

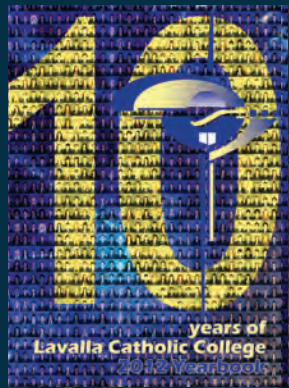
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Prayer for the Holiday Season

Dear Lord,

This Christmas

bless our family

and all its members and
friends;

bind us together by your
love.

Give us kindness and
patience

to support each other;

and wisdom in all we do.

Let the gift of your peace

come into our hearts

and remain with us.

May we rejoice in your
blessings

for all our days.

Amen.

From the Principal

Dear members of the Lavalla community

Classrooms are tidied and closed, reports written, awards presented and the year is drawing to a close. There is still an unusual busyness around the College as buses buzz about moving our cricketing visitors. We are currently hosting Marist College from Ashgrove, Sacred Heart College from Auckland, Marist-Sion College from Warragul, St John's College from Woodlawn (Lismore) and St Gregory's College from Campbelltown.

We gathered last Wednesday evening for the Opening mass, seeing these fine young men resplendent in their uniforms and carrying school banners was an impressive site. We are grateful to those staff members and families who have agreed to billet. The generosity of these people in opening their homes to these students will I am sure be matched by the boys own willingness to work in with them and share this experience.

I would also like to thank those members of staff who have worked so hard to facilitate this carnival, in particular Peter Flahavin, Rob Tarraran, Steve Erdely and many other staff members who have helped with booklets, catering transport etc. I am proud to say that the visiting cricketers have received a warm Lavalla welcome.

Staffing changes for 2013

Ms Erica Pegorer is recovering well and should be back with us in 2013.

We are currently farwelling:

Mr Matt Berry

Mr Byron chen

Mr Marco DiCesare

Mrs Jennifer Dingwall

Mr Rim Zitkevicius

Mr Nathan Forrester

Mrs Margaret Gogerly

Mr Tim Lee

Mrs Maureen McIntosh

Mr Todd Proud

Ms Anne Symes

Mrs Judy Van Beek

Mr Biju Varghese

Mr Ben Verghese

Mrs Olivia Barrett is beginning her maternity leave

Mrs Therese Main is beginning 12 months leave

Mr Michael Hansen is stepping aside from his role as Director of Faith and Ministry

Mrs Tamsin McCormack will be Events Co-ordinator and Assistant Director of Faith and Ministry.

I thank all these people for their service to the College, their dedication to our students and wish them well in their new endeavors for 2013.

Building and Refurbishments

The preliminary work for the Art Building has begun, with a portable removed and the building compound constructed. Over the holidays we expect that much of the services work will be completed, with proper construction to start after the Christmas holidays.

The eastern end Year 7 Centre is on schedule and we should have use of it for the beginning of the school year.

There have been delays in the re-development of the Kildare quadrangle and we will need to look at

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rescheduling this in the new year.

Global Tuition Fee

All families will have received information regarding the Global Fee. While I understand that it is human nature to look at the “bottom line” and focus on the final figure, with a close analysis of what you are currently asked to pay in fees and then additionally pay for excursions etc, I am sure you will see the wisdom of the Global fee. It is not a disguised fee increase, rather a genuine attempt to help families meet their cost of educating their sons and daughters.

Reports and Magazines

Reports will be available for collection on Wednesday 12th 9am-12pm on all campuses. Families will also collect copies of the College magazine. We are particularly proud of this year's edition which has been produced through the hard work and technical skills of Heather Perkins. I congratulate her on this fine effort.

Awards Evening

This was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements of students. I offer thanks to the team which has worked so diligently to prepare our evening. From the catering, certificate preparation, power point presentations, to the Mcing, this has been a team effort with many people dedicating many hours. While many people have contributed to the evening in particular I would like to thank Tamsin McCormack, Claire Couling, Suzanne Farley, Jenny Sutton, Birgit Sim and Heather Perkins for their efforts.

Ms Lee McKenzie
Acting Principal



Closing and Opening Hours

With the year drawing to a close, campus receptions will be closed from 18 December 2012 until 23 January 2013.

Marcellin House will also close on 18 December 2012 but will be open for accounts enquiries and payments from 21 January 2013.

School will resume for Years 7, 10 and 12 on Friday, 1 February 2013. All other students resume classes on Monday, 4 February 2013.

