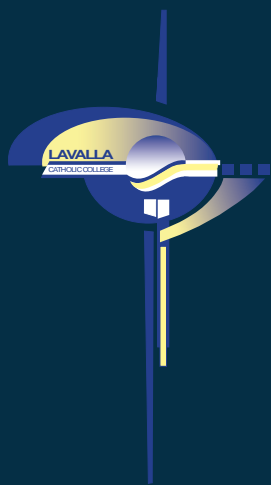


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Prayer Attributed to St. Augustine

Watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake or
watch or weep tonight,
and give your angels
charge over those who
sleep.

Tend your sick ones,
O Lord Jesus Christ,
rest your weary ones,
bless your dying ones,
soothe your suffering ones,
shield your joyous ones,
and all for your love's
sake.

Amen.

From the Principal

Dear members of the Lavalla community

As most of you are aware, our principal Ms Erica Pegorer has begun her sick leave. She will be in Canberra with her family for her surgery and convalescences. Before her departure she received many gifts, cards and expressions and of good wishes, these have certainly touched her heart and I know she leaves us well aware of the affection and concern of our whole community. Until her return in 2013 I will be Acting Principal and look forward to working with the College community in this role.

Thursday, 1st November saw students begin the VCE exams. This can be a time of stress for many students and families as they work through the exam process. We wish students and families well and remind them that exams simply test what students know and how well they can express it - not who they are. Hopefully their efforts will gain them the scores they deserve and open doors to future study and careers.

All Saints and All Souls Days

The 1st and 2nd of November are set aside in many Christian churches, including the Catholic church, for remembrance of and prayers for the saints of the church and for those who have died. For believers there is an understanding that we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; those who have died, and though invisible to our eyes are still with us. The Church encourages us to pray for them, to remember them and to take comfort from the fact that they have moved into eternal life. We are promised that we too will one day join them. Particularly in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, we might include in our prayers, those who died in this storm and the survivors who now face the task of rebuilding their lives.

Global Tuition Fee

Over recent years most families in the College have moved to payment plans for school fees. This is a valuable tool in balancing household budgets and has also given the College predictability regarding fee payment. We are now seeking to strike a Global Tuition Fee so that families will know that the fee being paid will cover curriculum excursions, camps etc. and that there should be no further calls on them to pay for student activities except in very limited cases. The College Council has approved this Global Tuition Fee and in coming weeks you will receive further details of what this will mean to individual families.

Art Building at St Paul's

I am excited to announce that tenders have now closed for the construction of this building. While this project has been a long time in the planning we are hopeful that construction will begin in the very near future. I would like to thank the Art teachers for their forbearance as we have worked through this project. They have worked with students to their usual high standard in the face of adversity.

Year 7 Centre

We are also in discussion regarding refurbishment of this area. This is an exciting project as we hope to transform the building into a more contemporary learning space. We have budgeted for some minor structural changes and the purchase of new furnishings and carpet.

Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority Audit

Similar to most modern organisations, the College is subject to checks from outside regulatory bodies. Next week we will begin a curriculum audit with a panel of auditors who will visit classrooms and check subject documentation. We have conducted preliminary audits and are well prepared for this process. We are engaged in the process of continual improvement and we look forward to feedback from the auditors to help us focus on areas for further development. This audit will also form part of our requirements for registration.

Conveyancing Allowancing

We have been advised by the Department of Education and Early Childhood development that as of 1st January 2013, payment for transporting of students via private buses and private car will change. Families currently receiving conveyancing allowance will continue with present arrangements unless there is a change of residential address or the child/ren finish school. Families/students new to the College will need to meet the criteria set out in the new guidelines, including means testing. We believe that there will be no change for students who travel on public transport services. For further information please call the Department of Education and Early Childhood's Information and Referral Service **1800 809 834** and select **option 6**. Information is also available at www.education.vic.gov/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm.

May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand

Ms Lee McKenzie
Acting Principal

2013 Debutante Balls

Registration and information packs are available from the Student Services Centre located on Kildare Campus. Please only take one if you are planning on doing participating in the 2013 Debutante Balls.

