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From the Principal, Mr John Freeman



This is the last newsletter for the term and the last before Easter - 20 April, at the end of the school holidays. Even though it is later this year Easter's approach, though, causes us to pause and reflect again on its meaning and on the current season of Lent as a time of preparation. As part of this time of reflection we celebrated on each campus an End of Term/Holy Week Liturgy prepared by our College Minister, Mr Paul Skippen. The liturgy drew strongly on the call of Lent to repentance and conversion – of doing something that helps us focus more on the needs of others than ourselves and of making time in our busy lives for prayer and reflection so that we stay tuned to the bigger picture of God and life and maintain a sense of balance and perspective in our lives - is a perennial and constant challenge. The more attuned we are to God and others, the more ready we will be to appreciate the God of life whose reality and love we especially celebrate at Easter. May the risen Christ of Easter, the one united fully in the life and love of God, who invites us to share this life and love with him, fill our hearts this Easter – and in leading us to a richer appreciation of life and love help us to radiate the peace and joy of life to others. May our world become a more peaceful and loving place as a result of the effects of Easter on all people of good will.

We bid farewell this week to both Ms Frances Hughes one of our Food Tech Aides at the Kildare Campus and Ms Emma Waghorne, my Personal Assistant. I want to thank both Frances and Emma for all their work in service of the College. We wish them both all the best of success in their future endeavours.

The last weeks of term are always very busy and that has certainly been the case at Lavalla Catholic College. Last week saw students from Year 8 on camp at Licola and by all accounts this was a most successful and formative experience.

This week Parent/Teacher/Student interviews have been conducted on both campuses. A lot of work and preparation has gone into ensuring that the interviews were effective, not only as a means of communication, but particularly as a means of affirmation and encouragement, where that was appropriate, and of challenge where that was the outcome most desired/ required. Thanks, especially, to the teachers for the effort and energy they put into these interviews in an attempt to ensure they have a positive outcome for all students.

Both our Boys' and Girls' Basketball squads competed in the 25th Marist Basketball Carnival at Catholic College Sale. They started the carnival with a Mass and welcome barbeque on Sunday, 30 March and played games all week culminating with finals on Thursday 3 April. There was certainly a tremendous amount of work and training put in by both squads and I was privileged to attend some training sessions and then to watch the teams play this week. Our Boys' Team had early success, but also experienced a few losses and finished eighth overall. Our Girls' Team which is traditionally very strong had a very successful lead-up to playing in the Championship Game. Unfortunately, whilst they fought it out all day they eventually lost to our rivals Catholic College Sale. Regardless of the results all the students represented the College with pride and dignity in all circumstances. My thanks for the effort and expertise of Ms Karen Joyce coach of the Girls' Team and their manager Mr Dwayne Tibballs as well as Boys' Team coach Mr Chris

*Today, Lord, we think
about your words: 'And
behold, I am with you
always, until the end of
the age'.*

*Your presence makes us
happy, Jesus. Today we
sit with you and simply
enjoy your love.*



From the Principal (Cont.)

of our parents) and Ross Sizeland, team manager.

I have already written previously that I am meeting with Year 12 students regularly for a morning tea and that is continuing. The response to my question about what do they appreciate about the College is consistent – the great support and relationships they have with staff. Therefore it was very heartening to also receive a letter from a parent this week expressing their appreciation of the hard work, care and expertise that her children have experienced. No doubt I welcome positive comments as they are affirming, but also I always encourage parents and students to raise concerns where they arise.

Once again I must ask for your prayers for another member of community who experiencing challenges with their health – Mr Gavan Keast, father of Samuel (Year 10).

Finally, good wishes for a safe and enjoyable term break to students and teachers and a very happy Easter to all. Following Easter, we have the Public Holiday for Easter Monday on Monday 21 April. Term 2 begins for all students on Tuesday 22 April.

Holy Week Celebrations

St Michael's Church Traralgon

Sunday 12th April 5.30 to 7.30pm	Grand take off for Holy Week Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Penitential Rite & Healing Prayer Benediction
6.00pm	Holy Mass (Blessing Distribution of Palms) Stations of the Cross
Sunday 13th April 9.30am	Palm Sunday Blessing & Distribution of Palms (School Yard) Procession with Palms (into the Church)
10.00am	Holy Mass with Passion Readings
6.00pm	Holy Mass at Glengarry (Distribution of Palms) Holy Mass (Distribution of Palms)
Thursday 17th April 7.30pm	Holy Thursday Procession with the Holy Oils Holy Mass Washing of the Feet of 12 Parishioners Eucharistic Adoration & Quiet Time at the <i>Altar of Repose</i>
9.00 to 10.30pm	
Friday 18th April 10.00am	Good Friday Individual Reconciliation Available
10.15am	Stations of the Cross led by Monsignor Allman
11.00am	Ecumenical Walk of the Cross (Walk through Traralgon)
3.00pm	Passion Narrative Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service
4.30pm	Individual Reconciliation Available
Saturday 19th April 9.30am	Holy Saturday Individual Reconciliation Available
10.30am	RCIA Programme for the Elect
7.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass Blessing of Paschal Candle & Candle Light Procession Liturgy of Baptism

