



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman



We wish the best of success to our VCE students who commenced their Unit 3\4 written exams, with English, on Wednesday, which for most will be their first exam. Exams will continue throughout the next three weeks. We pray that they will be able to represent their capabilities effectively in their exams and earn the rewards they deserve. Also keep in mind our VCAL students who are also in the final stages of completing their program.

Last Thursday, 22 October there was a graduation for our Remar Gold students: Brianna Callaghan; Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura; and Stephanie Townsend. This graduation celebrates the completion of the three-year Remar Marist Leadership programme. Lead by Mrs Tamsin McCormack they have committed to Remar for three years, attending meetings, camps, retreats and immersions. Thank you to all and I hope this experience was affirming.



On Wednesday this week the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Office and its seven secondary schools signed a five year Memorandum of Understanding with Federation University Australia (FedUni) to work together on a range of common goals including:

1. improving secondary students' literacy;
2. enriching the teacher education experience for FedUni students;
3. enhancing educational attainment and aspirations for communities across the region; and,
4. enhancing students' learning and achievement through whole school improvement within each of the Diocese of Sale secondary schools.

In the first phase of the partnership, a Literacy Educators' Network involving teachers and academics

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will be formed to share information and research knowledge and to develop a joint professional learning program. The Diocese of Sale schools and FedUni's School of Education will also work together on new models of teacher education to ensure that graduate teachers are 'classroom ready.' The partnership will also develop a new approach to teacher education placements which will be geared to improving literacy outcomes for secondary students.

The partnership will give classroom teachers, academics and pre-service teachers a way of learning from one another. Teachers and students in Gippsland's Catholic secondary schools stand to benefit from the collective learning which arises, as will academics and pre-service teachers at FedUni.

The Catholic secondary schools in the Diocese, with total enrolments exceeding 8000 students, are:

Catholic College, Sale Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon Marist-Sion College, Warragul Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Leongatha Nagle College, Bairnsdale St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield, Berwick and Officer St Peter's College, Cranbourne

Thank you to all staff involved in the retreat for Year 7 students held last Friday and the Year 9 retreats conducted this week. Students were very much engaged with all that took place.



Well done to our Year 9 and 10 Chess team who acquitted themselves very well in the recent State Championships. They finished ninth overall out of over 30 schools competing. Well done to the students as well as teachers, Dominic De Van Der Schueren and Gloria Zahra, who have worked with the team this year.

I ask that you remember in your prayers the families of the following people who are part of our community at Lavalla Catholic College who have lost loved ones recently:

Les McKendry, whose mother, Freda McKendry passed away on Wednesday 21 October.

Mary Bridget (May) Dyer passed away on 14 October. Mrs Dyer is the mother of Fr Harry Dyer, Parish Priest of Moe and Newbrough; mother-in law to Peter Townsend, member of staff; and grandmother of Ben Harder, member of staff.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



St Paul's Campus Update

Ms Lee McKenzie - Campus Director



As October ends we will begin the final weeks of term four. This will be a busy time as teachers and students focus to complete assignments, projects etc. All our expectations regarding attendance, behaviour, uniform etc. will continue until the end of term. It is vital that your child is at school every day, involved in every class and activity so that they can end the year well.

Congratulations

Leah Richards who will be awarded with a Best Effort Award -2015 Japanese from VSL Distance Education.

The Lavalla Catholic College Chess team competed at the recent State Chess Tournament held in Templestowe. The team: Ben Bowden, John Kavadias, Mub Murshed, Riley Murdoch and Sam Pugliese and their manager/ trainer Mr Dominic Der Van Der Schueren are to be commended for competing at such a high level in what is their first year of Competition. Mubasshir Murshed was placed in the top 10 Competitors on the day.

Yr 7 Well-being Day

Last week all Year 7 students travelled to Presentation Campus for a well-being day. Activities began with a liturgy. Students then rotated through activities including: Self- Regulation / control, Who am I in Relation To Others and Body Confidence. Ms Jo Alford and the Year 7 leaders Ms Adriana Bianconi and Ms Roma Valentine did a wonderful job of organising and facilitating the day.

Year 9 Visits to the Shrine of Remembrance.

Year 9 Humanities students in ML have visited the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. These visits are particularly significant in this the year of the Centenary Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. It is only fitting that our young people learn the history of Australia's involvement in international wars and understand why we choose to remember these, and those who sacrificed much for future generations. Thanks to Ms Renehan and Mr Harris for organising these excursions.

