

From the Principal

Mr John Freeman



Many of you would be aware from the extensive media coverage that Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Laudato Si*, was released last week. The subtitle for this document is, 'On Care for our Common Home', because its focus is to exhort to humankind for the need for to look after our planet's ecology. The encyclical itself can be read online from the link below: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

I have included in the edition of our Newsletter is a letter from Bishop Pat O'Regan, which encourages us to read *Laudato Si*. Also attached is a set of questions and answers related to this encyclical.

Last week our Year 12 students and a number of staff went to Phillip Island for a retreat from Wednesday until Friday. I was able to attend on Thursday afternoon and evening and was greatly impressed by the engagement and participation of both students and staff. The timing of a retreat during mid-year is not always common, but I think it is very apt. Whilst at the retreat I had opportunity to say a few words about its purpose of a retreat, which is a time to withdraw from the day to day busyness of our lives and to reflect on all that has been given to us by God – family, friends, opportunity, to name but a few gifts – as well as allow ourselves to recuperate physically, mentally and spiritually for the journey ahead of us. We all need this! Thanks in particular to Mr Chris Roga, Mr Paul Skippen and all the team who prepared the retreat and ensured its great success.

Once again I remind all in our community that if they wish for their child in Grade 6 to be considered for enrolment into Year 7 2015 then they need to submit an application as soon as possible and by no later than the third day of next term – Wednesday, 15th July.

I also want to draw to your attention that we will hold our Mid-Year 2015 College Awards Assembly on Thursday 16th July 2015 in the Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus. It will commence at 9.30am and will conclude at 11am. Families of certificate recipients have been invited in a separate letter, but I extend an invitation to all in community to attend if they wish.

Also worthy of note is that we have now taken possession of the Trade Skills Centre at our Kildare campus. Whilst construction for this building started late last year, planning for it started over four years ago. The new building will allow us to offer not only our current subjects in the trade area such as VET Building and Construction, VET Engineering and VCE Product Design, but will also provide opportunity to offer new subjects of relevance to our students in the future. The official opening of the building will take place on Friday, 24 July 2015 at 11.00am.



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At the opening we will be very privileged to have among our official guests the following important people:

The Very Reverend Bishop Patrick O'Regan, who will bless the building; The Honourable Darren Chester MP, Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Federal Member for Gippsland; Mr Paul Herrick, Director Southern Region, Marist Schools Australia; and Mrs

Maria Kirkwood, Director of the Catholic Education Office Sale. I will formally thank a number of people for their hard work in bringing this project to fruition at the opening and I will write more about this in the first newsletter next term.

Our Marist Netball team under the leadership and care of Fiona Morrow and Nikki Schroeter have performed well at the competition held in Lismore this week. This was a highly competitive tournament with only a few points separating the teams in the Championship Division in the preliminary rounds. Our team played well and eventually came eighth overall in the competition. All involved, staff, students and the parents who made their way to Lismore are to be commended.

On Tuesday, 23 June, we had staff and students from the music department of Caroline Chisholm Catholic College visit us for the day to conduct workshops. The day culminated with performances from both schools both individually and combined. Being able to attend the performances that afternoon I know I can write with great confidence that all involved enjoyed the experience and that the performances were skilful and entertaining. Thank you to Shane Reid, Shane Lebbe and Sarah Duncan for their work in organising the day.

Whilst we are still completing a few minor elements, we have during the course of the term refurbished

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our Chapel at Kildare Campus. The refresh of this important place has seen an even more welcoming sacred space within the College. My thanks to all involved, but in particular members of our maintenance team – Wendell Symonds and Michael Townsend – who not only oversaw the projects, but both made significant contributions to the improvements.

Well done to all the students who competed at the SSV Regional Cross Country Championships held at Lardner Park last Thursday. We had a very successful championships which saw all our students giving their best. Well done to all involved and some notable results were: Paul Kuol - 1st 17-20 yr boys; Amira Idmouh - 1st 15 yr girls; Riley Evans – 1st, Colby Morley – 3rd, Liam Willaton – 6th. Tyler Morley – 7th in the 14 yr boys section, a dominant effort; Ava Mifsud – 3rd 14 yr girls; Luis D'Angelo - 4th and Will Clare - 5th in the 13 yr boys; and Jade Melbourne - 2nd 13 yr girls. This year's result has been our best for some time with a total of 15 students qualifying through to the State Championships, which will be held on Thursday, July 16th at Bundoora Park, Bundoora.

Well done as well to Lachlan McDonald who has been selected to participate in the AFL Laguntas Program – this program is specific to Victoria and aims to develop the football career and cultural identity of Indigenous boys aged between 16 and 19.

Also last Thursday we recognised the achievements of our students in the Journey To Work program. Thank you to Michael Archipow, Mike Hansen and Rita Nainie for all their work with our students.

My congratulations to Raffaella Cataldo who has supported and coached seven of our students to reach the finals of the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition to be held on Friday 24 July 2015. Good luck to: Jeremy Wall, Jacinta Potter, Francis Licciardi, Taylah Da Ros all who are in Year 11; and Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura, Georgia Pollard and Bethany Hourigan who are in Year 12.

Can I please ask that you pray for Greg Dorling who is currently ill. Greg is father of Chantal (currently in Year 12), Brodie (2009), Hayden (2013) and husband to Sharon Dorling, who does enormous amount of work as a member of the Lavalla Debutante Committee. I know the family would greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Finally I wish all members of our school community and refreshing, reviving and safe break and look forward to seeing you all in the third term.



