



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

6 June 2003

Dear Parents,

Saint Marcellin Champagnat

On Friday of this week, June 6, we celebrate our Founder's Day. Marcellin Champagnat was born in revolutionary France in 1789. He was an ordinary man, a peasant who started his formal education when he was fifteen. A son of a revolutionary father, he had the strength of the plough in his arms, the fire of a simple faith in his heart and the power of a clear purpose to assist young people in country areas.

On Friday, the students and staff on the St Paul's Campus and the Presentation Campus will gather in the Champagnat Centre to celebrate our origins and ethos in a festival-like atmosphere.

With approaching examinations, it is not a good time for the Kildare Campus to be away from their classes and we will transfer the whole school Mass and the awarding of the Champagnat medals to 22nd July

Br Julian Casey
Principal

PLEASE NOTE

Parent-Teacher interviews at the end of Term 2 are **PARENT INITIATED**. Information about arranging an Interview on the afternoon and evening of June 26th will be distributed next week.

YEAR 7 2004 ENROLMENTS

Thank you to all parents who have returned the enrolment applications for Year 7 2004. The deadline was Friday May 30th; so if you have omitted to return your application or to inform the College of a sibling in Grade 6 attending a State primary school, please do so immediately by contacting Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus on 5174 7355.

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

All classes during this term will be attending one of the weekday Masses at either St.Kieran's or St. Mary's. The Masses at St.Kieran's will be on a Tuesday at 9:05am and at St. Mary's on Wednesday at 9:30am. We invite any parents who are free at these times to attend Masses. Last week the Year 7's attended the parish masses and next week the Year 8.9 will be going on Tuesday 10th June and 8.10 on 11th June. On the 17th June 9.9 will be at St.Kieran's

and 9.10 will be at St.Mary's on the 18th June. Students are encouraged to take an active part in the masses reading, singing and leading the prayers of the faithful. My thanks to Father Manny and Father John for their assistance and support in this regard.

The Grade 6's from St. Mary's and St. Kieran's visited the Campus last Wednesday. Fifty students attended and

enjoyed a tour of the school and a dance session with the Year 7's.

Over the past two weeks the Year 7's have taken part in the **Protective Behaviours Course** conducted by **Mrs. Sandy Francios**. The course is an anti-bullying program aimed at alerting students to forms of bullying and the strategies needed to cope with them. We thank Mrs. Francois for her time with us and the students for their positive response to the course.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 girls are currently trying out for the **Girls Football team**. It is pleasing to see a large number of girls venturing into this activity. My thanks to Mr. De Van Der Schueren for his organisation of this activity.

The Year 9 Fashion Parade is scheduled for Thursday the 19th of June in the Circulation area at 7:00pm. Tickets will be on sale next week at the College. We would encourage everyone who is interested to attend on the evening. The students have been preparing this as part of the Year 9 Project for Semester 2.

Mrs Gaulton, the English Co-ordinator, at the Campus, has submitted the following article:

Lavalla Catholic College English teachers are always keen to extend students, encouraging them to use spoken and written language in a

wide variety of ways. Presentation Campus English teachers are no exception to this rule. At present, a number of students are preparing for the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod Speech and Drama sections to be held in August. Staff members have been grateful for the volunteered guidance of parent, Anne Barrett who has specialist qualifications in this field. Last week six students from across the year levels participated in the Australasian English Writing Competition organised from the University of NSW. Participants had to write a character study, with the requirements varying with the year level. Currently, students are also being encouraged to enter a poetry writing competition. These activities not only enhance the curriculum, but they further hone skills that will be valuable as students take up post-school options in the future. Congratulations to all participants on their willingness to take up new challenges.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

The Mid-year Examinations and GAT

All students studying Unit 3 subjects will be involved in either VCAA Exams or School Assessed Coursework (SAC) tasks during the week from **Tuesday, June 9 to Friday, June 13**. Consequently all Year 12 (Unit 3) classes have been suspended for the week. Students were issued with their personal timetables and GAT pamphlet on Thursday, May 22 during Period 4. **All scheduled exams or assessments are compulsory.** Students will need to be at school *at least* 15 minutes before the exam or the assessment task is to commence.

Full school uniform is to be worn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for presentation at the Exams; however, the uniform will not be required to be worn on Friday for the English Oral SAC and the LOTE Oral SAC. This day is a pupil free day for Report writing.

Year 12 Students, who do not have an exam on a particular day during the week, are not required at school. Years 10 and 11 students are required at school as usual. The VCE Study Centre will be open and available for Year 12 students throughout the week. Students will need to check with their teachers concerning their availability during this time.

General Achievement Test:

All students doing any VCE Units 3 & 4 are required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT), unless their school principal exempts them.