Christmas Concert

Tuesday November 10th , 4:00pm – 5:30pm, families are invited to the Campus to hear Christmas items from our junior musicians as well as carol singing from various Year 7 classes. Weather permitting this will be a casual, outdoor evening to get us all in the Christmas mood. You will have the opportunity to donate to Vinnies so that others may share the Christmas spirit too.

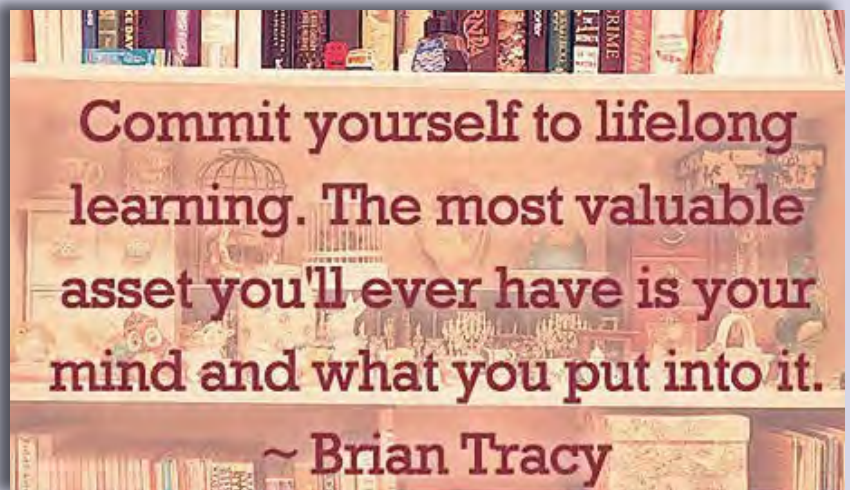
Academic Review

As we move into November, a very small number of families will receive information regarding their child's academic performance and the need to for their child to attend the Intensive Discovery Program. This is program is designed to determine if the student has the necessary skills to cope with the academic demands of the next year level.

Donations Required

Atlas PetProject, is seeking donation of fabric, old sheets, old curtains; anything suitable for making pet bedding. These beds will be donated to the local pound. Donations can be left at reception at St Paul's Campus or taken directly to the Presentation campus. Please have them to the College by the 19th November.

Thank you.



Kildare Campus Update

Mr Doug Doherty - Campus Director



"It is the pain of wanting to be made totally worthy of One who is seen as infinitely lovable, the pain of desire for union that is now absolutely assured, but not yet fully tasted"

(Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Believing in Jesus).

Next week sees the Catholic Church celebrate the feast of All Saints and All Souls. This is a time when we as a Christian community have an opportunity to focus on our mortal lives and their journey to an eternal life with God. We use this opportunity to pray for those who have passed from this life and to learn from the examples of the Saints. At Lavalla Catholic College this is an act that is encouraged on a regular basis, especially with the promotion of the lives of past Marists.

The aspirational drive for 'pathways to success' is a key contribution to people's desire to make a difference in this life. Like the Saints, our community members wish to achieve their best and during the exam periods we can clearly see this happening. I ask that we all pray for the students who are undertaking VCE examinations along with the year 10 and 11 students who will undertake their final exams for this academic year.

The end of a person's time at Lavalla Catholic College is something which should be celebrated as they undertake a new life within further education, apprenticeship or employment. We at Kildare would like to recognise the wonderful achievement of even more of our students who recently achieved apprenticeships with local companies. The successful students are as follows:

Jack Moon – Millers Plumbing

Mason Shields – Shields Electrical Contractors

Liam McCluskey – Thrifty Auto Electrics

Blake Minster – Carpentry Apprenticeship

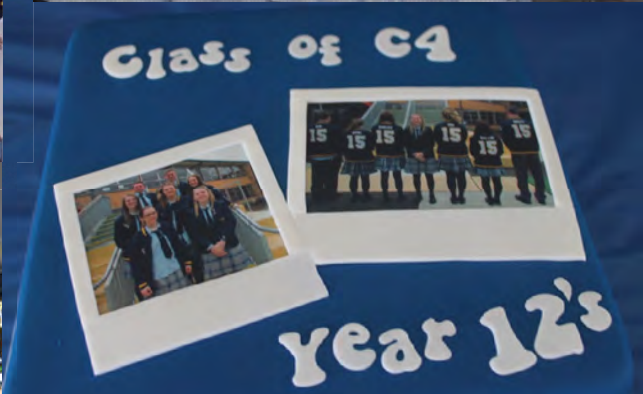
Jay Paulet - Watt Works Auto electrics in Morwell

Tommy Horton - Bosse Plumbing & Roofing

Since the last newsletter, we have had a range of Graduation events for our year 12, leading up to the VCE exams and finalisation of VCAL portfolios and work placement. It truly is amazing to see the pastoral care shown to our community through the relationships that have developed between all members of Lavalla Catholic College.

