



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman

I want to thank everyone in attendance at our Commissioning Mass, which was conducted yesterday, for their reverent and respectful participation. This is a very important part of our school in which we come together to share in the Eucharistic Sacrament and also formally welcome new students and staff and acknowledge the appointment of staff and students to significant leadership roles within our school.

The Champagnat Centre was the venue for our liturgical celebration and there was more than 1400 people in attendance, including staff, students, parents, Principals and Student Leaders from Catholic Primary Schools and many other guests. I want formally extend my thanks to everyone who worked so hard to ensure the success of this significant liturgical celebration:

Mr Chris Roga for his overall leadership of the preparations;

Mr Shane Reid and Mrs Joanna Mannes for their work in regard to preparation of the liturgy;

Mrs Gaye Jenkins and two of our senior students, Mersina Gelagotis and Matthew Pearce, for their roles as MC;

Our maintenance team, led by Mr Wendell Symons for the Champagnat Centre into our Sacred Space;

Ms Kellyann Armstrong for her work in regard to our guests;

Mrs Pam Goodall and ISC team for the morning tea and flowers;

Mrs Birgit Sim and Mrs Jenny Sutton for their work with organisation and logistics;

Mr Michael Cleef and for setup and operation of the audio and visual;

Ms Gloria Zahra, Mr Reg Gordon and Mr David Gray for the photography;

Our campus Directors, Ms Lee McKenzie and Doug Doherty, and the Deputy Directors -Student Welfare, Ms Kelly Murray and Mrs Tamsin McCormack, for the presentation of student leaders;

Staff and students who assisted in the distribution of the Eucharist; and a very big thank you to Mr Shane Reid and our Liturgical Choir. There is an enormous amount of preparation and effort to reach the standard our choir achieves and this is very much appreciated.

I must also thank our celebrants yesterday – Frs Francis Otobo, Bernard Buckley, Harry Dyer and Monsignor Allman. We are very blessed and privileged to have such significant support from our Parish Priests.

My thanks also to the Director Southern Region of Marist Schools Australia, Mr Paul Herrick, who assisted in the commissioning our student leaders.

You will read elsewhere in this Newsletter of the success of both our House Swimming Carnivals. Thanks Mrs Nikki Schroeter and Mr Dwayne Tibballs for all their work and well done to all staff and students for their participation. Congratulations to Marita and Ben Kennedy on the birth of their son, Isaac Michael, on 25 February. Both Marita and Ben are very proud and happy of the addition of a son to their family.

Good luck and thank you to all the staff and students participating in the Traralgon Community Fun Run and Walk on Sunday, 6th March. This charity event raises money for the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. Particular thanks to Matt Buckland for all his work in promoting this event and fundraiser.



Below is an edited version of my speech to staff, students and guests at the Commissioning Mass Today we celebrate a new academic year and give thanks for the new members of our community.

As you are aware our theme for both the Marists and the wider Church this year is Mercy. However, I am not going to focus specifically on this theme today as Fr. Francis Otobo will most eloquently address this in his homily, particularly as our readings speak directly to the theme of Mercy.

What I would like to reflect on is the need for us all to strive to not merely be people of good intentions and kind words, but people of thoughtful and considered action.

In our Christian faith we have a role model for guiding how we should live a life of positive action - Jesus Christ. During his time Christ said and did many things, which the evangelists recorded in the Gospels. One of the most important things Christ taught his followers, which includes us, that is recorded in Matthew's Gospel and a shorter version in Luke's Gospel, was how to pray. Specifically, I am referring to the prayer we will pray together today as part of our Mass – the Our Father.

However, Christ did not just leave us a set of words, but in fact a challenge and a call to action to live meaningful, worthwhile lives that when we take up this challenge with our best efforts, we co-create a better world. So today when we pray together I ask that you actually pray and not just simply say the words, but remember we are genuinely praying to our God. That is we are directly conversing with the Creator. Therefore, I exhort us to consider exactly what we are praying and put that prayer into action every day to the best of our ability.

