



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

7 March 2003

Dear Parents,

Recently I came across this quotation from Martin Luther King and, given the situation we find ourselves in during these anxious moments of waiting for war, I share his insight with you.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

The ultimate weakness of violence  
is that it is a descending spiral  
begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy

Instead of diminishing evil  
it multiplies it

Through violence  
you may murder the liar,  
but you cannot murder the lie  
nor establish the truth

Returning violence for violence  
multiplies violence,  
adding deeper darkness  
to a night already devoid of stars

Darkness cannot overcome darkness;  
only light can do that  
Hate cannot drive out hate  
Only love can do that

Martin Luther King

### PRESENTATION CAMPUS

#### **Recognition of Achievements:**

Congratulations to the SRC members for 2003. The SRC is an important student representative body at the campus, involved in fund raising, assemblies, community events and activities and a focus for student initiative and concerns.

#### **Year 9:**

**Gemma Ryan, Giselle Laming, Claire Hansford, Daniel Risol and David De Vent.**

#### **Year 8:**

**Anthony Battista, Monique De Carli, Jeremy Waanders and Sarah Handley.**

#### **Year 7:**

**Matthew Hardy, Jenna Shaw, Nathan Reid and Jessica Lloyd.**

Presentation (contd...)

Our Campus Leaders are **Sarah Fogarty and Robert Wilson.**

A late, but worthy recognition of the efforts of **Jennifer Paulet** for being a Senior Runner-up in the Young Environmentalist of the Year in 2002. The competition was sponsored by International Power.

On Friday last week **Nicole Bortignon and Luke Barrett** represented the Campus as members of the Lavalla Swimming Squad at Sale. Congratulations on your selection and performance on the night. Could I also thank Mrs. Bortignon for providing transport to Sale.

On Saturday Night at St.Kieran's a number of students from Lavalla Presentation Campus were involved in the Youth Mass. The organisation of the mass was a parish initiative, however it was pleasing to see about 15 – 20 of our students leading the prayers, singing, playing music and reading at the mass. We congratulate all those involved in a very "youthful" mass.

#### **Parent Support Group:**

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parent Support Group is to be held on **March the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the Circulation Area. It

will be an excellent opportunity for new parents to become involved in the life of the College. We need to fill all positions:- **President, Treasurer, Secretary and Promotions Officer.** Mrs. Jean Kozac will be writing to all parents in the coming weeks outlining the role of this group. Meetings for this year will be on the third Wednesday of the month.

#### **Storm Damage:**

The storm last Thursday caused considerable water damage to the **Information Services Centre at the Campus.** The ISC will be operational by the beginning of next week. We ask students to be patient while carpet is dried and the ISC rearranged for the third time in less than 12 months. **My thanks to the ISC staff** who have put in many long hours insuring the facilities are first rate and available to the college community.

**The Year 7's are on camp next week at Wilson's Promontory.** May they all experience the fun, challenge, excitement and friendship offered by this experience.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O'Brien  
**Head of Presentation Campus**

### **ST PAUL'S CAMPUS**

#### **Displan**

This week the campus community had a run through of the evacuation procedure. Given that we are now living with a fenced off area as preparations are made to refurbish the canteen area, we have had to make slight modifications to the plan. Generally all went well.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

We acknowledged Ash Wednesday with a campus liturgy, where students and staff were marked with ashes and reminded to "Turn away from selfishness and believe the Good News". This is certainly the Christian message flying in the face of contemporary values.

#### **Reminders**

Please remember to check your son's/daughter's planner and sign it on a weekly basis. It also contains information on

school rules, expectations and policies for your information.

#### **Information Nights**

Parents of students in the following homerooms are invited to attend one of the evenings listed below. The evenings, which will run from 7.00 to 8.30pm, will give you an opportunity to meet the Year Level Coordinators and Homeroom teachers, to pass on any information about students and to learn a little more about the offerings at each year level.

Yr 8.1 - 8.4 March 18 Mr Antonopoulos  
Yr 8.5 - 8.8 March 20 Mr Warnock  
Yr 9.1 - 9.8 March 25 Mr English

#### **Campus Leaders**

Congratulations to **Peter Brady, Jennifer Taylor, Ashleigh Dalton and Chris Marsiglio,** who have been elected by the student body to lead the campus this year.

Congratulations also to their very proud parents.

Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus

*“Character -- the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life -- is the source from which self-respect springs”  
.... Joan Didion*

## KILDARE CAMPUS

### Campus Assembly

Last Thursday, we held an Assembly during which we were able to publicly mark the academic performance of some of our students. We do this as a way of recognising the significant academic efforts of some of our students, acknowledging the students who pursue excellence in their work and in their commitment to the College, encouraging those students who take their work in class seriously and who have the drive and motivation to attain excellent results and to further encourage other students to perform conscientiously and with determination and distinction.

