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STRONG MINDS COMPASSIONATE HEARTS



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman

On Friday, 18 November, we held the Graduation Dinner for our Year 12 students. The Graduation Dinner was the last time the Class of 2016 would gather as an entire group. This was the conclusion of 13 years of primary and secondary education. The young adults we farewelled on this evening we are sure will be the epitome of the 'good Christians and good citizens' that St Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, exhorted his teachers to help the students in their care to become. We wish them all well and pray they achieve every good goal they set for themselves.

I congratulate Madison Burns (Year 9) on being judged in the Top 10 Highly Commended group for the Catholic Education Office of Sale Christmas Card Design Competition. There were over 2400 entries from 28 schools, so this is an outstanding effort.



*And she gave birth to her first-born son
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
(Luke 2: 7-8)*

2016

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Late last term I advised that our School Captains for 2017 are:

- Eily Dalton
- Thomas Fleming
- Matthew Pearce
- Amelia Pitzner

I am now happy to advise our Junior School Captains are:

- Luis D'Angelo
- Maliat Monir
- Jordan Ross

Community Cohesion
Samantha Hegarty
Anton Tarraran

Champagnat House
Maddison Tosch
TBD

Nagle House

TBD

TBD

Campus Mentor
Grace Walker
Alana Cashmore

Events
Kasinda Dalton
Jessica Haylock
Selby Fisher
Molly Hunnam

Mackillop House
Tayla Jackson
TBD

Cultural

Maddison Tactor
Whitney Morley

Liturgy

Chelsea D'Angelo

Cross Age Tutors
Meg Ruyters
Sienna Reid

Delany House
Jessica Rankcom
Alana Cashmore

Justice

Brodie Logue
Elise Cunningham

Thank you to Kelly Murray in particular for her work in regard to the selection of these fine young people.

We have also recently determined a number of other leadership positions for next year and I also thank Tamsin McCormack and Doug Doherty for their work in relation to the selection of students for the following leadership roles:

To celebrate ten years of involvement in Marist Cricket a team of the Decade was announced as part of the 2016 Cap Presentation evening. The event was well organised by Peter Flahavin and Brett Van Berkel. It should be noted that whilst we started playing in the carnival back in 2005, there was two years when we did not compete – 2008 and 2009. The night was very well attended with representatives (in some cases by parents) from every team.

The 2016 Marist Cricket Team will play in Lismore in December and comprises: Connor Little (Year 11) Captain, Ryan Morley (Year 11) Vice Captain, Ewan Williams (Year 9) Vice Captain, Ben Jones (Year 11), Ethan Foley (Year 10), Jordan Jobling (Year 10), Josh Twite (Year 11), Mitch Bulmer (Year 11), Liam Little (Year 8), Nathan Harrup (Year 9), Lachlan Patterson (Year 9), Jack Lynch (Year 9)

Also of very worthy note is that Doug Doherty, Deputy Principal – Campus Director: Kildare, received an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards- State & Territory. He was selected as one of the 60 state and territory recipients from a pool of over 1350 nominations. This is certainly an outstanding result for Doug.

We also congratulate two of our Year 10 students being made Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars: Francesca (Chantel) Formaran and Luke Dal Pra. This is a huge honour and an exciting opportunity for them to attend events and workshops at Melbourne University during their time in Years 11 and 12. They will be supported by Melbourne University staff and will have the chance to meet like-minded students from other schools. Thank you



to Jeananne Brown for the tremendous amount of work she does in relation to this extensive process.

We also acknowledge Joshua Szabo (Year 12) who was recently endorsed by Latrobe City Council for his nomination for the VCAL Personal Development Skills Award for his Community Link CEO (Careers Employment Opportunities) project.

We are proud of all our students who compete in competitions as part of school teams. However, I would particularly like to congratulate the Year 8 Girls' Basketball team who won SSV State Championship. This is the first time we have won a SSV basketball title since joining the SSV competition. The Year 8 team was – Jade Melbourne, Millie Murphy (Captain), Lauryn King-Church, Emirson Devenie, Charli Leslie, Jaide Delicato, Rhani Styles, Molly McGrail, Chloe Kosterman and Bridie Gleeson (injured). Well done as well to their coach Karen Joyce.

