

# Lavalla Catholic College



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## From the Principal

### Dear parents, students and teachers

This week the Lavalla community has been deeply saddened by the loss of our much loved colleague Mrs Anne Symes. Anne was a long serving and dedicated staff member who will be sadly missed by staff and students alike. I would like to thank the Kildare Campus students and staff for their attendance at the memorial service for Anne on Monday morning. A peaceful and respectful farewell was shared by all who attended. We gave thanks for the time we spent with Anne and the memories we now cherish. As always the students were respectful and conducted themselves impeccably during the service. Our prayerful thoughts are with her family at this time of loss and grief. May she rest in peace.

### Notable Achievements

We have many accomplishments to be celebrate and to be proud of this week:

- Congratulations to the Lavalla Netball team who competed in the Marist Netball Carnival in Bunbury Western Australia this week; the sports report details how very proud we are of our team representing our school at a National level;
- Year 11 student Aman Bhatt was awarded 2nd place in the Design Category in the Model-making Category in the VACC Automotive Design Awards in Melbourne;
- Boys Senior soccer team competed this week in Sale, and the Senior Girls netball team competed at the State Schools Victoria meet. Congratulations to both teams.

The Kildare campus has recently completed a successful exam period with students at all year levels sitting mid-year exams. Many students were pleased with their performance and perhaps some were not. Regardless of the results the term break is an excellent opportunity for our senior students to revise their learning before the last few weeks before the external exams begin. Hopefully families made good use of the opportunities to talk with teachers and to set reachable and achievable goals for term 3.

*I cannot see a  
child without  
wanting to tell  
them how much  
God loves them -*

**St Marcellin  
Champagnat**



## Le Rozey Centre

Students and teachers at St Paul's have moved into Le Rozey Centre and we were proud to invite parents into this new building for our parent-teacher conferences on Thursday night. The gallery was alive and proud with student work and a natural gathering place for parents to meet with teachers and meet with other parents. The importance of art cannot be underestimated. Even Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI commented on the power of art

We reflect on the need to draw near to God through the experience and appreciation of artistic beauty. Art is capable of making visible our need to go beyond what we see and it reveals our thirst for infinite beauty, for God. Dear friends, I invite you to be open to beauty and to allow it to move you to prayer and praise of the Lord.

May you all enjoy the easing of the fast pace over this term break, recover from winter ailments and find time to renew energy levels.

God Bless

**Ms Erica Pegorer**

Principal

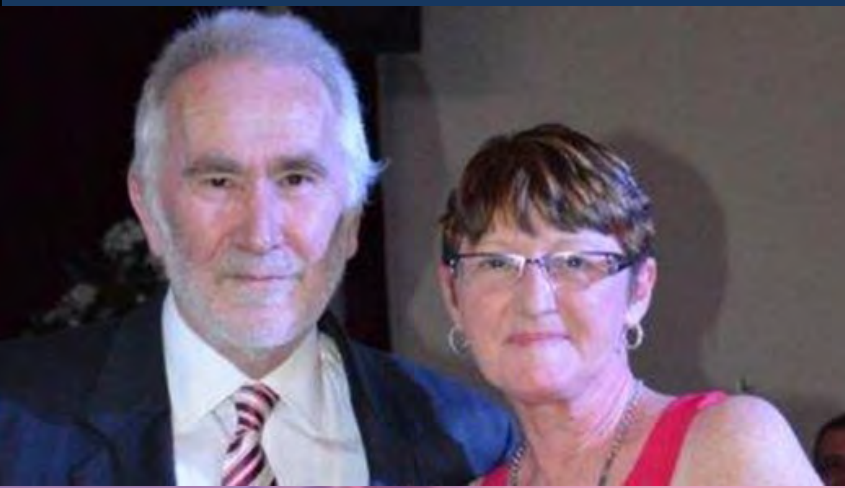
## Le Rozey Inspiration

*The photos below capture the beauty of Le Rozey, the birthplace of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Located in the L'Allier region of the Rhone Alps in France, this idyllic countryside was his home.*

- 1: Interior of the chapel*
- 2: Countryside - Le Rozey*
- 3: The Chapelle Marcellin Champagnat,*
- 4: View of La Valla, France*
- 5: Interior of Marcellin Champagnat's childhood home*







## Farewell - Mrs Anne Symes

This week the College community has mourned the loss of a beloved colleague and friend, Anne Symes.