So when you pray, this most well-known of prayers, consider it for what it is – a challenge to all who dare to pray it to:



Not say "Our"

If you live isolated in your selfishness and not share your talents with others;

Not say "Father"

If each day you don't behave like a son or daughter;

Not say "Who Art in Heaven"

If you are thinking only of earthly goods;

Not say "Hallowed by Thy Name"

If you just say God with your lips, but your heart is far from Him;

Not say "Thy Kingdom come"

If you do nothing to bring His love into the world;

Not say "Thy Will be done"

If you do what crowd is doing as an excuse not to do what you know is right because it is too hard;

Not say "On earth as it is in Heaven"

If you let others do the work of creating a better world;

Not say "Give us this day our daily bread"

If you are not concerned for the people who are hungry;

Not say "Forgive us our trespasses"

If you have anger towards your brother or sister;

Not say "Lead us not into temptation"

If you deliberately place yourself in situations where you can be tempted;

Not say "Deliver us from evil"

If you do not do something to combat evil;

Not say "Amen"

If you have not understood or have taken the Word of the Father seriously.

We cannot hope for a better world if we all we do is speak about what should happen, but DO nothing to bring this about.



Swimming Carnival



We were blest with lovely weather for our recent swimming carnival. Students arrived dressed in house colours and participated enthusiastically during the day. The carnival was not just about swimming and performance, it was a time of community building and establishing a sense of belonging. It was terrific to see students interacting socially, encouraging competitors and generally enjoying a very simple day.

Non-attendance: For students who were unable to attend the carnival, my thanks to those parents who have provided notes of explanation for the absence. Please be aware that the College is legally required to account for the whereabouts of all students who should be in its care on a school day. I would remind all students and parents that at the time of enrolment you agreed to attend all compulsory school activities and it is still our expectation that all students will attend.

Leaving the pool: Thanks also to the parents who understood the need to sign their children out of the care of the school. We take our responsibility very seriously and will not allow students to simply walk home, or go in the care of a non-authorised adult. While we appreciate that these guidelines can seem inconvenient they are in place to ensure your child's safety.



Year 7 Walk for Water

All Year 7 students will participate in a 'walk for water'. This has two purposes, one to raise funds for Caritas and the second to give the students some understanding of their own very privileged life style. Please contribute to Caritas by supporting the Year 7 students.

Crazy Sock Day and Jelly Bean Jar Caritas Fundraisers

The campus leaders organised the activities and easily raised over \$400 for Caritas. There will be further activities before the end of term and we hope to make a sizable contribution to Caritas. Thanks to Lorimer Marshall, Mub Murshed, Sarah O'Brien, Laura Crilly and of course the student community for their great work so far.
<http://www.caritas.org.au/>

Feedback 15-18th March

Families will be able to access feedback on student performance to date and arrange interviews with Learner Advisors during this time. This feedback should detail what the student has done and how well they are tracking, it is important to use this information for setting future goals for improvement.

Uniform

Please remember that there will be a 2 week change over period to the winter uniform at the start of Term 2. All students will be in full winter uniform, including blazer from the 26th of April. Please check student uniforms to ensure they still fit or are a suitable length.

Buses

I have been advised that buses will start running at 2pm on the last day of term being the 24th of March 2016. If there are any changes I will advise accordingly.



“Delany does it again!”

I begin all my newsletters with a very meaningful and insightful quotation, this newsletter is no different!

It is with great happiness and pride that I announce as predicted that Delany would win the 2016 Swimming Carnival. I would like to congratulate Maddison Balcombe and Matthew Makowski for their expert leadership as the Delany House Captains and to all those staff and students who took part in both the competitive and fun games. Well done to all the House Captains and Student Leadership Team for their organisation of a vast array of novelty events, the synchronised swim was one of my favourite! Just like the Mighty Hawks we shall endeavour to win a Triple Championship next year!