Debutante Balls will be held in groups over three night, being: 18th, 19th and 20th April 2013.

Registration and information evening will be held on Tuesday 20th November. Doors open for registration at 7pm. Meeting commences at 7.30pm.



BUS TRAVEL APPLICATIONS

Traralgon College is still receiving applications from Lavalla students for bus travel in 2013. They would appreciate your assistance in reminding your students to get their applications in by Friday 16th November. Please send them directly to TC - Gabby Heatherill - Business Manager. Traralgon College, Traralgon 3844.

St Paul's Campus Update

Andy Martin - Campus Director

The end of each year raises questions about change and transition. For some students, the transition is a small step involving a change of locker and homeroom designation, while for other individuals it may involve a relocation of campus or an end to secondary schooling.

In the case of our Year 9 students at St Paul's the vast majority will be exiting their home of three years as they head to our Kildare Campus and senior school. In order to prepare them and the campus for this event several important student leadership and transition processes need to take place.

In terms of student leadership St Paul's and Presentation have been most ably served by its 2012 team. I can assure you that after many years of developing Year 9 leaders I have been deeply impressed by the maturity, work ethic and energy of our leadership cohort. No doubt Ms Joanne Alford, our Wellbeing Leader, can be apportioned a great deal of credit for her ongoing attention to the detail of preparing our student leaders to give of their best whenever they perform in the name of our school.

Leadership development is a process which often begins in the primary school setting where students first take on roles of responsibility. The interesting element of this is that it is a time when students make decisions about their own suitability for leadership and some believe they are not up to the challenge. As a consequence, they opt out of future opportunities. Knowing this, Joanne Alford opens up the Year 7 and 8 student leadership training to any interested parties, allowing all students a participatory role before student representatives are selected by peers. This is an inclusive and equitable approach to broadening the potential leadership base from which to choose a Year 9 Leadership Team.

This year our team, Kelsey Van Iwaaden, Nick Oldis, Connor McCafferty, Taryn Clarke, Frida Drysdale and Jake Asmussen, gave of their best and it was more than satisfactory. Their ability to work together to complete assigned responsibilities at multiple ceremonies was wonderful. Their efforts were capped off by their hosting of the 2013 Student Leadership Assembly at which aspirants put forward their case to all Year 7-9 students of Lavalla Catholic College for a position on the 2013 Student Leadership Team.

After enduring a process that comprised a formal application, a lengthy interview and a speech to their peers, the following students; Lachlan Spiteri, Leo Ma, Messina Gelagotis, Maggie McCormack, Nicola Broeren and Mitchell Kavadias will receive news of the results in this matter next week. I congratulate all applicants on their efforts throughout the process and wish them luck.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

NEXT OPEN:

Thursday 15th
November
3.30pm – 6.00pm

CANCELLED SCHEDULED DAY:

Thursday 6th
December

2013 Year 7s ONLY:

Thursday 11th
December
12.30pm – 8.00pm

Shop located at:

St Paul's Campus

Payment options:

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
(Please note Kilts/Skirts
must be tried on. They
are not sized)

Riggalls Uniform Store - Traralgon

Riggalls will be offering
a 10% discount on all
new uniform purchases
on Thursday 11th
December
LAY-BY AVAILABLE



Kildare Update **Marco DiCesare** - Campus Director

It is that time of the year where our Year 12 students commence their VCAA exams. While tutorials and support will still be available for students studying VCE Unit 4 subjects, it is now the time where their hard work and commitment to their education will be called upon. Once again we have a large group of Year 11 students joining our Year 12 students in the sitting of VCAA Exams. We will keep them in our prayers as they enter this final phase of their secondary schooling.

Year 12 Closing Rituals

Our LA breakfasts were an opportunity for both staff and students to celebrate the last three years together. Our Year 12 students bid us farewell at both College and Campus Assemblies. The day ended with our celebrations at the Kildare Campus where we all joined in for a concert.

Our Graduation Mass, led by Fr Bernie was a celebration of their schooling and I am grateful to Mr Hansen and his team for all the work that goes in to ensuring that these events are always something to be remembered.

