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Christmas Prayer

**Lord God,
As Christmas approaches, help us to
recognise the Christ child
in the broken hearted,
in victims of crime,
and in the sick and the old.
We gather around the same table as the
dispossessed,
the marginalised and the infirmed.
Help us to see the face of the Christ child in
our students,
in our teachers
and in our families.
May the Christ child be just as compelling
all around the world in 2010
as he was in a manger in Bethlehem
many, many years ago.
This is our prayer.
Amen**

Dear parents, students and teachers

This year's Christmas concert, was at last successfully, held outdoors in Victory Park on a beautiful balmy night. The bands and choirs gathered together for the last time this year, sharing their amazing gift to make it a spectacular entree to Christmas. Adding to the joyful atmosphere was the great number of families (and dogs), who contributed to the singing. Thank you to all those who were able to support this special community event.

The Christmas concert usually flags the beginning of the end of year celebrations for the College. It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for the year and there is still much to be done before we close the gates on 2010. Each Campus is preparing for the finals celebrations: the awards night, the final liturgies and various farewell ceremonies to ensure that the year finishes well for our students.

At the time of writing the Kildare Campus was very focused on organising a fitting celebration for our Year 12 graduation. This is a particularly special night which signifies for some our final celebration together and the parting of our ways. I take this opportunity to recognise all those families who are leaving us at the end of the year and thank you most sincerely for your support.

Also leaving Traralgon and a great friend of the College is **Fr Peter Bickley** who has been transferred to Bairnsdale. For the past 16 years, Fr Peter has embraced our community ensuring his support in our most needy times and shared with us times of celebration and joy. We will miss Fr Peter's gentle way, good humour and even his constant updates on his beloved Geelong. On behalf of us all I wish him well in his new Parish.

A number of staff members will make a new beginning next year. We wish them well and thank each and every one for their valuable contribution to our fine community.

Teachers

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| • Cris Caufield | • Maria Doganieri |
| • Jessica Dye | • Ellen Fredrickson |
| • Margaret Gaulton | • Maria Haggett |
| • Eric Herst | • Chris Kay |
| • Johanne Lyons | • Leanne Mills |
| • Anne Wilson | • Ernie Rijs |
| • Mihaela Ranga | |



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From the Principal... (continued from page 1)

Support staff

- Sophy Morley
- Br Mark Needham
- Joanne Piechota
- Tony Van Rossum
- Tracy Braun

As reported in an earlier newsletter, Br Mark's departure also signifies the end of an important era for the College and the Parish. Br Mark has been transferred to Alice Springs and for the first time in 50 years, Lavalla Catholic College will have no Marist Brother presence at the College. Br Mark was generous to join the leadership team during Mr Hansen's Long Service Leave and has been a valuable addition to the staff, especially on the St Paul's and Presentation Campuses. Along with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the past efforts of many, we assure the community that Lavalla Catholic College will continue to work in the Marist way, educating our students in faith, tradition and hope and passing on to future generations the wonderful gift given to us.

Communication from the College

In the mail next week you should receive important information about next year's tuition fees and charges and a brochure that reminds you about the uniform requirements. Also for families who have a child entering Year 7 in 2011, there will be important information about the Netbook and start-up information. Please ensure that you read this information carefully.

Second Hand Book Sales

You will by now be aware that the College is assisting with the procurement of books from the on-line source called Sustainable School Shop. All families received information in the mail about this and you can also access this through our webpage. Students in the senior classes should be able to activate their exchanges now and by next week all students will be eligible to buy and sell their books.

Catholic schools and the State Election

Catholic education has achieved bi-partisan support for fair funding for Catholic schools at 25% of the cost of education in a government school. Regardless of who wins the election on 27 November, Catholic education will receive increased State government funding that recognises the contribution of Catholic schools across Victoria. There has

been focused and targeted work completed by many people, over the last two-three years to ensure this positive outcome. I would like to recognise the efforts of the Directors from the Catholic Education Offices in Victoria and the lobbying from Principals, parents and other interested parties.