St Paul's Campus Update

Andy Martin - Campus Director



Thank you and congratulations are sprinkled liberally over the efforts of staff and students at this time of the school year as we are called upon to evaluate our performance, participation and support of others in the Lavalla Community. In this tradition I would like to take advantage of the opportunity to recognise the contributions of some key people in the life of the College.

Marco Dicesare has been a focal point of contact, stability and innovation at the College for many years. I thank him for his wholehearted support in my first year at Lavalla. His insights into the culture of 'The Valley' and the norms of our school that differentiate us as a community have been most valuable. I wish him the very best in his new role as Principal of Caroline Chisholm College in Braybrook.

I thank also Mike Hansen, our 'spiritual leader' at Lavalla. His faith, guidance and dedication have been inspirational and have clearly touched the entire college community over many years. He is a living piece of the fabric of our College life.

In a similar vein, Jean Jennings, our long serving Registrar at Lavalla is leaving us, for the immediate future, to enjoy a well-earned period of Long Service Leave. I wish her the best on our behalf as her skill and attention to the detail and of a demanding role has made the business of preparing for 2013 a comfortable work. Her partnership with Maureen Mc Intosh, our retiring 'Transition Coordinator' has been integral to the healthy enrolment environment currently enjoyed by the College.

I applaud also, the work of our Campus Trainees, Nathan and Matthew who have both displayed a capacity and willingness to learn and contribute to College Life as staff members. They demonstrated a maturity and dedication to their roles which will make them assets wherever they choose to head in terms of future study or employment.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those parents and community members who have supported the St Paul's Campus this year at sporting events, masses, ceremonies and BBQ'S. Your input is appreciated and valued as it adds a sense of authenticity to our claims to being an inclusive community.

P.S. Congratulations To the Year 8 girls Super 8 team who won the State championship title this week. I am sure the introduction to Shane Warne and Viv Richards made the day doubly rewarding.

My Best for the holiday season and I wish you all a happy and holy start to the new year.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

2013 Year 7s ONLY:

Thursday 11th
December
12.30pm – 8.00pm

Shop located at:

St Paul's Campus

Payment options:

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
(Please note Kilts/Skirts must be tried on. They are not sized)

Riggalls Uniform Store - Traralgon

Riggalls will be offering a 10% discount on all new uniform purchases on Thursday 11th December
LAY-BY AVAILABLE



Kildare Update **Marco DiCesare** - Campus Director

There have been many celebrations over the last few weeks - our 2012 Year 12 Graduation dinner was a fitting farewell and acknowledgement of our Year 12 Class of 2012. The night highlighted the successes of this fine group and was a last opportunity for us to gather as a group and share a meal. I would like to publicly thank our 2012 College Captains - Erin Lawn, Jessica Trewin, Leigh Jones and Ryan Ward. They led their peers with distinction and have introduced some new and exciting initiatives. Their final speeches over these weeks have demonstrated why they were elected to this important position. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to the College throughout the year.

Transition

The last two weeks of classes at the Kildare Campus saw our Year 10 and 11 students move into 2013 classes. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to begin their 2013 studies and prepare for their classes next year. The students were well prepared and focussed - energy levels were high and expectation also just as high. Well done to our Year 10 and 11 students and I wish them every success for 2013.

Our Year 9 students spent a day at the Kildare Campus being familiarised with our offerings and surroundings. An important part of this day was the literacy and numeracy tests that were completed on the day. The data gathered from these will allow staff to begin preparing work to ensure that we cater to the needs of this group. I thank Mrs Brown for her meticulous planning of this day. Unfortunately a handful of students were not present on the day and they will need to attend a catch-up day early next year before commencing formal classes in 2013.



New Kildare Campus Director

I was fortunate to spend time with Mr Douglas Doherty last week. Mr Doherty is a highly motivated and professional leader who will bring his many talents to Lavalla Catholic College. Staff and students were able to meet Mr Doherty and he was formally welcomed at our final Campus Assembly by the 2013 College Campus. I congratulate Mr Doherty on his appointment and I know he will receive a warm welcome as he joins the Leadership of the College. I wish him every blessing as he takes on this new journey with our young people.