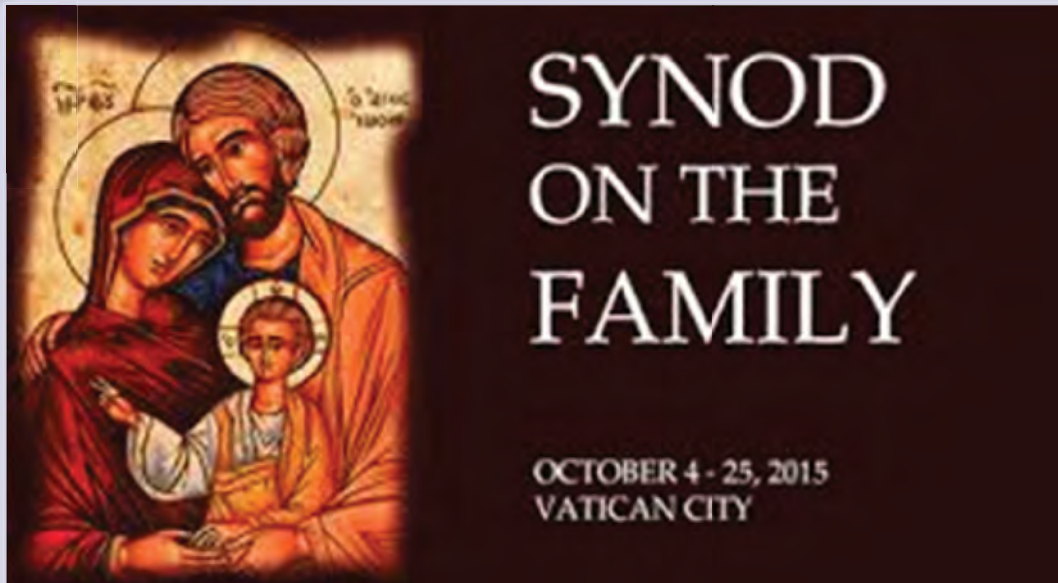
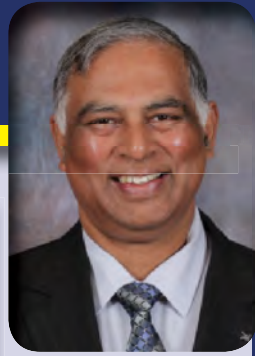


Graduating Class of 2015



Faith & Ministry Matters

Mr Chris Roga - Director of Faith & Ministry



We know that 'Family' is the nucleus of human society and wellbeing. At the college we recognise and value our families as the primary teachers of our children. The importance of the 'Family' cannot be emphasized enough. After all, Jesus was part of a family, like us.

It is indicative that the Pope Francis called the Church to an extraordinary Synod on the Family, from 4-25 October. Given below is a simplified version of the acrostic on 'Famiglia' (Italian for 'Family') articulates the Church's support for families.

Forming new generations to experience love seriously, not as an individualistic search for a pleasure then to be discarded, (but as a) ... true, fruitful and lasting love...

Approaching others,

Manifesting and bringing God's mercy to families in need;

Illuminating consciences often assailed by harmful and subtle dynamics... in full respect for the dignity of each person;

Gaining and humbly rebuilding trust in the Church

Labouring intensely to sustain and encourage those many strong and faithful families

Inventing renewed programmes of pastoral care

Aiming to love unconditionally all families... showing that love concretely.

Project Nura- FareShare Experience

The 14th of October proved to be a heart-warming, community serving, fun day. A day where meals were prepared, tables were cleaned, new people were met, and fun was established; at the Fair Share kitchen in Melbourne.



This kitchen is run by many loyal, and giving people who volunteer much of their time to cook and prepare meals for the homeless, and the hungry, or food deprived.