It is always important to let our political leaders know when they have responded positively to our requests on an issue that is important to Catholic education. You may wish to write to Premier Brumby thanking him for his government's commitment to fair funding for Catholic Education and let him know what the funding means for your school community.

Addresses of interest are:

The Premier: The Hon John Brumby MP
Premier of Victoria
1 Treasury Place Melbourne VIC 3000

Mr Russell Northe (MLA)	Mr Ted Baillieu MP	Mr Peter Ryan MP
PO Box 214	Leader of the Liberal Party	Leader of the Nationals
Morwell VIC 3840	Parliament House	Parliament House
	East Melbourne 3002	East Melbourne 3002

The season of Advent

This Sunday signifies the start of Advent, the season of anticipation for Christ's birth. It is a time to reflect upon Jesus' message of peace and good will and to prepare our hearts for Christmas. We give expression for this by asking students and members of staff to contribute to our Christmas Hampers that will be presented to St Vincent De Paul's in early December. Belief that we can help those less fortunate than ourselves is nothing if not followed up by Faith in Action, to be the willing hands and feet of God on earth. So I encourage you to help provide for those in our broader community who also need to be embraced by the care and love of the abundant generosity of our community.

No doubt you will spare a thought for the families of the 29 miners who lost their lives in New Zealand this week, made all the more tragic after the successful rescue of the Chilean miners earlier this year. They will have a very sad Christmas indeed.

Given this is our last newsletter, I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and thank you all for being part of the Lavalla community this year.

Ms Erica Pegorer, Principal



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Faith and Ministry

Into the Wild, Into the Future

One of the most confronting books I have read was the true story of Christopher McCandless, whose mysterious life and death was captured by Jon Krakauer in his book 'Into the Wild'. Some may be familiar with the follow up movie directed by Sean Penn.

Coming from a privileged background, McCandless was just entering society, having graduated from Emory University, with more than \$25,000 in savings and a family that loved him. He abandoned the mainstream life, broke contact with all that he knew, gave away everything he owned, and disappeared in the Alaskan wilderness as a homeless man for two years. McCandless decided to live in the wild, without the advents of modern human society. Living in an abandoned bus in the midst of the wilderness with nothing more than some basic supplies, McCandless braved savage elements. The details of the last year of his life are only known as he kept a careful diary of his time, his thoughts, and his reasons for fleeing from society.

Ultimately, he made the decision to return to society, but he was forced to return to his bus by a swollen river. At this stage he was battling a debilitating illness. In his final days, McCandless is weakened by hunger and the cold. He eventually decides that nature is only a refuge for a short while, that true happiness can only be shared with others. Some years after his disappearance, moose hunters in the Alaskan wild found McCandless's body partially decomposed in his bus, his diaries and meager supplies still nearby.

If I had read this book as an idealistic young man, fresh out of school or university I imagine I would have had more sympathy for the existential dilemma at the core of McCandless' tragic withdrawal from society. As a teacher and also as a newly minted parent, I found his extreme reaction to life's questions both chilling and perplexing.

His story gave me cause to reflect on the awesome responsibilities of parenting and teaching. It made me promise to hug my daughter every day of her life, even when she is old enough for it to be unbelievably embarrassing. It also made me very grateful to work at our College, a place where we have as a part of our charter the holistic development of the young people in our care. We have the gospels as a guide, we have the support of a parent community who entrust us as teachers with the responsibility of nurturing "Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts" and we have the model of Marcellin Champagnat, who spoke of love as the first ingredient in education.

I don't see the face of Christopher McCandless in our graduating year twelve students whose graduation this evening marks the end of their time with us. Unlike him, they are ready to embrace and shape the world, each in their own way. Every graduating class develops its own special characteristics, a timbre of their own. We have been fortunate in the all encompassing care that our graduates have for each other, they are a tightly woven community who care for the college and their legacy.

The last day of official year twelve classes began early for members of our Senior Jazz Ensemble who gathered to rehearse well before school officially began. That morning, 2011 began for this group of students, new section leaders, new music and a new ensemble after we bade farewell to our year twelve members the week before. My enduring memory of this year will be that many year twelve students turned up to this rehearsal, on a morning when it was anything but convenient, to sit next to a new year nine student who had taken their position in the band, just to help them out and make them feel welcome.