Success was celebrated last week also with the visit of our 90s ATAR Club for our celebration assembly. This involved our Dux of 2015 – Maggie O’Keefe, Nathan Masiero, Karlee Dal Pra and Joanne Fernandez. It was great to have them return and be presented with their framed certificates. We also took this opportunity to interview these students and get advice for future VCE students, this will be released next term. We also had the opportunity to celebrate the success of Erin Roberts who was unable to attend the Awards Ceremony at the end of last year, due to her attendance at the Marist Leadership Camp. Erin won a vast array of academic awards and I am sure she will continue to achieve such amazing success in her final year at Lavalla Catholic College.



Today we had the Commissioning of our Student Leaders and new members of the Lavalla Catholic College Community. It was a wonderful occasion and it was great to meet the families of our College and Campus Captains. I wish them the very best for their year of leadership. Their first major engagement will be when they meet with Bishop Patrick next week, accompanied by Mrs Tamsin McCormick.

Next week, Thursday 10th we are exposing our community members to very sound advice from a group called ‘Digital Thumbprint’ that will help direct our community members on the safe use of the internet and social media.

The exam session has started in earnest for our Year 12s with the English Orals taking place on Friday 11th March. A letter explaining the outline and requirements of the day has been sent to all year

12 families.

Hopefully by now all families would have received the Kildare Key Dates fridge magnet. This is to assist families in supporting our partnership to success for our young people. A copy has also been included in this newsletter.

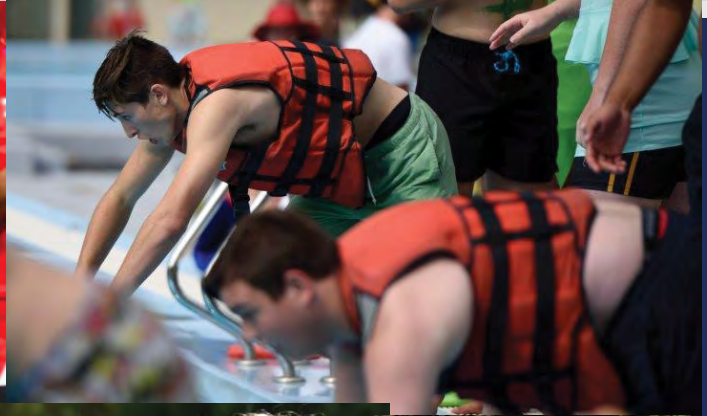
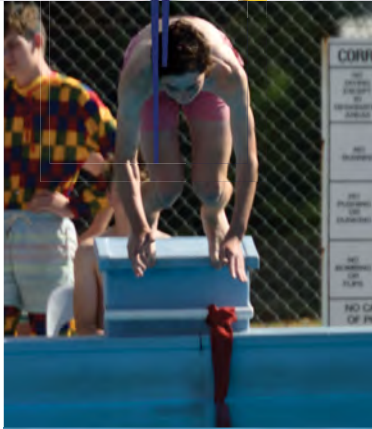
Next week will also see our REMAR Blue Solidarity immersion to Alice Springs. I look forward to hearing about the experience and viewing the pictures and video footage.

Term 1 is now nearly concluded, but it is vitally important that we all continue to work together to assist our students to find their pathways to success.



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Swimming Carnivals





Our daily prayer mantra:

***Lord, I am a sinner.
Come with your mercy. (Pope Francis)***

Lent invites us to turn our minds and hearts back to the God of mercy. As we begin this season, may we find new encouragement to open our hearts to respond to God's grace and to lead others to do the same. As we draw towards Easter let us be joyful. Here are some thoughts and prayers for us to use for our own personal development.

'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart.' (St Thérèse of Lisieux):

'Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst with Him'. (St Augustine)

'Prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father, who is good beyond measure, with his Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.' (St Gregory of Nazianzus)

Eucharist of Welcome and Comissioning



Yesterday, 3 March, the college celebrated the Eucharist of Welcome and Commissioning in the Champagnat Centre. Fathers Francis Otobo, Bernard Buckley and Harry Dyer were the Celebrant and con-celebrants respectively.