Another group of young people that has done extremely well is our Chess Team who came eighth overall in the State Middle School Chess Titles. This is a highly competitive tournament and this achievement cannot be underestimated. Also because of their placing the team is now able to compete at the 12th Annual Interschool Chess Championships National finals next week. Good luck to: Mub Murshed, Sam Pugliese, Daniel Hegarty, Liam Rohde –Otter, Nathanael Duffy, Troy Brennan, Michael Connolly and Nicole Formaran. Well done as well to Dominic De Van Der Schueren and Gloria Zahra for their work with the students.

Last Thursday we conducted our first Instrumental Program Soiree Evening for students at St Paul's Campus. Well done to all involved, in particular Amanda Reid, one of our Instrumental teachers, for organising an enjoyable event.

Russell Broadbent MHR has written to the College to bring to our attention that the third round of the grant program available for young people- Local Sporting Champions will close on 28 February 2017.

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 (inclusive) when competing, coaching or umpiring/refereeing at an official national School Sport Championships or Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO) state, national or international sporting championship. If successful applicants can use the \$500 grant towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when attending the nominated championship.

There are specific criteria and applications must be submitted online.

Details can be found at: <http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions>

You will find included in this newsletter a notice to all families regarding our Bushfire Procedures. This summer season is predicted to be one where the threat of fire is high and I urge all families to consider both their own personal bushfire plans as well as related issues that might impact on your family if a fire threat occurs during school time.

I commend to your prayers for the family of Graeme Edward Wilkie who passed away recently. Graeme is the grandfather of John Wikie, member of staff.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



As already acknowledged Lavalla Catholic College held another successful Year 12 Graduation Dinner. The celebrations included the presentation of a number of awards with significant recipients being:

The Principal's Award for Academic Excellence

- Jessica Clarke – received subject excellence awards in Literature and Philosophy
- Grace Darling – received subject excellence awards in Biology, English and Physical Education
- Leo Ma – received subject excellence awards in Music Performance and Physics

Awards for Sporting Excellence

- Casey Sherriff
- Lachlan Spiteri

Marist Sports Award in memory of Daniel Lee

- Kade Duncan
- Kasey Guttridge

Year 12 Musicianship Award

- Jessica Clarke

Year 12 Award for English in memory of Maree Dargie

- Jessica Clarke

Year 12 Solidarity award

- Grace Ware

Year 12 Peer Award

- Leo Ma

The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

- Isabella Lappin

The David Vaughan Memorial Award, APEX Traralgon

- Grace Ware
- Cameron Brinsmead

The Rotary Club of Traralgon Award – The Dr Henry Considine Award

- Taylah Da Ros

The Rotary Club of Traralgon Award – Monsignor O'Mara Award

- Leo Ma

Caltex all Round Achievement Award

- Lexi Savige

VCAL Henni Van Berkel Award

- Joshhua Szabo

The Lavalla Award for Highest Academic Achievement

- Grace Darling





Change for aspirational success' was the theme of my speech to the Graduating Class of 2016 last Friday evening. The key themes that I promoted consisted of my hopes that this amazing group of young people would seek out and courageously embrace change whilst never changing what they have learned about adapting a faith journey.

Graduation Evening:

This was a wonderful success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff involved in the preparation and delivery of the event. I would especially like to thank Ms Alice Nelson and Mr Chris Rea for their excellent compering of the event. It was a very proud moment for all families involved and was undoubtedly a truly inspirational event for future students who witnessed it or examines the photos from the evening.

I would like to congratulate all graduating students, especially those that achieved awards on the evening.



— THE SECRET OF —
CHANGE
..... *is to*

FOCUS

ALL OF YOUR ENERGY

— *not on fighting* —

THE OLD

..... but on

— *building* —

THE NEW

— SOCRATES —

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Year 10 and 11 Exams

Change is not easy as the current Year 10 and 11s are experiencing as they sit their final exams for this academic year. These exams will be completed on Wednesday 30th November, an essential tool in preparing each VCE student for the change in pace and skills needed for the coming year.