St Paul's Campus Update

Ms Lee McKenzie - Campus Director



The end of semester sees the first Atlas group finish the program for 2015. All the students have participated in student led conferences to talk about the learning and personal development which had gone on through the semester. Hopefully the students and parents have had an opportunity to express their thanks to the Atlas team of teachers for their efforts. The

team will begin this work again next semester with the second half of Yr9, culminating in term 4 spent at Presentation campus.

Campus Assembly

The campus gathered for an assembly to celebrate all the achievements of the semester including fund raising, displays, sporting achievements, ICAS successes etc. Our campus Leaders Anton and Minnie did a great job of preparing the assembly.

Interviews

Thanks to all those parents who attended the recent parent teacher interviews. If for some reason you were unable to attend please feel free to make direct contact with the teacher/s you would like to see and arrange a phone conversation or meeting time for early term 3.

Cyber Safety

When we return to school for term 3 students will all attend a presentation from Sue McLean on Cyber safety. With this in mind I would remind all families to be watchful of their children and their social media activities particularly during the holidays when our young people have more time to devote to their devices. Please note Term 3 will start with a week 1

Staff Changes

Ms Carolyn Boothman will be leaving after replacing Ms Roma Valentine for the term. Mr Leigh Winter will also finish his replacement for Ms Kelly Murray. Thanks to both these teachers for their work with our students and their contributions to the life of the College.

Mr Alby Van Berkel has joined us for a short replacement while Ms Sally Sharp is on leave.

Mrs Sharmi Mageswaran will be replacing Ms Deborah Murrell who will be taking leave for a few weeks early in term 3 .



Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

(Anne Frank)

Kildare Campus Update

Mr Doug Doherty - Campus Director



Last week we celebrated the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, bringing to an end of a period of reflection on how the Kildare Campus actually promotes the Marist Charism on a daily basis.

The final 'Characteristic' of Marism is probably the most suitable for any community – "Family Spirit".

It is imperative that all members of Lavalla Catholic College see each other as a member of one family that encourages a spirit of partnership in teaching and learning.

At the Kildare Campus we are currently promoting this partnership through the implementation of a 21st Century learning pedagogy, to encourage independent learners ready for university or career.

The work of the careers team has continued to be outstanding in helping the college to achieve this goal. There has been a range of aspirational tertiary sessions arranged by the team and highly supported by Federation University and the University of Melbourne. A strong program of Career support has been continued for Year 10. The purpose of these sessions is to provide information and guidance for our students to choose the right pathways to success. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students the best that are undertaking work experience during the holidays, as well as thanking all employers who continuously support our students.

The journey for all students on their pathways to success continues on Friday 31st July with the Kildare Campus hosting our annual EXPO event. It will take place from 11am to 4pm. This is a great opportunity for both parents and students to meet with a range of experts, including our staff, university partners and employers.

This partnership is also clearly evident with the successful use of cross-age tutors during student choice time. If any student would like to benefit from this wonderful opportunity for 1-2-1 peer support, please let Mrs McCormack know and she will forward this request to Nathan Masiero (Senior Student Leader for Cross Age Tutoring).

The Charism of 'Family Spirit' also focuses on the importance of welcoming people of all backgrounds, cultures and accepting people and providing a sense of belonging. This is clearly evident with the successful integration of new students and staff to our faith and learning community. This consistent approach of welcoming all members to our school community is currently being illustrated by the excellent pathway promoted amongst our indigenous and those students with global language access, through the program of 'Journey to Work'. This has been organised by Mrs Rita Nainie, in conjunction with Federation University and celebrated its success to date at St. Paul's Campus this week.

Sharing successes as a family is vital to the promotion of well-being and the Marist Charism amongst our community. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank those parents who have complemented individual staff members and would like to let you know that I announce this praise every Monday and Wednesday morning during staff briefing. So please keep it coming.

It was very refreshing to also hear positively from many local employers in regards to our Year 11 VCAL students. It was warming to hear that there have been the offering of many possible apprenticeships by the local businesses with whom we work in partnership for work experience. Well done to those students and the award winning VCAL team, led by Mr Jason Szkwarek. An example of this success was Cameron Graham who has recently received an apprenticeship with Malibu Landscaping Services and Jackson Catlin who received an apprenticeship with Weldtek.

Success within our school family is celebrated not just within the confines of the school buildings. It is with great when we also have members who succeed at state and national level. An inspirational report written by Dwayne Tibballs accompanies this newsletter.



Faith & Ministry Matters

Mr Chris Roga - Director of Faith & Ministry



As we come the end of the Term, and of the Semester, it is wise to look back at some memorable opportunities for growth, staff and students together.

We look back at some of the highlights: 'Shave for a Cure', the Champagnat Mass and Awards, Flags for Nepal, Remar, Gippsland Interchange Awards, CSYMA Confirmation Retreats, Give a Damn, Give a Can', Project Compassion, Catholic Education Week, Reconciliation Week, Year 12 Retreat, ECSIP Surveys, Deepening Characteristics. And then some more. And normal school work.

It has been a busy, but very fruitful term and the people in the college community have risen to the challenge of striving to do better and caring for one another in practical ways. St. Marcellin Champagnat liked to quote Ps. 127, "Unless the Lord build the house, in vain do the builders labour." We are blessed and we are thankful for our blessings.

As we come to the end of Term 2, we wish all families a happy holiday, and a safe return to the college in Term 3.

Lavalla Marist Solidarity Immersion to Fiji

The applications have been received. The interviews conducted, save one. The process of discerning the right mix for the group is in progress. 8 students from Years 10 and 11, and 2 staff will live in the Marist community in Fiji for 10 days in October. They will live and work with the Fijian students in a Marist school to experience firsthand how people in a different culture and social setting live. We know from past experience, the students who go on immersion, see the world differently, and return enriched.



