



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

3 March 2006

Dear parents and students

The launch of **Project Compassion** held at the St Paul's Campus on Tuesday and the liturgies held on each campus for **Ash Wednesday** have prepared us well to enter into the most holy period of the Church. We were very fortunate that Bishop Jeremiah Coffey was able to be present on Tuesday, as were many representatives from other Catholic primary and secondary schools in the area. Our local Parish Priests are always supportive during these occasions and we are grateful that they were able to give of their time so generously. Two representatives from Caritas Australia gave vivid examples of this year's project compassion theme – **Compassion in Action** which sits very well with the College's theme of **One Heart: One Mission**. For a short while on Tuesday we were able to join together from different walks of life, different Catholic schools and different ministries as one voice to pray against continued poverty, violence and injustice that many experience in the world. We were reminded that in the **Eight Millennium Goals** set in the year 2000, the United Nations resolved to half world poverty by 2015 and by actively contributing to Project Compassion we become part of this global concern - this international movement to solve world poverty. We stood together as one working towards the one common goal. Both symbolically and in reality it was a moving and powerful expression of a faith community in action.

We welcomed the Queen's Baton on Wednesday morning and the parade was well attending and well organised. Thanks to all those parents who co-operated with the organisation of it by ensuring the early arrival of their children.

Traralgon campuses will conclude at 2.25pm on Friday 10th March to allow our bus travellers to be picked up at 2.30pm and at 2.10pm for a 2.15pm pick-up at the Presentation Campus.

Erica Pegorer (Principal)

Calendar Dates

March

Mon 6 th	CAS Swimming, Ringwood
Tue 7 th	Commissioning Mass, 9.30am, Champagnat Centre
Thu 9 th	CAS Tennis
Fri 10 th	Mid-term Holidays commence <u>2.30pm</u>
Mon 27 th	Students return to class
Wed 28 th	CAS Tennis Championships
Fri 31 st	Flying Bookworm visit to Year 7 (St Paul's Campus)

April

Thu 6 th	Yr 11 Outdoor Education students to Walhalla
Wed 12 th	Parent Teacher Interviews – 4.00 to 8.00pm
Thu 13 th	End of Term 1 (internal)
Fri 14 th	Good Friday
Tue 18 th	Staff and Students return – Term 2 begins

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

This week was a very busy one at the campus. On Tuesday we played host to the launch of **Project Compassion** for the Diocese of Sale. It certainly served as a timely reminder to our students to appreciate all that they have and to be prepared to share their bounty. This will be followed up during the 40 days of Lent with all students being asked to make a special effort to raise money for Project Compassion. This has begun already with students organising and supporting a pancake day.

Ash Wednesday saw us gathering again as a campus to pray together and to receive the Ashes. Students were reminded that this is a special time for them to take on challenges, make better choices and to turn their hearts towards God.

Friday was **Yr 7 Immunization**- a timely reminder that we live very privileged lives. Our children have safe water to drink and protection from many diseases that in other countries are debilitating or fatal.

Parent Welcome Nights

My thanks to the parents and staff who attended these evenings. They are an important part of home-school communication process. The attendance from the Yr 8 and Yr 9 parents was a little disappointing and we will be surveying families about this. There will be another opportunity to meet with staff during

Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of term 1, **Wednesday 12th April.**

Unfortunately we have had a **report of head lice** in some classes. This can be an annoying problem, as it requires all families to check and/or treat their children to break the cycle. Consequently I ask that you make a thorough check of your child's hair and treat if necessary. If infested, once treated, your child may return to school. The College also appreciates reports from families who detect head lice so that it can make other families aware of potential problems.

Reminder

Classes will run as usual Friday **10th March**, however school **will finish at 2:30.**

Congratulations

State Multi Events for Little Aths **Jordan Symons** came fifth in the State in a field of over 50 competitors in the U/12 age group. Well done Jordan!

Heidi Walsh, a Yr 12 student in 2005, was a baton runner in this week's Queens Baton relay through Traralgon. This was in recognition of her contribution to the community.

