



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman



This term we welcome back from Long Service Leave Kim Widrich and Roma Valentine. We also welcome back Mara Boramanis who was also away all of last term recovering from her injuries sustained in car accident during the first term break.

As you would be aware we held our Mid-Year Awards recognising Academic Excellence, Diligence and Merit and significant achievements in sport, cultural and community activities in the first week of term. During the assembly I spoke to all students and emphasised that whilst the academic awards are a recognition of achievement and ability they are more a recognition of a positive attitude and discipline to do the work required to achieve. During the assembly we recognised 270 plus young men and women for their effort, dedication and achievements. Well done.

My thanks to all staff involved in the awards and in particular: Annemarie Clarke for her overall management and organisation; Kellyann Armstrong for the creation and printing of certificates as well as the production of the PowerPoint Presentation; Birgit Sim and Jenny Sutton for logistics; Claire Couling and Brett Van Berkel for collation of award recipients; Jo Alford and Tamsin McCormack for their organisation and work with student leaders and leading the presentation on the day; and our ISC and maintenance teams for the set-up of the audio-visual system and stadium. Also at the event we heard from our Senior Wind Ensemble, led by Shane Lebbe. The National Anthem was sung by Emma Dye and accompanied by the Senior Wind Ensemble. All performances were excellent and highlights the great work of our Music program.

Also in our first week of term we had Susan McLean an expert on Cyber Safety speak to our students on both the St Paul's and Kildare Campuses. Tamsin McCormack has written about what Susan McLean imparted to students and staff and I invite you not only read Tamsin's very good summary, but also discuss this as a family.

In the second week we conducted interviews for places for Year 7 2016. We scheduled 221 interviews and I thank all the families who attended and all the staff who did the interviews on one or all three of the nights they were conducted. These interviews are a very important part of our process to not only discern who we make offer to for next year, but also begin our transition program. The success of the evenings was very much due to the hard work of Allison Langmaid our Registrar and she was assisted on each night by Rebecca Henry, PA to the St Paul's Campus Director.

On Friday, 24 July 2015, we held the Blessing and Official Opening of our Trades Skills Centre on the Kildare Campus. The official party at the opening were: Bishop Patrick O'Regan DD, Diocese of Sale, who Blessed our Trades Skills Centre; The Honourable Darren Chester MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence and Federal Member for Gippsland, representing the Minister of Education – the bulk of the funding, \$1,000,000, with the school's input being \$156,000, for this building was provided by the Federal Government who have a keen desire to improve outcomes for young people in all aspects of their

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learning, for which we are very grateful; Mr Paul Herrick, Southern Region Director, Marist Schools Australia, who has shown support and interest in this project throughout the process; and Mrs Maria Kirkwood, Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Sale – who has shown keen interest in the development of programs and facilities in all Catholic Secondary schools in the Sale Diocese.



Discussions with various government bodies and other stakeholders commenced as far back as 2008 with formal applications and plans being submitted for consideration and approval in 2013.

Accordingly there has been an enormous amount of work done over a number of years to ensure the success of this project.

I would like to highlight a few people for their contribution: Brett Van Berkel who has been instrumental in guiding this project throughout all this time, he has worked on both small and large details,

and will continue working on the project to ensure it is well embedded in our programs; Robert Tarraran, who has also been critical in offering not only his financial skills, but his expertise in building projects; our former Principal, Erica Pegorer who was a keen supporter and contributor to the success of the submission; both our current and previous Kildare Campus Directors, Doug Doherty and Marco Di Cesare, who offered support and advice; Lee McKenzie, current St Paul's Campus Director, has offered key advice, support and work to ensure the success of the project; Jason Szkwarek for vital input into operational aspects of the Trades Skills Centre, which had direct impact on design; our architects, SLAP Architects – Len Chapman and Patrick Carson, I thank them for their guidance, skill and support since 2013; Ian Glen and Wayne Sederlan from Farnham Developments Pty Ltd, our builders, who completed the building ahead of time; Kevin Pound for his assistance and support from the CEO Melbourne, particularly giving advice to meet Government Guidelines and requirements; Frank Fitzgerald for his guidance and advice on our application; and members of our Advisory Council and Finance Committee, in particular Kathleen Roberts who has travelled with us on this journey.