Staff Retreat

The Annual Staff Retreat will be held on 26 June at Presentation Campus for all staff. The theme is #justLove (Hearts without Borders) and the presenter is the team from the Marist Mission and Life Formation Team. The retreat will end, as all good retreats do, with a lunch.

Companions for the Journey: Year 12 Retreat

The Retreat was memorable. It is difficult to describe it. You had to be there to get the full flavour of the experience. Nevertheless, the retreat was very good for a number of reasons: the venue; the food; young people by themselves for three days; the basic retreat has been tried, tested and improved over the years; live music; young people leading young people; Father James, as the retreat priest in residence; personal sharing of life experiences; the activities; the food; the camaraderie; the dynamic staff-student interaction. All these together made one very good retreat.

'Companions for the Journey' was the key theme and the activities were based on reflecting on the people who had influenced lives so far; parents, families, friends, significant adults. A key moment was receiving and reading letters from home. Another moment was replying to those who had written letters. And who could forget the 'Fashion Parade', or the flying Fox, or the Giant Swing, or the small group bonding.

This group of young adults in Year 12 are quite remarkable. And so, too, were the staff. Talk with them to learn more.



Chess Tournament

On Wednesday the 24th of June our fellowship of 12 journeyed to Korumburra Primary School with only one thing on their mind – total chess board domination.



As our company of twelve students from year 7 to 9 and one teacher embarked, an excited energy filled the bus, however as the bus drew nearer to its destination an air of quiet anticipation fell over the group. Student's fingers itched, awaiting the moment they would slide the finely carved rook across the board, or act on the opportune moment to castle and take advantage of the complex duel between minds. Upon arrival the students entered the tournament

eager to speak the foremost word on their lips – Checkmate.

Each member of the team played well and relished the opportunities to learn from their opponents and the instructors as they forged and strengthened friendships. Student's upheld the integrity of the game as they held themselves with dignity and demonstrated the utmost of sportsmanship despite the final outcome.

The Lavalla Chess Team placed 2nd in the Secondary School division, with Andrew Topps, Johnny Kavadias, Mub Murshed and Riley Murdoch each receiving a silver medal for their overall score.

Congratulations to all involved and the participants of the Lavalla Chess Team.





Italian Enrichment Excursion

On the 19th of June 2015, 50 students were selected to take a trip to Lygon Street in Carlton Melbourne.

On this excursion we participated in two activities that would enrich our understanding of Italian culture and cuisine. It went with our class topic of "Buon Appetito". The first activity was a tour around the Italian Museum where we had to match pictures, find objects and research statistics on the migration and settlement of Italians in Australia. There we discovered the hardship and challenge it was for the Italians to find work and settle in.

The second activity was a survey around different Lygon Street delis, restaurants, cafes and shops. We

surveyed DOC Deli, Brunetti, Café Coretto, Forza Italia and Casa Del Gelato. There we found statistics on produce, background of the store and some fun facts about each place along with some personal information such as what we'd buy or what we'd eat. For lunch we went to Il Gambero.

We enjoyed pizzas or a bowl of Italian pasta along with a side of salad and chips. After lunch we were given some free time to explore Lygon Street or for some of us to revisit some old places. We were allowed to stroll up and down the street, buying gelato or gazing through shops.

At the end of the day we were all tired and the ride home was entertaining as well as long!

We all came back with a better knowledge of Italian cuisine and the way Italians cook food as well as an idea of what it was like for Italians when they first arrived in Australia. We all hope the Year 7s next year consider applying for this trip because it was an amazing experience and if you have already been to Lygon Street before, it is a better experience sharing it with your friends. The staff that put it together have done an amazing job to make so many smiles.

Big thanks to Miss Sola, Mr Aliotta, Miss Bianconi and lastly Ms Alford who kindly attended the trip on the day just to look after us.

Grazie tanto e ciao!

– Julien Alesi 8.5



Atlas9 Project GRIT

For our second Design Project at Atlas9 this semester we have chosen a project about GRIT.

In GRIT we worked in a variety of mediums to create an artwork or series of artworks that focus on capturing grit.

What is GRIT?

GRIT is a positive, non-cognitive trait based on an individual's passion for a particular long term goal.

For our GRIT project we have chosen to do a piece of art describing nature fighting back through the city and urban life.

In this piece nature is taking back what was taken from it.

We can cover the earth, We build upon it but in the end it always comes back and takes back its place.

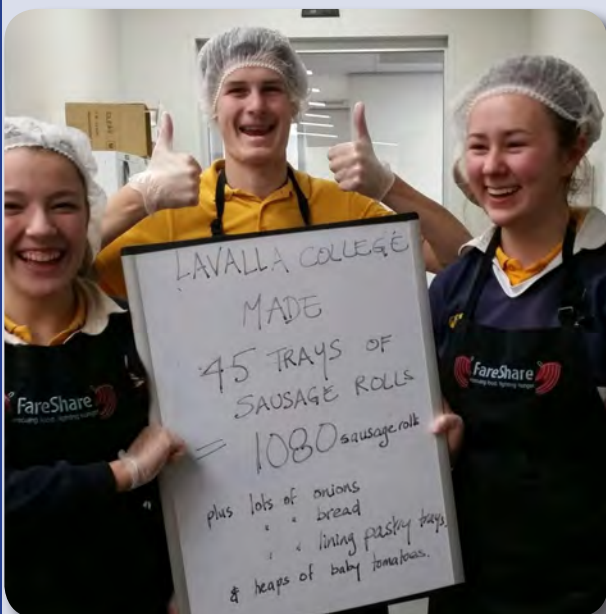
The tree is a reminder of our past (roots - ancestry), present (tree body - knots included) and future (fruit - labour and posterity). The tree's ability to break through the solid structures of humanity tells us about resilience and staying firm to our beliefs. Water flows constantly through our lives, it gives us life, it blesses us and confirms our identity, it washes away our sins and cleanses our body.

