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From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

Expo week is here. This **Friday 2 August** is the most significant event on the calendar. Expo runs from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Kildare Campus. Year 10 and 11 students will meet representatives from a range of career and subject pathways, who will there to meet with students and to give advice. The range of information available is essential for the development of a realistic and aspirational pathway that supports every individual student within our college.

Congratulations to Year 10 students that have been undertaking Work Experience in the past week. I am sure that you have all now experienced what life is like in the workforce and that this will assist you in striving for your career goals.

God Bless

Ms Erica Pegorer

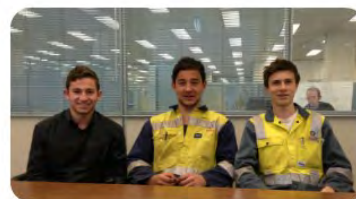
Principal

*Let there be among
you just one heart and
one mind.*

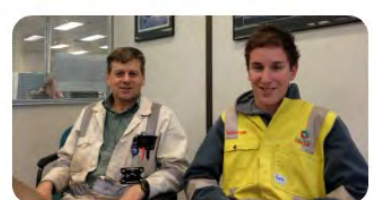
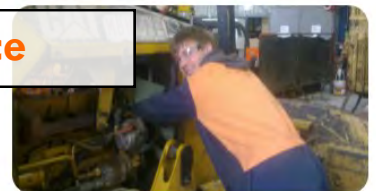
*Let it always be said of
the Little Brothers of
Mary as it was of the
early Christians: See
how they love one an-
other!*

**St Marcellin
Champagnat**

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Year 10 Work Experience





Looking for Learning Teacher Professional Development



As part of our push to keep our focus on student learning, the College recently used the services of Ms Annelies Hoogland and Dr Bern Nicholls from Learning Labyrinth to facilitate the “Looking for Learning” program. It was a two day program, run on site and the ladies trained ten of our staff to become classroom researchers. The training was around collecting real time data from students in classes so that we could identify learning as it happens. The flow on from this is that if we can identify learning we can also increase and improve learning.

The researchers were taught the process and then quickly visited classrooms for some practice. The process was simple, individual students were asked to reflect on what they were doing at the time and to share any learning. The researchers were delighted with the insights students were able to offer.

The researchers gather data on student learning- usually approximately 4 students and then have a follow up discussion with the teacher so that the teacher can make decisions about student learning and lesson planning. It creates a ‘snap shot’ of the learning in that classroom on that day and helps inform future lessons.

Is this learning easy, too difficult or just right? / are you climbing mountains, pedalling, on flat, at beach ?

“I am climbing mountains but in a good way”.

“Maths fraction and percentages; I wasn’t good in primary school but now I like it. I like having the whole book, it has more examples and I can do easy questions then do hard ones - better than sheets. I like maths, I am happy with myself.”



“I didn’t find school fun in primary school but I enjoy it (now) . Subjects and work you do here, it’s a bit more advanced than primary. Not too hard.

I have some struggles with maths, not very much in English- they are the kinda serious ones.

This work is sort of ok but a bit hard. I get distracted sometimes but I like to finish the work because it is enjoyable.”



“I saw this before in Yr 11 and did not learn it too well – it more sense now, maybe because I have seen it before”.

“It’s a good process – teaching someone else helps me understand better.”

We were delighted by the students ability to talk about their learning and in nearly every case, how students were energised by talking about their learning successes. The researchers also learnt how to work with teachers to map out student learning and help identify when students are learning something new, consolidating, treading water or drowning in their learning. Can use this information to construct more effective learning experiences for students and classes..

"We've heard from other groups who have run their game that it was challenging being the teacher. This has changed our learning because we've decided to plan our game to try and avoid the problems the other groups experienced. We've found that this was a good idea so we don't make the same mistakes."



Why are you learning this ?

"Because it is useful for me in life"

"Because I will need to teach it to someone else"

"I love the feeling of learning."

The teacher comes over a lot, she makes time for everyone and I can ask her for help"

How does Learning make you feel?

"Excited!"

"I can see that the way I've learnt to use the arrows in creating a foodweb could be used for other subjects."

In Ancient China they had a lot of rulers so I think I could use these arrows to point to the rulers to show which ones were ruling at different times."



What can I do as a parent?

As parents it would be wonderful if you could begin to ask questions about your child's learning. Rather than the simple " how was school, or even what did you do today?"

It might be more helpful to ask what your child learnt:

"What do you know now that you didn't know before you went to Maths/ English/ ? today?"

What did you learn about?

What did you learn to do?

Why are you learning this?

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 30 July

Girls Soccer Year 8 - 10 - SSV Regional Championships
Lardner Park Job Skills Expo - Year 10 and 11 VCAL students

Wednesday 31 July

Boys Soccer - SSV Regional Championships

Thursday 1 August

Girls and Boys Netball -Years 7-12 - SSV Regional Championships
Clay Target Shooting - South East Zone Boys and Girls Championships

Friday 2 August

Careers and Courses EXPO - Kildare Campus

11.00am to 4.00pm

Monday 5 August

VicSpell Regional Finals at Lowanna College

Tuesday 6 August

Year 7 Vortex Centre Excursion
First Aid Course - Allied Health Students

Wednesday 7 August

Year 12 Drama Workshop

Friday 9 August

Free to Be Me - Year 8 Incursion to Presentation Campus

Pie Drive

Important information from the Music Support Group

Please note that it has been necessary to change the form collection date and the pie delivery date for our Term 3 Pie Drive.

The new dates are:
Order forms to be returned to school by
13 August

Pie Collection date
27 August

Thank you for your understanding and support

The Music Support Group

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Next edition

Friday August 2



Courses and Careers Expo Friday August 2nd 2013

Opportunity:

- To give Lavalla Catholic College students the means to plan their pathways to further education and training and to choose subjects best suited to those pathways.
- Raise student and parent awareness of VCAL and VCE as well as careers, VET courses and employment opportunities.
- Provide information about aptitude, skills, qualities, ATARs & prerequisites necessary for particular careers / courses / industry pathways.

Details:

- Located at Kildare Campus, Kosciuszko St Traralgon.
- Attend anytime between the hours of 11:00am until 4:00pm.

Parents and students are encouraged to use the day for planning future study, training and careers.

If you are part of an organisation that may be interested in attending the expo as a resource/provider.

Please feel free to contact the Expo Coordinator on (03) 5175 8274 to discuss.