The GAT is a test of general knowledge in the areas of written communication, mathematics, science and technology, and humanities, the arts and social sciences. It is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. Although the GAT result does

not count directly towards a student's VCE results, it does play an important role in checking that the school assessments and exams have been accurately assessed.

It is important that students do as well as they can on the whole test to ensure that they receive full advantage of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority's additional checks on VCE student assessment. The Authority uses GAT scores as a basis for reviewing school assessments in SAC's, requesting authentication checks by schools for particular students' SAC's, checking the accuracy of exam marking and contributing to statistical moderation of SAC's.

The GAT will take place in a single three-hour session. There will be two writing tasks, each of about half an hour, and a multiple-choice task that will take about two hours. Whilst the tasks may be completed in any order, it is suggested that the writing tasks be completed first, followed by the multiple-choice questions. Students can go back to any part of the test at any time, because the script books will not be collected until the end of the testing time. I would like to wish all students doing their mid-year exams every success.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We were delighted to bring the St Paul's and Presentation Campuses together to celebrate Champagnat Day. There will be reports in next week's Newsletter of the day and the activities.

Reports

Students have been busy completing work requirements so that teacher can begin the reporting process. Next Friday is a pupil free day so that teachers may write the reports, naturally all work needs to be completed before this date to be included on the report.

You will be welcome to discuss your child's progress with teacher on the last Thursday of term when time has been set aside for interviews.

Harassment and Bullying

Students will sometimes complain about the way they are treated by others. When we look into the matter we usually find that this is a two way

problem and that intimidation can take many forms including phone calls and emails from home, as well as name-calling etc at school. I ask that you take notice of phone calls and emails at home to ensure that your son or daughter is not harassing or being harassed.

Mr Bill Antonopoulos

Bill and his family will be moving to Melbourne at the end of this semester. Many of you would appreciate his work here as a classroom teacher and more particularly as a Coordinator. You might find an opportunity to thank him for his fine work with students before his departure.

"It is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich".--Henry Ward Beecher

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

INFORMATION SESSION FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The Uni of Melbourne is conducting evening information seminars. Topics covered will include choosing subjects for VCE, career outcomes, course options, transition issues, selection and 2006 entry requirements. Sessions: 6.30-8.00pm at three venues - Mon 16 June at Mount Waverley Sec. Col., Wed 18 June at Melbourne Uni and Mon 23 June at St Albans Sec. Col.; Info/registration: (essential) ph 1800 801 662 or preferably at www.services.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/events/year10beyond.html.

Trish Johnston....

Careers & Tertiary Studies Advisor

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Presentation	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 9 June 03	-----PUBLIC HOLIDAY-----		
Tues 10 June 03	B Renwick	B McNulty, I Gregson	H Van Berkel
Wed 11 June 03	I Koolen	D Ferguson, M Wojciechowski	D Hall, R Crowle
Thur 12 June 03	C Wilson	D Webb, S Eccles	C Payne, T Harlow
Fri 13 June 03	**REPORT WRITING DAY – NO STUDENTS**		

GIPPSLAND TIS EVENT 2003 – 19TH JUNE 2003

What is the Tertiary Information Service?

The Tertiary Information Service (TIS) is the official collective of universities, TAFE and other education providers who run free information sessions for Year 12 students across Victoria. Sessions allow prospective students to access course advice and publications. The TIS event is a fantastic opportunity to access all Victorian (and some interstate) universities, local TAFE's and other education providers to find out the "nitty gritty" details about what is out there in regard to tertiary study.

What sort of Information can I get at TIS?

Information about tertiary choices for life after year 12. At each TIS event, an expert panel presents information to students on topics like the VTAC application process, choosing a course, accommodation, scholarships, special admissions schemes, fees and finances, open days and more.

Following this presentation there is an expo where prospective students can speak to representatives for specific information and collect brochures and publications.

Institutions available for students to speak to at the Gippsland TIS event:

University:
ACU National
University of Ballarat
Charles Stuart University

Deakin University
La Trobe University
The University of Melbourne
Monash University
RMIT University
Swinburne University of Technology
Victoria University

TAFE:

Box Hill Institute of TAFE
Chisholm Institute of TAFE
East Gippsland Institute of TAFE
Gordon Institute of TAFE
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

PRIVATE PROVIDERS & OTHERS:

ACPET
Australian Defence Force
Australian Institute of Public Safety
JMC Academy
Melbourne College of Natural Medicine
Photography Studies College

FORMAT OF THE EVENT:

30 min: Welcome/Panel Session including Q&A
15 min: Selection Overview with a Selection Officer
5 Min: Chairperson Closing comments
40 Min: Tertiary Expo (Supermarket)
End of Session

All Year 12 students will be bussed to Traralgon Secondary College - Hall at 9:15am Grey Street Campus. Parent/Guardians are most welcomed to attend.

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