GRIT has allowed us to express our creativity and create something unique and amazing.

- Brydie Murray and Zali Harrison



Atlas9 Fare Share Excursion



On Tuesday the 23rd of June a group of year 9 students took a trip to the FareShare Schools in the Kitchen program in Abbotsford.

FareShare is a not for profit organisation that cooks meals that are distributed to more than 300 charities in Victoria to help people suffering from food insecurity. They rely wholly on donations of food and receive products from supermarkets, farms and bakeries, they described it as a 'daily mystery box challenge' as they never know what they may get. Once we arrived there was a quick briefing on what they do and instructions on hygiene in the kitchen.

The group also took this chance to handover their donations of pasta and rice that can be used in family meals. We then dived straight into work. Our jobs included: filling and rolling sausage rolls, tearing bread, chopping and peeling vegetables, packing quiches and lining quiche trays.

School Life

For three hours the team worked hard and as a result we made 1080 meals while also contributing to the preparation of other meals.

The Atlas9 subjects Geography and Community have assisted us in understanding the importance of helping out and skills we learnt in Growth helped us persevere through challenges that arose. Everyone agreed that working in the FareShare program was a positive experience that we all walked away from it with new skills and a better connection to the community we live in.

Overall it was an incredibly rewarding and fun opportunity that we would do again without hesitation.

- Ella Darling & Matipaishe Ruzive-Makura



Dante Alighieri Society Poetry Competition Recitation

The following 7 students made it to the Finals that will take place on Friday 24th July at Melbourne University:

Year 11: Taylah Da Ros, Francis Licciardi, Jacinta Potter, Jeremy Wall.

Year 12: Bethany Hourigan, Georgia Pollard, Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura

Congratulations to them and to all of the Lavalla participants who performed very well on the day!
What a great effort! Go Lavalla!





Strong Showing at Cross Country

A strong field of competitors represented Lavalla Catholic College in the SSV Cross Country Regional Championships at Lardner Park on Thursday, June 18th across the varied age groups.

Of the 29 competitors that started at the Divisional Championships, 15 have progressed all the way through to the State Championships which has resulted in the College's best effort at cross country for many years.

Riley Evans, Amira Idmouh and Paul Kuol all captured a 1st place finish in their respective events along with a number of other competitors finishing high in the placings.

The 13 year boys, consisting of Luis D'Angelo, Will Clare, Damien Hough, Matthew Scholtes and Zac Bezzina, managed a 1st place finish in the team category as did the 14 year boys which is comprised of Riley Evans, Colby Morley, Liam Willaton, Tyler Morley and Jake Cashmore.

Our 13 year girls came a close 2nd with Jade Melbourne, Adior Deng, Phoebe Wright and Leah Cook making up the team and the 15 year boys of Jaxon Gardiner, Nick Lowden, Lachlan McFarlane, Blake Willebrand and Lachlan Patterson also came 2nd.

Overall, this was a great showing from the Lavalla competitors and the students will travel to compete in the State Championships in Melbourne on July 16th.



Sport Report



Clay Shooting

A squad of 20 Lavalla Catholic College competitors travelled to the Sale Field and Game shooting ground at Longford on Tuesday, June 16th to compete for the Howard and Schuback Perpetual Trophy.

Individual competition was staged throughout four divisions (Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Junior Boys and Junior Girls) with two rounds of 10 targets each.

Byron Foley was our outstanding performer over the course of the day to claim a 3rd place finish in the junior boys. Chelsea Mayze was the only female representative for Lavalla and did remarkably well in her first competition event for the school to finish 4th in the junior girls.





Jazz Ensemble Workshop Day

Our own jazz ensembles have formed a close bond with the Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Jazz Ensemble over the past year. Late last year we visited their college for a day of combined workshops and on Tuesday of this week we hosted them for another day of shared learning sessions. It is a great fit, for all of the obvious differences between a regional college in the Latrobe Valley and one in Braybrook, there are some noticeable commonalities between our students and the musical trajectory that they are on. It is a partnership that benefits both of our fine colleges immensely.

It was an intense day of work. The students combined on two pieces that were new to everyone on the day and ultimately performed together in a concert that also featured our Senior Choir and Senior Concert Band. Learning some strategies to help master the perplexing jazz art form of improvisation was the goal of the day. To make our Kildare Hall feel like Bourbon Street New Orleans suggests that this goal was well and truly achieved.

I have the privileged and somewhat unique position of regularly seeing our Lavalla music students in situations where they work alongside or attend events with students from different colleges across Victoria and Australia. These situations, like yesterday, always make me aware of how our students carry and present themselves – we have so much to be proud of here.



I am very grateful to the students listed below (our Senior and Junior Jazz Ensembles) who participated so enthusiastically. Also, the students and staff of Caroline Chisholm Catholic College – in particular

Todd MacNeal, their jazz ensemble director and their Director of Music, Frances Wilson, to the families of our students who supported us by attending the very unusual time of 4pm and to our own music staff Sarah Duncan, Shane Lebbe and David Beltrame who gave me so much support on the day.



