



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

28 April 2006

Dear Parents and Students

Some of us have just returned from the 17th *Australian Marist Basketball Carnival* where 18 Marist schools from ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, VIC and WA competed for the championship in a three day competition. There was a healthy atmosphere of competition amongst the schools but more than that there was a strong and palpable connection to our sister schools from around Australia. The details of this competition can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and I thank all those involved - students, coaches and managers - for their time, effort and energy ensuring that this was a successful and memorable tournament for all our students. I hope the students were left with a high level of personal satisfaction and a connection to the Marist spirit that binds us.

You might have noticed advertisements in the local paper seeking applications for a vacancy in the Visual Arts area. Mr Luis Geraldos has applied for and was granted an extended period of leave from the College. We hope to find a replacement very shortly.

We have enjoyed a healthy contribution to our *Building Fund* to date and a special mention and thanks to those parents who have donated so generously. In recent months this fund has contributed to the refurbishment of the Science Laboratories and the Lecture Theatre at the St Paul's Campus and will also be earmarked for the refurbishment of the Information Services Centre at the Kildare Campus. All students benefit from updated facilities and well appointed rooms and we are deeply thankful to those who have forgone other equally pressing commitments for the stewardship of this College.

In earlier newsletters we alerted you to the *new reporting format for year 7-10 students* in the area of Mathematics and English. We flagged that we would hold information sessions for parents during the parent-teacher interviews period on Thursday 15th June. In the meantime, the Director of Catholic Education in Melbourne, Ms Susan Pascoe, has written you a letter explaining the new system. This letter can be found on our website in the **News** area called **Catholic Education Office**. The direct path to the page is:
<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/news/ceo.htm>

Wishing you a good week.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

Rest In Peace

Enid Sheffield, a former staff member of Kildare College during the 1970's and 1980's died last week. Enid is fondly remembered by past students and colleagues; we keep her and family in our prayers.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

On Monday the campus gathered to commemorate Anzac Day and reflect on the Anzac story. Mrs DiSisto and 8.5 prepared a beautiful service for us, which included audiovisual elements, a song and prayers. All of us were deeply moved and I am proud of the respect and reverence that all students showed during the service. **Thanks to Mrs Disisto and 8.5**

Thanks also to all the families who have ensured that students are presenting in full, well fitting winter uniforms. Please note that kilts are not to be worn above the knee.

Athletics Invitational

Thankfully, last week we postponed the Athletics which were to be held on Friday. As it turned out the predicted cold, wind, hail and rain arrived. This event has been re-scheduled for Monday the 8th of May.

Fabric and Faith

This annual exhibition will be held May 4-6, 10-13, 17-18th at the Uniting Church in Traralgon. Members of this group have previously worked with students from Lavalla to create beautiful pieces of

fabric art. I highly recommend a visit to this exhibition.

Pupil Free Day

I am sure the students will need no reminder that **Monday 1st of May** is a pupil free day for Yrs 7-11. This day has been set-aside for teachers to continue to work on the new reporting requirements and making adjustment to curriculum to meet these new demands. This is a very demanding task with a tight deadline as all Catholic Schools have been asked to implement the new reporting model for the end of semester 1.

50 Years of Marist Education Celebration

This celebration is inclusive of all Marist past students, **Kildare, St Paul's, Lourdes, Presentation and Lavalla**, current and past students, staff and families. All are encouraged to attend on **October 21st**.

"Good thoughts bear good fruit, bad thoughts bear bad fruit".--James Allen

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Monday we gathered as a Campus to commemorate **Anzac Day**. The service focused on the significance of Anzac Day to Australia and reflected on the sacrifices of the thousands of young Australians who have over the past 91 years have fought for the freedom and life style we now experience.

On Anzac day Mr. De Van Der Schueren, Peter Hansford, Leah Van Lambaart, Katrina Barrett and Lucy Stephens represented us at the Moe RSL Service. My thanks to them for their participation in this event and representing us as a Campus.

".....As the staff member representing our school, I couldn't help but be impressed and humbled by the number of individuals, families, and groups, the older and the very young, who had taken the time to be present at the Moe Service, this year. The numbers seem to be growing each year, out of increasing respect for those wonderful servicemen and woman who went away to war, and whose numbers now are so sadly dwindling – with 13 more apparently passing on, from last year. To stand at the service, behind the ranks of all those who went away, with their medals and stolid dignity is certainly a sobering experience.

It was an impressive and moving tribute to all who answered the call to protect the freedom of so many, in all wars and conflicts over the last 90 years. I always wonder what it would have been like, firstly, to have to go to fight, but then to have to actually jump out of those landing craft onto that now infamous, 'Anzac Cove'. I can only admire the courage and spirit of anyone called to arms - in any era. *Lest we forget them.*"

(Dominic de van der Schueren)

A group of Year 9's are involved in the **Red Cross Community Action Program** as part of Projects. On Monday and Friday in week 1, 15 students assisted at local Crèches, Nursing Homes and Primary Schools.

