NEWSLETTER Lavalla Catholic College

6 May 2005

IMPORTANT TERM 2 CALENDAR DATES ACCOMPANY THIS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We are approaching our first Information Night for 2006 Year 7 students (yes, 2006 already!) and we will be having our Open Morning at St Paul's Campus and Presentation Campus on Wednesday 18th May.

Just as the College is a part of the local and parish community and is involved in a number of community activities, so too must we be open to the community. Hence it is important for us to invite the community and parents of existing and future students to come and see the College, its facilities, its activities and what students are producing.

I find it consoling and satisfying when I see examples of teachers' dedication and student work and when I view the video that we have produced. Much of the day for our Campus Leaders is spent dealing with smaller issues, interviewing, and attending meetings to discuss progress or to address difficulties that may be emerging. We can sometimes get so close to the details that we fail to perceive the big picture, the "helicopter view" of the contribution that the College is making to the overall development of the students and the wonderful impact of the College on the community.

Open Days and Information Nights serve to remind us of this. The comment of parents is usually one of surprise and gratitude for what we are providing. Most comment about how schooling has changed "since our day" and recognize the efforts we are making.

So please feel welcome and warmly invited to attend these functions.

Br Julian Casey Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Enrolments

This term we focus on Yr 7 enrolments for 2006. It has been a pleasure to visit and be visited by the Catholic primary school students who are beginning to think about the transition to secondary school.

Generally all Yr 6 students enrolled at our Catholic feeder schools have received their enrolment packages. **Students at State Schools** who currently have a brother or sister at Lavalla are offered places at the College at

this time too. However families need to make **contact** with **Mrs Jean Jennings** so that she can forward enrolment package to families. Please don't assume these will come to you automatically.

It is only after places are allocated to those in Catholic primary schools and siblings that we are able to enrol other students. All enrolment forms need to be returned to the office by the end of May.

St Paul's (contd....)

Information Nights

The Information Nights for Yr 7, 2006 will be held on May 10th and 24th at 7:30pm in the St Brigid Centre. All parents of prospective students are warmly invited to attend. This provides an opportunity to see the Yr 7 classrooms, meet some of the staff and learn more about the College.

Open Morning

Parents of existing and prospective students are invited to visit the school on May 18th between 9:30 and 1:00. Students will be taking guided tours of the campus and will happily answer questions about life at the College.

Yr 9 Food Technology

Recently two groups of Food Tech. students visited GippsTAFE to gain insights into the food industry and also to look at other courses

on offer. Included in the tour was a two-course lunch. It was wonderful to see the students in such an adult environment. It would be fair to say that most of the girls seem born 'to do lunch', while for some of the other students it was a new and challenging experience. Thanks to Mrs Sim, Mr Allen and the personnel at TAFE for this great opportunity.

Thanks

To all the parents who take the time, usually during their busy mornings, to write notes about illness or uniform or to call the College. We really appreciate your communication.

"The best thing to spend on your children is your time" -- Louise Hart

Lee McKenzie Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Our Year 9's travelled to Melbourne last Friday as part of the SOSE Heritage Unit. The day was both successful and enjoyable. Hayley Abery has included the following account:-

"Last Friday the Presentation Campus Year 9's attended a SOSE Excursion in Melbourne. While one group was taking a tour of the Old Melbourne Goal the second group was at the Arts Centre.

The Goal's tour guide was very informative and was happy to answer all our questions.

While at the Art Centre we had the pleasure of being a part of the audience for the Puppet play, 'Frankenstein". The puppetry was very professional.

I believe this was a good day and most of us enjoyed this out of school experience." (Hayley Abery P902)

On Monday this week a number of Year 7 exstudents from St. Kieran's and St. Mary's visited their old school with myself, Mrs.

Haupt and Miss Davies. The visit was part of the transition process for 2006. Our students spoke well of the College and answered the many questions about secondary school life from the Grade 6's.

All Grade 6 students from St. Kieran's and St. Mary's will visit this campus at 9.30am on Monday 16th May. Our Campus Leaders and Year 7 students will host this visit.

The Open Day and Information Evening will be held on the 18th May from 9.30am – 11.00am and 7.30pm – 8.30pm respectively.