Marist Pilgrimage Days 11 - 14



Day 11 - 22 April

This morning we gather at 6.30am to walk to the train station in order to get to Rome. We are travelling in peak hour, so the main station of Termini where we had to change trains was overflowing with people. We get to our intended station and then made our way to St Peter's



Square for a General Audience with Pope Francis. We arrived by 8.00am sat in our seats in a reserved section and waited. The Pope's arrival was fascinating and a bit fun, and he drove right past us and I did get some good shots, as did most in the group. The Pope message was on the sanctity of marriage between a man and woman. After the audience, we had the opportunity to go inside the Vatican grounds to see the statue of St Marcellin Champagnat. This is in an area not usually

accessible to the public, but we were lucky enough to get access through the support of the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See.

Afterwards we were free to see the city. A number of us enjoyed pranzo (lunch) at local trattoria and then did a walking tour of some key places in Rome - crossing the river we walked to see Piazza Novona, the Pantheon, Saint Ignatius Loyola Basilica and the Spanish Steps. We did go to the Trevi Fountain, but it was under repair, perhaps next time. We then caught the Metro back to our hotel, for dinner.



Day 12 - 23 April

Our day began in the foyer of the General House where we were initially split into two groups. One half visited the General Archives to view some valuable possessions such as the originals of the letters of St Marcellin, including being able to see and touch original documents written by the early Marists. The other half had an orientation tour of the General House and meet a number of Marist Brothers and Lay Marists who work in sections of the General Administration.

After the morning break, we were privileged to have a session with the Superior General, Brother Emili. He spoke to us about his most recent letter

Montagne: The Dance of Mission - http://vd.pcn.net/en/images/pdf2015/Emili-Carta_Montagne-2015-EN.pdf .

If you read the letter you will see that Br Emili drew heavily on the words of Pope Francis, and his associated talk was excellent.

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Following this we had our Eucharist which was conducted in two parts: the Liturgy of the Word in the main Chapel, followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the Chapel of St Marcellin, the private chapel of the Superior General and Council, which contains the original portrait of Marcellin at his death, his own statue of La Bonne Mere, and an altar at which he celebrated

Mass. We then joined the members of the General Council and the General House Community for pranzo.

That afternoon about ten of us returned to St Peter's, did a very quick tour of the Vatican Museum, then visited the Sistine Chapel and following that climbed to the top of the Dome of St Peter's – a fair climb. After we descended we entered the Basilica itself. I know many have seen it so will understand when I say it was the most impressive building and piece of sculpture I have ever seen. It is unbelievable in its grandeur.



That evening we went to a traditional Roman pizzeria near the Coliseum. Following that we walked around Rome at night and caught a taxi back to the hotel.

Day 13 - 24 April

We were on our way early this morning, checking out and on the coach by 8.15am.

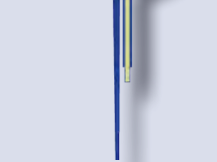
Then onto the airport for check-in. Our 90 minute flight (less time in the air than hanging around the airport - reality of International flights) took us from Rome directly to Lyon, the ancient capital of Roman Gaul and today the second largest city of France. It has had a Christian community since

the middle of the second century, within one generation of the Apostles. Its first bishops were from the spiritual school of St John, something that was to have a defining influence on the spirituality of France and ultimately on our Marist spirituality.

We spent two days in this city, as it is very important not only in our Marist story, but in that of the Church and of France. Our coach took us straight to our accommodation on the hill of Fourvière, where Marcellin and the first Marist aspirants pledged to establish the Marist movement on 24 July 1816. After settling in, we walked a short distance around to make a visit to the grand Basilica



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of Notre Dame de Fourvière. We then had time to walk down to Old City of Lyon to have some time to look around and then caught the Funicular (cable car) back to our accommodation. Before dinner we gathered in the seminar room where Brother Michael Green spoke to us to help provide an understanding of the geographical and historical contexts from which the Marist project sprang, here in the city of Lyon.



Day 14 - 25 April

Our day began with a Dawn Service, on this the centenary of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli held in

front of the Fourvière Basilica. We then moved to a special early morning Mass in the small Chapel in which Marcellin and his fellow Marist aspirants pledged to form the Society of Mary on 23 July 1816 - we also took this pledge:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All for the greater glory of God and the greater honour of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus.

We the undersigned, striving to work together for the greater glory of God and the honour of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus, assert and declare our sincere intention and firm will of consecrating our-selves at the first opportunity to founding the pious congregation of Marists. That is why by the present act and our signatures, in so far as we can, we irrevocably dedicate ourselves and all our goods to the Society of the blessed Virgin. We do this not childishly or lightly or for some human motive or the hope of material benefit, but seriously, maturely, having taken advice, having weighed everything before God, solely for the greater glory of God and the honour of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus.

We pledge ourselves to accept all sufferings, trials, inconveniences and, if needs be, torture, because we can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens us and to whom we hereby promise fidelity in the bosom of our holy mother the Roman catholic church, cleaving with all our strength to its supreme head the Roman pontiff and to our most reverend bishop, the ordinary, that we may be good ministers of Jesus Christ, nourished with the words of faith and of the wholesome teaching which by his grace we have received. We trust that, under the reign of our most Christian king, the friend of peace and religion, this institute will shortly come to light and we solemnly promise that we shall spend ourselves and all we have in saving souls in every way under the very august name of the Virgin Mary and with her help.

All this is subject to the wiser judgment of our superiors.

After Mass, we then walked back to our hotel for breakfast. During the morning we had two sessions lead by Br Michael before lunch during which we continued to explore the origins of the Marist project – focussing on the tradition of French spirituality and mission from which it sprang, and the innovations it proposed. The afternoon was free for us to explore parts of Lyon - which included the new city and having dinner at a restaurant that served typical Lyonnaise cuisine.