The ceremony was moving and smooth.

I am sure others will write about it at greater length, but I wish to thank all participants and organisers and workers who worked together to make this a respectful, reflective and meaningful celebration.

Mick's Kitchen

For those who do not know what Mick's Kitchen is, here is a quick primer.

'Mick's Kitchen' aims to provide people who need it, a welcoming place to sit down, share a meal, chat and have a good evening.

It is a community action by the parishioners at St Michael's. Every Thursday from 4 pm – 8.30 pm, a team of 5-8 people cook a two or three course dinner, set up the dining room and serve whoever turns up. It is a drop in center. If people want they also get some take-away.

For the past two weeks, Anton Tarraran, Selby Fisher and Molly Lewis have helped. Here is a comment from Team 1 of Mick's Kitchen:

"Thanks for bringing Selby and Molly down to the Soup Kitchen this week; they were a great asset. They did everything that was asked of them, and more. They even have some suggestions about brightening up the room next to the dining area. They pitched in where they could see a need; we were all very impressed with their assistance which was much appreciated because we had a few members who could not make it. Please thank them again for us." Well done, Selby, Molly and Anton (for last week).



Year 7 Camps

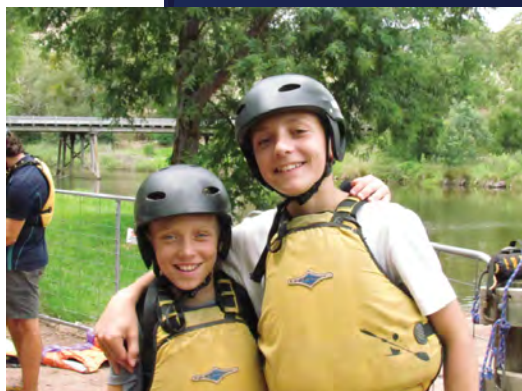


Five of the Year 7 classes went to Licola for camp, we had glorious weather over the three days. Students spent time with their LA teachers developing resilience, challenging themselves, teamwork and mindfulness.

These were then further enhanced through the activities they participated in: High Ropes, Leap of Faith, Abseiling, Mini Hike, Canoeing, Low Ropes and Maze. Students were extremely supportive of one another, cheering on members as they broke through individual barriers undertaking feats that tested their resolve.

When Aeden Cahill stepped up to the Leap of Faith, the height was a major concern, he bravely got to the top and with the incredible encouragement of his LA Aeden was able to take the leap. The Licola staff commented to teaching staff that they were impressed with the level of camaraderie in all the LAs, but this specific instance was amazing.

Due to these endeavours the LA bond has become stronger and will be extended further during LA classes at school.



Journey to Work 2016

For the third year the college offers students the opportunity to explore the world of work through what we call the Journey to Work Program (JTW). For some, the world beyond school seems a distant reality and a place that might be hard to negotiate.

JTW offers a chance to explore the skills needed and the motivation necessary to achieve personal goals. By visiting workplaces in the local community and beyond, students can experience firsthand the nature of the workplace and the personal skills that need to be developed.

JTW offers parents and students the opportunity to work together to achieve positive outcomes from the program. So, gathering together students and families from a variety of cultural backgrounds, those who would like to develop successful networks and post school options.... we will work together to pull back the veil of a future beyond school revealing the expectations and hopes of the world of work.

A cultural evening will be held on Wednesday 16th March, inviting the families of participating students to come together to learn more about the Journey to Work Program and share their own hopes for the future.

For further information regarding the JTW program please contact the JTW team:

St. Paul's Campus – Mr Mike Hansen (ph: 5174 7355) Kildare Campus - Mr Michael Archipow (ph: 5174 8111)



Instrument Demonstrations

On Tuesday the 23rd of February we held our Year 7 Instrument Trial and Recruitment Day. This day was a great success with each and every year 7 student having the opportunity to try out five of the different instruments we offer music lessons in.