The program in the Kitchen provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about the reality of hunger around our local community, and food wastage and rescue. It gives students an opportunity to make a huge difference. Many cooking skills can be picked up from the Head Chefs who gave us tasks to complete and a goal to achieve. We

also re-learned the basic food practice and hygiene. The time went by faster than we thought possible as we spent time with friends, and people we don't know as well.

It was estimated 1,452 sausage rolls were made, and cooked, which many were a part of. 2304 eggs were cracked, later added to other ingredients put together to make many batters of quiche, and nearly 800 potatoes were both peeled and chopped into bite size pieces which contributed to many warm and delicious meals cooked. Many tomatoes were chopped, and all of these simple ingredients contributed to over 4000 meals, making a huge difference to under-privileged people. I am sure every student from Lavalla felt proud that they contributed to this large amount of food, which is sure to make a difference to many. I liked to give my thanks to the chefs and volunteers at Fair Share, for contributing to meals which help those who need it most. I'd also like to give my thanks to Mrs Ford, who organised for our school to assist in the schools program in the kitchen, and the students who gave their best at chopping, sorting, packing, stacking, and cooking these meals.

By Jasmine Ludlow



Emergency Services Taster Program

On Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th of October, 5 students attended the Emergency Services Program organised by the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN. The program was attended by students from a range of secondary schools in the local area.



Over the two days students were able to meet with local members from Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, State Emergency Service and Country Fire Authority. Students were able to learn about training options and potential career pathways, as well as hearing directly from paramedics, crime scene investigators, highway traffic controllers, the SES and Career Firefighters. The program also involved visits to a number of specialist locations, including the Traralgon Fire Station, Ambulance Victoria Morwell Station, Trafalgar Police Station and the Moe SES unit.

Overall, the program was thoroughly enjoyed by the students, providing them with a valuable insight into life working in the Emergency Services. Attending staff member, Mr Michael Archipow, was very impressed with the program and recommends students attend next year.



HMAS Cerberus – Australian Defence Force Tour

On Tuesday, October 20th, 4 students (Matthew Masiero, Jason Neave, Matthew Makowski and Eily Dalton) accompanied by Mr Michael Archipow attended the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN's tour of the Australian Defence Force recruitment and training facilities.

The tour covered the various training methods that new and existing officers undergo, as well as providing an overall insight into the exciting opportunities that are available through the ADF. The students also got to experience a tour of the recruit school (including accommodation), fire grounds, seamanship school and engineering faculty. In addition, they also got to watch a band recital, have a go at marching in squads, Fire and Safety Training, and the Weapons Training Simulator. The day was a great success and enjoyed by all.



School Life

School's State Constitutional Convention

This week saw Lexi Savige and Brodie Logue travel to Parliament House in Melbourne to participate in the School's State Constitutional Convention. This program is managed through collaboration between the Department of Education and Training, Social Education Victoria, the Catholic Education office Melbourne, Independent Schools Victoria and the Parliament of Victoria.

Students were given the opportunity to explore contemporary political and social issues, and to further develop their understanding of the Australian system of government and how the Australian Constitution provides the framework for our democracy.

As delegates, Lexi and Brodie joined their peers from across Victoria in learning about the political environment, debating the contention and sharing/workshopping ideas and visions for the future.

The contention was "Australia's responses to global security are necessary and appropriate".

Keynote speakers were

- The Hon Don Nardella, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- The Hon James Merlino, MP Minister for Education
- Ms Anna Burke, Federal Member for Chisholm
- Dr Andrea Carson from the University of Melbourne
- The Hon Nick Wakeling MP, the Shadow Minister for Education

Yet again these fine young people represented Lavalla proudly and confidently. Brodie had an opportunity to speak to the delegation and he was articulate and passionate with his arguments. It was especially significant as he got to sit in the Premiers chair...a goal he wishes to pursue in the future!

Lexi and Brodie will now apply for the National Convention held in Canberra in March 2016.

The Lavalla community wishes them both every success in their application and we look forward to potentially seeing them in the Prime Ministers chair!

Mrs Pierina Fenech



Music

Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music



Monday the 26th of October was quite a big day for our senior music students. The vast majority of our year twelve students completed their performance recital exam throughout the morning and later that evening the year eleven students gave a solo soiree concert for appreciative family and friends.

For our year twelves, their recital examination was the culmination of over a year's work, they each presented a twenty five minute program to a specialised examiner for their nominated solo instrument.

