Jun	Yr 10 & Yr 11 Semester 1 Exam Week