It was a fun filled day of lip buzzing and honking as students practiced slides on the trombone, jazz licks on the sax, reveilles on the trumpet, song like tunes on the flute and warm tones on the clarinet. The success of the day was in no small part thanks to our two senior music students Zara-Louise Ernst and Abbey Murray who oversaw the flute and saxophone trials, our brass tutor Amanda Reid who worked with the trumpets and Matthew Harris and Shane Lebbe who helped with the clarinet and trombone trials.

Taking up an instrument and joining the College Training Band is a wonderful experience which will give you the opportunity to meet new people, take home a shiny new instrument and experience music making in a fun and exciting way. Since the Recruitment and Trial Day we have had a number of new enrolments and if you think you might be interested in getting involved please speak to Mr Harris, Mr Lebbe or Mrs Duncan or e-mail music@lavalla.vic.edu.au for more information.



“College Training Band is a wonderful experience which will give you the opportunity to meet new people,”



2016 Sports Leaders



Lavalla Catholic College each year has year 9 students apply to be a member of the Sports Leaders program run by Karen Joyce.

Last month on Friday, February 5th, 43 Year 9 students took part in the 'Sports Leader Training Day' where they were all involved in making decision for what new initiatives they could implement this year as well as what other activities employed in previous years they would look to run this year.

The leaders got a better understanding about the role descriptions of their positions and learnt how they can utilize the leadership qualities they possess and how they can improve on utilizing them.

They also learnt about the history of each house and generated numerous ideas for more fun activities to conduct throughout 2016.

It was another successful training day with a great selection of Sports Leaders showing plenty of enthusiasm!

T-20 Cricket

In the last term of 2015 our Year 7 and Intermediate girls Super 8's Cricket teams travelled to the Melbourne Cricket Ground to compete in the final of Cricket Victoria's T/20 Blast schools competition.

Our year 7 team prevailed with a comprehensive victory over Warrnambool Secondary College with a winning score of 169 runs to 76 runs.



Chloe Bailey, Jade Melbourne and Abbey Jeffs were our standout performers in a winning effort where all members contributed with the bat or ball.

Our intermediate girls fell agonisingly short in a tight contest against Mortlake Secondary College to finish runner up in the state, losing with 134 runs to 144 runs.

Sarah Mulqueen, Keira Morley and Darcy Guttridge leading the charge for Lavalla Catholic College.



Attendance Matters

"When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem" (Michael Grose). At Lavalla Catholic College, the expectation of our students is that they attend 90%, or above, of classes for the year in order to successfully fulfil the requirements of their academic program.

Attendance is an issue that every school has to deal with. It is critical that we have attendance data recorded accurately at all times. We appreciate a phone call to let us know when your child is unable to attend school. When your child returns to school, the expectation is that a note with an explanation of the absence will be brought in. This can also be done via email. Every 2-3 weeks, we will be generating letters that will go home when we have not received a written explanation for an absence. It would be appreciated if the return slip is brought back to school as a matter of urgency.

If the absence is a planned absence, please give the school ample notice so that teachers are informed before the child is away and arrangements can be made for work, modifications and reports.

If you have any queries about the letters or attendance in general, please contact Kelly Murray (St Paul's Welfare & Wellbeing Leader) or Belinda Plunkett (Administration St Paul's)

Kildare Counsellors

Please note that our Kildare Counsellors have changed days on which they are available.

Belinda Gathercole is available - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Rebecca McMahon is available - Mondays (week 1) and Fridays.

Uniform Shop

St Paul's Campus

Open 3.30 - 6.00pm

17th March

21st April

5th May

19th May



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60th Anniversary

A Look Back

School Captain



B. HAMMOND
Head Prefect and School Captain



PREFECTS
From Left to Right: W. Egan, J. Brennan, A. Stewart (Head Prefect), R. Fogarty, M. Riggall, J. Campbell, T. Phelan.



First Form - 1959
St Paul's



Kildare

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS, 1962

Standing: Vice-Captains
(left to right): M. O'Mara (Fatima), Z. Orriss (Carmel), C. Speekman (Lourdes), S. Raath (Loreto).

