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PRAYER FOR OUR YEAR TWELVES

Class of 2010,
The next few years will travel faster than the
speed of light for you.
As you climb ladders of industry, remember the
poor at the bottom rung.
As your future studies consume you, remember to
call your mum.
When your careers demand hours of your life,
remember to visit your Grandpa.
May you be the friend that somebody needs some-
day;
may your words bring comfort; may your actions
inspire others.
We pray that your choices will light up the world.
We have seen the best of you, we pray that
countless others do too.
When you feel lonely, think of the lives you
touched while you were here.
Every one of you has left your mark.
Every one of you is known and named.
It may be a given that you will take your strong
mind with you,
Don't forget to pack your compassionate heart as
well.
We ask this for you,
We ask this of you,
Amen.

Shane Reid - Acting Director of Faith and Ministry

Dear parents, students and teachers

Firstly, let me congratulate our Year 12 students for the manner in which they conducted themselves and their celebrations last week. It was a pleasure to be a part of their activities and to interact with them informally. The College Leaders were exemplary in the way they lead their year level not only in the last week but throughout the whole year. They held the position of College Leader in high esteem and the student body responded accordingly. The esteem and rapport between the students and the staff was particularly event at the Graduation mass and the Campus Concert. I would like to thank Mr DiCesare, Mrs Clarke, Mrs McCormack and co-ordinators for the way they encouraged and engaged with our Year 12s in the various activities during this last week. Also to our students in other year levels who allowed the space for it all to happen. They have left us with wonderful memories. Now is the time for them to focus on performing well in their exams. We wish them well as they enter this final stage of schooling and I ask that we keep them in our prayers, not only so that they might find the courage to confront their exams with confidence but also that God will guide them as they begin to make their own life decisions.

Mrs Tamsin McCormack – Campus Director Presentation Campus – 2011

It is with great pleasure that I announce that **Mrs**



McCormack has been appointed the **Director of the Presentation Campus** commencing in 2011. Many of you are already familiar with Mrs McCormack as a House Co-ordinator at the Kildare Campus in recent years. More recently she has generously accepted other Leadership roles including Acting

Assistant Campus Director in both welfare and organisation positions. Mrs McCormack is an excellent educator, familiar with differentiated principles and will bring to the role many years of experience and much enthusiasm for the role. We wish her well and warmly welcome her to her new role in the College. (continued next page)



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

External Regulations

The College is required to sign a release of student and parent data for the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), for the purpose of improving the quality of the tools used to measure the school's performance. Under the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988, residential address information is classified as 'personal information' and therefore the parent or legal guardian of each student must be advised that their residential address will be provided to ACARA. I draw your attention to the last page of this newsletter which provides the notification from ACARA and further information about the use of the data.

Pilgrims Return

It was wonderful to see **David Moulton** and **Mikaela Ryan** safely amongst us this week after their extraordinary experience at the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. They reported having a profound experience amongst all the other pilgrims and I am sure we will learn more about their time there as the weeks progress.

Visit from students from Brazil great success

It was a worthwhile and life-changing experience for some of our students and their families to host 10 students from four Marist schools in Brazil. Their teacher



Mrs Andrea Mourino let it be known that the students had an excellent experience and were very grateful to all the families, students and teachers that made them feel very welcome. They were here for 12 days and immersed themselves in the life of the school, coming to learn more about the Marist way in Australia. Lavalla is also keen to foster such an international network making us part of the global village and assist with our future development. We thank the **Frantz, Malone, Weckmann** and **Van Der Staay** families for being such wonderful hosts.

Mid-term break

Remember that the College has its mid-term break on Monday 1st November and Tuesday 2nd November (Melbourne Cup day). School resumes as normal on Wednesday 3rd November.

During a quiet moment remember to say a prayer for our loved ones on All Souls' Day on Tuesday 2nd November and perhaps keep Mary MacKillop in your prayers for All Saints' Day on Monday.