The success of the Blessing and Official Opening was due to the work of Chris Roga and Kellyann Armstrong who have done tremendous work. They were ably supported by: Marita Kennedy; Shane Reid and the Lavalla Catholic College Liturgical Choir; Paul Skippen; Michael Cleef; and the Kildare Campus Development Team.

Finally, I commend to your prayers the grandmother of Stephanie and Cooper McGregor, who passed away last week.

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



St Paul's Campus Update

Ms Lee McKenzie - Campus Director



Term three sees us a full campus with all Yr 9 students here. The second half of the Atlas program is now in preparation for their time at Presentation Campus in term 4.

Awards Ceremony

My congratulations to all those students who received awards. These awards coming in the middle of the year serve to acknowledge and encourage those students. They also allow other students to see the benefits of hard work and application and act as encouragement to them too.

Cyber Bullying

On the first day of term we have a presentation from Susan McLean. Her area of expertise is cyber safety and she was direct with students about how future employers can use their social media sites to gain information about them and who they associate with. She encouraged students to:

- Use social media responsibly;
- Set appropriate security settings;
- Clean up their social media sites from time to time.

Students were also made aware of the new safety Commissioner www.esafety.gov.au, who can be contacted about cyberbullying. I would encourage all families to explore this site, discuss it as a family and to make use of it should need arise.

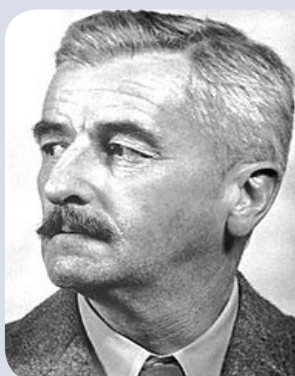
Enrolments 2017

We are currently holding meetings with all families who have applied for a position in Yr7 12017. These interviews are a great opportunity to get to meet the young people and the families, to talk about what the College has to offer, any concerns the families may have and to explain the enrolment process. Final enrolments will be decided soon and I urge any families who have overlooked their application to contact the registrar, Allison Langmaid immediately or run the risk of not having a place for 2017.

Expo

While Yr 9 students will be expected to take the opportunity to attend Expo, and therefore not be on campus on the 31st August; Yr 7 and 8 students will be expected to attend classes as usual.

Year 9's in particular are receiving a lot of information about possible subjects for next year. There have been specific invitations offered to students regarding enhancement opportunities or VCAL. These should be a matter for discussion with teachers and families as the young people make decisions about future study. Expo offers a wonderful opportunity for families to meet with teachers to discuss possible pathways.



Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

(William Faulkner)

Kildare Campus Update

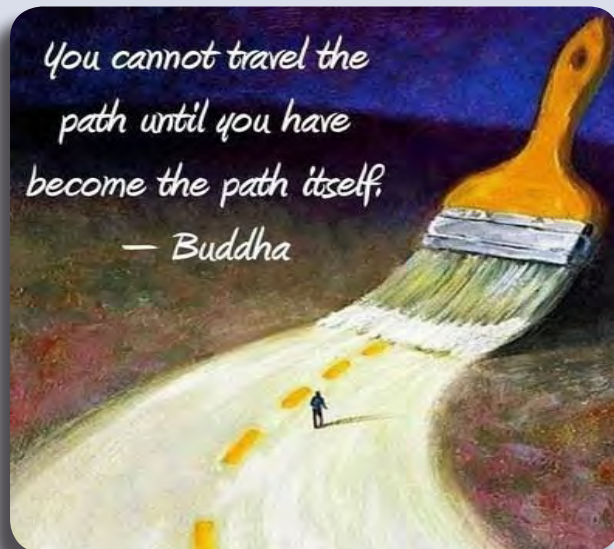
Mr Doug Doherty - Campus Director



As we approach our Careers and Subject Selection EXPO day, the process to assist our students to focus on pathways to career success has already begun in earnest and will continue for a number of weeks after the event.

I would like to invite all families and members of our community to attend the EXPO event on Friday 31st July at the Kildare Campus from 11am to 4pm.

Just as the quote states, it is important to actually experience the pathways to be able to make informed decisions about our futures. Therefore, our EXPO event will provide our community members the opportunity to meet our highly experienced staff who will assist with realistic yet aspirational subject selection information. During the day, students will also have the opportunity to meet with employers from a range of vocations and fields of work as well as a range of university providers. This is imperative for a young person's motivation, as it will hopefully provide them with a prescriptive and aspirational goal to achieve their pathways to success.