When we recognise our academic champions, the spin offs are very healthy for us all as by doing so we are able to develop a healthy, collective self-image and self-esteem, particularly our academic self-image and self-esteem, develop pride in ourselves and in our performances, not only academically but also in the various ways we represent the College, and to demonstrate School and House spirit.

We invited some guests to make this occasion take on an air of importance and prestige: Dr. Lyle Munro, Head of Sociology, and of the School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences Monash University and Miss. Michaela Power of Gippsland Water and TXU.

The Monash Prize was awarded to **Tilly Junker**, the Dux of Year 11 in 2002; the Gippsland TXU Award for SOSE/Science was presented to **Kieran Jackiw**; the O'Halloran Davis (Year 11) Legal Studies Award was awarded to **Branka McCluskey** and the Jim Coffey Encouragement Award for Leadership Potential in a Year 10 Student was awarded to **Claire Issell**.

We also presented the College badges to members of the Student Representative Council; the College House Leaders; and to the Cross Level Tutors. They are publicly recognised and congratulated.

### Student Representative Council:

Alexandra Dimitropoulos, Melissa Forlano, Jason Grant, Matthew Lewellin, Lisa Howe, Melinda Roach, Maria Marino, Melanie Walden, Megan Hardwick, Adam Bermingham, Ben Lewellin and Tiziana Prezioso

### House Leaders:

#### Delany

Captains: Ryan Pratt and Louise English; Vice-Captains Melanie Walden and Chris Giacobbe; Yr 10 Leaders Damien Dunne, Tija Bormanis and Cherie Macklin.

#### Champagnat

Captains: Anthony Roach and Corrine Wells; Vice-Captains: Julia Lambert and Tim Lee; Yr 10 Leader: Bridie Tomkins.

#### Nagle

Captains: Jane Marino and Glenn Scholtes; Vice-Captains: Jessica Davidson and Leigh Marino; Yr 10 Leaders: Jai Williams and Stacy Miller.

#### MacKillop

Captains: Kaila Beevor and Tabitha Howard; Vice-Captains: Laynton Allan and Claire Issell; Yr 10 Leader: Melissa Forlano.

### Cross Level Tutors:

**From Champagnat House:** George Whittaker-Pudney, Megan Dortmans, Corrine Wells, Asta Bennett, Patrick Chan, Kathryn Scully, Stefanie Settle, Megan Hardwick, Ben Lewellin, Nicholas Morgan, Danielle Warren, Courtney Blackford and Anthony Roach.

**From Delany House:** Stephanie Charalambous, Kristy Bellerby, Jenny Glowacki, Melissa Van Lambaart, Matthew Portelli, Mark Agostino, Christine Wooton, Jessica Rentsch, Elizabeth Violi, Kirsty Burge, Adam Bermingham and Branka McCluskey

**From Nagle House:** Vincent Liccardi, Andrew Kays, Belinda Scholtes, and Ben Van Berkel

**From MacKillop House:** Paul Reiss, Melissa O'Rourke, Rowan Hore, Sean Fahy, Michelle Nathan, Chantal Doward, Natalie Cini, Daniela Maselli, Aaron Forest, Jacinta Grayden, Joe Auciello, Michael Black,

Amanda Pullin, Georgina Ouzounis, Matthew Pearse, Emily Williams, Ashlee Dow, Rachel Edgar, Pawan Kashyap, Damian Symons and Felicity Schneider.

Peter Schneider  
Head of Kildare Campus

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Tue. 11 March	C Jackiw	B McNulty, M Inger	G Webster, R Sawyer
Wed. 12 March	W Gibson	J Bell, B Koedijk, J Pearse	L Weckmann, -
Thu. 13 March	-	A Scully, -	G Edebohls, -
Fri. 14 March	-	C Barry, T Harlow, J McCallum	D Howe, -

**HERALD SUN BOOK TOKENS**

Students, parents, family, staff and friends helped the College to receive 27 new books by collecting over 5400 book tokens that were available daily through the Herald Sun newspapers during their "Free Books for Schools" promotion. Success with this

activity reflects the wonderful efforts the school and local community invest in our school. The books obtained via this activity have been enthusiastically received.

Pam Goodall,  
Information Services Centre

**ABCD Parenting Program** will take place at St Paul's Campus (Year 7 Centre) and is an excellent follow up from the Transition Parenting Program that was offered at the end of last year. Hope to see many of you there.

Sandy Francois,  
College Counsellor

**CALENDAR DATES FOR NEXT WEEK**

<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 7 (Presentation) Camp commences – Wilson's Promontory Commissioning Mass, 9.30am Champagnat Centre</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 7.7 and 7.8 Parent Information Night</b>
<b>Friday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CGSSSA Swimming Carnival</b>

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