Cookson Family

We extend our sympathy to **Stephanie Cookson** and all members of her family, on the death of her father last week. We pray for his peaceful repose and hope that the family may be comforted by good memories of him. May he rest in Peace.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

International World Teachers' Day

Friday, 29 October 2010

International World Teachers' Day is an opportunity for me to express my sincere appreciation, on behalf of the parents and students of Lavalla Catholic College to the teaching staff for their dedication and commitment to delivering a quality education to all your students.

As teachers we are privileged to work with young people and at times to be their guide and support. On a daily basis we know that to "Teach children you must love them and love them all equally". Teachers would really appreciate your acknowledgement of their hard work and commitment.



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Some of the Sale Diocese group in Rome for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop. We spotted the Bishop and went over to him before the canonisation. It was a joyous occasion and wonderful to share with the students. May St Mary of the Cross continue to bless each of us and our great ministry.

Sr Rose Duffy (pictured far right)

Pictured below from left: Mikaela Ryan and David Moulton with Bishop Prowse, with Sr Rose, and a some of the Sale group





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St Paul's Campus

We are close to the finish and the students are restive, waiting for the end. Patience is a key virtue here for teachers – and parents.

Athletes are taught to play to the whistle. 'It isn't over till you cross the line, or the referee blows the final whistle'. Similarly in school, before we finish, we still have to complete lessons, assignments and tests. Everyone starts, but it is the best who finish strongly. I encourage all students to put in an extra effort, to do their best and to finish with pride. We wish our Year 12's all the very best as they finish the school stage of their lives.

Grade 5 visits: Friday, 22nd October

St. Paul's Campus played host to nearly 215 Grade 5 students from the primary schools; Lumen Christi (Churchill), Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's (Morwell), St. Gabriel's and St. Michael's (Traralgon). Nearly 70 Grade 6 Students from State Primary Schools who have enrolled for next year also visited the campus.

The staff were kept very busy engaging students in some fascinating activities in subject areas like English, Maths, Science, Art, Music, Wood, Food. The focus was on using appropriate technology to learn. An unusual activity was brain training games on the Nintendo Wii. It was an extremely satisfying day for all involved. Students went

home with examples of what they had made and staff, though tired, had a glow of satisfaction.

Brazilian Visitors

Chelsea Malone (Year8) hosted two of our visiting Brazilian students, Juliana and Ohanna for two weeks. The two visitors attended classes with her. She accompanied them, to Phillip Island, Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance and she and her family took them to Gumbuya Park. The Brazilians found the cold difficult to bear, and they liked the school uniforms. Chelsea has made some great friends for life and she is looking forward to visiting Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. I am grateful to Chelsea and her parents for being generous in hosting the two girls.

Endurance Riding

Nadine Harte and her team, the Olive Springs team representing Gippsland, took part in the Tevis Cup endurance ride in South Australia in early October. They competed against the Australian and the New Zealand teams. Each rider had to ride 80 kms in one day. Her team took 4hrs 48 minutes. They came fifth and sixth out of ten riders. Nadine is the strapper for the team which is considered a key part of the endurance team. Nadine is preparing to ride in a 160 km endurance ride in June.

Chris Roga
Campus Director



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Christmas Concert

Monday 22nd
November 2010

Soundshell
Victory Park
7.00pm - 8.30pm



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Presentation Campus

It was a great privilege for us all to attend the Year 12 final assembly last Thursday at the Champagnat Centre. For students on the Campus it was an opportunity to share in the celebration of a milestone in the life of the College. The dignified way in which they conducted themselves was an excellent example to all other students who will follow in their footsteps. We pray that they achieve great things in the weeks and years ahead.

The focus on, now Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, continued in the reflection at the assembly. We spent the very end of a beautiful sunny day in class groups competing for glory in a community sports afternoon. Year 7's with the advantage of numbers and enthusiasm won out over all contenders!