In Megan Griffiths' own words: "Red Cross Community Action is 'fun'! We are interviewing residents at Narracan Gardens Nursing Home and helping write a biography of their lives. This Monday, however, we joined in the (early) ANZAC Day activities. Ethan Jones raised the national flag in the courtyard of the nursing home; Anne Turra laid a wreath at the foot

of the flag pole; Nick Bramstedt read 'The Ode' to the ANZACS, that is '...age shall not weary them..' and I read a commemorative speech on the history of the ANZACS. I highly recommend that other students 'have a go' at Red Cross Community Action. They will be surprised at how much they enjoy it!"

Coming Events:

- Monday, 1st May: **Student Free Day** Years 7 -11
- Monday 2nd May: All students to be in **full winter uniform**
- Thursday, 4th May: **Athletics**. Any parent wishing to assist in an official capacity, please call the campus on 51271311. Parents are welcome to attend the day in a spectator capacity
- Wednesday, 17th May: Presentation **Open Day** 9.00am-1pm and **Information Evening** 7.00-9.00pm

Yours in the Spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Debutante Ball – 2006:

On Monday the first of a series of meetings took place to prepare for and to make arrangements for the 2006 Debutante Balls. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the new committee. Mrs. Jane Mitchell, Mrs. Debi Ferguson and Mrs. Maryanne Taylor from the 2005 Committee came along to speak at the meeting and to outline the roles and responsibilities of members of the committee. I would like to thank these mums who formed the leadership group last year.

I would like to thank them also. There were seventeen enthusiastic mums at the meeting and we will have a committee of about 20.

It is timely to remind the students and their parents about the College policy concerning participation in this important event for the Year 11 students. It is outlined in the Planner and can be found on page 121.

The following mums have generously taken on leadership roles for this year's Committee:-

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| Team Leader: | Glenda Marino |
| Assistant: | Penny Johnston. |
| Secretary: | Nina Montano. |
| Assistant: | Sharon Firth. |
| Treasurer: | Amie Chapman. |
| Assistants: | Christine Burge. |
| | Tracy Demetrios. |
| | Sharon Irving |

"This is a Year 11 function for current students only. Students who leave before Registration Day and the payment of the deposit are not accepted as debutantes or partners. Students who leave after Registration Day and the payment of the deposit may continue, provided that an undertaking is made to ensure appropriate behaviour."

Peter Schneider, Head of Campus

SPORTS NEWS

The college took two teams to Sydney to compete in the 17th Annual Australian Marist Basketball Carnival April 22nd – 25th.

In the boy's section of the Marist Basketball Competition, the college was represented by Dylan Hvalica, Daniel Loprese, Daniel Lee, David Van Berkel, Ben Kerrigan, Henry Hollingsworth, Daniel Zaghet, Andrew Buykx-Smith and Tom Dalton. With limited court time together leading-up to the carnival, the boys and coach Shayne Burns took several games to settle into their set plays, finishing the first day with 2 wins and 2 losses. On day 2 of the carnival, the boys played hard and well structured to basketball to again win 2 out of 4 games. In the play-off for 13th position on finals day, the boys were drawn to play Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Alice Springs. A strong team performance saw us win this game comfortably. Congratulations to all the boys on the way they participated throughout the carnival. Daniel Lee was voted Lavalla's most valuable player while special mention should be made of Henry and Dylan who performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament.

In the girl's section the college was represented by: Reannah Marino Rachael Loechel, Carly Jennings, Melissa Depellegrini, Laura Joyce, Gaby Pyle, Kristy Depellegrini, Emily Pickering, Courtney Molden and Laura Flemming. The girl's struggled to adjust to the smaller court sizes and a low percentage shooting resulted in the girls losing two games on the first day of competition. The girls regrouped well and were undefeated for the rest of the tournament finishing 3rd. Laura Joyce was voted Lavalla's most valuable player with Gaby Pyle the most determined and highest points scorer.

The team would like to thank Ms Joyce for organising all aspects of our involvement in the competition, and thank the other coach Shayne Burns and our team managers: Steve Erdely and Sarah Scholtes

The younger members of the squad are now looking forward to being part of preparations for the 2007 carnival in Adelaide.

PARENTS EDUCATION FORUM

Our next meeting night is on Monday 8th **May** at the Kildare Campus in the Principal's Conference Room. **Help will be needed** – at the meeting we will be going through the archived school magazines, marking information and pictures that can be used for the **50th Marist Anniversary celebrations** later this year. We would be grateful to anyone who is interested in giving a hand to go through the boxes of

memorabilia. It is great looking back at the old photos etc that have been kept. **We will also be looking for old uniforms, school bags, hats, pins, ties etc to borrow and use for display during the anniversary.**

If anyone has some of these things could they please contact me, **Norma Bellerby** *phone 51341677 BH or 51 221908 AH*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Tue 2 May	C Hinds, M Norton	J Clarke (help needed)
Wed 3 May	R Mills, J Clegg	H Stoddart (help needed)
Thu 4 May	F Webb, C Barry	C Shippen, P Radovich
Fri 5 May	K Roberts, C Bruzzese E Panayiotou	J Kivisalu, M Marsiglio

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