Much work is currently being done with all Year 10 and 11 students, as they complete their Career Action Plans in preparation for subject selection and EXPO. Please speak with your sons and daughters about their action plans as they are a focus for discussion for their future goals.

The EXPO event is also the time in which re-enrolment takes place. This is stage 1 of the EXPO event and must be undertaken before any course guidance is given.

Due to the ever increasing demand for places at the Kildare Campus, I would encourage all families to ensure that their re-enrolment paperwork and administration fee of \$100 is paid on the day of EXPO, Friday 31st July.

I look forward to meeting all families; current, new and prospective, on the day.

Our pathways to success was evident last week with the large number of Kildare students receiving awards for academic excellence, merit and diligence. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all who achieved these awards and encourage those yet to receive an award this year to push for this goal for the end of year awards.

This week our Year 10 students are undertaking work experience at a wide range of employers. To date we have had excellent reports from our employers, whom I would like to thank dearly for their continued support. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff who are taking time out to visit these students.

My final message is to all students studying units 3+4 VCE, especially our Year 12 students. We now have around 50 days of school before the VCE examinations begin. All lessons and study periods must be used effectively and a realistic yet comprehensive study timetable must now exist in preparation for these very important and life changing examinations.

I wish these students the very best as they travel towards the end of this pathway towards a successful life.

God Bless



Faith & Ministry Matters

I Am Listening

Winter is a lesson about the fine art of loss and growth. Its lesson is clear; there is only one way out of struggle and that is by going into its darkness, waiting for the light, and being open to new growth.

(Joan Chittister)

The trees have shed their colourful autumn robes. Winter is raging through the dark, empty branches and I am listening. I am listening to the roar and to the quiet of winter. I am listening to a beauty that sometimes remains unseen. I am listening.

I am listening to the seed hidden in the earth. I am listening to the dark swallowing up the light. I am listening to faith rising out of doubt. I am listening to the need to believe without seeing. I am listening.

I am listening to the season of contemplation, to the urgency of our world's need for reflection. I am listening to all that waits within the earth, to bulbs and seeds, to deep roots dreaming. I am listening to the sacred, winter rest. I am listening.

I am listening to long nights, comforting darkness, fruitful darkness, beautiful darkness. I am listening to the darkness of the winter season. I am listening to the sparks of hope within the darkness. I am listening.

I am listening to storms raging out my window, to storms raging in my heart. I am listening to all that makes me pull my doona a little tighter. I am listening to trust buried deep in the ground of my being. I am listening.

I am listening to the kind permission of the season to rest more often, to reflect more deeply, to pray without words. I am listening to the sacrament of non-doing. I am listening.

I am listening to winter handing over spring. I am listening to the poetry of winter. I am listening.

Paul Skippen - College Minister.





Student Achievements

Four Lavalla Student groups have made it to the final presentation round for the GippsWeb for Business Competition.

130 students from 9 schools participated, which works out to be roughly over 30 groups entering the competition. Only 7 of these were chosen for the finals.

Students were given a business outside of the school to complete a website for. The websites are all built from the ground up with the input of their clients. No templates are used.

Below are the groups, their business and the students who will be giving a speech at the finals on Tuesday the 4th of August.

Feel free to congratulate these students on their efforts. A lot of time and effort has been spent on these websites.

Lavalla Catholic College Teams

Momentum: Dal Mondo

Daniel Henry
Benjamin Jones
Stephen Armatas

Webdevs: Café Evviva

Dylan Sibly
Frank Licciardi
Riley McCullagh
Nathan Uhe

JST Graphic Design: Café Stellina

Jacob Backman
Saskia Webster
Josh Cardillo
Tom Eagle
James Berkelmens

The Space Monkey Mafia: Dulux Trade Center Traralgon

Aaron Agustin
Reece Affleck
Andrew Musgrove
Josh Smith

University Experience Camp

13th and 14th of July 2015



Each year, Year 12 students are invited to apply for a place on the University Experience Camp, held the first two days of term 3.

This year, 25 Year 12 students arrived at school at 7:15am on a freezing, wet, student free day to head to Melbourne to explore universities and accommodation options.

Rain, wind and shine – they walked their way through Melbourne, Deakin, Monash, Swinburne and RMIT universities and some alternative off campus accommodation options. Our students showed how much research they had already completed on their own and were proactive in the questions they asked the representatives they met from each institution.