Any child of the eighties like me will remember Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, telling his future father 'if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything'. God bless and good luck year twelves.

Shane Reid
Acting Director of Faith and Ministry



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Bishop's visit to St Kieran's Parish and Presentation Campus

"Last week our school received a visit from Bishop Christopher Prowse and Father Bernie O'Brien Parish Priest of Moe. Tyler Briggs, Melanie Renninson and Nicole Somerville welcomed them and invited them to our ISC where a morning tea of sausage rolls, savoury platter, sandwiches and muffins all prepared by students was waiting. Joining the group of students already gathered were Wendy Gibson and Mira Renninson from the Parents and Friends group and several staff. It soon



became clear that Bishop Christopher's favourites were the raspberry and white chocolate muffins.

As well as sharing this beautiful morning tea and having the opportunity to meet us he had come to talk with us. He gave us an insight into what being a committed Christian meant, what we should do and how important it is to be faithful to living out what we believe. He also acknowledged that it is often a difficult thing to do in our modern world. In amongst this more serious conversation with him, we soon realised that he was quite a comedian.

It was a great experience for all who got to be there. We very much appreciated them giving up their time to spend time with us and as we finished it was my pleasure to thank them on behalf of the Campus."

Thomas Wilson Year 8

Bishop's visit to St Kieran's Parish – Sunday Eucharist

Thanks to Chynche Laurins, Lisa Tops, Jessie-Ann Taylor and Erin Mackie for their role in officially representing the Campus at Sunday's Liturgy

Headstart and the MSP program

Many students have started their 2011 courses and are travelling to Kildare to attend them. The MSP program has also turned its focus on work skills, employment and training and activities which will see the students efforts recognised with several certificates to add to their CV's.

Super 8's

Our Year 8 girls Super 8 team (pictured right) travelled to Pakenham to compete in the Regional Competition. Members of the team are Olivia Vincent, Beth Thompson, Taylah Oulten, Sam Aquilina, Nicole Somerville, Melanie Renninson, Emily Gibson, Cassie Malady and Monika Zakic. Final results not available.

Christmas Concert

Congratulations to the Music Department staff and students on their Christmas concert at Victory Park. The many hours of work and the practice which follows certainly ensured that many skilled musicians are ready to provide wonderful entertainment for those who gather.

Parents & Friends Dinner

A very relaxed and enjoyable end of year dinner was held



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last week as the Parents and Friends gathered for the last time in 2010. Thank you to those who attended and to those who have supported the group in any way throughout the year. We thank Mrs Irene Bramstedt for her commitment to the group and for her leadership as President in recent years.

Year 9 Mass

Our final Year 9 Mass and Dinner on December 1st will be a celebration of their time with us. Mass will be celebrated this Year at St Kieran's commencing at 5:45. To those moving on we wish each of them success in the future as they pursue their education and a hope that a lifetime of great happiness in harmony with God and their community lies ahead.

To all families and friends of the Campus may the blessings of this Christmas enable an abundance of peace to be your reality and may you find the time to reflect on the Good News that Christ's birth brought to all humanity.

Leanne Mills
Campus Director

2011 Start Dates

1st February
Staff return

4th February
Year 7, 9, 10 and 12
return

7th February
All students return



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7th December 2010



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Kildare Campus

Our exam period for 2010 is now over. I congratulate all students at the Kildare Campus for their focus and support over the last few weeks. The Campus has now entered into the "Head-Start" Programme. 2011 classes have begun and we are all focussed on the outcomes from these two weeks. I encourage students to take advantage of these classes so as to set themselves up for success in 2011.

Meanwhile **Mrs McCormack** has been busy with her team organising the **Graduation Dinner** for our 2010 Year 12 Students. I would like to congratulate her on the work that has gone into this night. I know it will be a great celebration.