Year 11 VCAL Work Experience

This is currently being undertaken and all reports to date are extremely positive regarding our students by local employers. I would like to thank the VCAL team and Nicole Sizeland for their dedication in making this week such a great success.



Transition

Transition begins on 1st December for 2017 Year 11 and 12 student and 5th December for Year 10 students. A full transition timetable has been created by Mr Van Berkel and his team that will not only highlight the skills and content of each student's courses, but also help develop the relationships of students and staff, needed for a successful rapport.

Awards Ceremony

Monday 5th December will be a celebration of the talent we have at our College, illustrated at the Awards ceremony. I would encourage all parents of successful students who have achieved an award to attend this prestigious event.

VCAL supporting Dalkeith

Change is life happens us all and it was great to see our VCAL students assisting our elderly community leaders adapt to change in their lives, by supporting them to continue to enjoy their hobbies of gardening. The students designed and built garden trolleys for this purpose and donated them to some of the residents who visited us here at the Kildare campus last week.

Final Day for students

The final day for students for 2016 is Thursday 8th December, not that I probably need to remind the students of this fact.





At this time of the year the entrance at St Paul's is filled with our St Vinnies hampers. These hampers are donated so that others in our region may experience some of the joy of Christmas. A heartfelt thanks to all the families who contributed to these, the students who compiled them and the staff members who supported and encouraged the process.

St Paul's on Show

Thanks to those families who attended the recent St Paul's On Show. We had some wonderful displays on the evening, including LOTE, Denim project, work from each year level and Art works. Informed by the small number attending, we will be reviewing the timing and arrangement of this event for 2017.

Transition Week

From the 5th - 8th December we will be running our transition program. Students will be allocated to new classes and meet their 2017 Homeroom teacher. While we appreciate that some young people don't cope well with change I ask that you discuss the coming change and prepare them for it. Should there be serious issues arising from these changes in the first instance make contact with the 2017 Year level learning leaders, they will be able to explain the reasons for the changes and work through any issues with you.

Gratitude Assembly

Next week we will hold our gratitude assembly. At this student led assembly, we focus on those things and people we are grateful for. It is important for young people who live such privileged lives to understand that there is a need to be thankful for good things in our lives. To take this further it is important to remind your children to show gratitude to the teachers, office staff, ESOs, and Maintenance staff who help provide the wonderful environment that they learn in.

School Attendance

All students are expected to attend school until the last day of term. Any absence will be recorded in the usual way and it is expected that parents will make the usual phone calls notifying of the absence and follow up with a written note of explanation.





A father, a mother, a baby born... the central unit of human life. And so it was with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. And angels sang, stars shone, shepherds and kings came to see while the animals watched over the baby. The manger briefly becomes the centre of the universe. The Christmas story is profound in its simplicity. This is life in its barest essence. And the birth of each child is rightly a central moment in history.

The nativity scene is one of the most familiar images of Christmas. Francis of Assisi first put it together in 1223 CE. He harmonized the two versions of Christ's birth from Matthew and Luke, and brings events that occurred over a two year period into one scene. It depicts theological and devotional, not historical, truth.

The stories around Jesus' birth have delighted people of all ages. The Christmas nativity scene is synthesis of accounts in Matthew and Luke and a combination of multiple traditions, Biblical and non-Biblical, into one enduring scene. The nativity scene is a timeless representation of when God became man; it is also a testament to human imagination and the art of storytelling.

Christmas is the ideal family festival. The Christmas tree, the family gathering and meal, the giving of gifts and the general joy are testament to the human desire for peace and harmony among all people. This Christmas, I pray that each of us, become centres of joy and peace, gathering people together in harmony in our circle. Merry Christ-mas.

Marist Student Leadership Training Camp

The College Captains for 2017 will go to the annual Marist Leadership Straining camp from Sunday 27th November, to Wednesday 30th. At Amberley, in Melbourne, Matthew Pearce, Amelia Pitzner, Tom Fleming and Eily Dalton, accompanied by Mr Alex Rathbone, will spend two days with student leaders from other Marist schools around Australia exploring the qualities, skills and behaviours of leaders in Marist schools.



The two days are always a lot of fun, and the young people who gather at Amberley are inspiring. Their experience at this camp gives them the confidence to make improvements in their schools and enhance their own skills and development as leaders for life.



