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From the Principal, Mr John Freeman

Welcome back for Term 2

I hope that the Easter and end-of-term break was a happy, blessed and refreshing time for all and that students have returned to school committed to making the most of the learning and other opportunities available to them this term.



Congratulations to Shannon Shepley who was presented with a Premier's VCE Award on Tuesday. The awards are for those students who achieve at the highest level in VCE and VET subjects in the State. Shannon achieved her Award for VET Business Administration. Shannon's teacher Ms Annemarie Clarke must also be acknowledged for her fine work in guiding this outstanding young person to achieve this outcome.

My thanks also go to all involved in the ANZAC commemorations held on both campuses last Thursday. They were both moving and respectful. I also want to extend my appreciations to the staff and students who attended many of the ANZAC services held on Friday in our communities.

We welcome Ms Georgina Barker for this term who will be working on a part time basis with the rest of the team at the Presentation Campus as part of our Atlas program. Also although Maree Garratt has been working at the College since the start of the year two days per week after returning from Maternity Leave, she has now begun work in a part time capacity as my Personal Assistant.

Whilst it has been a few weeks it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge that during the term break 112 Year 11 students (56 girls and 56 boys) participated in one of three Debutante Balls conducted under the auspices of the Lavalla Debutante Ball Committee. The Balls took place on Thursday, 10 April (20 Girls/20 Boys), Friday 11 April (20 Girls/20 Boys) and Saturday, 12 April (16 Girls/16 Boys) and I was able to attend each event and was very impressed with way the students presented themselves and it was pleasing to see each young person enjoying the experience. All nights were a great success and took place due to the outstanding hard work put in over many months by all the members of the committee: Maryanne Haesler; Sharon Dorling; Anita Both; Wendy Glasson; Belinda Taylor; Melissa Lowe; Karen O'Keeffe; Louise Trewin. There were a number of special guests from our community each night who generously gave their time to be part of proceedings, some attending every night. My thanks to the following: Mons. John Allman, Fr. Babu Antony, Fr. Peter Bickley, Cr. Kellie O Callaghan Mr. Charlie; Mrs. Janne Spiers, Hon. Russell Northe, Mrs Jenny Northe, Mrs. Marie Moulton, Mr Danny O'Brien, Grace Freeman, Mr. Doug Doherty and Mrs Jane Doherty.

Congratulations to both our Tennis and Swimming Teams on their successes in SSV competitions. In Tennis we entered six teams with five successfully making it through to State Finals. Our swimmers also experienced great success. We only had a small squad compete at SSV State Finals, but were able to finish fourth. An outstanding achievement! There are many people who have contributed to these successes, but in particular I want to thank Ms Nikki

Prayer of Friendship

*You have blessed us, O God,
with the gift of
friendship,
the bonding of persons
in a circle of love.
We thank you for such a
blessing:
for friends who love us,
who share our sorrows,
who laugh with us in
celebration,
who bear our pain,
who need us as we need
them,
who weep as we weep,
who hold us when words
fail,
and who give us the
freedom
to be ourselves.
Bless our friends with
health,
wholeness, life, and love.
Amen.*

From the Principal (Cont.)

Schroeter and Mr Dwayne Tibballs for all their hard work in organising and preparing teams.

No doubt you are aware that the Church has two new saints. Whilst it is not unique for a Pope to become a saint it is extraordinary to have two of living memory to be canonised on the same day. John XXIII began the process of momentous change and renewal in the Catholic Church - Vatican II. John Paul II was pontiff through a period of significant world change that included the momentous changes in the political and human rights changes in Eastern Europe, South Africa as well as Central and South America. There is no doubt both these men have made significant contributions to quality of relationships between people throughout the world.

I want to commend to your prayers Mr Andrew Harrison who passed away last week. Andrew was a teacher at St Vincent de Paul Primary School in Morwell and he taught a number of students who are now at Lavalla Catholic College. My gratitude is extended to Mrs Therese Main who attended on behalf of the College, along with 30 students and number of parents, at the celebration mass for Andrew Harrison's life at Sacred Heart Parish. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Finally, I offer you the following Post-Easter Reflection: *Easter celebrates not only the resurrection of one man, but the resurrection of the whole human race. Perhaps this is the full meaning of the term 'son of man', so important to the gospel writers: Jesus is the new generation of humanity, a new humanity ... By proclaiming his resurrection now (not at the end of time), we are inviting people everywhere to join him – in a new birth, as part of a new humanity, celebrating a new covenant, to walk 'in newness of life'. We are saying, 'You don't have to wait for some distant future to start practising kindness, non-violence, reconciliation, reverence, joy, hope, neighbourliness, and peace. You can leave the old humanity behind and start practising this new humanity now.* (Brian McLaren) I also suggest this is an appropriate reflection in light of the canonisation of our John XXIII and John Paul II and particularly ANZAC Day last Friday, recalling the sacrifices that so many have made which allow us the opportunity to live in peace and to promote peace in our world.



Important Dates

6 May	Year 9 Summit Excursion
7 May	Year 7 & 9 Immunisation
7 May	Year 12 Federation University Excursion
8 May	St Gabriel's Grade 6 Students Visit to St Paul's
9 May	Grade 6 Catholic School Visit to St Paul's
9 May	St Paul's Campus Athletics Carnival
12 May	Year 12 Business Management Excursion
13 - 15 May	NAPLAN
13 May	Year 11 & 12 Legal Studies Excursion - Latrobe Valley Law Courts
13 May	SSV Wellington AFL - Years 11 & 12
14 May	Unit 1 Drama SAC Ensemble Performance
14 May	Twilight Information Session - St Paul's
14 - 16 May	Units 3 & 4 Outdoor Education Excursion
15 May	Year 12 Unit 3 SAC Ensemble Performance
16 May	SSV Wellington AFL - Year 9/10 Boys & Year 7 - 9 Girls

Uniform Shop Open Days 2014

15th May
5th June
19th June
17th July
7th August
21st August
4th September

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop
is Located
At the St Paul's Campus**



St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

The term has started with considerable activity at St Paul's as staff and students immediately engage the curriculum challenges. At Year 9 in particular, the Atlas program at our Presentation Campus launched with preparative work for City and Surf camps to come at locations in both Warragul and at Birmingham Park. As well, four classes spent time photographing Historical sites in Melbourne on a 'Marvellous Melbourne' excursion. Meanwhile, Year 7 students have been up close and personal with a range of reptiles in connection with their science studies.