Assembly

This week our new College Captains ran their first assembly at the Kildare Campus. It was an opportunity to celebrate a number of successes. There were a number of acknowledgements and these new leaders were keen to outline some of their plans for 2011. Our College Leaders celebrated the following:

- **Tayla Trembath** – GippSport Scholarship
- **Jessica Wall** – NAIDOC Award
- **Daniel Whitty** – National "Guitar Hero"
- **Sarah Roberts** – 1st Prize in the Tyers Art Show
- **Dylan Glasson** – Lions Youth of the Year Regional Winner
- **Shaun Sammut & Leigh Jones** – Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars
- **Fr Peter Bickley** – Student Farewell

Well done to our new College Captains Jessica, Katrina, Rhys and Rhiley.

Loy Yang Community Service Scholarship

This week Mrs McCormack and I attended the Loy Yang Community Scholarship Award where **Andrew Ware** was our recipient. Well done Andrew on the recognition for all of your work with our College and the local community.

Lockers

Please be aware that lockers need to be emptied by the end of the Head-Start Programme.

Debutante Balls

Our Debutante Ball Committee has had their first meeting in preparation for next year. Students in Year 10 will be asked to register for the 2011 Debutante Balls in their last week of school. Forms will go out next week. Any other parents who are interested in joining the Debutante Ball Committee are welcome to contact me.

Marco DiCesare
Campus Director



Jessica Wall - NAIDOC Award



Rhys McDonald & Rhiley Mitchell with Fr Peter



Shaun Sammut, Leigh Jones - Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars



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St Paul's Campus

I love Christmas. It is absolutely right to celebrate the birth of a child who will save the world. All children do that. When they are born they're enchanting, their helplessness and dependence creating fierce emotions of protection and sacrifice among parents. Their futures are mysteries and parents enjoy the 'wondering'. They change their parents' worlds, and save us adults from becoming too set in our ways, too pompous and full of ourselves. Children humanise us.

We celebrate the students at the campus. In the course of the year they have grown immensely, physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually. They have made the staff work hard, contributed to a few more grey hairs, but also brought immense joy and satisfaction.

So this Christmas, allied with the Holy Family in Bethlehem, let us celebrate our children and take time to bring them life gifts, like the Magi did.

To our Year 9 students; we wish them every success as they take the next big step in shaping their lives.

We wish all members of the Lavalla Community a Merry, and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. And we shall see you back at the Campus in 2011.

8.6 at the Shrine of Remembrance

8.6 visited Melbourne on 11 November. The highlight of the visit was attending the ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. While the class caught the 7.45 am train from Traralgon, three students and Br. Mark caught the 7.15 am train.

Michael Annells, Korey Kavadias and Con Kavadias placed a wreath on behalf of the college at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. "I felt honoured to lay the wreath to remember the people who gave their lives for our country, and because I was representing the college. It is an opportunity I never thought I would have" (Michael).

Year 8 Melbourne Excursion

A part of the day was given over to experiencing firsthand the stories of how other people had to live. So the students visited the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre or St. Mary's House of Welcome, a drop-in centre for Homeless people. Visiting the MCG and the Aquarium added a curriculum and social dimension. It was a good learning experience moving around in a big city and it did wonders for the confidence of our students. I thank the teachers who accompanied these students on these excursions and the parents for organising tickets and so on.

Year 9 Head Start

Over 100 Selected Year 9 students have begun a Head Start Programme at the Kildare Campus. This means they will attend some Unit 1 classes (year 11) as part of their academic subjects for 2011. Students have received their timetables for the next two weeks and are bussed over to and from Kildare. I am impressed by the proactive response from our students.

Year 9 Transition Dates

The Year 9 students will have a Transition Ceremony at 2.15 pm in the Champagnat Centre on Thursday 2nd December. It is the Campus' way of farewelling the Year 9's. At 5.30 pm the year 9's will have their celebratory Mass at St. Michael's Church, Traralgon. All parents and family members are invited to share this landmark occasion with us.