Seated: Captains (left to right): A. Brayshaw (Fatima), R. Clarke (Carmel), A. Auchetti (Lourdes), K. Dixon (Loreto).



Term 1

Date	Event	Further Information
Friday 11 March	Year 12 Oral Presentations	
Monday 14 March	LABOUR DAY - Public Holiday	
Tuesday 15 - 18 March	LA Interview Week	
Wednesday 16 March	Year 7 Immunisations	
Wednesday 23 March	Year 8 Medieval Day	
Thursday 24 March	END OF TERM -Dismissal	Dismissal time to be confirmed.
Friday 25 March	Good Friday	
Sunday 10 - Friday 15 April	Marist Basketball Carnival	St Joseph's College Hunters Hill

Term 2

Date	Event	Further Information
Monday 11 April	Commencement of Term 2	
Thursday 14 April	Parent Teacher Interviews	4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Friday 15 April	Parent Teacher Interviews	9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Monday 18 - Friday 22 April	Year 10 Work Experience	
Friday 22 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony during LA	
Friday 25 April	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday	
Wednesday 27 April	Kildare School Photos	Full School Uniform
Friday 29 April	Year 12 Tertiary Information Session	
Monday 9 - Friday 13 May	LA Interview Week	
Monday 16 - Friday 20 May	Cause Worth Week	
Thursday 19 - Monday 23 May	Canberra Music Trip	
Thursday 2 June	Champagnat Mass	Students to arrive at school by 8.45am
Tuesday 7 June	Year 12 GAT	
Monday 13 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY - Public Holiday	
Tuesday 14 June	Student Free Day	
Thursday 16 - Thursday 23 June	Year 10 & 11 Exams	
Sunday 19 - Thursday 23 June	Marist Netball	Catholic College Sale
Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 June	Year 12 Retreat	Further Details to come
Thursday 23 June	END OF TERM	



Parent Workshop

Starting Career Conversations with your child



Cost

FREE

Location

Lavalla Catholic
College

Student Services
Centre
Kildare Campus,
Kosciuszko Street
TRARALGON

When

April 15, 2016

12:30-2:30pm

Today, the world of work and career is ever changing and this workshop aims to look at how you can help your children prepare for their working lives. Qualified career counsellors from the Australian Centre for Career Education will explore the opportunities regarding study, training and work.

The workshop is open to parents and carers to assist with starting career conversations with their children, because every child's career journey is unique.

To register for this **FREE** event use the following URL www.ceav.vic.edu.au/node/4041 **Places limited!**
Contact Amelia McCulloch on 9810 6400 or email projectofficer2@ceav.vic.edu.au

This event is supported by Lavalla Catholic College

Music At Lavalla CC

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP 2016

Dear Parents

Have you thought about joining the Lavalla Music Support Group in 2016?

It's a great way to support your child's musical journey throughout secondary school, and provides you with opportunities to meet other parents who share the same passion in supporting their children's love for music.

The purpose of the Music Support Group is to support the Lavalla Music Department in finding ways of enhancing your child's musical experience.

Examples of our work include:

- Fundraising to buy high quality musical instruments that students would not normally get to play;
- Helping to provide opportunities to send students to play in music festivals;
- Organising concerts & events that allow your child to display their progress and achievements through music.

The Music Support Group is currently seeking new members for 2016, as many of our existing members are leaving the Group since their children's secondary education has come to an end at the completion of Year 12.

The Music Support Group meets monthly for a short one hour meeting throughout the year, and organise fundraisers and drives to help assist the Lavalla Music Department.

Our next meeting - Wednesday March 2nd, 7:30pm, Kildare Music Centre

Please consider joining the group - your children will be proud of your commitment!

For further information, please contact the Lavalla Music Department on 51747355 or email music@lavalla.vic.edu.au.