Calendar

Monday 15th July

- **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- Year 12 Uni Camp

Tuesday 14th July

- **TERM 3 BEGINS**
- SSV Gippsland AFL (Years 7-12 Girls)
- Cybersaftey Presentation - Kildare & St Pauls

Wednesday 15th July

- Alpine Country Clay Targer
- SSV Gippsland AFL (Year 8 Boys)

Thursday 16th July

- SSV State X-Country
- 2015 College Awards Assembly

Friday 17th July

- SSV Wellington Basketball (Years 9-12)
- VCAL Information Session - Year 9

Monday 20th July

- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 10 Allied Health Work Experience
- Year 7-12 Girls NV Championships

Tuesday 21st July

- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 10 Allied Health Work Experience
- 2016 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews
- SSV Gippsland AFL (Year 9-12 Boys)



Wednesday 22nd July

- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 10 Allied Health Work Experience
- Year 12 Drum Theatre Excursion
- Year 11 Drama O SAC Analysis

Thursday 23rd July

- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 10 Allied Health Work Experience
- Year 9 2016 Subject Presentation
- Year 9 VCE/VCAL/VET Presentation
- Year 12 Drama - Workshop

Friday 24th July

- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 10 Allied Health Work Experience
- Year 9 Summit Excursion
- Trade Skills Centre Opening - Kildare

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<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/News/Lavalla-Calendar/?viewmode=monthgrid&markDate=05-14-2015>

UpComing Events

CyberSaftey

Susan McLean – Australia's top Cyber safety Expert.



On July 14th Susan McLean will be speaking with all students. She is the expert in the field of Cyber Safety and the consequences of using the cyber world inappropriately. Students at St Paul's campus will hear her presentation during an extended period 1, while students at the Kildare campus will hear her presentation during an extended period 3.

"Internet and mobile phone technology is fabulous and provides us with the ability to connect with people all around the world. We can explore and learn about the world like never before, however, cyberspace does have its problems, and unfortunately for kids, they are the primary targets for people's warped ideas and bad behaviours. Young people are often targeted and groomed without the ability to recognise that this is occurring.

Kids' technical skills are superb. Adults today cannot even aspire to the level of technology knowledge inherent in today's kids, but we do know that this skill is not matched by cognitive development. Nothing we do can 'put an old head on young shoulders' and the ability to perceive risk, and foresee consequences is limited.

Kids need to appreciate and accept that just as in the real world, there are dangers in cyberspace. Remember that cyberspace is permanent. Everything that you write, post and send can be traced and will remain there forever. Do you want that comment, or picture from Saturday night's party on the desk of the person conducting a job interview in 10 years time?"

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/for-kids.shtml>

Susan's presentation is aimed at assisting our student in understanding how to keep themselves safe in cyberspace, as well as knowing what is appropriate and what is not. Who and where to go for assistance. We highly recommend that parents discuss with their children what they have learnt from Susan after the presentation. For parents to find out more information regarding cyber safety and what they can do to ensure their child is safe in this ever changing world please follow the links provided.

LINKS:

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/for-parents.shtml>

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

LAVALLA PARENTS & FRIENDS DEBUTANTE BALL COMMITTEE



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2016 DEBUTANTE BALL

The Lavalla Parents and Friends Debutante Ball Committee will be hosting an **information evening** at the St. Paul's lecture theatre on **Wednesday 12th August** beginning at 7pm. It is important that all students who will be attending Lavalla in 2015 in Yr 11 and who wish to make their Deb attend this meeting.

Please note that we need at least 4-6 new volunteers to help support the running of the balls. If we do not get new parent volunteers' there will be NO 2016 DEBUTANTE BALLS. **Attached is a nomination form for the deb committee. Any year level may apply.**

The 2016 Debutante Balls will be held on

Thursday March 31st
Friday April 1st
Saturday April 2nd

The Debutante Committee are hoping to run three balls on the above dates in 2016, however this will depend on the number of debutantes that enrol. Each ball is capped per evening. **Please note that there needs to be minimum of 15 couples per ball for it to be able to be hosted.**

Please be advised that all debutante balls ran by the Parents and Friends committee will always be held in the 1st term holidays.

The Debutante Balls are now run entirely by the Committee. **Under no circumstances should Lavalla be contacted with any Deb Ball issues.** Any questions or concerns must be emailed to the committee on the above email address.

Our registration evening will be held on October 14th at the Kildare hall, doors open at 7pm. At this meeting all the paper work and the registration fee will be due. Please note that registration is non refundable.

The registration evening is where you will be registered once your paper work and fee is collected. You will also find out at this meeting as to whether you have received your 1st choice for your ball preference

Please note that attendance at both meetings is necessary.

Yours sincerely

2015 deb ball committee

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email address: pflavalladebball@gmail.com

Nomination form

Please email to **pflavalladebball@gmail.com**

Name.....

Contact phone number.....

Contactable email

Name of eldest child.....

Year level

I understand that I am making myself available for support of the Lavalla Parents and Friends Debutante Ball Committee for the next 2 years, 2015 and 2016.

I have a current WWCC. (please supply a scanned copy with this nomination form)

Signed

Nominations close 5pm , 24th August 2015.