Year 9 'Social'

After the Mass, the Year 9 students have organised a get together in Morwell to signal their completing Year 9. Student leaders have organised the venue, the security, the food, the music and have organised the tickets. I urge parents to be aware that this is not a function endorsed or supervised by teachers of the St Paul's Campus. Therefore, it is incumbent on the parents to ensure adequate supervision for the safety of all students at the gathering and appropriate transport to and from the venue.

Chris Roga
Campus Director



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Curriculum Update

Rainforest Roaming, Fungi Finding and Mapping Mayhem for Year 7

Perfect weather was enjoyed by all groups who attended the recent Tarra Bulga Field Trips. Students were awestruck by the ascent from the valley floor to the devastated hills of Callignee and Balook then the descent into the cool, quiet of Tarra Valley and its remnant cool temperate rainforest. Parks Victoria ranger, Craig Campbell, spoke about the area and other groups of students worked through a series of science, geography, history and English activities.

"I didn't know that Mountain Ash trees don't grow in rainforests"
(Mitchell Bourke)

"My favourite thing was walking in the rainforest and learning about different fungi and animals." (Montana McStay 7.3)

"I learnt that some trees are more than 500 years old!" (Yohana Apai)

"... Physically looking at (a rainforest) is fun and you learn more."
(Karlee Dal Pra)

"It's important to go to a place like Tarra Bulga so you can see what a rainforest sounds like, smells like, feels like." (Tahlia Taifer)

"I found out that there are over 200 different fungi in the Park."
(Michael Bruzzese)

Hitting the Campaign Trail - Year 9 Students Mimic Real Life

Just as Victorians prepare to go to the polls Year 9 students have been leaning about how political parties get into power. The electorate, in this case selected Year 7 classes, listened to speeches, were promised many things in exchange for their vote and finally cast their preferences in a democratically run election. Year 9 students enjoyed returning to the Year 7 Centre and were able to reminisce about their own days in Year 7 while at the same time teaching current Year 7 students about civics and citizenship.

Curriculum Development

All teachers have been meeting regularly in order to prepare curriculum which can be accessed by students via Moodle. Senior students will already be familiar with this learning tool. With the introduction of netbooks at Year 7 the use of an online College learning community has become an

important goal. The Year 7 Curriculum Writing Team, including Roma Valentine, Kaylene Mustoe, Jo Maree Sharman, Kim Widrich, Gloria Zahra, Adriana Bianconi and Albert Van Berkel, meets regularly to ensure that the adoption of the netbook as a tool for enhancing learning is effectively planned. The Australian Curriculum, much like VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards) states that ICT (Information Communication Technology) is one of the general capabilities which each area of the curriculum needs to entwine within the learning programme.

Farewell 2010, Welcome 2011

As students and staff conclude the 2010 academic year, preparations are already being made for 2011. Students from Year 9 onwards have begun preparatory work within their chosen VCE and VET pathways. On December 7th Year 7 and 8 students will take part in a range of transition activities while Year 7 students of 2011 have another opportunity to visit and experience life as a secondary student for a morning.

At this time of the year, as teachers are finalising student reports, we urge students to think now about how they intend to start 2011. Year 7 students have completed their first year of secondary education and have adapted well to different routines and structures. At year 8 and 10 parents, students and Learner Advisor staff have spent regular time together developing strategies to improve learning. Year 9 students have had the opportunity to explore different ways of learning as part of the Mastering Learning and Master Survivor Programmes. Meaningful goal setting and understanding and accepting feedback in relation to performance is strongly encouraged at this stage of the year.

On behalf of the Year 7&8, 9&10 and 11&12 curriculum teams I would like to congratulate all students who tried their hardest throughout the year and urge that all students return to school well rested and ready to refocus their efforts in 2011.

Kim Widrich - Curriculum Team Leader 7-8



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Music Department



Father Peter Bickley gave us a timely reminder of Christian responsibility at this time of year.

Our Principal gave out the Music Bursaries for Primary school students:

- St. Vincent's - Grace Darling
- St. Gabriel's - Brock Thompson
- Sacred Heart - Brianna Till
- Lumen Christi - Jacinta Bramstedt

It was a pleasant evening with perfect weather and a wonderful evening was had by all.