During her thirteen years at Lavalla Anne held a number of administrative positions, she managed the VASS system, co-ordinated the VET programs, offered first aid to students and worked in the Student Reception area at Kildare.

She had a lively sense of fun, and even though she was a dedicated and thorough worker there was always lots of laughter when Anne was around.

Before her death Anne had been ill for twelve months, in that time she had endured treatments and enjoyed periods of remission. During one of these periods she came back to the College and 'volunteered', assisting in Student Services at Kildare. This seems to sum Anne up, she loved to be useful, she loved to be around people and she made the most of her time.

Anne passed away at home, in the midst of her family, on a sunny winter morning. Her time with us was complete. She left behind her partner John, her children Ian and Jo and her grandchildren. Our condolences to all of those she loved and who loved her.

*Anne you are a free spirit  
Into the freedom of the wind and the sunshine- we let you go  
Into the cosmic dance of the stars and the planets we let you go.  
Into the wind's breath and the hands of the Star maker- we let you go  
Anne, we love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy.  
Go safely home to God.*



## Kildare Campus Update

### Mr Doug Doherty, Campus Director

As Semester 1 comes to a close, Kildare prepares to open it's doors to promote the correct choice of pathways to success. Staff are busily preparing for the excellent annual event of EXPO, which will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. However, this is certainly not just a one day event. A consistent 'drip-feed' of excellent information and guidance to our students in choosing the correct career pathway and subject choice to achieve this goal, has already begun.

The option booklet is now online and available for students and their families to examine. LA staff are directing their time to providing such relevant information and the process of pathway interviews will commence from the beginning of term 3. Advice on subject choice will be founded on the data collated on each student's ability, in order to ensure that students undertake the subjects that will most likely gain them success.

There will be an information evening next term to suit the stage of pathway for each student. The dates are as follows:

**Year 10 and 11 – 30<sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm Kildare Hall**  
**Year 9 into 10 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 6:30pm Kildare Hall**

***Please ensure the relevant date is recorded in your diary for this extremely important stage of every student's life.***

Throughout both terms I have spoken of success and the drive for excellence. Again in the last two weeks we have even more examples of excellence and success to be celebrated.

There was great success at the Dante Alighieri Society Poetry Recitation Competition, with the school securing 10 finalists from over 3,200 students! This is also a record number in the school's history! These students are:

**Mary Jane Vernier (9)**  
**Jeremy Wall (9)**  
**Conor McCafferty (10)**  
**Bethany Hourigan (10)**  
**Georgia Pollard (10)**  
**Mikaela Tarraran (11)**  
**Con Kavadias (11)**  
**Korey Kavadias (11)**  
**Laura Metlikovec (12)**  
**Stephanie Castello (12)**

This means that these students are the top 1% of their year level and sections – an amazing feat from just one school. A massive congratulation goes to the students and their teacher Ms Rafaela Cataldo.





I would like to wish them all the very best for the final, which takes place on Friday 26 July at the Spot in Melbourne.

Success was also achieved with another record breaking achievement within the first round of the Australian-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge. Round 1 was a great success with 6 of our students achieving a place in the final from over 5,500 students participating from 300 schools from every state and territory in Australia and New Zealand's North and South Islands.

The students are as follows:

**Bethany Hourigan**

**Taryn Clarke**

**Quinn Scott**

**Jessica Lucas**

**Matilda Ingravalle**

**Amelia Charlton**

We are so very proud of these students and wish them the very best for the Victorian State Final on Wednesday 24 July. Again I would like to thank the dedication of Mrs Mara Bormanis for her dedication to preparing these students, even with a very badly injured shoulder and arm!

Many of our students have also been playing their part for our society by volunteering to give blood over the last two weeks. I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Lovatt and Mrs Pierina Fenech for their raising of awareness and organisation of this event.