Sunday 20th April 8.30am	Easter Sunday Easter Mass
10.00am	Easter Mass at Glengarry
10.30am	Easter Mass

Yallourn North, Moe, Newborough

Thursday 10th April 6.00 to 8.00pm	Community Reconciliation Evening Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough
Saturday 12th April 5.00pm	St Brigid's, Yallourn North
6.30pm	St Kieran's, Moe
Sunday 13th April 9.00am	Palm Sunday Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough
10.30am	St Kieran's, Moe
Monday 14th April 9.00am	St Kieran's, Moe
Tuesday 15th April 9.00am	St Kieran's, Moe
11.00am	Chrism Mass—St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
Wednesday 16th April 9.00am	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough
Thursday 17th April 7.00 to 9.00pm	Holy Thursday Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough Adoration & Reconciliation
Friday 18th April 10.00am	Good Friday Reconciliation—Moe
11.00am	Walk of Witness (Stations of Cross)
3.00pm	St Kieran's Moe
3.00pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough
Saturday 19th April 10.00am	Holy Saturday St Kierans, Moe
7.00pm	Easter Vigil—St Kierans, Moe
7.00pm	Easter Vigil—Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough
Sunday 20th April 9.00am	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newborough
10.30am	St Kieran's, Moe





St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

Despite the challenges to our community posed by recent fires and their subsequent impact on staff and families, this term at St Paul's has been characterised by activity across a broad range of curricula and co-curricular activities as each year level and the College in general, has engaged students in the process of learning. Highlights of the period have included camps at Licola for Years Seven and Eight, Music camp at Rawson and a large number of excursions in support of our learning program. In respect of our underpinning values as a Catholic College, we have focused on immersing our students and staff in our culture and heritage. To this end, our Commencement Mass and Commissioning Mass and a number of important year level and Lenten Liturgies have provided a base for solidarity in our cohort which cannot be underestimated as a source of strength and unity for our community. This sense of purpose finds expression in works for others and particularly in our efforts to raise money over the Lenten period for Caritas Australia. Class and College activity has been innovative and wide spread in establishing and following through with fundraising initiatives aimed at providing life opportunity for others in this world who are far less fortunate than we are. I commend our faith and learning Leaders in Mr Chris Roga and Mr Paul Skippen for their work in bringing Jesus to the forefront of our work with students.

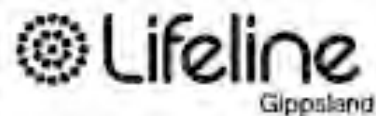
As is usual at Lavalla, our representative sporting students and the staff that dedicate their time to coaching them, have done us proud, performing magnificently in SSV Swimming, SSV Tennis and in the Marist Basketball Tournament being held at the present time. A number of our students have recently been selected to represent Victorian and Australian Junior teams in sports as diverse as Volleyball, Baseball and Tennis. While it is not possible to list the successes in this part of the newsletter, it would be fair to note that, as individuals and members of a team, our charges continue to impress with their skills and their sportsmanship.

Administratively, you will have noted that we have made changes to our reporting system to provide timely feedback to parents and students. Our aim in this matter is to shift to a focus on formative reporting which allows for students, teachers and parents to work together toward constant improvement of student performance. In this way, goal setting, strategies for improvement and a process of review can be addressed regularly and all parties are provided a clear view of progress in relation to student achievement.

In preparation for the learning period ahead, I remind parents that Winter Uniform is required to be worn from DAY ONE of Term Two. We have recently distributed an updated uniform policy document to all parents and a letter in support of our understandings in relation to wearing the uniform in a way that honours students and the College.

On a note of real concern, I would like to highlight the continued and dangerous behaviour of a small number of parents at the College who insist upon stopping vehicles at the College gates to pick up or drop off students. This is an unacceptable practise which is illegal, puts people at risk and causes inconvenience to others. The council bylaws officers will be patrolling this area and have informed us that, drivers not only risk receiving a \$144.00 fine should they transgress, but also, that the College is entitled to photograph any transgressing vehicle, the evidence of which will be used to issue such fine. The College will consider this action if there is an insistence upon continuing this behaviour. Again, I encourage people to organise student transfers on Grubb St or in a location remote from the front gates.