Regards

Mike Matthyse

President

Lavalla Music Support Group

For the complete Fairtrade Chocolate Listing for Easter 2016 Products head to: <http://bit.ly/1PE5U12>

GOOD EGG GUIDE '16

#traffikfreeeaster



#traffikfreeEaster is supported by the following organisations:



STOP THE TRAFFIK,
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

More resources: stopthetraffik.com.au
australia@stopthetraffik.com.au
[@stopthetraffikA](https://twitter.com/stopthetraffikA)

The Good Egg Guide for a #traffikfreeEaster

Much of the chocolate that finds its way into our shops and homes is made with cocoa from Cote d'Ivoire plantations that use trafficked children. They are kidnapped or their families are tricked, forced to work in the cocoa plantations from an early age, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school.

A global movement has begun to change this. The movement tackles poverty and empowers producers who are doing the right thing. Farmers operating with Fairtrade Certification, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ Certified are engaging in good labour practices. Join the movement this Easter. Choose certified #traffikfree chocolate, support the farmers and STOP THE TRAFFIK.



Our activists often have difficulty purchasing #traffikfree chocolate. We are grateful for stores increasing their range, but we still have difficulties purchasing labelled Easter products. This year we are urging stores to release a timetabled plan to STOP THE TRAFFIK to achieve 100% of the Easter products they stock being certified and labelled, by 2020¹.

To order cards to take to supermarket managers please go to www.stopthetraffik.co/easter

NOTE:

This list is as accurate as possible at the time of publishing. We have contacted all the suppliers we aware may have Certified Easter products available. Not all responded. If you know of other suppliers or if you are a supplier and wish to be included, please email australia@stopthetraffik.com.au. Nestle, Rainforest Alliance, Cadbury and Target have informed us that they do not have certified Easter products.

[1] This is in line with confectionary industry promises. <http://bit.ly/1P71Cz9>

IMAGE	BRAND / STORE	PRODUCTS	AVAILABILITY
	ALDI	Aldi's entire Easter private label range is UTZ Certified, their range includes: Dairy Fine, Choceur, Moser Roth, Specially Selected. For full list of products see: http://bit.ly/1Qb2PLm	Aldi Stores www.aldi.com.au
	CHOCOLATIER AUSTRALIA	- Fairtrade Milk Chocolate Egg (100g) - Fairtrade Dark Chocolate Egg (100g)	Myer, David Jones, Big W, Woolworths and Coles.
	COLES	Rainforest Alliance Certified: - Magnum Almond Inclusion Egg (160g) Fairtrade Certified: - Coles Milk Chocolate Bunny (100g) - Chocolatier Dark Decadent Selection 4pk (100g) - Chocolatier Chocolate Egg Selection 6pk (150g) - Chocolatier Bunnies w speckled & mini eggs (150g) - Chocolatier Gift Pack Egg Dark (100g) - Chocolatier Gift Pack Egg Milk (100g) UTZ Certified: - Coles Hollow Eggs Gift Bag (510g) - Coles Easter Hunt Bag (360g) - Coles Chocolate Lollipop (35g) - Frozen Breakfast Set (40g egg) - Minions/Frozen Ceramics Mug & Egg - Avengers/Star Wars Mug & Egg - Star Wars/Frozen Foil Cup Chocolate	Coles Supermarkets www.coles.com.au NB: not all products may be available in all stores
	DAVID JONES	Fairtrade Certified Chocolatier: - Bunny & Egg (80g) - Milk Chocolate Egg (100g) - Dark Chocolate Egg (100g) Additional certified chocolate products in wider range available including Pana Chocolate, Organic Times, Coco Chocolate, Anthon Berg, Cavalier, Blanxart.	David Jones stores www.davidjones.com.au
	HAIGHS	100% of Haigh's made Easter range uses UTZ Certified cocoa.	Haigh's stores: Adelaide, Melbourne, & Sydney. 1300 HAIGHS (1300 424 447) orders@haighs.com.au
	HEART OF CHOCOLATE	Fairtrade Certified: Full Divine Range of small eggs, mini eggs, praline eggs, raspberry eggs, speckled eggs, white chocolate mini egg.	Can be found in select Co-ops, IGA and other stores. Stockists list here: http://bit.ly/1PEXNbq
	TRIBES AND NATIONS	The Real Egg - Fairtrade Certified	www.tribesandnations.com.au sales@tribesandnations.com.au
	ONLY JUST	Fairtrade Certified: - Chocolatier Dark Chocolate Egg (100g) - Chocolatier Milk Chocolate Egg (100g) - Chocolatier Milk Chocolate Bunnies (80g) - Divine Dark Choc Mini Eggs - Divine Milk Choc Mini Eggs - Divine Milk Choc Speckled Mini Eggs	onlyjust.com.au
	WOOLWORTHS	Fairtrade Certified Chocolatier: - Milk Chocolate egg (100g) - Dark Chocolate egg (100g)	Woolworths Supermarkets woolworths.com.au