Writers' Workshop & Making Maths Work for VCE Units 3 & 4

Further Maths – Math Methods – English

DATE: Tuesday 30th June 2015

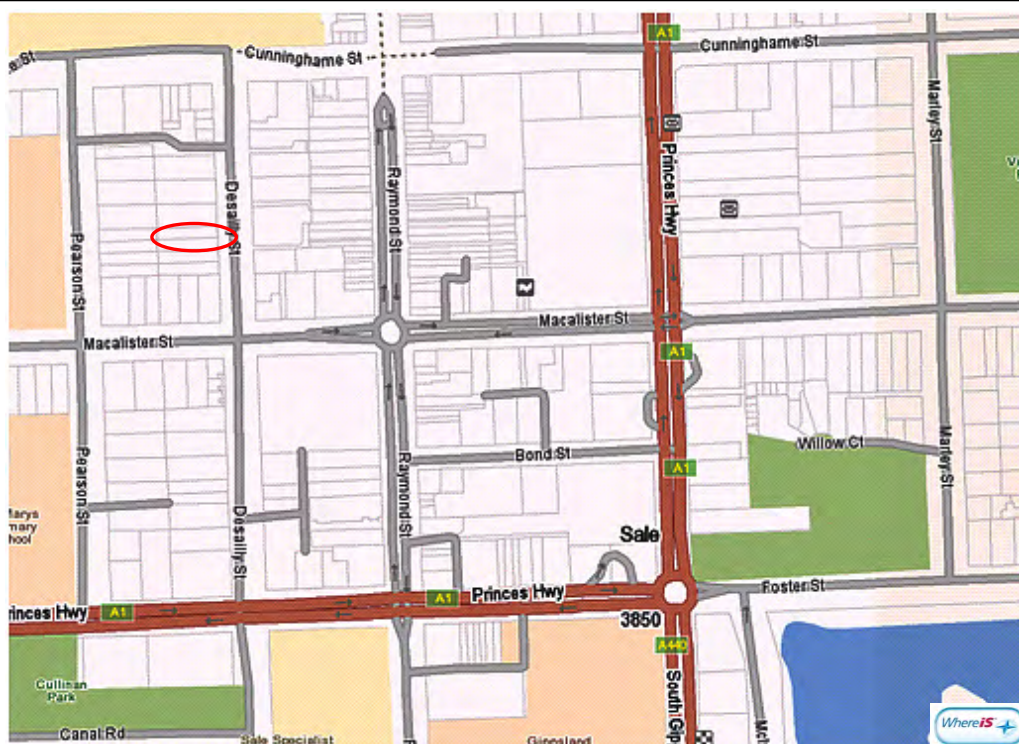
VENUE: Catholic College, Sale
51 – 53 Desailly St., Sale, VIC. 3850

AVAILABLE: To students in ACU's partner schools at no cost.

TIMES: Further Maths/Maths Methods 10.00 am to 12.00 pm
Lunch (provided) 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm
English 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

N.B. Registration is essential, at www.acu.edu.au/vhwreg

Registration closes 5 pm Friday 19th June 2015.



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1 July	1800-1900	Engineering Careers
6 July	1300-1400	Gap Year Careers
7 July	1800-1900	Technical Trades Careers
8 July	1800-1900	Women in Defence
9 July	1800-1900	Navy Careers
13 July	1800-1900	Women in Defence, Albury**
13 July	1800-1900	Health Careers
14 July	1800-1900	Army Reserve Officer Careers
15 July	1800-1900	Officer Careers
16 July	1800-1900	Commando Careers
21 July	1800-1900	Defence Careers, Ballarat**
21 July	1800-1900	Defence Careers
23 July	1800-1900	Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)**, hosted by representatives from ADFA and University of NSW
29 July	1800-1900	Defence Careers, Bendigo**
30 July	1800-1900	Defence Careers, Sale **

Most sessions are conducted at **Defence Force Recruiting Melbourne - Level 14, 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000**. Sessions held outside this venue are marked ** and addresses can be found below.

Albury (13 July) - Cnr Swift & Kiewa Sts, Albury NSW 2640

Ballarat (21 July) - Ranger Barracks, 1806-1812 Sturt Street, Ballarat 3350

ADFA Melbourne (23 July) - Defence Force Recruiting Conference Room, Level 2/501 Swanston St, Melbourne 3000

Bendigo (29 July) - Passchendale Depot, 101 Atlas Road, Junortoun 3551

Sale (30 July) - Sale RSL, 143 York Street, Sale 3853

Photo ID will be required and checked upon arrival. Any minors without photo I.D are requested to attend with a parent/guardian.

To book your seat please email CPTVIC@dfr.com.au with your name, the date and title of the session and also the number of seats you would like.

Hope to see you there!

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19th June 2015

Dear Friends,

I welcome the publication of Pope Francis' new encyclical, *Care for Our Common Home*. I urge Catholics and all people of good will to read it with an open mind and heart.

In characteristic Pope Francis style he opens with a clear and simple statement "Our common home is like a sister... 'This sister now cries out to us because of the harm that we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.' (1-2)

Pope Francis' vision is one where all people are called in live in communion with each other, with God and the whole of creation. To do this effectively we need to be good stewards of creation to make sure that the our mother earth, given to us as gift, can continue to nurture and bring life

The new Encyclical, sometimes referred to by its Italian name, *Laudato Si*, does remind us that we need to build our lives these two virtues of communion and stewardship.

In a world where we can so often opt for individualism, and where it's too easy to be greedy, Pope Francis calls us to choose a better, richer way, one ultimately based on God's vision of communion and stewardship.

+Pat O'Regan
Bishop of Sale

Questions and Answers dealing explicitly with the Encyclical

1. What's new in *Laudato si'* (LS)? What's in this document that we have not seen from the Church before?

The document is a call to conversion and action. While *Laudato si'* fits perfectly within Catholic tradition, it is saying with new force that concern for the environment is no longer “optional” for a believer. Caring for the environment is now even more clearly and surely part of Church teaching.