I wish all students, staff and parents of the College a safe and holy Easter break and look forward to renewing and deepening our relationships as the year proceeds.



Welcomes interest from people wanting to become a volunteer telephone crisis support person. This is a valuable and rewarding role and we provide the guidance and training you need.

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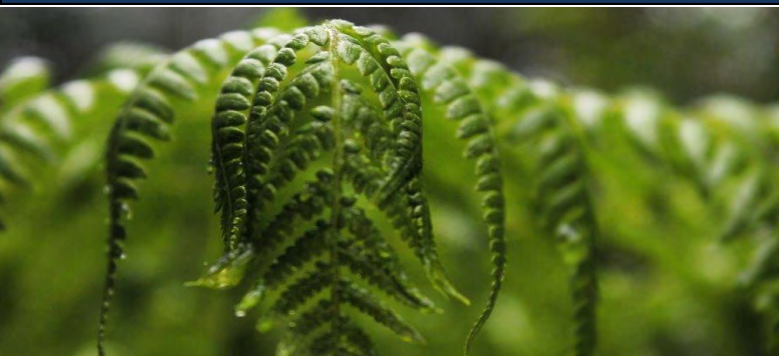
INFORMATION SESSION & WORKSHOP

10am-3pm

Saturday 3rd May 2014

At Lifeline Gippsland Morwell Training Centre

For more information contact the Lifeline Gippsland office on 5136 3500 or Kathleen on 0458 585 081 or email Kathleen@llg.org.au



Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

"Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals." Charles M. Crowe

This quote is reflective of the holistic education that has been taking place at Kildare Campus in the past two weeks, leading to our greatest Christian festival of Easter.

The final journey began with a time of spiritual learning and reflection on the Marist Charism for myself, with a three day experience at Mittagong in NSW. It was a wonderful experience which helped explain the Marist passion for educating young people and showing how we as educators today can help our young people to discover their pathway to God.

This desire to help young people discover God and social justice was clearly evident last weekend when 29 REMAR students and 3 staff members spent last weekend at Tamboritha undertaking this task. I would like to thank all involved, especially Mrs Tamsin McCormack, Mr Chris Roga and Mr Paul Skippen for their consistent support of these young people.

During the last fortnight we have also had many programmes where students have been supporting the local community. One such event was a group of VCAL students leading a badge making activity and St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Mapleson Drive, Kindergarten. The kinder praised our students for their mature and well-mannered behaviour and have invited them to return at any time. They truly are a credit to our school.

It was also great to experience the whole concept being examined in lessons. Whilst undertaking a 'Learning Walk', I discovered Mrs Templeton's humanities class presenting museum displays that they created on the 'Stolen Generation'. The knowledge and empathy of these students was amazing. I have included a summary of the lesson in this newsletter, written by Sarah Shirreff and Erin Barnes.

The support of local business to student events, has also helped illustrate how our community can strive to achieve their ideals. Bunnings very kindly donated personnel and materials for several of our students who have begun a business making and selling Mother Day pots, the proceeds of which will go to charity. Coles have also been very generous in supporting a reward initiative within the LA programme organised by Mrs Fenech. On behalf of the Lavalla Catholic College community at Kildare Campus,

I would like to thank these businesses. If any other businesses would like to develop a relationship with our school, I would be very happy to discuss this.

Each newsletter I speak of success and this one is no exception. Madeleine Kuyken (Year 10) received wonderful news this week, securing a period of work experience with Australian Catholic Magazines for journalism work.

I have also included several examples photographs taken by Visual Communication students at Tara Bulga National Park. I will have the photos shown in this newsletter framed and displayed at Kildare Campus for one term. If any other students have any artwork or photos that they believe is of an excellent standard, I would encourage them to present the item to myself to be displayed.

Please remember that Term 2 begins on Tuesday 22 April and it is Full Winter Uniform. Non-compliance with the uniform policy can lead to a refusal to attend lessons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our school community for their hard work and dedication during term 1. I hope you all have a happy and Holy Easter break with your families. I also encourage everyone to attend at least one religious service during Holy Week and please keep the staff of Lavalla Catholic College in your prayers.



Photos: Top Left Hand Side taken by Chris Oulton
Bottom Right hand side taken by Mikayla Sertori.

Business Administration Class - Report Carly Howe - Year 12

As part of our Business Office Administration class we created a business for our 'Work effectively with others' module which we are currently studying. The name that we have chosen to call our business is Gone Potty and More.

For the business we decided to decorate pots and create badges for Mother's Day. We are planning to sell these pots and badges at St. Paul's Campus, near the year seven centre prior to Mother's Day. Bunnings kindly offered to run a craft class at our school and donated all the pots, paints, decorations, plants and soil. We would like to thank Jo and Carolyn from Bunnings for coming to Lavalla, Kildare Campus and helping us with decorating our pots for our Mother's Day stall.