On Friday we went through what is now tradition - a cooked breakfast, the story chair and time capsules, student awards and the exit through the archway. It was a fitting finish to the year and I thank the Year 12s for the way that they entered into the celebrations.

Year 10 and 11 Exam Week

A reminder to parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students that during our examination week (beginning 12th November) there will be no formal classes. While students are always welcome to use the ISC for study purposes, many will choose to study from home. Examination timetables have been circulated to students.

Lockers

The Kildare Campus will begin allocating lockers for 2013. This will mean that as 2012 classes finish next week, students will need to empty their lockers. Please encourage your son or daughter to begin the transfer of books etc from school to home over the next two weeks. It will save students having to take all of their locker contents at once.

Dates

Please ensure that you mark these important dates on this newsletter in your diaries.

- Thursday 1st November - Unit 4 VCAA Exams commence
- Monday 12th November - Exam Week for Yr 10-11. No classes this week
- Monday 19th November - 2013 Yr 11-12 Classes begin
- Thursday 29th November - 2013 Yr 11-12 students finish
- Friday 10th November - Report Writing Day



Presentation Campus Update

Tamsin McCormack - Campus Director



Another busy couple of weeks at Presentation Campus.

MSP students have been involved in Community Service and Physical Challenges. It was a fantastic day on Tuesday when the group of nineteen students went on a fishing challenge and came back with 65 correct sized fish, though they had actually managed to land over 400.

Next week sees the first two MSP camps heading out. One group is off to navigate the city, while the other group is off to the beach to survive in tents and implement water safety. We wish all a great time and trust that the weather will be kind to them.

With the end of the year drawing near, our focus is starting to turning towards preparing students for the transition from Presentation Campus to the Traralgon Campuses. With this in mind we have a number of activities planned in the last few weeks of the term including: a whole campus excursion to Melbourne, a mass to celebrate the end of this era at Presentation Campus, a family BBQ and sampler days at the Traralgon Campuses. More information will be forwarded to families in the near future.

I wish everyone an enjoyable long weekend and hope that all come back ready to face the challenge of the last few weeks of 2012.



SPORTS REPORT

BASKETBALL

Four basketball teams from Lavalla Catholic College have advanced through to the State Finals to be played at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, 28th November. The four teams progressed through after winning the SSV Regional Finals held recently at Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough and Traralgon Sports Stadium.

Intermediate Girls Basketball

The intermediate girls eventually pieced together enough players to ensure they were competitive at the Regional Finals and discovered some untapped talent which filled-in quite adequately.

Their first assignment was Wonthaggi Secondary College and Lavalla were able to establish an early lead before allowing their opponents back into the contest. A gripping finish kept the outcome in the balance, but our girls eventually preserved victory by one-point, 16-15.

The girls then stamped their dominance on the other competing teams to capture one-sided victories against Trafalgar Secondary College and Nagle College Bairnsdale despite missing key personnel.

Year 8 Boys Basketball

The Year 8 boys advanced through after producing some great team-orientated basketball with solid victories against Leongatha Secondary College, Warragul Secondary College and Orbost Secondary College.

The boys took a little while to shake off Leongatha in their opening encounter but had come to play against Warragul, which they did, and due to their aggressiveness and intensity were able to ward off the threat they posed.

The starters took a backseat during the game against Nagle College Bairnsdale as the bench players were given the opportunity to display their talents with some valuable minutes on court.

Year 8 Girls Basketball

The year 8 girls had their number of games reduced to two after Wonthaggi Secondary College announced they would be withdrawing from the competition. Therefore the Lavalla girls were pitted against Lowanna College and Orbost Secondary College, which they were able to dispense of with a minimum of fuss.

The girls were a class above their opponents and were never really in trouble throughout their two encounters.

Year 7 Boys Basketball

After obtaining victory against Wonthaggi in their first contest, Lavalla encountered a strong, disciplined Lowanna College outfit in their second contest. The Lavalla boys could not get a handle on their opponents and in the final minutes of the second half Lowanna were able to extend their advantage out to double figures. While Lavalla did their best it wasn't quite good enough to get the job done.