Congratulation also goes to Aman Bhatti (yr 11) who won several awards at the VACC Automotive Design Awards 2013. Aman took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Design Category, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Model-making Category, was awarded a Master class in design at Monash Uni, was awarded a Master class in design at RMIT Uni and won a very prestigious internship at the Ford Design Centre. An amazing achievement.

I would like to finish my fortnightly report, with a reflection of the Year 12 retreat. 152 students and 17 staff travelled to Phillip Island last week for three days and two nights. It was an excellent opportunity for both students and staff to take time to examine their spiritual journeys to date and to try to bring oneself closer to God through a range of activities and prayers.

It was one of the most moving experiences I have ever had the privilege to be involved with. It was such a numinous experience to see so many young people speak about what God means to them so openly and honestly. The experience where students received letters from their parents/guardians and when they responded, can only be described as powerful and emotional. So I would like to thank all parents for that contribution.

I believe primarily as a teacher and deputy principal secondary; that what-ever you deliver in a classroom or any learning environment for students, you should be happy that your own child would receive the same quality. The year 12 retreat definitely achieved this goal, as I was so excited to think that in the future, my daughters will have the same opportunities to experience this amazing event. Therefore I would like to thank all staff involved, in particular Mr Chris Roga and the Religious Education team for the outstanding organisation and presentation of this spectacular event. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the year 12 students for being exactly who they are and allowing me to share in their experiences of spiritual growth during that event.

Have a safe and holy holiday and make use of the time for exam preparation.

## Volunteers Required

*Are you able to assist  
for a **few hours** a  
week or month in the  
Kildare canteen?*

*If you are able to  
help out during  
Semester 2 please  
contact Anna Di Savia  
via email:*

[DISAANN1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:DISAANN1@lavalla.vic.edu.au)



## St Paul's Campus Update

### Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

As the term and semester draws to a close, it is once again time to draw breath and reflect on our work effort, successes, near misses and failures, because it is reflective practise that drives improvement. This is why we ask our students at St Paul's (and staff) to set goals and strategies for achieving their best. More importantly, a system of reviewing and adjusting goals is a habit of excellence common to high performing learners. They recognise that a personal commitment to a system of evaluation and review will leave them better prepared to deal with similar challenges in future.

With the above in mind and reports now received, it is a good opportunity for parents to share with their children their own journey toward building a reflective practice in their lives. For many, this may well encompass a prayerful dimension, where we place ourselves in a space that allows for quiet and openness to our inner self. The courage to make change can come from the knowledge that God will support us to become the best we can be. I would encourage each student to take advantage of the wisdom of their parents and the love of God in their quest to honour their abilities by building a reflective practice.

#### Campus News:

The new 'Arts' building which will be officially opened as the 'Le Rozey' centre in October is being utilized for class work, I am happy to report that students and teachers are loving the space and the amenity the building has to offer. We plan to utilize the building for our parent, teacher, student conferences as an opportunity to introduce the space to our parent group.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, a group of 40 year 7 and 8 students, accompanied by Italian teachers Stephanie Sola and Valentina Bonatti travelled to Carlton for a cultural experience. Students visited the Italian museum and completed a range of activities on Lygon Street. After lunch, students had the opportunity to explore Melbourne's own "Little Italy" and indulge the Italian lifestyle. It was a wonderful day for both the students and their teachers.

On the sporting side of campus life – our Intermediate girls and boys netballers experienced success on Wednesday 26 June and will now progress to the next round to be held in late August. Congratulations to all that participated there.

I wish everyone in our community a happy and Holy break and I look forward to engaging with you all again next semester.

**School will resume for all 7-9 students at St Paul's at the normal time on Tuesday, July 16.**





## Year 12 Retreat

Mr Chris Roga - Director Faith and Mission

As I sought for a suitable way to write this report, I bumped into four Year 12 girls and I asked them, what they would say about eh retreat. Quick as a flash one of them replied, with a smile, 'Na nana na na na, Hey!'

These words from Fr. Rob Galea's song 'God Does not Make Rubbish' epitomise the experience of the Year 12 Retreat.