The students who attended have written a list of positives the experience had on them and have written some advice for all students across the school who didn't attend.

Positives of the experience:

1. Opened my eyes to other factors, not just what course i.e. accommodation and travel.
2. Great to get a quick overview if unable to visit open days, but also motivation to go to the open days.
3. You are able to see not just facilities but food and location more realistically.
4. You get the opportunity to actually stay at a Uni accommodation location. * It really opened my eyes to even more possibilities and opportunities available to me.
5. It also gave me a better perspective and a good warning of the other factors that I need to consider like transport costs, daily living and accommodation.
6. Motivation to go to open days.
7. Going to urbanest to look at alternate accommodation was great because if you were to go to a uni in the city you might not know about places like Urbanest.
8. Having an opportunity of actually staying at one of the university residences was really good because then you know what it would be like living there full time.
9. It was an opportunity to find out more about courses at universities you had not considered.

Advice to students from our current Year 12 students who attended:

1. RESEARCH accommodation and scholarships at ALL Universities.
2. Take into account your travel and living expenses.
3. Keep a portfolio of the information you get online, from people you speak to, and open days.
4. Talk to other students and their plans to widen your perspective.
5. Make sure that you are saving!.
6. Research on all the universities, the scholarships they offer and all the other factors included for next year.
7. Go to the open days, talk to current and past students, collect all the information you can, and don't put it off!.
8. **GO TO UNI OPEN DAYS!!**
9. Do research about each university (and compile a list of positives and negatives?).
10. Ask teachers questions.
11. Contact the university directly by email or phone if you have questions about a course.

Cyber Safety

Mrs Tamsin McCormack - Student Welfare



The cyber world is a fairly new and scary place for many parents and grandparents. However for our children it is a world they are growing up with and feel very comfortable in. As parents we want to ensure that our children are safe, no matter where and what they are doing.

At Lavalla Catholic College we endeavour to work with parents and the wider community in trying to ensure the safety of our students. In relation to the Cyber world, one way to ensure the safety of our students/children is to educate them about being safe and putting in place safety measures.

On Tuesday 14th July, Susan McLean, The Australian cyber safety expert, as seen on the Today show and a Current Affair, spoke to all students about how to ensure their own safety in the Cyber world. This included implementing the three R's – Respect, Reputation and Responsibility. That is students have a responsibility to put into place safety measures in social media sites, also that it is their responsibility in what they put on their sites and that if anyone else uses their site because they have given them their password, it is still their responsibility. This includes legal responsibilities.



Respect in relation towards themselves and others on their sites, the language, content and images they put on their sites. Reputation was probably one of the most eye opening areas for the students, as it relates to their reputation now and into the future in regard to the content on their social media sites. Susan pointed out that employers often search the cyber world to see what sort of digital footprint prospective employees have, this can influence their choice to employ someone or not.

Susan also discussed with students the safest social media sites to use and those that were the most dangerous. She pointed out to students that when putting photos/ images onto many social media sites they become the property of that site. Meaning the site can use the photo/image at any time in the future. She pointed out that this was often not realised by those using the site, as they haven't read the terms and conditions of the site.

Students also had the opportunity to discuss issues with Susan. An opportunity many students took up to clarify concerns and issues relating to the cyber world, cyber bullying and legalities.

At Lavalla Catholic College we will continue to assist student and the wider community in ensuring their safety. To this end we will continue to keep parents apprised of websites that are informative and intend to have a cyber-safety session for parents and the wider community early in 2016. One such useful site for parents is www.esafety.gov.au. We highly recommend that parents continue to discuss cyber safety with their children.



Sport Report

Mr Dwayne Tibballs - Sports Co-Ordinator



Aussie Rules

A two year reign as SSV State Champions has come to a close for the junior girls Australian Football team after bowing out at the Regional Championships on Tuesday, July 14th.



The junior girls were narrowly defeated by three points against Wonthaggi Secondary College in an enthralling contest which saw Lavalla continually challenge for the lead during the closing minutes of the match.



The baton appears to have moved on to the senior girls team, which now comprises majority of the students who were members of that back-to-back State Championship teams. Lavalla completely outplayed their opposition in Wonthaggi SC, Drouin SC and Bairnsdale SC, who decided not to play the final match.



