



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

25 February 2005

Dear Parents,

“The Work of Human Hands”

One of the important priorities of the College is to try to balance rather than deny many of the trends which develop in education. Today there is much emphasis on achieving productivity gains. We hear much about the workplace, the marketplace and Information and Communications Technology. We read about the importance of literacy and numeracy. We are reminded about patriotism and flag raising.

Whilst we don't resist these challenges, we do find ways to ensure that they do not become an obsession that obscures many of the values we hold important. One of the ways in which we balance these pressures is to maintain a strong commitment to the subjects associated with the Arts and subjects requiring manual skills.

The work we do with our hands satisfies our spirit. In the works of human hands we see the effort of the artist or the maker to transfer his/her inner images to the world. The hand reveals the soul and the work of our hands becomes an extension of our spirit into ordinary life. The result does more than simply decorate our world. Rather the Arts and Manual Skills can enliven and bring this same world to life.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Casual Bus Driver at call

The College requires the services of a casual bus driver.

Services include - Traralgon to Rawson run, Traralgon to Newborough run and Kildare Campus to St. Paul's Campus.

The vehicles used for transporting students are a Ford Transit 12 seater (no special licence required) and the other vehicle is a Mercedes Benz Vario 31seater bus (a light commercial vehicle licence required to drive this vehicle)

The position is for a 3 month period at this stage commencing immediately.

Inquires can be made to the Business Manager Mr. Robert Tarraran at Marcellin House on 51745272.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

This week we were visited by Lay Sothy from Cambodia and Susan Grout from Caritas Australia. Sothy spoke to groups of Yr 9 and 7 students about life in Cambodia during the time of the Khmer Rouge and presently. He showed the students photographs of village life and the power of small but significant improvements eg wells, toilets and the cow bank. The talks were aimed at raising awareness in our students so that they may more fully understand the impact of their donations to Project Compassion.

Swimming Carnival

The campus Swimming carnival will be held on Monday **February 28th**, at the Traralgon pool. Given current conditions please ensure that your child has **sunscreen** and personal insect repellent. **All students should bring hats, protective clothing etc.** All students must have signed permission slips to attend. It is important that the students attend and that they contribute to the carnival atmosphere of the day even if they are not competitors. Students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the Carnival by wearing house colours on the day.

Yr 7 Camps

My thanks to the staff and students involved in the Yr 7 camps. It seems that all involved had a great time, learning new skills and getting to know each other. These camps are very valuable and provide the basis for the dynamics in the Yr 7 classrooms. I am

particularly grateful to the staff members who put their personal lives on hold to attend the camps.

Aerosol cans

With the current mosquito problem and the popular use of spray deodorant/perfume we have had a number of people ill from being near too much aerosol spray. Please **avoid aerosols** as these are causing problems for those students and staff with breathing difficulties. Encourage your child to leave spray cans at home as they will be confiscated at school.

Padlocks

All students **must have a lock for their lockers**. In some cases these need to be cut open when a student forgets or loses his/her key. To prevent this we recommend that a spare key be given to the Homeroom teacher. In cases where it is necessary to cut the locks we will supply a new one from the office at a cost of \$5.00. Hopefully this will mean that your child's belongings can be secure at all times.

"I have come to believe that giving and receiving are really the same. Giving and receiving--not giving and taking."--Joyce Grenfell (Joyce Grenfell Requests the Pleasure)

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A reminder that the cut off date for applications for EMA is
Friday 28 February
Applications accepted at Newborough Campus or Marcellin House
Applications received after the cut off date cannot be accepted

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Assessment and Reporting will soon be a focus of conversation at Parent Teacher Interviews in approximately 4 weeks. It is essential that all students realise the

importance of meeting dead lines and submitting work by due dates. We ask parents to support the staff in this regard.

Presentation Campus (contd...)

Please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teachers if you want clarification on assignments or progress.