2. Why does the Pope pay little attention to the population problem?

LS acknowledges that population density can be a complicating factor in some areas. But people are not the problem. Waste is a much bigger problem: our throwaway culture and our tendency to consume without reflecting on our real needs, both material and spiritual.

3. The Encyclical seems to make technology and finance enemies. Isn't that a bit simplistic, even retrograde?

Technology and the financial markets can be wonderful instruments, as long as they are serving human beings, enhancing human dignity, as opposed to making relatively few very rich and a lot of people slaves. This calls for honest debate. What constitutes real technological progress? Where does it help human dignity, but where does it degrade it? Or financial markets: are they helping to spread the wealth? Are they helping to bring people out of poverty?

4. LS argues against fossil fuels. And yet cheap energy has done a lot to lift the poor out of poverty. Does the Pope want to deny them that possibility?

No. The Pope wants the wealthy nations, and those that have polluted more, to cut back on fossil fuels. He argues that alternative energy is available for all. But that requires solidarity: wealthy nations sharing their profits, helping the poorer nations to develop alternative energy sources.

5. It appears that the Pope is backing global agricultural planning on a massive scale (n. 129, 164). That's not really his job, is it?

Neither the Pope, nor the bishops around the world, are going to provide technical solutions. But they will speak on behalf of those with no voice. That's all the Pope is doing: saying that we either change the way we are producing crops, or we're headed for trouble. It will be for others – conscientious laypeople – to work out the solutions.

6. This document has a fair amount of economics in it. For example, claiming in n. 109 that finance overwhelms the real economy. Is that the kind of opinion a Pope should be expressing?

The Pope is not lecturing on economic theory. He has very clear ideas on human dignity, and what it means for someone to be excluded or without work. They're missing that sense of self-worth that comes from work hard and putting food on the table for their family.

7. Why is the Pope so anti-market? (for example: 189, 190) Isn't this just a Latin American prejudice?

Look at the unemployment rates among young people in Europe, and the number of people risking their lives to leave Africa. There's nothing Latin American about this at all. The global economy right now is simply not serving the great majority of people. That's all he's saying. Yes, plenty of wealth has been created by the market economy; but there's also too much absolute misery, and plenty of indifference to go with it.

8. The Pope claims that global warming is one of the principal challenges for humanity right now (no. 22). Leaving all debate aside, that seems to be a very earthly concern for a man with a spiritual mission.

Everything is connected, and nothing truly human is outside of the Church's concern. A person of faith should show even more responsibility regarding creation, which is a gift from God. Climate change isn't a theoretical matter, it is already doing a lot of damage, especially to those least able to adapt.

9. Who, besides Cardinal Turkson, helped the Pope write this? There are a lot of Bishops' Conferences quoted, but where did the science come from?

A number of people helped the Pope on this, but his name is on it and, in the end, it is his encyclical. The science comes from the same place we all get it: the scientific community, which has been working on this for decades. It's important to note that Pope Francis recognizes there are points subject to debate; he simply wants the debate to be honest.

10. What ever happened to natural law? It has always been at the center of the Church's moral teaching, but the Pope does not see to use it in LS. Is this a theological shift? Is he turning his back on Pope Benedict, who at the Bundestag used natural law in talking about the environment?

What we see in LS is not a theological shift but an attempt to find new language for a broader audience. In this case, even those who don't have an ethos based on natural law can see that taking care of the environment for future generations is the right thing to do.

11. No. 24 claims technology and finance pretend to be the only solution to our problems. But technology and finance have brought a lot of people out of poverty, and made the economy grow. Does LS want to take us backwards?

Technology and finance have helped some people a lot more than others. LS is not about moving backwards at all. It's about moving forward in a way that respects human dignity, doing everything possible to reduce the numbers of those who keep on being excluded from decent jobs, decent housing and decent healthcare. It's also about moving forward in a way that respects the planet.

12. The Bolivian Bishops (n. 48) claim that environmental problems hit the poor the hardest. Others counter by saying that environmental controls will hurt the poor more. Why should one take the word of the Bolivian bishops?

The Bolivian Bishops are echoing the protests of so many poor people from around the globe who are hungry because they can't grow enough food for their family. Just listen to those who are risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean from North Africa, or the Rio Grande into the United States, because it's their only hope.

13. With all due respect, is the Pope living on another planet? Does he really believe what he writes in N. 52, that wealthier should help contribute to solve the energy problems of poorer countries?

Pope Francis is the first to admit that solidarity is not a popular word. But without solidarity, while some places may get richer, we won't be going anywhere as a global community. The poorer nations will develop when wealthier nations give them a hand, and energy is a part of that.

14. N. 55 is a kind of condemnation of air conditioning. We know a lot of Europeans don't like it, but is it really that bad?

Just as many of us waste water, consuming a lot more of it than we really need, many countries waste energy with excessive air-conditioning. When the Pope talks about a more sober lifestyle, it's an invitation to see what each one can learn to live without.

15. Does LS promote wealth re-distribution? N. 193 seems to suggest that.

LS promotes solidarity among people and nations. Pope Francis has no magic formula for how the wealth should be shared, but he certainly is calling on those who have more than they can eat to open their minds and their hearts, and to share with those who don't have enough.

16. Buying and selling and trading have been going on forever. It also keeps people working. Is consumerism really as bad as LS depicts it (n. 124, for example)?

We all have to consume, to eat healthy foods, and to drink clean water. What we don't need is to foment an insatiable desire for more; creating needs that aren't really necessary at all. Think about someone who has lost all control with drink or with drugs; it becomes very violent, destructive behavior. There is a similar kind of addiction with consumption. A constant desire for more things, more possessions, becomes an obsession. Thinking about the poor, or about future generations, can actually set one free.