A little bit unusually, most of our VCE students, both year eleven and twelve, are vocalists this year. Our college vocal teacher, Michelle Pollard, has done some extraordinary work with our students. The improvement in all of them over the course of this year has been significant. We have been really fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and passionate teacher to work with our students. With our year twelve cohort now reaching the end of their journey, there are a few vacancies for any students who may wish to enrol in vocal lessons. Please contact any of the music staff by phoning the college or emailing music@lavalla.vic.edu.au if you are interested in making a start before the end of the year.



Sport Report

Mr Dwayne Tibballs - Sports Co-Ordinator



Lavalla Basketball through to State Championships

Lavalla Catholic College has three basketball teams heading to Melbourne next month after winning through at the recent Regional Championships held in Newborough.

Both the year 7 girls and boys teams advanced onto the State Championships after overcoming schools from Wonthaggi Secondary College, Warragul Regional College, Orbest Secondary College, Bairnsdale Secondary College and Lowanna Secondary College.

The intermediate girls also prevailed throughout the day to make it through to the State Championships but unfortunately the intermediate boys lost a close encounter against Lowanna by six points which placed them as runner-up for the Regional Championships.

Cricket Teams Step Closer to MCG Experience

The year 7 girl's & 8 girl's teams, as well as both the intermediate boys and girls teams' have moved a step closer to enjoying the experience of playing T/20 cricket on the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The year 7 girls and year 8 girls won through their recent Regional competitions by default but the intermediate teams both enjoyed great success in Sale last week to win through.

If all four teams attain success at the Regional Finals in the coming weeks they will have the opportunity to play on the sacred turf of the MCG closer to the end of the year.



Secondhand Uniform Shop



Yes We Are Open!

3.30pm - 6.00pm

**Every 1st & 3rd Thursday
of the month**

The Second-hand Uniform Shop is open from 3.30pm to 6.00pm every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month except during school holidays.

We accept Cash, Cheque and EFTPOS.

If you have never been to the Second-hand Uniform Shop please come in and have a browse. We recommend bringing your child in to try clothing on, this is especially necessary with Kilts and Blazers. Changing rooms are provided.

The Shop is currently very well stocked on most clothing items but smaller sizes are limited. A full list of our quantities and prices can be found under the Uniform section on the College website in the "Quantities and Dates" PDF. This listing is updated after each open day.

Labels and guidelines for selling your items are also available on the website.

The new Second-hand Uniform Shop is located on the St Paul's Campus near the canteen.

A map showing its new location can be found at the end of the "Quantities and Dates" PDF on the College website.



Calendar

Monday 2nd November

- Mid Term Break
- STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 2nd November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 3rd November

Thursday 4th November

- Year 10 Snap Fitness

Friday 5th November

Monday 9th November

- VCAL Year 10 & 11 - Food Hygiene

Tuesday 10th November

- Year 9&10 Girls/Boys Cricket
- 2015 Christmas Concert
- Year 10 Drama Performance Exam

Wednesday 11th November

- Remembrance Day - Atlas9
- Geography Field Trip
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Thursday 12th November

- Year 7&8 SSV Cricket Semi-Finals

Friday 13th November

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Monday 16th November

- Year 11 VCAL Work Experience
- Year 10 & 11 Exams
- SSV State Basketball 7-10 Boys

Tuesday 17th November

- SSV State Basketball 7-10 Girls
- 7/8's Cricket Victoria Semi Final

Wednesday 18th November

- Amazing Race - Geography Field Trip

Thursday 19th November

- Nutrition Guest Speaker

Friday 20th November

- SSV State Tennis - Year 7
- Year 12 Graduation

Click the link below to go to the Calendar on our website for any updates:

<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/News/Lavalla-Calendar/?viewmode=monthgrid&markDate=05-14-2015>

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ: The Medicine of Mercy

“At times we are called to gaze even more attentively
on mercy so that we may become a more effective
sign of the Father’s action in our lives.”

Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*



Free Public Lecture

Thursday 26th November 2015

**Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University,
20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy**

Time: 6 – 7:30 pm



At the threshold of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy,
we invite you to attend the inaugural Mary Glowrey Lecture
to be delivered by The Hon Tim Fischer AC (with an introduction to
Mary Glowrey’s legacy of love and mercy by Robyn Fahy).

Music performance by One Spirit and Fruitful Jam

To assist with catering, please book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/JKUF>
Queries to Fiona at cwlprojects@bigpond.com or 9417 3379

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