On Friday, we were able to host all our incoming year 7 2011 students. This was their second Transition visit and they arrived with smiles and left with bigger smiles and a new lot of friends. After Food and Wood classes on Day 1 they followed up this time with Science, Photography, Story boards and Dance. Computers had their rightful focus on the day given that these students will be our first Year 7's to come with their own Netbook.



We also had Grade 5 students from St Mary's and St Kieran's to share our day. They joined in the team parachute game and then it was on to Science activities and Food class. Here, they prepared their morning tea and enough for their current grade 6's to share. It was evident that there are several budding chefs who, from conversations with them, seem to have a clear idea of healthy eating habits.



It was wonderful to hear the excited voices of our MSP students (pictured left) as they packed their bags onto the buses taking them to the various camp sites for this segment of their program. For this term, all camps -Bush at Tamboritha and Beach at Inverloch are being held at the same time. The instruction to "pack light" had been heeded by many but others found fitting their bag into the allowed space was the first of their challenges. Whilst this was in process those who chose the City theme were already on the train and on their way to Melbourne.

Leanne Mills
Campus Director



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This week I would like to share with you the speech written and presented by Kosta Psinas and Joey Black at the College Farewell Assembly...

Thirteen years

In 13 years, you could travel to Mars and back in a spaceship 19 times
In 13 years, you could eat roughly 683000 Quarter Pounders.

In 13 years, you could produce enough bodily gas to make almost two atomic bombs.

For the past 13 years, we have spent six hours a day, five days a week,

for roughly 40 weeks a year at school.

About 15 and a half thousand hours.

For 13 years, we have written within ruled margins, used erasers to rub out our mistakes and moved in sync with school routine.

But for the next thirteen years, the next 20 years, the next 50 years, we will no longer be told what and where to write. We won't have a teacher there to help us rub out our mistakes. We won't automatically move at the ringing of a bell, or build our lives around the hours of 9 until 3:30. After 13 years, our schooling has ended.

Of our school days, it is our ones at high school, and Lavalla, that will leave the freshest memories. Looking back, it's unbelievable how fast time has flown. Six years have passed in the blink of an eye, and after five years of fare-welling year twelve's through that big blue door, we are now doing it ourselves. It's a strange feeling. It would have to be unanimous that we won't be missing the pressures of year 12, however, for us it is the end of an era. Friendships that have been cemented upon and relied on the routine of recess and lunch will suddenly lose their foundations, and next year, we will each go our own individual ways. Some of us may lose contact; many of us won't. But no matter where we choose to go next year, or what we choose to be, we will all share this common experience. In the future, we may be flung to the far corners of the globe, living separate lives and ambitions: in twenty years, there will be models, sport stars, housewives, teachers, scientists, writers, politicians, artists, musicians, CEOs and hobos who will each share the link of Lavalla Catholic College, and the knowledge that although 2010 was a huge challenge, it was also a fantastic year for all of us.





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This speech has changed a little since last year, and as of last night I had no idea what to write, so I asked Mrs. Clarke for suggestions. She suggested using a quote from someone like Nelson Mandela.

First, I thought I could use the Ghandi quote that's used in that Robert Pattinson movie, the one about 'everything we do is insignificant', but I decided not to go with that. Then I googled 'inspirational quotes', and came up with such gems as 'Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.' Then I remembered Mrs Clarke had suggested to use song lyrics, and I thought it would be a great idea to choose something meaningful and accessible for us as young people.

So, I randomly googled one of the itunes store's top ten songs, and got this:
'Cause we gon' rock this club
We gon' go all night
We gon' light it up
Like it's dynamite!

I didn't really think this was the best inspirational lyric to send off 13 years of schooling, so I decided to throw accessibility out the window and choose a lyric from a song I love by Stevie Wonder:

"We all know sometimes lifes hates and troubles



Can make you wish you were born in another time and space

But you can bet you life times that and twice its double
That God knew exactly where he wanted you to be placed
so make sure when you say you're in it but not of it
You're not helping to make this earth a place sometimes called Hell

Change your words into truths and then change that truth into love

And maybe our children's grandchildren
And their great-great grandchildren will tell
I'll be loving you"

**Year 12 Class of 2010, staff
and students, thank-you for
the memories.**

Joey Black and Kosta Psnias



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A Note From Our Students...