Green PC are offering a wide range of refurbished Internet ready computer systems designed for access by low income families with school aged children, non-profit community groups, holders of Pension and Health Care Cards. Application forms are available from the Office.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Campus Semester I Examination Program:

It is timely to remind parents and students about the upcoming examination period. In the two weeks of June 6-17 the Semester I exams will be held. It is an unwise student who does not prepare carefully and comprehensively for the exams. In order to be

well prepared, a study program is to be encouraged and in this edition of the Newsletter I am including the exam timetable. There will be more about the specifics (Unit 3, GAT, Year 11's and 10's) as the next few weeks come and go.

Year 10 – 12 Mid Year Exam Program

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06-Jun-05	Unit 3 Biology Exam 1	9.00am-10.45am
06-Jun-05	Unit 3 Physics Exam 1	11.45am-1.30pm
06-Jun-05	Unit 3 Accounting Exam 1	2.45pm-4.30pm
07-Jun-05	Unit 3 Psychology Exam 1	9.00am-10.45am
07-Jun-05	Unit 3 Chemistry Exam 1	11.45am-1.30pm
08-Jun-05	Unit 3/4 General Achievement Test (GAT)	10.00 am - 1.15 pm
09-Jun-05	VCE English Unit 1 Exam	10.55am - 1.10pm
09-Jun-05	VCE English Unit 3 Orals	Individual Appointments
09-Jun-05	VCE LOTE [Italian] Unit 3 Orals	Individual Appointments
09-Jun-05	VCE Chemistry Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
13-Jun-05	Queen's Birthday	Public Holiday
14-Jun-05	VCE Gen Further Maths Unit 1 Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
14-Jun-05	VCE Gen Maths Methods Unit 1 Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
14-Jun-05	VCE GM Maths Methods Unit 2 Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
14-Jun-05	VCE Physical Education Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
14-Jun-05	Yr 11 Enhancement P.E. Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
15-Jun-05	VCE Biology Unit 1 Exam	9.00am - 10.40am
15-Jun-05	VCE Studio Arts Unit 1 Exam	9.00am - 10.40am
15-Jun-05	10 Consolidation Maths Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
15-Jun-05	10 Enhancement Maths Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
15-Jun-05	VCE Psychology Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
16-Jun-05	VCE Math Methods (CAS) Unit 1 Exam	9.00am - 10.40am
16-Jun-05	VCE Mathematical Methods Unit 1 Exam	9.00am - 10.40am
16-Jun-05	VCE Material & Techn. (Food) 1 Exam	11.30am - 1.10pm
16-Jun-05	VCE Business Management Unit 1 Exam	11.30am - 1.10pm
16-Jun-05	VCE Health & Human Dev. Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
16-Jun-05	VCE Physics Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
17-Jun-05	VCE Outdoor Ed & Env. Stud Unit 1 Exam	9.00am - 10.40am
17-Jun-05	VCE LOTE (Italian) Unit 1 Exam	9.00am - 10.40am
17-Jun-05	VCE Visual Comm. & Design Unit 1 Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
17-Jun-05	VCE Accounting Unit 1 Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
17-Jun-05	VCE Literature Unit 1 Exam	11.10am - 12.55pm
17-Jun-05	VCE Material & Techn. (Wood) 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
17-Jun-05	VCE Geography Unit 1 Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
17-Jun-05	VCE History Unit 2: [1945 - 2000] Exam	1.45pm - 3.25pm
20-Jun-05	10 Science Exam	11.10 am - 12.25pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 9 May	D Webb, M Crawford	K Manson, J Kurrle
Tue 10 May	P Johnston, I Gregson	M Bly, G Breed
Wed 11 May	J Clegg, R Mills	M Fievez, A Fletcher
Thu 12 May	A Mooney, M Donovan	B Boothman, S Brady
Fri 13 May	R Gillow, P Brown, S Brady	I Koolen, J Kivisalu

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP

(a program for young people (Year 6 to Year 9)

If you wish to know more about this group's social activities please phone one of the leaders, Lou Varsaci on 5175 0877, Sally Kirstine 5174 9661 or Steve Templeton 0400 658660

ENROLMENT 2006

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2006:

- Students attending State / other schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla College should fill in the form below and return it to either St Paul's, Presentation or Kildare Campus office.
- Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla College and who attend State or other schools should ring the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the application for enrolment list.
- Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools have already received an enrolment package during April.

YEAR 7, 2006 ENROLMENT - SIBLINGS ATTENDING <u>STATE</u> PRIMARY SCHOOLS
Parent name/s and address:
Phone No:
State Primary School student is currently attending:
Student name: