

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



25 JULY 2008

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear parents and students

Despite the cold spell a warm welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome back to our Marist International Festival and World Youth Day pilgrims. Some students were fortunate enough to attend two weeks of spiritual and reflective work and others were able to attend the WYD celebrations. Of those with whom I have spoken, none are satisfied with the way they have described their experiences, feeling they have been inadequate to express these significant and life changing opportunities. From my perspective it has been a joyous experience to witness the excitement and enthusiasm for what has happened to them. The spirit was obviously amongst them and the hope is that they will be able to spread this enthusiasm amongst the wider student body.

This edition of the newsletter includes feature articles of these two significant and life changing events and no doubt we will hear more about the impact as the months unfold and as the significance of the experiences begin to make a difference to the lives of our young people.

The teachers who accompanied our students gave generously of themselves and selflessly gave up holiday time with their families to accompany our students. On your behalf, we thank Mr Ben Verghese, Ms Lee McKenzie, Ms Monica Justin who were wonderful supports for Mrs Maria Haggett. Mrs Haggett who was the overall co-ordinator of the lead-up work and the trip itself. Sometimes it was difficult to determine who was more enthusiastic and excited about attending both the MIF and WYD and we all need to acknowledge, thank and be appreciative of Maria's contribution to the whole WYD programme.

"In you, Holy Father, we see a church that is a friend to young people: a church that listens to them, searches them out, accompanies them and teaches them."

Cardinal Rylko WYD08

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

St Paul's Campus

Year 7 on Show!

The displays that students put up in Term 1 were so good that we felt parents should take part in their children's success. Therefore, on Thursday 31st July, Year 7 students will host an Exhibition of their work. Parents are invited to the Year 7 Centre, St Paul's Campus to view class Museums and Science Fair displays between 5.00-7.00 p.m.

All students are encouraged to participate in this activity to nurture a sense of College community and celebrate student successes.

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

Presentation Campus

Congratulations to those taking up new Leadership positions: **Deputy Campus Captains** - Amy Dickason and Jack Sheedy; **SRC** - Sam Curtis (801), Josh McGrath (701) and Emily Jeffrey (701).

Congratulations also to Tenielle Palmer, Lachlan Forte, Sam Curtis, Lauren O'Hea, Amelia Vincent, Katelyn Somerville, Jonathon Noy, Amy Dickason, Ashlee Thompson, Josh Diamente on their new role as Campus Energy Monitors. We look forward to their overseeing of our more responsible use of energy resources.

Mrs Leanne Mills
Campus Director

Kildare Campus

The cold weather is upon us. The mornings have an icy chill and we welcome the much needed rain. In keeping warm, I have reminded students that uniform is an important aspect of our College. Please encourage your child in the wearing of the correct uniform and know that at the Kildare Campus we will continue to advise you of any student breaches in this area.

Australian Bocce Championships

Congratulations to Megan Griffiths who played in the Australian Senior Bocce championships. This occurred in Queensland and Megan was one of the representatives for Regional Victoria. Megan came 2nd in the triples, 2nd in precision and 3rd in bowl-throw. Congratulations Megan and we wish you well as you represent Australia in Croatia later on in the year.

Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

Marist International Festival

9-13 July 2008

As a lead up to World Youth Day, young Marists from all around the world gathered at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. Nineteen of our Years 10-12 students from Lavalla, travelled by overnight train to Sydney to attend the Festival. At St Joseph's we formed a new community of about 500. There were many different languages spoken, the main ones being English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, but somehow everyone was able to communicate.

In the first days the young people worked in Pilgrim groups with members from some of the thirty nine countries represented at the Festival. They had the opportunity to speak about their own experiences as well as their hopes for the world. While the languages were different the sense of hope and commitment to social justice came through in each group. The Lavalla students immersed themselves in the experience, actively engaging in meeting and talking to as many people as possible.

Throughout the festival we experienced deeply spiritual liturgies, reconciliation, welcome to country and Eucharist. Each one of these was uplifting and life giving, made even more so by the enthusiasm and commitment of all the pilgrims. At a time when young people are almost demonised in the media- think drugs, speeding etc, it was a joy to be with hundreds of young people whose will it was to be together to share a wonderful experience, to move outside their comfort zones, to reach out to others and to open their hearts to counter cultural messages. The theme was:

Ignite the heart
Embrace The vision
Transform the world

Ignite the heart

The event organiser arranged a day at the Hermitage at Mittagong. The Hermitage is a very significant Marist site in Australia as between 1906 -1984 all young men training to be brothers completed their Novitiate there. Although bitterly cold, the day was full of high spirits as Pilgrim groups met for the first time, bands played and finally our guest speaker Sir William Deane addressed us. His message was of hope and social action which certainly helped establish the theme of the conference.

Before sending his brothers out to their duties in distant towns Fr Champagnat used to place their names in a metal heart shaped case. This way they were known, remembered and prayed for. On our first night at Mittagong each pilgrim placed his or her name in a large silver heart and symbolically forged our community.

Embrace the Vision

During the following days the young people were challenged to share themselves in their Pilgrim groups, to try to bridge language and cultural divides. There were also a variety of workshops that covered topics as diverse as the founders of the Marist orders, sexuality, and liturgical music.

Transform the World

Br Cesar Henriquez the Marist representative at the UN for the rights of Children, was another key note speaker.

He put before the pilgrims the challenge of taking action to bring about social justice. Br Sean Sammon, the Superior General of the Marist Brothers, also called our young people to action.

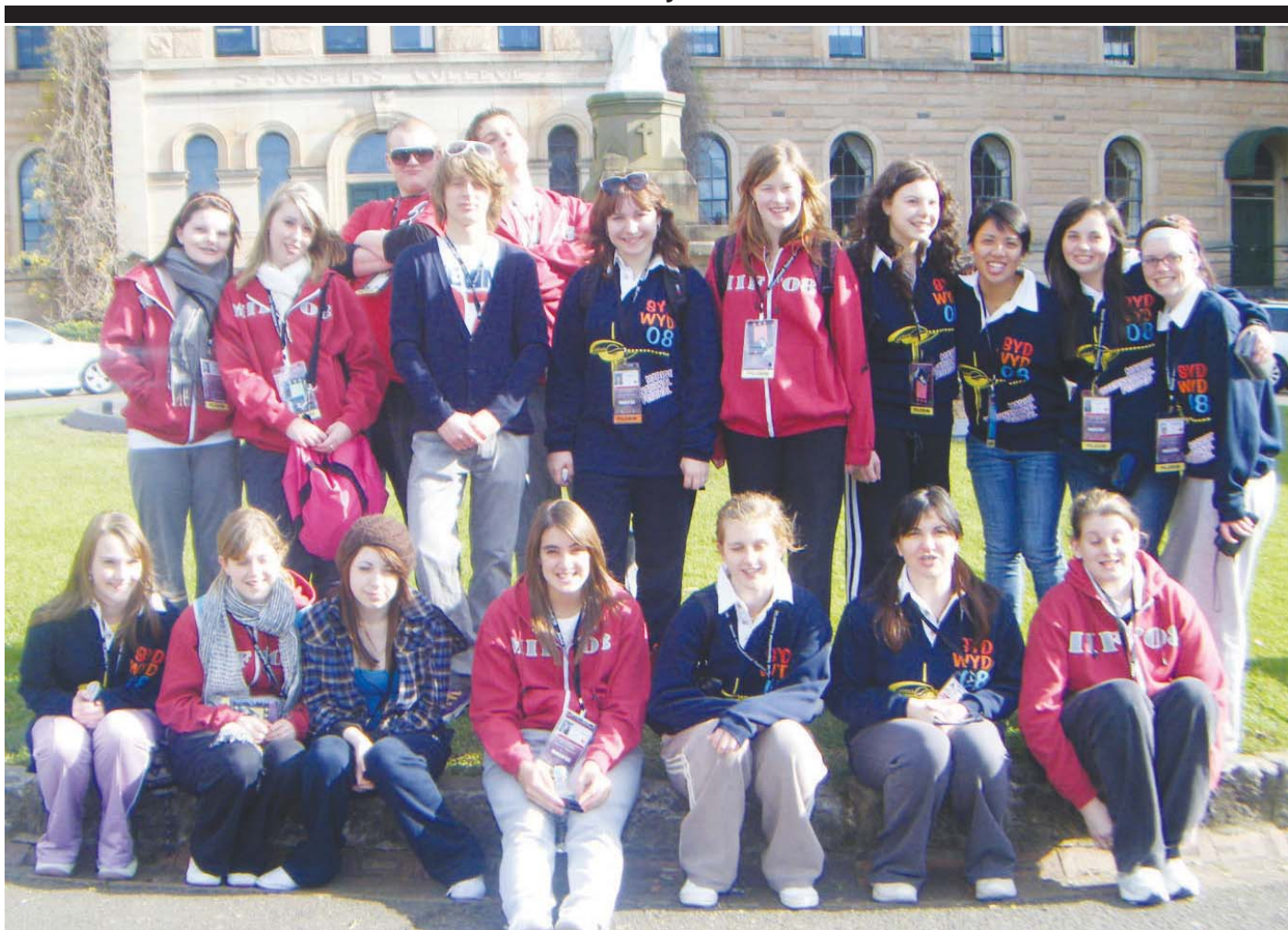
I felt very privileged to share this experience with our young people, to be part of the joy and harmony which filled the festival. Particularly I am grateful to Mrs Maria Haggett, who made all the arrangements and who worked so tirelessly with our young people to ensure that they were prepared for the Festival and WYD. Yes we were cold, yes we were tired but I wouldn't have missed it. I am also very hopeful for the future- these young people are determined to make positive changes in the world.

Lee McKenzie
MIF Pilgrim 2008



World Youth Day

15-21 July 2008



The candles have been snuffed, the purpose built altars are in the process of being dismantled, the cleanup crews are busy at Randwick racecourse, Benedict XVI is back in the Vatican and the 200,000 national and overseas pilgrims have dispersed from the city precincts of Sydney. World Youth Day, the international festival of life and faith and culture has come to an end and the pilgrim youth of The Valley have returned home to welcoming friends and family.

There are few who could not be moved by the scale and drama of the events in Sydney. The public action of the various liturgies was a buoyant acclamation of the depth of faith at the core of what it is to be a Catholic Christian in modern Australia. I have spoken to people who were moved to tears by the power of the Stations of the Cross that were enacted on the steps of the Opera House, through the streets of Sydney, on the waters of the harbour and on a raised dais depicting Calvary. I met the father of one of our pilgrims in the supermarket who described the hair on his neck standing in response to the emotional impact of the crucifixion of Jesus. And this is our response in front of the televised events in our lounge rooms.

What must it have been like for our Lavalla pilgrims? Surrounded by thousands of young people like themselves who have responded to the promptings of the Spirit, what has happened deep in their hearts? What insights have they had into the life of faith... into what it is to be human...

into what God is calling them to be and do?

An experience as deep and powerful as WYD takes time to unfold in those who have taken part. One thing is sure, those who went on pilgrimage to Sydney have had an experience that will continue to inform who they are and what they are becoming for many years to come.

To all our pilgrims, students and staff.... Welcome home!

Mike Hansen
Director of Faith and Ministry



Forthcoming Events

TERM 3

JULY

- 26 July Mexican Group Arrive @ 10pm Champagnat Centre
 26-30 July Centro Universitario Visit (Mexican Group)
 29 July Champagnat Mass (9.30-11.30am@Champagnat Cntr St Paul's)
 Marist Music Festival (5.00-8.00pm@Champagnat Cntr St Paul's)
 30 July-1 Aug Year 8.7 [St Paul's] & 8.2 [Pres] Melbourne Camp
 30 July Year 12 Drama Workshop
 Monash University Information Sessions - *Medical / Engineering Science*
 31 July Job Skills Expo [Pres]
 Senior Jazz Ensemble Workshop [K]

AUGUST

- 5 Aug VCE Tertiary Information Service @ Monash University
 Dale Simmons, TRU Energy Guest Speaker [P]
 6-8 Aug Year 8.6 & 8.8 Melbourne Camp [St Paul's]
 6 Aug Year 9 ArtConnect - Taboo [P]
 2009 Year 10 Applied Learning [P]
 Year 9 TRU Energy Powerworks Excursion [P]
 7 Aug CAS Netball Championships
 Clay Target Shooting (Frankston)
 11 Aug 2009 Year 11 Parent Information Evening [Kildare]
 13 Aug 2009 Year 10 Parent Information Evening [Kildare]
 13-15 Aug Year 8.3 [St Paul's] & 8.1 [Pres] Melbourne Camp
 14 Aug VIS Netball
 Playwrite in Residence
 15 Aug Lavalla Careers EXPO and Kildare Open Day
18 Aug Mid Term Break [Student Free Day]
19 Aug Staff Professional Development [Student Free Day]
 20 Aug Keys Please Session [K]
 20-22 Aug Year 8.1 & 8.2 Melbourne Camp [St Paul's]
 21 Aug TIS session
Secondhand Uniform Shop OPEN [St Paul's]
 22 Aug 2009 Year 10-12 Re-Enrolment Due [K]
 Lavalla Group Photographs
 25 Aug 2009 Year 10 On-line Enrolment [K]

Champagnat Mass

- Date:** Tuesday 29th July
Time: 9.30am-11.00am
Venue: Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus

One of the features of the Mass is awarding the Champagnat medal to a male and female student at each year level, and to staff members.

Parents and family members are most Welcome!

Marist Music Festival

- Date:** Tuesday 29th July
Time: 5.00pm-8.00pm
Venue: Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus

Members of the Centro Universitario Mexico Band and Choir will be performing with the Lavalla Catholic College Bands and Choir.

All Welcome to attend this exciting event!!

Canteen Roster

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

- Mon 28 July L. Hare, L. McDonald
 Tue 29 July M. Vuhagiar, (help needed)
 Wed 30 July H. Stoddart, K. Lowden
 Thu 31 July K. Licciardi, L. Barrett
 Fri 1 Aug D. Buckley, (help needed)
 Mon 4 Aug I. Gregson, V. Agius
 Tue 5 Aug K. Hildebrand, (help needed)
 Wed 6 Aug P. Grunwald, D. Arandt
 Thu 7 Aug A. Mooney, (help needed)
 Fri 8 Aug M. Holt, M. Patterson

KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 28 July C. Jackiw, (help needed)
 Tue 29 July C. Templeton, (help needed)
 Wed 30 July S. Pistrin, (help needed)
 Thu 31 July V. Sammut, (help needed)
 Fri 1 Aug Help Needed x 2
 Mon 4 Aug D. Berryman, K. Manson
 Tue 5 Aug Help Needed x 2
 Wed 6 Aug A. Scully, (help needed)
 Thu 7 Aug M. Johnson, (help needed)
 Fri 8 Aug R. Salleh, (help needed)

Education Maintenance Allowance 2nd Instalment

Must be submitted to the School no later than July 28, 2008. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first Instalment of 2008 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second Instalment.

If you have not applied for the 1st Instalment and are eligible for the 2nd Instalment you will need to complete the application form at Marcellin House or Presentation Campus. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 which is July 14, 2008 for the 2nd instalment.

For further information and clarification please contact
 Adriana Morland on Ph: 5175 8209.

NIGHT TIME SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

GET READY FOR THE
CHANGE OF SEASON

OPEN ON
THURSDAY 9th October

6.30-8PM

DON'T MISS OUT