Farewell

This will be my last newsletter as Kildare Campus Director of Lavalla Catholic College. As my time at Lavalla Catholic College draws to a close, I am grateful for all the opportunities and experiences that I have enjoyed as an educationalist. When I began at Catholic Regional College 19 years ago, I could not have imagined the blessed and



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diverse path my career here was to take. Over the years, I have been fortunate to work in a vibrant, happy and adaptive community that has allowed me the opportunity to work across the three campuses in various positions. Regardless of my role, I have been impressed by the abundant joie de vivre and the sense of hope the students of this College have instilled in the community. I will treasure the memories of major events and occasions but I will hold dear the relationships I have enjoyed and have been privileged to experience with the many students, teachers and parents I have met along the way.

I leave the College hopefully wiser and certainly more experienced. 19 years is a long time! I have some time to pause and reflect on the number of significant people who have shaped me as a leader and educator and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those still at the College and many who have since left for their influence, support and encouragement. I am grateful to Ms Erica Pegorer for her support and leadership over the years. Her wisdom, knowledge and generosity have been inspirational. I am looking forward to my future as College Principal of Caroline Chisholm Catholic College and leave Lavalla Catholic College with many happy and lasting memories of my time here but embedded in my heart will always remain St Marcellin Champagnat's most famous words and that is "to teach children you must love them first, and love them all equally." God Bless.

Thank you to all the local businesses that sponsored the Year 12 Graduation!

GippsTAFE
Maureen VanBerkel
Traralgon Apex Club
Traralgon Rotary Club

Australian Defence Force
Caltex
Growmaster Nursery

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Lon Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award (ADF)
Smith Family Scholarship
All Round Achievement sponsored by Caltex and GippsTAFE
Outstanding Academic Achievement
Solidarity Award
Student Peer Award
Traralgon Rotary Awards
Traralgon Rotary Awards
VCAL Award, VET – External Providers sponsored by GippsTAFE
Daniel Lee Sports Award
Daniel Lee Sports Award
Sporting Excellence Award
Sporting Excellence Award
Musicianship Award
English Award in memory of Maree Dargie
Academic Excellence Award
Academic Excellence Award
Academic Excellence Award
Academic Excellence Award
Academic Excellence Award
Subject Awards (*as pictured*)

Natalie Bransgrove
Nanci Ramadam
Erin Lawn
Leigh Jones
Brandon Rossiter
Catherine Hector
Amelia Vincent
Alyse Day
Kathleen Horton
Molly Clavarino
Christopher Sutton
Rebecca Jennings
Christopher Sutton
Laura Zalesiak
Catherine Hector
Ryan Ward
Sam Stoddart
Leigh Jones
Ellie Bowtell
Erin Lawn





Presentation Campus Update

Tamsin McCormack - Campus Director

Greetings from Presentation Campus,

It is with a tinge of sadness that I write this final article from the Presentation Campus. The Campus is now transitioning from its current phase into a new phase for the future.

We held our End of an Era Mass, which was a great opportunity for past and present students, staff and families to celebrate the past 10 years of the Campus. We were blessed with a beautiful evening, enabling all to share the stories, memories and venue.

It was with pleasure that we were also able to announce that the Ropes Course was finally complete and open for use. Many of the students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to try out the equipment that the Maintenance Staff had worked painstakingly at putting together. We thank them for their efforts and persistence.

All the students have transferred from Presentation to St Paul's or Kildare, with the transition process being rather smooth. From what I observed and heard students were settling in well into their new classes, could find their way around reasonably easily and were getting to know the staff.

Staff are packing up and preparing for the changes and challenges to come in their new positions in 2013, but also relishing the thought of the holidays as a time to rest, relax and recuperate.

The staff as a whole would like to thank all the students for their enthusiasm, passion for learning and happy, caring dispositions. We are all the richer for having had the opportunity to work with you. We know that you will all continue to grow into wise and caring individuals, travelling many varied paths to your future.

To the families who entrusted their children to our care and guidance, we thank you for your support and good will. We will continue to look after them with just as much care.

To the Parents and Friends group, thank you for your continued support of the Campus, your willingness to assist and raise funds for the students needs was greatly appreciated. The friendships that were formed are treasured.

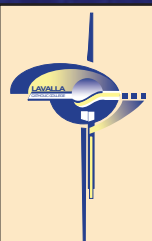
To all the staff of the Campus. Thank you for your support, trust and willingness to take on any role or challenge as the time required. Your tireless work, energy and commitment has made my role all the easier. I wish you all the best in your future roles and look forward to continuing the friendships we have formed.

I wish everyone a Merry and Safe Christmas and New Year.



*The light of the Christmas star to you
The warmth of Home and Hearth to you
The cheer of good will and friends to you
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.*

Amen



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