The boys finished off their day with a sound victory against Nagle College Bairnsdale to conclude the Regional Championships as runners-up.

Year 7 Girls Basketball

The Year 7 girls displayed complete domination against the likes of Wonthaggi Secondary College, Lowanna College and Nagle College, Bairnsdale.

Their closest encounter on the day was a 40-11 triumph against Lowanna as the girl's team played well together in a polished team performance.



Upcoming Events

Monday, November 5

Student Free Day - school closure

Tuesday, November 6

Melbourne Cup

Public Holiday

Wednesday, November 7

MSP camps

Year 11 music recital

Friday, November 9

Years 10-11 last classes

Monday, November 12

Year 10 & 11 exams commence

MSP city camp #2

Year 11 VCAL work experience

Thursday, November 15

VCAL Dinner

VCAL final submissions

Monday, November 19

2013 Year 11 & 12 Headstart

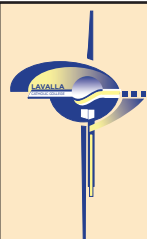
Friday, November 23

Year 12 Graduation Dinner



Annual Youth Gathering & OLPH pilgrimage

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office invites everyone to gather for the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale at 1pm Sunday November 18. This year the pilgrimage will be embraced as the annual youth gathering for the Diocese & will feature a pilgrimage walk and one of Australia's leading Christian rock bands; "Compliments of Gus". More info at <http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/agencies/youth/events-for-young-people.html>.



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The Gippsland Family Law Pathways Network invites you to attend the November Twilight Forum which will focus on

“Attachment Theory and the Best Interests of the Child”

Attachment: What is it and how do we measure it?

Come along and hear two inspiring speakers explain “attachment” and what happens when attachment is disrupted. Focusing on the theme of “Attachment Theory and the Best Interests of the Child”, a case decision made in the Federal Magistrates Court will also be presented for discussion.

Date and Time

Thursday 8 November 2012

Registration from 4.00pm for a 4.30pm start.

Conclusion at 6.15pm (*Refreshments provided, bar open*)

Venue

Traralgon Vineyard Burnets Road, Traralgon

Event Cost

\$20 per person (*includes, canapés, and drink voucher*)

Tables of 10 are available

Register

- Contact Michelle Anderson, Pathways Network Project Officer Telephone: (03) 5175 9333
- Email completed registration form to: michelle.anderson@mediation.com.au

RSVP: Wednesday 31 October 2012

(*Please advise of any dietary requirements*)

Payment

Pre-payment is essential to confirm registration. Please refer to the Event Registration Form for payment options.



Deborah Akers, Lawyer

Lecturer, Child Family and Community Nursing
La Trobe University

Deborah Akers was admitted as a Lawyer in Victoria in 2011 after a long career in health and education. Deborah is a lecturer in postgraduate Child, Family and Community Nursing at La Trobe University. For over fifteen years, while teaching in the area, she has also worked in local government as an Outreach Maternal and Child Health Nurse. Deborah has worked with vulnerable families with issues including mental illness, substance abuse, family violence and other legal issues. Deborah has worked closely with Child Protection and community workers. Her legal interests include Family Law, in particular the long term outcomes and effects on the children. Deborah’s academic qualifications include postgraduate studies in Child Development and a Masters in Counselling.



Sally Kendall DipT(Prim) GDSE BSW

Clinical Team Leader Gippsland
Berry Street – Take Two Program

Sally’s career has been strongly influenced by an enduring passion to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and adolescents.

Sally grew up in far East Gippsland and trained as a Primary School teacher in the early 70’s and worked for ten years across rural Victoria. She then undertook a Bachelor of Social Work, managed two residential units and a youth house for children and adolescents. In 1998 Sally commenced in a clinical role at Gippsland Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service in East Gippsland and together with other life changes Sally then moved to Katherine, NT in 2009 managing the Communities for Children program. Returning to Gippsland at the end of 2011, Sally is now the Gippsland Clinical Team Leader for Take Two at Berry Street providing an intensive therapeutic service for children who have suffered trauma, neglect and disrupted attachment.