Help Wanted St Paul's Canteen

Dear Parents

I am putting an urgent call out to you all in the hope you may be able to donate some of your time to assist in our canteen.

Although we have had a great response to previous call outs we still have a number of dates to fill throughout the year.

Tuesdays – 20 May, 24 June, 12 August, 16 September and 7 October

Wednesdays – 30 April, 4 June, 27 August, 29 October and 19 November

Thursday 24 July

If you are able to help on any of these dates it would be greatly appreciated I can be contacted during school hours on 51747355 or 0488748131

Thank You

Allison Farley

Important Dates

Tuesday 22 April

- First day back, Term 2
- Full Winter Uniform for ALL Students

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 April

- Catholic Primary School Visits

Thursday 24 April

- SSV Golf
- ATLAS9 Environment Day Trip

Week Commencing 28 April

- Enrolment Packages Delivered to Primary Schools for 2015

Monday 28 April

- SSV Gippsland Tennis
- Year 12 Excursion—Gippsland Water & Australian Paper

Tuesday 29 April

- SSV State Swimming

Wednesday 30 April

- Year 10 Immunisations

Uniform Shop Open Days 2014

1st May

15th May

5th June

19th June

17th July

7th August

21st August

4th September

18th September (Late Session 3.30—8.00pm)

6th October

16th October

6th November

20th November

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

Gippsland Power Girls Team

Ms Nikki Schroeter - Sports Coordinator

Some female Lavalla students have been successful in selection of the first ever "Gippsland Power Youth Girls Football Team". Out of 42 girls from Mallacoota to Pakenham the below 9 girls have been selected in a squad of 25 girls.

This is a huge achievement and these girls have proved that they deserve their position.

2014 GIPPSLAND POWER FEMALE REPRESENTATIVES

Sarah Mulqueen
Monica Harasimiuk
Demi Plunkett
Kasey Guttridge
Darcy Guttridge
Casey Sherriff
Kimberly Graham
Olivia Vincent
Shayla Marsh



Please find below the boys selected from Lavalla representing Gippsland in the U/18'S TAC CUP 2014, and U/15'S & U/16'S V/LINE CUP. Congratulations to these boys as they have been through a gruelling selection process that has placed them in the top 25 out of over 100 players that tried out.

2014 U/18'S BOYS TAC CUP GIPPSLAND POWER REPRESENTATIVES

Tom Wilson
Jordan Cunico
Tate Marsh
Michael Jacobsen
James Jacobsen
Connor Ambler
Cory Stockdale
Mat O'Toole

2014 U/15'S BOYS V/LINE CUP REPRESENTATIVES

Matthew Pearce
Mac Walker
Tom Fleming
Joshua Galea



Intermediate Band Camp

Ms Matthew Harris - Music Teacher

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers" travelled to Rawson for a three day Intermediate Band Camp in mid-March. Three days of intensive music making in preparation for the upcoming performances this year. Sometimes this can be hard work – much like the 'Battle of Agincourt' that King Henry V was talking about above.

We started daily with a Full Band rehearsal and alternated between these type of rehearsals and sectionals, where instruments were grouped in kind and under the direction of an expert tutor.

This year the Band is under the direction of Mr Harris, however, helping out with tutorials were, Mr Shane Reid, Mr Shane Lebbe, Miss Erin Stoddart, Miss Kim Bramstedt and Mr. David Beltrame. Mrs Maria Testa and Ms Sam Worley deserve many thanks too for their efforts in making the camp possible.

We took thirty students away for this camp and they worked incredibly hard mastering some difficult music. The theme from "Pirates of the Caribbean" was a hit with all students and will certainly be a crowd favourite come performances.

There was only a few of us that went away, but we worked hard and have achieved much. As King Henry said of his army, "The fewer men, the greater share of honour". Much honour is deserved by the members



Year 10 Humanities (The Stolen Generations)

During Term 1 in Humanities - *Rights and Freedoms* Year 10 class with Ms Templeton, the year 10's have been learning about the stolen generations. We were asked to then create a museum display on what we have learnt and use different layouts such as, diorama's, Movies, Slideshows or just present the work in interesting formats. We were then asked to get into small groups of 3 or 4 and research this period of time, we all gave each other different parts to complete and spent our time working as a team. We were given a week to see what we could come up with. Then we transformed the classroom into a museum and displayed our work. Altogether we displayed 6 different dioramas and 2 different style presentations. Ms Templeton was very impressed with how much we all got done and the way we chose to present it. The class made a great effort and learnt a lot about this part of Australian history.

Written By Sarah Shirreff and Erin Barnes
Year 10



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