IT Challenge

On Thursday 10th November, eight year 9 girls ventured to Melbourne University to compete in an IT programming challenge for girls (PC4G). Working in teams of two, the girls were introduced to 'Alice' and then were set a raft of challenges to complete within a time frame. Our girls performed very well, every team receiving a medal.

An IT careers talk followed pizza lunch. Feedback from our girls was positive.

"We learned how to manage a program."

"It was very fun."

The event was sponsored by Google.



Music News

Our most significant recent event was a highly entertaining solo performance evening involving all of our brass as well as some selected woodwind and bass guitar students last Thursday the 17th of August. For most students it was their first solo performance, it was a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere and an extremely supportive audience. Our congratulations to all students who were involved. My thanks to Amanda Reid, Stephanie Schena, Jade Smith and Tom Eddy, our instrumental staff who prepared these students for their performances on the night.

Our Senior Jazz Ensemble are enthusiastically preparing for the very prestigious 'Generations in Jazz Festival' which will see them travelling to Mt. Gambier for the first weekend of May in 2017 to perform. This included a Sunday afternoon rehearsal last week, in what were pretty hot and humid conditions. I am very grateful to these students and their families for giving up their weekend time, we will have a few more extra Sunday rehearsals in the early part of 2017.

This year's Training Band students have entered into the broader tapestry of the Music Department in recent weeks. They have joined with the Intermediate Concert Band which they will be a part of next year and many of them are also coming together each Friday morning to be a part of our new Junior Jazz Ensemble. If you happen to be doing some Christmas shopping on Wednesday the 7th of December you may find yourself entertained by some of our junior campus students who will be busking around the streets of Traralgon.

We are still awaiting the return of many re-enrolment forms for lessons. If yours has been waylaid please make contact with Mrs. Sarah Duncan, our Music Secretary on 5174 7355 or Sarah.Duncan@lavalla.vic.edu.au. It is important that we get our re-enrolment lists finalised over the next week or so, we would hate for any of current students to miss out, some of our tutors are quite full already.

Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music





Marist Cricket 10th Anniversary Dinner & 2016 Cap Presentation



The tenth anniversary of Marist Cricket and the 2016 Cap Presentation was celebrated in style when seventy people comprising past and current players, parents and teachers gathered at a recent function at Dal Mondo family restaurant.

All present thoroughly enjoyed the show which detailed the history of the College's participation in the Marist Cricket Carnivals and was presented by both Brett Van Berkel and Steve Erdely.

This early presentation set the scene for the remainder of the evening where the people who have played 3 or more carnivals were

presented with a service award for their contribution.

Those acknowledged were: Dan McKenna, Daniel Barry, Sam Farmer, Mubtasim Murshed, Cameron Graham, Jackson McMahon, Tate Marsh, Matt Hibbs, Dougal Williams and Lachlan Spiteri.

This was followed with the Cap Presentation to the current team for 2016 where Conor Little was announced as captain for 2016 and was presented with his cap by last year's captain, Dougal Williams.

Following this presentation, the team of the decade was announced and each person was presented with a certificate to recognise the achievement.

Team of the decade: Mr Brett Van Berkel (coach) Mitchell Membrey, Conor Sloyan, Mubtasim Murshed, Chris Williams, Mr Peter Flahavin (manager) Sean Spiteri, Matt Hibbs, Cameron Graham Absent: Dylan Spence, Matt Lincoln Ryan Allan.

Overall, everyone present had a most enjoyable evening reminiscing about games played and the good times had representing Lavalla at these highly competitive carnivals and we wish this year's team all the best as it ventures to Lismore in December.

For those wishing to follow the fortunes of the team in Lismore, visit our Facebook page at Lavalla Marist Cricket from December 6th onwards and visitors will be kept up to date with all the latest happenings at the Carnival.