The Year 8 Boys team advanced through to the quarter finals after a narrow one-point victory over Wonthaggi SC with Flynn Shields slotting through a goal moments before the final siren to give Lavalla a 0.0 (0) to 0.0 (0) win.

Both the senior boys and intermediate boys teams' were eliminated at their Regional Championships held on Tuesday, July 21st. Wonthaggi SC put an end to Lavalla's campaign in the intermediate boys with a solid first half performance and then Lowanna inflicted another defeat on the boys before a win came against Nagle.



The senior boys produced two strong victories against Leongatha SC and Lowanna SC before being completely demoralised in a rout by Bairnsdale SC.

Basketball

Lavalla's three basketball teams that competed at the recent SSV Divisional Championships all advanced through to the Regional Championships with some impressive performances at Traralgon on Friday, July 17th.

The senior boys prevailed against Traralgon Secondary College 33-18, Sale College 41-14, Maffra Secondary College 16-12, and Kurnai College 16-10 to advance through to the Regional Championships.



Sport Report Cont.



The intermediate boys recorded a draw against Traralgon SC 17-17 in the opening clash before overcoming Sale C 32-4 and Yarram Secondary College 39-9. The boys then went onto win a tight contest against Catholic College Sale in the final, winning 21-13.

The intermediate girls brushed aside CC Sale 18-9, accounted for Sale C 65-6 and then trudged their way to a comprehensive victory over Kurnai C, 57-12.

Cross Country

13 students travelled to Bundoora Park in Melbourne on Thursday, July 16th to compete in the SSV Cross Country State Championships.

Against strong competition from across the state, our Lavalla students competed with great pride and put forth a strong effort.

Riley Evans and Amira Idmouh were the standout competitors who finished extremely high in the placings.



Clay Target Shooting

On Wednesday 15th of July the 2015 "Alpine Country" Gippsland Schools DTL Clay Target Championship was held at Morwell with numerous schools from across Gippsland attending that saw 136 students compete for individual placings and the winning school team event.

The event consisted of 20 targets presented over two rounds with the event shot entirely as single barrel.

Lavalla Catholic College's no. 1 squad claimed the perpetual shield by winning the team event to end a three year reign by Gippsland Grammar, Sale. Wonthaggi Secondary College contested well with their team coming in at a close third.

Lavalla's efforts saw Trent Prosser take the senior boys 1st medallion with Bryan Foley 3rd in junior boys. Chelsea Mayze took the 2nd place medallion in the junior girl's category.

The competition ran very well. Though the morning was crisp the weather held out to give better than expected conditions, despite the inclement forecast.

An event such as this relies not only upon the generosity of our sponsors but the goodwill and dedication of selfless volunteers. Each of our volunteers have donated their time and efforts into creating an event which is

uniquely a Gippsland event. This is designed to give Gippsland Schools the opportunity to showcase our regions talent whilst preparing competitors for the Frankston South East Zone schools championship.

The schools program then culminates with the successful teams and individuals representing their schools at the state championships held in Bendigo later in the year.





Calendar

Monday 27th July

- SSV Gippsland Soccer (Yrs 11-12)

Tuesday 28th July

- ICAS - English
- SSV GIPPSLAND AFL (Yrs 9-12) Boys

Wednesday 29th July

- SSV Gippsland Soccer (Yrs 7- 10)
- Year 12 Gym Sessions

Thursday 30th July

- SSV Gippsland Netball (Yrs 9 - 12)
- Year 9 Subject Presentation
- Australian Maths Competition
- Subject Selection Years 10 & 11
- Parliamentary Debate
- Year 12 Gym Sessions

Friday 31st July

- SSV Gippsland Netball (Yrs 7 - 8)
- **Careers and Course Expo - Kildare Campus**

Monday 3rd August

- First Aid Course - VET Students

Tuesday 4th August

- First Aid Course - VET Students
- SSV Wellington Athletics (Yrs 7 - 12)



Calendar

Wednesday 5th August

- Leaders Day
- Year 12 Gym Sessions

Thursday 6th August

- Homeless Sleepout
- VALU/VCAL Apps Due
- Years 8-12 Basketball
- South East Zone Clay Targer
- Food & Tech SAT Cooking
- Year 12 2016 Web Preferences
- Year 12 Gym Sessions
- Pre Ski Camp Activities

Friday 7th August

- **STUDENT FREE DAY** - Correction
- Red Helm Inservice

Click the link below to go to the Calendar on our website for any updates:

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