Dear parents and members of the community,

We are privileged and honoured to be representing Lavalla Catholic College next year as College Captains for 2011. It is a prestigious position that will not be taken lightly by any of us. We would like to thank the student and staff body for electing us to this position and we shall endeavour to repay the trust shown in us. We have very big shoes to fill after the extraordinary efforts of the current captains Kosta Psinas, Andrew Ware, Brooke Ward and Joey Black. The school will miss them and we wish them all the best as they prepare for their upcoming exams.

We have each selected an area that each captain shall be responsible for. They are as follows...

- Rhiley Wentworth - Events and Promotions
- Katrina Barrett - House Activities
- Rhys McDonald - Mentor Leader
- Jess Lewis – Mission Leader

School Events and Promotion

"It is a great honour to be picked to this position by my peers and the staff body. I hope to provide events that contribute to a happier school community, one in which all students can display the college motto 'Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts'. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and am honoured to be representing the College". – **Rhiley Wentworth**

House Activities

"I can't put into words how proud I am to represent the school as College Captain. My specific role as House Activities leader is so fitting because I love every interschool sport and have participated in Footy, Netball, Soccer, Swimming and Cycling, just to name a few. I look forward to working closely with the house captains and ensuring that each student has the opportunity to participate in school sports and represent our College." – **Katrina Barrett**

Mission Leader

"Mission Leader covers 3 main areas: Liturgy, Fundraising



and Social Justice. My duties will include organizing fundraising efforts within the school, and to help promote these causes. A Cause Worth Week is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and everyone on the leadership team plays a big role in that. I will also be assisting with school liturgies, the Social Justice group, and any other related causes. I'm really excited to have been elected to this position". –

Jessica Lewis

Mentor Leader

"I am very excited about representing Lavalla as College Captain in the coming year. This opportunity will give me a great chance to give back to a school which has given me so much. It also gives me a great opportunity to develop and further life skills which will be vital in the years to come. I am looking forward to working together with the three other fantastic College Captains and to keep this school moving forwards in the near future." – **Rhys McDonald**

We once again thank you for your support not just over the past few weeks, but for next year as well.

Sincerely,

Jess, Katrina, Rhys and Rhiley.

(Pictured above from left, College Principal Ms Erica Pegorer, Rhiley, Katrina, Jessica, Rhys, Campus Director Mr Marco DiCesare)



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Careers

At this time of the year there are a lot of students thinking about getting full time work or moving into further education. For all of the year 12s it will be the first time in their memory when they won't be thinking of another year at school. Next February will feel very different for them. Even though they have finished at Lavalla Year 12 students are encouraged to maintain contact with the Careers office. We often have employers call us to advertise employment opportunities, Traineeships and Apprenticeships. If students have provided me with their home email address this information can be forwarded to them as it arrives.

ATARs will be sent to the students on December 13th – on-line, and 14th in the post. It is important to remember that this number is simply a way for Universities to sort out

who can be admitted to their courses. Employers do not have any interest in the ATAR achieved, nor do most of the TAFEs. The ATAR is not a reflection on the type of person the student is. It is simply a ranking of all of the students who have completed their VCE and have done the exams this year. If the ATAR achieved is less than expected there is still time to change preferences. This can be done until noon on December 20th. There will be a letter included in the package the students receive at the graduation dinner giving contact details and suggestions about what to do. Please remember that I have survived VCE as a parent and know exactly how other parents feel at this time. Please call me at Kildare if you have any problems in relation to ATARs or University and TAFE applications.

Anne English - Careers Advisor

Forth coming events...