Giving is a joy if we do it in the right spirit. It all depends on whether we think of it as "What can I spare?" or as "What can I share?" --Esther Baldwin York

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The Year 7's have completed three days at Wilson's Promontory and by all accounts have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you goes out

to the generous staff who were part of this activity. They are Mr Chris O'Brien, Mrs Ellen Fredrickson and Mrs Janet Winfield.

On Tuesday the Year 8's and 9's travelled over to St Paul's Campus for the launch of Project Compassion. Afterwards, they challenged their counterparts to cricket and netball. It proved to be a worthwhile activity and hopefully will be repeated during the year.

There will be a Parent Information Night for the Year 7 parents. All are invited to come along and meet the staff and gather information on the recent camps and to see how your children have settled into secondary school.

The Australian College of Educators, Gippsland Chapter made awards to eight teachers from the region on 23rd February. Three teachers from the

Catholic sector were saluted for contribution to education through lifelong learning and Margaret Gaulton from our campus was one of the recipients. Congratulations Margaret we are proud and grateful for your contributions here.

Your son or daughter may have mentioned that we are trying to have the uniform worn correctly and to that end you might be asked to bring the correct uniform to school. So, please encourage your son /daughter to have a copy of the timetable at home to ensure that PE uniform is worn on the appropriate day. With regard to other inappropriate items worn, please consult the student planner.

Maureen McIntosh
Student Co-ordinator

KILDARE CAMPUS

Parent Access:

Early in the week, the asphalt was laid in the area opposite the Chapel, also at the southern gate entrance and at the drop-off and pick-up loop adjacent to the Virtual Services Centre. Now that the roadworks are completed, it will be possible for parents to drop their sons and daughters off in the morning and to pick them up again at the end of the day by entering through the southern gate, continuing to the loop, stopping briefly to drop off or pick up and continue back through the southern gateway. Pedestrians do not use the roadway, but students who travel to and from school by bicycle are regular users of the road and parents will need to exercise caution when travelling along the road. Speed along this roadway is best kept at less than 20 km/h.

The roadway to the drop-off and pick-up loop is not a parking area. Access to Marcellin House, services

vehicles, delivery vans, administration cars and teacher traffic all use this southern entrance and it is a relatively busy thoroughfare. It is expected that the traffic in the morning and then again in the afternoon will only stop to allow the passengers of those vehicles to get off or get into the vehicle in the loop and do so in a very short time. Please be patient, as we all get used to the new system.

"A Cause Worth Shaving For"

On Thursday, March 9, Mrs. Clarke's Year 12 Leadership class is holding a fundraising activity called "A Cause Worth Shaving For." Money raised will be directed to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre and it is anticipated that with an estimated \$4000 raised that a portable chemotherapy machine will be purchased and donated by the Kildare Campus. Any parents who would like to support this initiative can contact Mrs. Clarke at the College.

Kildare (contd....)

Erratum:

Last week I mistakenly announced that the first time winners of the Campus Swimming Carnival was Champagnat House, although I mentioned the correct House Coordinator. Mr. Judd and his student leadership team are, of

course, leaders of the **MacKillop House**. My apology to all members of "Red" House and congratulations to all MacKillop Team on their win.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

Canteen Helpers

There is still a shortage of helpers for the Canteens. It would be unfortunate if we had to cut back on this service. During the coming 33 weeks of school if each family committed to only one day at canteen the roster could be filled. Please consider how you might be able to manage this.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 6 March	D Webb, R Salleh	A Scully, S Mills
Tue 7 March	A Farley (help required)	M Byl, J Clarke
Wed 8 March	R Mills, J Clegg	T Sloan, S Hillier
Thu 9 March	A Scully, M Johnson	M Johnston, V Sammut
Fri 10 March	C Payne (help required)	A Prezioso, A Fogarty

Moe & Newborough Combined Parishes

YOUNG TEENS

You are welcome to
get together for a

COMMONWEALTH GAMES NIGHT

Sunday 5 March between 7.00 and 9.00pm
at St Kieran's Hall, Moe

\$2 cover charge - light supper provided
Parental sign in/sign out

Postal address PO Box 1080 Traralgon 3844		Kildare Campus Kosciuszko St Traralgon Ph 5174 8111	Presentation Campus John Field Drive Newborough Ph 5127 1311	St Paul's Campus Grey St Traralgon Ph 5174 7355
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