***God does not make rubbish  
God calls us his own  
God does not make rubbish  
God calls us his own  
Na nana na na na  
Hey !***



One hundred and fifty students and seventeen staff descended on the Phillip Island Adventure Resort at 11.30 am on 17<sup>th</sup> June and spent the next 48 hours exploring how valuable they were. The focus was on the inner journey and the companions each one of us needs on that journey.

The standout experiences were the small group sessions in which they got to know nine other students in the cohort better. Another valuable experience was listening to Sam Clear, from 'walk4one Unity' was inspiring in his address and in his interaction with the students later. Some students availed themselves of the opportunity for Reconciliation.

The strongest emotions were felt upon reading the letters written by parents highlighting the value they placed on each young person. Each retreatant wrote a letter back.







## VACC Automotive Design Awards

### Aman Bhatti—Year 11

Ms Christine Blake attended the VACC Automotive Design Awards in Melbourne with Yr 11 student Aman Bhatti and his family.

Aman won 2nd place in the Design Category, won 2nd place in the Model-making Category, was awarded a Master class in design at Monash Uni, was awarded a Master class in design at RMIT Uni and won a very prestigious internship at the Ford Design Centre.

On the night he also had the opportunity to meet the designers from Ford, Holden and Toyota along with representatives from Monash and RMIT.

Aman's design and model was exhibited at Deakin Edge, Federation Square, which is where the Design Awards were held.

Congratulations Aman -May this award be the first of many in a future filled with success.



## National Excellence in Teaching Awards

### Nominate a Teacher before 31 July 2013



Now in its 20th year, the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) program gives communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working and inspirational educators and leaders.

The Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) formed the NEiTA Foundation in 1994 to promote public recognition of inspirational educators and leaders in Australian and New Zealand schools and early childhood centres.

The ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators is the only national community-centred teaching awards program that gives parents, secondary students, early childhood and school communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working and inspirational educators and leaders.

**Nominate Now:** [https://wic030u.server-secure.com/vs63858\\_secure/content/australia/noms\\_login.htm](https://wic030u.server-secure.com/vs63858_secure/content/australia/noms_login.htm)



**Follow Me**

*Almighty God, we  
thank you that our  
living Lord,*

*your divine Son, has  
two hands;*

*one to point the  
way, and the other  
to beckon us for-  
ward.*

*Summoned and  
encouraged by his  
Spirit,*

*may we follow him  
without delay.  
Amen.*

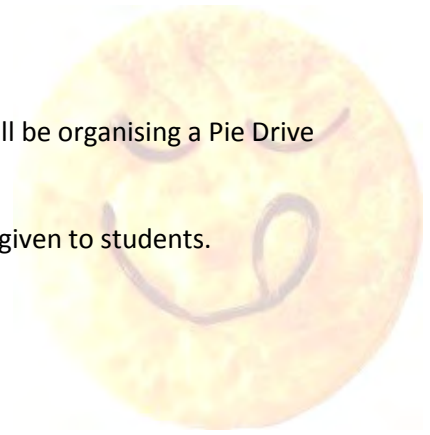
## Pie Drive 2013 Music Support Group

This is advance notice that the Music Support Group will be organising a Pie Drive Fundraiser in 2013.

Important dates for your Calendars' are:

1. Start of Term 3: Information letters and order forms given to students.
2. 29th July-Order forms due back at school.
3. 13th August- Pie collection day.

Your support is much appreciated.



## Would you like to be more involved with your child's music?

Playing a musical instrument or singing is a gift for life. Long after our bodies can no longer play sports; music gives years of pleasure. Not only does music help improve academic performance, it provides healthy social interaction for our teenagers.

The Lavalla Music Support Group works with your child's music teachers to keep the music programme as affordable as possible. Fund raising co-ordinated by the Group in recent years has led to the purchase of our music trailer, piano, a range of instruments and sending a group of student to the recent Mt Gambier "Generations in Jazz" festival.

We urge all parents of students involved in any way with the music department to consider making some time available to assist this group in 2013. This may be helping out at fundraisers (e.g pie drive, Bunnings BBQ, or a short monthly meeting on a Wednesday evening).