A number of our Year 7 students were given the opportunity to represent the school as ambassadors over the past week as they visited their old primary schools to speak to the current grade six students about life at secondary school. It is always fascinating to witness students counselling others about the differences particular to alternate settings. Questions from the grade six students ranged from queries about the use of technology through the food items available from the canteen. Our Year 7 students presented beautifully and did a wonderful job of making the transition process accessible to their grade six friends. I thank our transition team and Adriana Bianconi who did a brilliant job of facilitating the discussion between new and prospective Lavalla students.

NAPLAN testing will be conducted for Year 7 AND Year 9 students on May 13, 14 and 15 at St Paul's. Students are being familiarised with the format of this testing process and are being presented small daily challenges by our Campus Learning Leader, Ms Claire Couling in order to sharpen their appreciation of the process.

We continue to have success in all of our sporting endeavours at Lavalla. Last week, at SSV state Swimming Championships, with a small squad, Lavalla finished 4th of the out of the 365 schools represented throughout the state – a fantastic result. Our golf team, which included a number of senior players advanced to finals, the boys involved having opportunity to play on one of the best courses on offer in Melbourne, and, all but one of our Six SSV Tennis teams marched on toward finals

appearance. Preparations are well in hand to take winter sports by storm as teams train for Football, Soccer and Netball competition.

Thankyou to all parents and students for the smooth transition to our Winter Uniform requirement. In general, the uniform has been worn correctly and with pride, indicating a real solidarity among our students and support from our parents.

Upcoming events:

Friday, May 9th - St Paul's Athletics Carnival at Newborough Sports Ground

Thursday, May 8 and Friday May 9 - Grade six visits by Catholic Primary Schools to St Paul's

Wednesday, May 14 - Twilight at St Paul's – Open evening to view College student work, and information regarding Year 7 enrolment for 2015

2015
Enrolments
Now Open
Please Phone our School
Registrar
Mrs Bev O'Brien
on
03 51747355



Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

“Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendour.”
-Saint Padre Pio

As we enter the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady – Mary the mother of Jesus, we are reminded that Mary is an example for all to follow in how we live our lives. This is prominent within the characteristics of the Marist Charism and the goal of all within the Lavalla Catholic College.

At Kildare we encourage all our students to strive to achieve a love of God and our neighbours. This has been clearly evident in the last number of weeks and the forthcoming events.

The last week of term 1, witnessed a focus on the celebration of Easter and the true meaning, for us today in our predominately secular society.

The celebration in the Kildare Hall was expertly led by the RE team and Annalise Ainsworth (Liturgy Student Leader). We also undertook an excellent ecumenical TAIZE service, led by the college choir at the Salvation Army chapel.

The recognition and love of our neighbours was clearly evident in the involvement of our campus in the leading an ANZAC service and the attendance at several ANZAC celebrations across the Latrobe Valley. Mr Szkwarek has included a report on the school celebration in this newsletter.

I always feel very privileged to lead Kildare Campus, as I have always many opportunities to speak of success. This week was no exception with one of our students achieving an amazing academic reward.

Shannon Shepley (Yr12) received a Premier’s award for receiving a study score of 50 in Business. This is the highest score possible and was one of only 3 in the whole of Victoria to achieve such an award for Business. Mrs Annemarie Clarke was the teacher that helped facilitate this amazing award and actually holds the record within the school for assisting 3 students in achieving a Premier’s Award over her career.

Mrs Clarke and I went to Melbourne on Tuesday 29th April to support Shannon in receiving this outstanding award. All of us are extremely proud of Shannon. Her amazing achievement is a lesson for all, that you do not have to attend the most

expensive and exclusive schools to achieve academic excellence. Shannon was one of only three students to achieve a Premier’s Award within all the schools in Gippsland and the only student from a Traralgon school to achieve this accolade.

As we approach the next Assessment Cycle, I ask all students to ensure that they are preparing for exam preparation tasks and exam experiences in the form of trial exams.



Shannon Shepley (Premiers VCE Award Recipient) with Teacher Annemarie Clarke

Lavalla Catholic College– Art Exhibition
Years 10 & 11
Opening Evening
Wednesday 11 June 2014
4.00pm
Arts Centre

Anzac Day 2014

Lavalla Catholic College was represented at various Anzac Day Services throughout Gippsland including Moe, Newborough and Traralgon.

All students that attended these services conducted themselves in a professional manner and did the college proud.

Services were also held at both the Kildare and St Paul's Campuses where the importance of Anzac Day along with several personal stories were shared with the students.



Brock Plunkett, Tyler Briggs, Alysha Sommerville



Bianca Gawith, Jacob Farmer, Kayla Massaro, Bayley Charalambous



Alysha Sommerville & Brock Plunkett



*Leading Cadet Daniel Henry - Australian Air Force Cadets,
Leading Cadet Tyler Mounsey - Australian Air Force Cadets,
Officer Jordan Breed - Royal Australian Air Force Officer
(Former Lavalla Catholic College Student)*