- 29 Oct World Teachers Day
- 1 Nov Mid Term Break**
- 2 Nov Melbourne Cup public holiday**
- 4 Nov VCAL dinner
- 12 Nov Year 10 & 11 last class
- 15 Nov Year 10 & 11 exams commence
- 22 Nov Headstart commences
- Christmas Concert 7 - 8.30pm Victory Park
- 26 Nov Year 12 graduation

- 2 Dec Year 10 last day
- 3 Dec Student Free Day
- 6 Dec College Awards night
- 7 Dec Orientation Day
- 10 Dec Last day for teaching staff
- 13 Dec Year 12 results released
- 14 Dec School closure

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10% discount

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One day only

7th December

Second Hand Book and Uniform Shop NEXT OPEN

Thursday 18th November

3.30pm – 6.00pm

UPCOMING EXTRA SESSION
2011 Year 7 Students ONLY
Monday 13th December
3.30-8pm

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED!



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VCAL

Year 12 Success

The VCAL students have been busy over the last month completing projects and the year 12's undertaking work placement for the first two weeks of term four. It turned out to be a very productive time for the year 12's out in the workforce. All the employers that were contacted commented on the enthusiasm and willingness of the students to learn and assist within the workplace. Most stated how well the individuals were suited to the job and a number of students have gained apprenticeship and traineeships out of their placement. This is not only a credit to the individual students but reinforces to us that our VCAL CEO Work Ready Program is preparing students to meet the needs of today's workplace.



the weather has improved. Mr Jason Szkwarek along with Mitchell Caulfield and Craig Bourne have been working hard to complete the project and they need to be commended on the team effort.

A large number of the CEO projects are coming to an end with most expected to be completed by the end of November. The boardwalk outside the sixties block which is one of the largest projects undertaken within the program for a number of years is moving along at quick pace, now



The fashion show was completed last term and all involved did a great job. Ashleigh Albanese and Danica Williams organised a fantastic evening with over 100 people turning up on the night for the charity event. Ashleigh even designed, made and modelled her own range of clothes. The hospitality students under Mrs Tamsin McCormack catered for the night and the food was amazing. There are many more projects underway and will be featured in the next article.

Finally good luck to all our year 12 VCAL students who move out into the workforce or onto further training. I wish you the very best and it has been a pleasure seeing you grow and progress. To celebrate all VCAL's successes this year the awards dinner will be held on 4th November at the Traralgon Golf Club and tickets are available from Ms Cheryl Hunter.

Brett Van Berkel - VCAL Coordinator



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Farewell Year 12



Information required to help determine Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for non-government schools

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that we have requested the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Limited (CECV) to provide the following three pieces of information:

- Students' residential addresses (**not names of students**);
- Parental Level of Education (**not names of parents**);
- Parental Occupation (**not names of parents**).

ACARA requires this information so we can accurately determine which schools are attended by students with similar socio-educational backgrounds. This information will enable comparisons of schools with statistically similar students on the *My School* website (www.myschool.edu.au).

ACARA will **only** use this information for this specific purpose.

Background Information on ACARA and how the index of community socio-educational advantage is calculated:

ACARA was established by the Australian Parliament by the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act* (2008). ACARA is responsible for a national curriculum (K-12), a national assessment program, and national data collection and reporting.

ACARA administers the *My School* website which enables the Australian public to search the profiles of almost 10,000 Australian schools. The website uses an index of student and school characteristics, developed specifically for the purpose of identifying schools serving similar student populations. This enables schools' results on national tests to be understood in a fair and meaningful way, and enables schools seeking to improve their performance to learn from other schools with statistically similar populations.

The index is based on factors that correlate with educational outcomes, as indicated by the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These factors include the language background of students and the geographic location of the school.

ACARA is bound by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988*. Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which prescribe the rules for handling personal information. The information provided by your child's school may be disclosed by ACARA to contractors working for ACARA for the purposes of verifying the information, and for no other purpose. In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone ACARA on 1300 895 563 or send an e-mail to info@acara.edu.au.