The **Parent Support Group** met last week. They are keen to recruit new members to this group. I am assured by the president, Carol Wilson, that the group have a 'laid back and social approach" to assisting the campus to purchase valuable equipment to enhance the curriculum. They meet about twice a term on a Monday night from 7.00 – 8.30pm. Please contact the College if you are interested in joining the group. The AGM is on the 15th March.

The **Year 7 Camp** at Wilson's Promontory is 3 weeks away. Notices and Permission Forms were sent home last week. I would ask all families to return these as soon as possible to assist us with the final preparations of this activity.

Next Thursday all students will travel to Traralgon to attend the **Commissioning Mass**. Summer uniform will be required by all students.

I have pleasure in announcing the **2005 SRC Representatives**.

P801 - Brittany Aquilina, Peter Hansford
P802 - Michael Gelagotis, Hayley Rek
P701 - Patrick Frendo, Ashlee Raymond
P702 - Stephanie Bishop, Sam Amaira
Year 9 - Daris Laurins, Jared Risol, Leigh Winter, Katrina Seymour, Hayley Abery, Jenna Shaw, Melissa Breit

Year 9 Campus Leaders

Rita Chandra,, Michael Gauci

All SRC reps and Sports Captains will receive their badges at our Assembly after the Mass next Thursday.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien, Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Commissioning Mass:

Next Thursday the College will be holding the annual Commissioning Mass in the Champagnat Centre. I would ask that students not come to school dressed in PE uniform or with rugby tops. This celebration of the Eucharist is a whole College function and is a formal occasion. The students will be bussed to and from the St. Paul's Campus and all students are asked to go directly to the St. Paul's Campus for Homeroom that morning.

Campus Swimming Carnival:

Next Tuesday, March 1, we will be holding the annual Campus Swimming Carnival. I would ask parents not to arrange for dental, medical, other appointments or personal and family arrangements on that day. Medical appointments or staying at home to study are not acceptable reasons for staying at home. Students who are not good swimmers are able to join in a host of novelty events, cheer on other House members or even act as officials for the day keeping times or assisting with the scoring.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

ROADIES Program

**Interchange Central Gippsland is seeking volunteers for the ROADIES program
(Respite Options for Adolescents with Disabilities in Enjoyable Situations)**

If you are between 14 and 17 and like helping people, making new friends, going away on day excursions, spending time on overnight camps and generally enjoying life, then you are just who we are looking for. Ongoing training and support are provided by Adult Recreation Leaders.

If you are interested please contact Colin Croot at ICG on 5127 7979 or Mike Hansen, Kildare Campus, on 5174 5272.

ST GABRIEL'S SCHOOL
25th ANIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
Friday 11th March to Sunday March 13th

St Gabriel's School community invites all present and past members of the school community to attend the 25th Anniversary founding and opening of the school.

Friday 11 March

- Whole School Mass at St Michael's Church at 9.30am followed by a Morning Tea for all friends and visitors in St Gabriel's School Hall.
- Dinner Dance at Premiere Function Room in Grey St Traralgon beginning at 6.30pm. Tickets \$40 per person available from school office (5174 5515) or after weekend Masses.

Saturday 12 March

- Open afternoon at St Gabriel's from 1.00-4.00pm. Walk through the school to view memorabilia
- Roll call
- Display of 1985 time capsule

Sunday 13 March

- Parish Mass at 10.30am St Michael's Church in Traralgon
- Morning tea at 11.30am in St Michael's School Hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 28 Feb	L Barrett, S Mills	K Manson, help required
Tue 1 March	I Gregson, P Johnson	S Prosser, help required
Wed 2 March	help required	M Fievez, A Fletcher
Thu 3 March	P Radovich, R Henderson	B Boothman, help required
Fri 4 March	P Brown, S Staley, J McCallum	P Atkinson, C Barry

Postal address PO Box 1080 Traralgon 3844	Marcellin House Admin Coster Circle Traralgon Ph 5174 5272	Kildare Campus Kosciuszko St Traralgon Ph 5174 8111	Presentation Campus John Field Drive Newborough Ph 5127 1311	St Paul's Campus Grey St Traralgon Ph 5174 7355
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