Term 4 Calendar

Date	Campus	Event
Wed 16 November	St PAUL's	St Paul's On Show
Fri 18 November	KILDARE	Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Wed 23 - 30 November	KILDARE	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Thu 1 - Fri 2 December	KILDARE	Year 11 & 12 2017 Transition
Mon 5 - Thu 8 December	BOTH	Whole School Transition
Mon 5 December	BOTH	College Awards Ceremony
Tue 6th December	St PAUL'S	Year 7 2017 - Orientation Day
Fri 9 December	BOTH	End of Term 4

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

@ St Paul's Campus Open 3.30 - 6.00pm

1st December

6th December (Orientation Day 2.00pm - 6.00pm)



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Bushfire Season

Procedures

Fire danger ratings and warnings in Victoria aim to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services identified as being at high fire risk will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be Code Red.

Lavalla Catholic College has not been identified as being at high fire risk, so we will **not** be closed on a Code Red day. In reality, the school is a safer place than many of our families' homes, some of which are located in fire-prone areas.

While our school has not been identified as being at high fire risk, offsite activities such as excursions, camps and field trips, are planned to occur during the fire season. If such activities are considered to be at risk from fire, they will be rescheduled or cancelled.

Our school is well positioned to respond to emergencies, including an unpredicted breakout of a fire or a known fire unexpectedly changing course. If this occurs, our school's emergency management plan will ensure that we respond to the threat in a timely and appropriate manner.

As part of preparing for the fire season, we have completed the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria's (CECV) self-assessment of our emergency preparedness. We have also reviewed our emergency management plan and conducted maintenance works aimed at helping reduce the threat of fire.

In the unlikely event that fire threatens the school, the staff and students will be evacuated from classrooms to a safe refuge, consistent with our emergency management plan. The College's SMS messaging service will be the primary media used to inform families of critical incidents such as fire threats should they occur. We will also send emails and place information on the main page of our website, but this will only be done after sending an SMS. Accordingly, if you have changed your mobile number and have not updated the College you are asked to do so by sending an email to registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au.

If, at the end of a school day, fire activity prevents parents/guardians from being available for their children, parents/guardians should make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their children, e.g. to go stay with a family member or friend. In the event that such alternatives cannot be arranged, volunteer staff will supervise students for a time at school in the St Paul's Campus ISC. Students at Kildare campus will be transported by the College to the St Paul's Campus by 4.30pm. By evening, if it appears that the children will need to be accommodated overnight, they will be taken to an emergency relief centre by the school staff, as directed by the **Latrobe Council Management Response Team**. The Incident Controller and Municipal Emergency Response Co-ordinator (Victoria Police) are the only **authorised personnel** that can authorise an evacuation. They will advise of an emergency relief centre when it is deemed safe to do so. Details of the centre will be notified via SMS, email and placed on the website when it is released. These centres are normally setup in either Traralgon, Morwell or Moe depending on circumstances ***as part of the Latrobe City's emergency management processes***. These will be staffed by people with responsibility for supervision and care of children without parents or guardians.



Parents are reminded that if students are to be collected prior to the normal end of day time that the children are to be signed out in the usual manner. If another person is required to pick up your son(s) and daughter(s) we require that they be registered with us as an emergency contact person or if an alternative person is required we be contacted by telephone or preferably email of this arrangement.

What can parents do?

Make sure the College has your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. These should be sent to the College Registrar by email - registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au .

Keep in touch with us by reading *our Newsletter*, by checking our website: www.lavalla.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child's Learning Adviser or other members of the staff.

We suggest that you talk with your children about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan, particularly if you live in or are planning trips to fire-prone areas.

On days of high fire risk, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

You can access more information about bushfires and schools on the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria's (CECV) website www.cecv.catholic.edu.au .

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the Victorian Government Emergency website at emergency.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on **1800 240 667**.

John M Freeman
Principal



St Paul's Students.

2016 TEXTBOOKS.

2016 Textbooks are no longer required for classes after the **2nd December 2016.**

We recommend taking your textbooks home as soon as possible after this date to start listing them for sale on The Sustainable Schools Shop Website.

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Information regarding The Sustainable Schools Shop Textbook Trading System is included with your 2017 booklist and on The College website.



Kildare Students.

2016 TEXTBOOKS.

2016 Textbooks are no longer required for classes after the 30th of November 2016.

(Excluding textbooks carried over into 2017. These will be needed in Transition Week. Please check your 2017 booklist)

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