The rain was torrential in Morwell; windscreen wipers were on full as families navigated their way to the Lavalla Christmas Concert. Some were coming from Rosedale, where the cumulonimbus clouds were assembled; they were experiencing the rain falling in copious quantities too. Everyone was thinking that for a third consecutive year the Christmas Concert would be washed out and moved away from the Victory Park 'Sound Shell'.

Standing as the ominous clouds gathered overhead, we wondered if we would be washed out, however, not a drop eventuated. It was a perfect evening at the 'Sound Shell' in Traralgon. Deck chairs, picnic rugs and plenty of food were all around as well as over two hundred people gathered to celebrate Christmas in the College community. All of our ensembles performed valiantly:

- Junior Choir sang a beautiful rendition of 'Silent Night'.
- Senior Choir sang Mark Pollard's '4th day of Christmas'.
- Junior Jazz Band played 'Frosty the Snowman' and the ever popular 'Louie Louie'.
 - Senior Jazz Ensemble played 'St James Infirmary'.
 - Our 2010 Training Band played 'The Spook' & 'Geronimo'.
- Intermediate Band played a stirring version of 'Hogan's Hero's March'.
 - Senior Winds played 'A Christmas Festival'.

Coming out soon is the 2010 Music Department CD. We have had two trips to Allan Eaton Recording Studio in St Kilda and the CD is being manufactured as we speak. We intend to sell the CD at the Report distribution session, so keep an eye out for it.

Thank you for a great 2010, thank you to our departing Yr 12's; and we wish you all a joyous & safe Christmas.

Matt Harris - Acting Director of Music





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A Note from our Students...

St. Pauls Term 4 Wrap-up

The new leadership team consists of Sam Clavarino, Aaron Wall-Rickwood, Kayla Massaro and Lily Nash as the new Campus leaders. Also the new SRC leaders are Korey Kavadias, Constantinos Kavadias, Annelise Answerth and Bianca Gawith. They are all looking forward to taking on the leadership roles for 2011.

St Paul's have had a very active term 4, with many activities and events. We have had one assembly this term and that was the hand-over assembly. We started off with an introduction music video selected by the new year 8 leadership team. Mubtasim started us off with a prayer and Cassie and Steph said a prayer. Straight after that we had the crossover. The new campus leaders had to answer questions asked by the old ones, and then the year 9's handed over a lighted candle to the year 8's. Then Rob Reid from the AFL coaches came to give an award for the best female coach. It went to Nikki Schroeter. After Mr Verghese gave a brief talk over the use of emails, Mrs Widrich began giving out the Maths and English ICAS awards. There were a few year 7 and 8's who got into the top two percent. This took a few minutes, and then Ms Doganieri gave a talk about the LOTE trip to Italy, followed by a long power point which went for over 5 minutes. Ms Joyce did the usual talk about behaviour and uniform and then Mr Roga talked about finishing school on a high and having no regrets. After that we started the ending power point, also made by us. Halfway through we had to turn the sound down so we could draw the raffle. All in all the first assembly by the new leadership group was a success.

The LA program has been really helpful this year: the goal setting helps people achieve more, and managing homework and schoolwork is easier.

There is better communication between teachers, parents and students which helps them to perform better. Getting to know the year 9's has been really good because the gap between the year levels isn't so big. Having more regular reports helps students to keep up to date with how they are performing and the reports are easy to understand. Over all the LA program has been really successful and I hope we do it again next year.

Over the last two months classes 8.1 through to 8.7 from St. Pauls Campus have taken part in individual class excursions to Melbourne. Travelling by train the classes were accompanied by Brother Mark and various other teachers. Themed on Religion and Community involvement the excursion focused on activities that encompassed both of these aspects. All groups except for 8.6 visited a Marist soup kitchen where 4 students were given the opportunity to help feed the homeless and see how this sadly growing number of people, live. Students that were unable to attend the soup kitchen were able to listen to a seminar on asylum seekers. This session spoke about things such as what asylum seekers are and why they seek asylum in Australia. 8.6 were an exception to the other classes as their excursion fell on Remembrance Day. Three students were selected to lay a wreath at The Shrine of Remembrance and all other members of the class attended the ceremony as representatives of our school. All classes were given lunch breaks at outlets of their choice and then using Melbourne's public transport each group travelled to either the Aquarium or MCG before finally catching the train home.