For more information please e-mail [mike.matthyssen@gmail.com](mailto:mike.matthyssen@gmail.com).

## Host Families Needed in early July Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Limited

In early July exchange students from the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Italy & the USA. Will be arriving in Gippsland. These new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 5 or 10 months. We are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our [website](http://www.studentexchange.org.au). Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

T: (02) 9997 0700

W: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)



## Sports Report

Mr Dwayne Tibballs

### LAVALLA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE FINALS IN CROSS COUNTRY

Four students from Lavalla Catholic College have qualified through to the SSV State Championships of Cross Country after their strong performances at the recent Regional Championships held at Lardner Park on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lavalla had four boys representing the College in the boy's 13 years event and they were able to finish third overall in the team's event with the team comprising of Michael Gaudiano (35<sup>th</sup>), Elijah Lappin (37<sup>th</sup>), Jaxon Gardiner (38<sup>th</sup>) and Lachlan McFarlane (49<sup>th</sup>). Year 7 student Amira Idmouh claimed Lavalla's equal-highest place finish of the day by coming third in the girls 13 years event with a time of 10:54.45, just 16.2 seconds off the pace for first.

The next event saw Matthew Pearce of year 8 finish in fifth place in a time of 9:31.60 that was only 8.3 seconds behind the winner.

The girls 14 years event resulted in both Jessica Rankcom (3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:43.59) and Chelsea Kenter (4<sup>th</sup> – 10:47.65) advancing on to the State Championships with strong performances.

**Well done to all Lavalla representatives who competed and did themselves very proud.**





## Marist Netball Carnival 2013

### Marist Spirit Award Winners

Lavalla's netballers recently returned from their trip to the Marist Netball Carnival in Bunbury Western Australia. Chaperoned by Ms Fiona Morrow the Lavalla team competed against sixteen schools from all over Australia.

Lavalla finished fourth overall, which is a very pleasing result. Each team played seven games per day over multiple days, a huge effort!

We are very proud of the way the Lavalla netballers represented themselves, and their school; the team were awarded the "Marist Spirit Award" for their enthusiasm, team spirit and support of each other during the Carnival.

#### Congratulations

#### Team Photos

*R: The team with their Marist Spirit Award*



## SSV Senior Girls Netball 2013

### Wednesday 26 June

In the same week as the Marist Netball Carnival the state Senior Girls netball championships were held in xxx. Former student, Molly Clavarino volunteered her time to come along and coach the team on the day.—Thank you Molly. The following team competed on behalf of Lavalla:

Laura Metlikovec , Lauren Hornibrook , Chelsey Lowden , Taela Thatcher , Toni Doderico , Alexandra Sykes , Ash McConnell , Georgia Buckley , Sarah Johnston and Danielle Vickery-Howe

## Upcoming Events

**Monday 15 July**

**Student Free Day**

Term 3 commences

**Tuesday 16 July**

**Students resume for Term 3**

Year 12 - University - City Experience

**Wednesday 17 July**

Alpine Gippsland - All Day Clay Shooting event

Careerwise Event - Year 9

**Thursday 18 July**

Awards Assembly - Champagnat Centre



## Making Stepfamilies work ...



## ... a course for couples.

Stepfamilies face unique challenges for all family members. Sometimes they need different answers to problems.

'Making Stepfamilies Work' is a six week course specifically designed for couples either in a stepfamily or considering forming one.

The course covers issues such as including past histories, disciplining children and divided loyalties.

### Some topics covered include:

- Influences from the past
- Living with someone else's children
- The discipline challenge
- New roles
- Strengthening the relationship

### When

3 July to 7 August, 2013  
6 x weekly Wednesday sessions

### Times

6.00pm to 8.00pm (no childcare available)

### Where

Family Relationship Centre  
41 Grey St, Traralgon

### Why

- Help you deal with your unique issues
- Share experiences with others in similar situations
- Help improve relationships within your stepfamily

### Cost

\$60.00 per couple includes course material

**Contact:** (03) 5175 9333 or (03) 5175 9500 for further information and bookings.

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Numbers are limited so bookings are essential.



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