Family Law Pathways Networks have been established by the Australian Government to assist separating or separated Australian families by providing access to services they need as quickly and seamlessly as possible. By encouraging collaborative referrals and enhancing the understanding of available family services, the Networks represent an essential component of the Government’s commitment to an accessible justice system that meets the needs of Australian families. FMC Relationships Services (The Family Mediation Centre) has been contracted by the Australian Government to be the Funded Agency to auspice the Gippsland Family Law Pathways Network.

November Twilight Forum 2012

Events Registration Form

Family Relationship Centre
41 Grey Street Traralgon Victoria 3844

Name of person making the registration	Date of registration
Position:	Telephone:
Email:	Fax:
Confirmation to: <input type="checkbox"/> Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Provide email address:	
Company Name/Individual Details	
Address	
Postcode	
Where did you hear about our event?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct advertising (email, mail, SMS, phone call) <input type="checkbox"/> Other advertising (online, press, radio, TV) <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth/referral (Including management directive) <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a previous event	

ATTENDEE DETAILS:

1. Attendee Name:	Position:
Telephone:	Email:
Event title: Twilight Forum – 8 November 2012	Cost \$20
2. Attendee Name:	Position:
Telephone:	Email:
Event: Twilight Forum – 8 November 2012	Cost \$20
Dietary Requirements:	Total Cost \$

*All Events prices are inclusive of 10% GST
Once paid a tax invoice/receipt will be issued*

COMPLETE THIS FORM THEN:

EMAIL

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CHEQUE

Mail to:
Family Relationship
Centre
41 Grey Street
Traralgon Vic 3844

CREDIT CARD

Type: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐
 Card number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry: __ / __
 Name on Card:
 Authorised signature: CCV (3 digits)

DECLARATION OF PRIVACY

Family Relationship Centres acknowledges and respects privacy of individuals. The information that is being collected on this document is for the purpose of processing your registration or inquiry, keeping you informed of upcoming events. You have the right of access to, and alteration of, personal information concerning yourself in accordance with the Privacy Act. If you do not wish to be sent any further promotional material please tick the "OPT OUT" box below and return to Traralgon Family Relationship Centre. The Traralgon Family Relationship Centres will remove your name from the mailing list. For further information contact Michelle Anderson at Traralgon Family Relationship Centre on (03) 5175 9333

OPT OUT OF MAIL LIST AND FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE ☐

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

PROCESSED: (Date)

DATABASE UPDATED:

PAYMENT RECEIVED:



Media Release

From Newborough Fire Brigade

Preparing for Fire Season

Spring has sprung, the grass is growing the sun is starting to pop through and summer will soon be upon us. Whilst ground is still quite wet it won't take long for things to dry out, so now is the time to start cleaning up around the house.

Did you know? A recent survey by the Red Cross found only one in five Victorians have made any preparations for a disaster, such as filling out a plan or packing an emergency kit? Are you one of the four that that don't have a plan? Now is the time to complete your plan and ensure that you and your family are prepared to deal with an emergency before it is too late.

Know your risks, preparing a plan and discussing your plan with family, friends and neighbours is the best way to secure you and your families safety and wellbeing when an emergency strikes. So;

1. *Be informed, understand your risks*
2. *Make a plan, so you don't have to think about things when an emergency occurs*
3. *Have an emergency kit, things that you would like to take with you if you decide to leave*
4. *Know your neighbours, so you can help one another.*

You can find more information by visiting CFA's website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Bring the kids! Visit Newborough Brigade at their station on Sunday the 25th November.

Are you planning on burning off? Please ring Vicfire and register your details. Why? By doing so you may avoid an unnecessary visit from local Fire Brigades. Often people from a distance of those driving by may misconstrued your burn off from a real fire. So a simple phone call to 1800 668 511 will assist you and assist our volunteers.

You will also find some great information on what you can or can't do at – www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions/can.htm or drop in to Newborough Fire Station on the 25th November and collect the latest information.

Would you like to know more? Come visit us at this address:

Newborough Fire Station,

305 Old Sale Road, Newborough

on Sunday the 25th November at 11am – 2pm