We will be finishing the school year on a fun note, by holding the St Paul's annual dance off. This event will promote team spirit and encourage students to let loose and show off their dance skills. The dance off will be conducted on the last day of term (Tuesday, 7th December) during period 4.

2011 Campus Leadership Group



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Parents Voice

The Parents and Friends committee is an integral part of the school community and as a community various ventures can only come to fruition with a lot of parental support.

Irene and I would like to acknowledge and thank the present committee for the efforts and dedication throughout the past year. We would also like to thank the many Parents who supported the raffle, the funds we have raised will go towards making the classrooms more comfortable for our students during the summer months.

We encourage all Parents to become involved in the Parents and Friends committee as it gives you the chance to interact with other Parents and the opportunity to have a voice in the decisions made that impact our children.

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and holidays and hope to see you at our meetings in 2011.

**Irene Bramstedt, President Presentation
Campus and Anita Both, President Traralgon
Campuses**

Second Hand Uniform Shop

OPEN DAY

2011 Year 7 Students only
Monday 13th December

3.30pm – 8.00pm

**We recommend bringing your child in
with you to try on clothing. Smaller
sizes are limited.**

Shop located at: St. Paul's Campus

**Payment options: Cash, Cheque or
EFTPOS**

**VOLUNTEERS FOR 2011 ARE URGENTLY
REQUIRED!**

Healesville Sanctuary

is offering

'Keeper for a Day'

in the January school holidays on the
following dates:

Tuesday January 11th
Wednesday January 12th
Tuesday January 18th
Wednesday January 19th

Students participate in zookeeping activities and discover the pathways they can follow to become an animal keeper.

For any students in year 9 and up (in 2011) who wish to work with animals Keeper for a Day is a must! Also a great Christmas present!

Bookings: 9285 9406

For more information:

[http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/
Programs/HSKeeper_for_day](http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/HSKeeper_for_day)



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Forth coming events...

26 Nov	Year 12 graduation	7 Dec	Orientation Day Year 7 2011
1 Dec	Year 9 farewell mass (Presentation)		Last day Year 7, 8 and 9
2 Dec	Year 10 last day	10 Dec	Last day for teaching staff
	Year 9 farewell mass (St Paul's)	13 Dec	Year 12 results released
3 Dec	Student Free Day	14 Dec	School closure
6 Dec	College Awards Night		

Lavalla Catholic College Positions available for 2011

1 x Sports Trainee

1x Education Trainee

The College is seeking applicants from Yr 12 2010 students for the above positions. The Sports Trainee to commence at the beginning of the 2011 school year and the Education Trainee to commence in March 2011. These are both ideal positions for students wishing to take a Gap year.

Sports Trainee: This role reports directly to the Camps Organiser across all three campuses. The tasks involved: assisting with the organisation of sporting events and camps. Applicants must be available to attend numerous over night camps and long day excursions.

Education Trainee: This role reports directly to the Master Survivor Program Leader and Campus Director of Presentation Campus. Located: primarily on the Presentation Campus. The tasks involved: assisting with the organisation of MSP events and camps. Applicants must be available to attend numerous over night camps and long day excursions.

Applicants for both positions need to be:

- Physically fit
- Well organised
- Work without supervision
- Clear written and verbal communicators
- Able to take direction
- Computer literate

A current driver's licence (or the ability to gain one before the commencement of the position) is essential.

Applications, including letter of application, resume and contact details for 3 referees can be forwarded in writing / via email to:

Ms Lee McKenzie

Lavalla Catholic College

PO Box 1080, Traralgon VIC 3844

Emails should be directed to: mckeelee1@lavalla.vic.edu.au

Subject line: Trainee Application

Closing date Wednesday 1st December