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End Slavery in your School, Parish and Community

Make Your Easter Chocolate Slavery Free – Please!

“Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.” Pope France 2015

School students and parish communities are being urged to eat only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and not buy Easter eggs and chocolate that might have been produced using child labour from West Africa.

The Slavery-Free Easter Chocolate Campaign, a *coalition of social justice groups, is asking people to buy only chocolate that carries a label (FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ certified) showing that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate’s production has been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices.

The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are about 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions.

Christine Carolan, the Executive Officer of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans), one of the Slavery-Free Easter Chocolate Campaign members, said buying slavery-free chocolate at Easter gave people the opportunity to take a stand against human trafficking and slavery.

“We know that some children, working in some of the cocoa farms in West Africa are trafficked. Many others work in dangerous conditions for little or no wages and cannot attend school,” Ms Carolan said.

“Students in Australia may be a world away from the slavery of West Africa, but they are in a position to affect change and show solidarity with children who cannot go to school and who cannot afford to buy or eat chocolate.”

One of the important decisions schools can make during Lent is to use only slavery-free chocolate in any fundraising and chocolate drives.

Ms Carolan urged schools and parishes to check with suppliers before they committed to any chocolate fundraising boxes.

“If it isn’t slavery-free chocolate we urge you to ask for slavery-free chocolate. The more schools ask, the more available it will become,” she said.

A decade ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate sold in Australia. The global movement, led by many groups in Australia, has seen a dramatic increase in the availability of slavery-free chocolate, and other products, for consumers.

Ms Carolan said many supermarkets in Australia are selling slavery-free chocolate this Easter and great gains have been made in recent years, including:

- Cadbury dairy milk blocks and bars made in Australia are FAIRTRADE
- All Mars bars made in Australia are now Rainforest Alliance
- All Nestle chocolate made in Australia and NZ is now UTZ certified
- Aldi supermarkets have a wide variety of UTZ certified Easter chocolate, and
- Haigh's Easter range of chocolates are all UTZ certified.

"The supermarkets are slowly coming to the party, but we can do better. We want to make all the chocolate in our supermarkets and stores slavery-free," Ms Carolan said.

She urged consumers this Easter to do five things:

- Buy only slavery free chocolate – use your buying power to take a stand.
- Eat only slavery free chocolate. If your local/favourite shop doesn't sell slavery free chocolate then ask them to please start stocking it.
- Find out about cocoa bean production and the plight of many children in chocolate production.
- Thank the managers of stores that are stocking slavery-free chocolate this Easter.
- Discuss your slavery-free chocolate decision with five other people to help spread the word.

To find out more about the campaign and slavery free chocolate please go to www.acrath.org.au.

** Slavery-Free Easter Chocolate Campaign coalition members include ACRATH - Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans, CARITAS Australia - Archdiocese of Melbourne, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat - Social Justice Commission, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - Office for Justice and Peace, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst - Social Justice Committee, Uniting Church in Australia - Synod of Victoria & Tasmania, Victorian Council of Churches - Social Questions Commission.*

What to Look for

Slavery-free chocolate carries one of these three labels - FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ certified. This shows that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate's production have been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices.



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